HEARTLAND EXPRESS INC Form 8-K March 12, 2010

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 of earliest event reported):

March 11, 2010

HEARTLAND EXPRESS, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Nevada 000-15087 93-0926999 (State of other Jurisdiction (Commission (IRS Employer of Incorporation) File Number) Identification No.)

901 NORTH KANSAS AVE, NORTH LIBERTY, IA 52317 (Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

(319) 626-3600 Registrant's Telephone Number (including area code):

#### Item 8.01. OTHER EVENTS

On March 11, 2010, Heartland Express, Inc. (the "Company") announced the declaration of a quarterly cash dividend. A copy of the press release issued by the Company is attached as Exhibit 99.1.

#### Item 9.01. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS

#### (c) Exhibits

The Exhibit listed on the Exhibit Index accompanying Form 8-K is furnished herewith.

#### **SIGNATURE**

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

HEARTLAND EXPRESS, INC.

Date: March 11, 2010 BY:/s/John P. Cosaert

John P. Cosaert Vice-President

Finance and Treasurer

## **EXHIBIT INDEX**

# EXHIBIT NUMBER EXHIBIT DESCRIPTION

Press release issued by the Company on March 11, 2010, announcing the declaration of a quarterly cash dividend.

Thursday, March 11, 2010, For Immediate Release

Press Release

Heartland Express, Inc. Declares Regular Quarterly Dividend

NORTH LIBERTY, IOWA –March 11, 2010 – Heartland Express, Inc. (Nasdaq: HTLD) The Board of Directors of Heartland Express, Inc. announced today the declaration of a regular quarterly cash dividend. The \$0.02 per share dividend will be paid on April 6, 2010 to shareholders of record at the close of business on March 25, 2010. A total of approximately \$1.8 million will be paid on the Company's 90.7 million outstanding shares of common stock.

Heartland Express, Inc. implemented a quarterly cash dividend program in the third quarter of 2003. This is the Company's twenty-seventh consecutive quarterly cash dividend.

The press release may contain forward-looking statements, which are based on information currently available. These statements and assumptions involve certain risks and uncertainties. Actual events may differ from these expectations as specified from time to time in filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission. The Company assumes no obligation to update any forward-looking statement to the extent it becomes aware that it will not be achieved for any reason.

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