

Graham Packaging Co Inc.
Form 8-K
February 10, 2011

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the
Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date Earliest Event reported):

February 10, 2011 (February 7, 2011)

GRAHAM PACKAGING COMPANY INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

(Commission
File Number)
2401 Pleasant Valley Road

(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

York, Pennsylvania 17402

(717) 849-8500

(Address, including zip code, and telephone number, including area code, of registrant's principal executive offices)

Not Applicable

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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- .. 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 February 7, 2011, the Board of Directors of Graham Packaging Company Inc. (the Company) elected John R. Murphy as a member of the Company's Board of Directors and the Audit Committee effective February 7, 2011.

Mr. Murphy has served on the Board of Directors, Audit Committee and Governance Committee of O'Reilly Automotive, Inc. since 2003. In addition, Mr. Murphy served as Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Smurfit-Stone Container Corporation, a leading manufacturer of paperboard and paper-based packaging products, from 2009 to 2010; served as President and Chief Executive Officer of Accuride Corporation and a member of its Board of Directors until 2008; served as Accuride's President and Chief Operating Officer during 2007; served as President and Chief Financial Officer during 2006, and as Executive Vice President/Finance and Chief Financial Officer of Accuride from 1998 to 2006 (Accuride Corporation filed Chapter 11 bankruptcy in October of 2009, emerging in 2010). Mr. Murphy holds a Bachelor of Science in Accounting from Pennsylvania State University and Master of Business Administration from University of Colorado, and is a Certified Public Accountant.

Mr. Murphy will receive compensation as a director of the Company as described in the section Director Compensation Director Compensation of the Company's Definitive Proxy Statement on Schedule 14A, which was filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on April 30, 2010. In addition, in connection with his election, Mr. Murphy was granted options to purchase 13,050 shares of common stock of the Company at an exercise price equal to \$16.72 per share (the closing market price of the Company's common stock on the New York Stock Exchange on the date of his election).

Signatures

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

GRAHAM PACKAGING COMPANY INC.

Date: February 10, 2011

By: /s/ DAVID W. BULLOCK
Name: **David W. Bullock**
Title: **Chief Financial Officer**