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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): May 15, 2012

**HIGHWOODS PROPERTIES, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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|  | **Maryland** | **001-13100** | **56-1871668** |  |
|  | (State or other jurisdiction  of incorporation or organization) | (Commission  File Number) | (I.R.S. Employer  Identification Number) |  |

**HIGHWOODS REALTY LIMITED PARTNERSHIP**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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|  | **North Carolina** | **000-21731** | **56-1869557** |  |
|  | (State or other jurisdiction  of incorporation or organization) | (Commission  File Number) | (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))

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

On May 15, 2012, the Company held its annual meeting of stockholders. The final vote of the matters presented for a vote at such meeting was as follows:

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| **Matter** | |  | **For** | |  | **Against** | |  | **Abstain/ Withheld** | |  | **Broker Non-Votes** | |
| (1) | Election of Directors: |  |  | |  |  | |  |  | |  | 2,964,498 |  |
|  | Thomas W. Adler |  | 62,795,524 |  |  | — |  |  | 461,555 |  |  |  | |
|  | Gene H. Anderson |  | 62,622,139 |  |  | — |  |  | 634,940 |  |  |  | |
|  | Edward J. Fritsch |  | 62,662,409 |  |  | — |  |  | 594,670 |  |  |  | |
|  | David J. Hartzell |  | 62,984,347 |  |  | — |  |  | 272,732 |  |  |  | |
|  | Sherry A. Kellett |  | 62,982,258 |  |  | — |  |  | 274,821 |  |  |  | |
|  | Mark F. Mulhern |  | 62,986,909 |  |  | — |  |  | 270,170 |  |  |  | |
|  | L. Glenn Orr, Jr. |  | 60,056,043 |  |  | — |  |  | 3,201,036 |  |  |  | |
|  | O. Temple Sloan, Jr. |  | 59,450,673 |  |  | — |  |  | 3,806,406 |  |  |  | |
| (2) | Ratify appointment of Deloitte & Touche LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm for 2012 |  | 66,164,282 |  |  | 46,744 |  |  | 10,551 |  |  | — |  |
| (3) | Advisory vote on executive compensation |  | 61,680,976 |  |  | 1,473,167 |  |  | 102,936 |  |  | 2,964,498 |  |

**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.

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|  |  | **HIGHWOODS PROPERTIES, INC.** | |
|  |  | By: | /s/ Jeffrey D. Miller |
|  |  |  | **Jeffrey D. Miller** |
|  |  |  | *Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary* |
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|  |  | **HIGHWOODS REALTY LIMITED PARTNERSHIP** | |
|  |  | By: Highwoods Properties, Inc., its general partner | |
|  |  | By: | /s/ Jeffrey D. Miller |
|  |  |  | **Jeffrey D. Miller** |
|  |  |  | *Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary* |
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Dated: May 15, 2012