

HIGHWOODS PROPERTIES INC

Form 8-K

November 01, 2005

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): October 31, 2005

HIGHWOODS PROPERTIES, INC.

(Exact name of registrant specified in its charter)

Maryland
(State of Incorporation)

1-13100
(Commission File Number)

56-1871668
(IRS Employer Identification No.)

3100 Smoketree Court, Suite 600

Raleigh, North Carolina 27604

(Address of principal executive offices, zip code)

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

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Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Principal Officers

Sherry A. Kellett, 61, was elected to the Board of Directors of Highwoods Properties, Inc. on October 31, 2005. Ms. Kellett is a certified public accountant. Ms. Kellett served as Senior Executive Vice President and Controller of BB&T Corporation from 1995 until her retirement on August 1, 2003. Ms. Kellett had served as Corporate Controller of Southern National Corporation from 1991 until 1995 when it merged with BB&T Corporation. Ms. Kellett previously served in several positions at Arthur Andersen & Co. Ms. Kellett is a director of MidCountry Financial Corp., a private financial services holding company based in Macon, GA. Ms. Kellett is a board member of the North Carolina School of the Arts Foundation and has also served on the boards of the Piedmont Kiwanis Club, Senior Services Inc., The Winston-Salem Foundation, the Piedmont Club and the N.C. Center for Character Education. Ms. Kellett has been appointed to serve on the audit committee.

SIGNATURES

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

HIGHWOODS PROPERTIES, INC.

By: /s/ Terry L. Stevens

Terry L. Stevens
Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

Dated: November 1, 2005