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### SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, DC 20549

### FORM 8-K

#### CURRENT REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): June 10, 2016

#### HIGHWOODS PROPERTIES, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Maryland**

(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation or organization)

**001-13100**

(Commission  
File Number)

**56-1871668**

(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification Number)

#### HIGHWOODS REALTY LIMITED PARTNERSHIP

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**North Carolina**

(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation or organization)

**000-21731**

(Commission  
File Number)

**56-1869557**

(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification Number)

3100 Smoketree Court, Suite 600  
Raleigh, North Carolina 27604  
(Address of principal executive offices, zip code)

Registrants' telephone number, including area code: (919) 872-4924

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrants under any of the following provisions:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))



**Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.**

On June 10, 2016, Kevin E. Penn, Senior Vice President of Strategy and Administration, informed us he will leave Highwoods effective June 27, 2016 to become the chief of business operations of the United States Olympic Committee in Colorado Springs, CO.

**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, each of the registrants has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

**HIGHWOODS PROPERTIES, INC.**

By: \_\_\_\_\_ /s/ Jeffrey D. Miller

**Jeffrey D. Miller**

*Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary*

**HIGHWOODS REALTY LIMITED PARTNERSHIP**

By: Highwoods Properties, Inc., its general partner

By: \_\_\_\_\_ /s/ Jeffrey D. Miller

**Jeffrey D. Miller**

*Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary*

Dated: June 15, 2016

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