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**UNITED STATES  
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): May 12, 2020

**HIGHWOODS PROPERTIES, INC.**  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

<b>Maryland</b> (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)	<b>001-13100</b> (Commission File Number)	<b>56-1871668</b> (I.R.S. Employer Identification Number)
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**HIGHWOODS REALTY LIMITED PARTNERSHIP**  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

<b>North Carolina</b> (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)	<b>000-21731</b> (Commission File Number)	<b>56-1869557</b> (I.R.S. Employer Identification Number)
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**3100 Smoketree Court, Suite 600**  
**Raleigh, NC 27604**  
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

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

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))

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

**Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:**

**Title of Each Class****Trading Symbol(s)****Name of Each Exchange on Which Registered**

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Common Stock, \$.01 par value, of  
Highwoods Properties, Inc.

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New York Stock Exchange

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**Item 5.07. Submission of Matters to a Vote of Security Holders.**

On May 12, 2020, the Company held its annual meeting of stockholders. The final vote of the matters presented for a vote at such meeting was as follows:

<u>Matter</u>	<u>For</u>	<u>Against</u>	<u>Abstain/ Withheld</u>	<u>Broker Non- Votes</u>
(1) Election of Directors:				3,618,700
Charles A. Anderson	92,513,451		239,081	
Gene H. Anderson	90,569,172		2,183,360	
Thomas P. Anderson	92,446,775		305,757	
Carlos E. Evans	91,757,449		995,083	
David J. Hartzell	91,656,961		1,095,571	
Sherry A. Kellett	91,402,612		1,349,920	
Theodore J. Klinck	91,965,153		787,379	
Anne H. Lloyd	92,550,023		202,509	
(2) Ratification of appointment of Deloitte & Touche LLP as independent auditor for 2020	95,345,852	910,091	115,289	
(3) Advisory vote on executive compensation	90,817,488	1,794,813	140,231	3,618,700
(4) Approval of the 2020 employee stock purchase plan	92,523,196	126,533	102,803	3,618,700

**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**  
*Executive 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**  
*Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary*

Dated: May 12, 2020

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