

HIGHWOODS PROPERTIES INC

Form 8-K

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# SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, DC 20549

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## FORM 8-K

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### 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

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# HIGHWOODS PROPERTIES, INC.

(Exact name of registrant specified in its charter)

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**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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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Item 5.02. 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

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Terry L. Stevens  
Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

Dated: November 1, 2005