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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): January 30, 2017

EMMIS COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

INDIANA

(State of incorporation or organization)

0-23264

(Commission file number)

35 1542018

(I.R.S. Employer

Identification No.)

ONE EMMIS PLAZA 40 MONUMENT CIRCLE SUITE 700 INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA 46204

(Address of principal executive offices)

(317) 266-0100

(Registrant's Telephone Number,

Including Area Code)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

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

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Item 2.01 Completion of Acquisition or Disposition of Assets

On January 30, 2017, subsidiaries of Emmis Communications Corporation ("Emmis") completed the sale of substantially all of the assets of our radio stations in Terre Haute, Indiana, in two contemporaneous transactions. In one transaction, Emmis sold the assets of WTHI-FM and the intellectual property of WWVR-FM to Midwest Communications, Inc. In the other transaction, Emmis sold the assets of WFNF-AM, WFNB-FM, WWVR-FM (other than the intellectual property for that station) and an FM translator to DLC Media, Inc. At closing, Emmis received gross proceeds of approximately \$5.2 million for both transactions. After payment of brokerage and other transaction costs, net proceeds totaled \$4.7 million and are being used to repay term loan indebtedness under Emmis' senior credit facility.

Note to this Form 8-K: Certain statements included in this report which are not statements of historical fact, including but not limited to those identified with the words "expect," "will" or "look" are intended to be, and are, by this Note, identified as "forward-looking statements," as defined in the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. Such statements involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors that may cause the actual results, performance or achievements of the Company to be materially different from any future result, performance or achievement expressed or implied by such forward-looking statement. Such factors include, among others:

- •general economic and business conditions;
- •fluctuations in the demand for advertising and demand for different types of advertising media;
- •our ability to service our outstanding debt;
- •competition from new or different media and technologies;
- •loss of key personnel;
- •increased competition in our markets and the broadcasting industry, including our competitors changing the format of a station they operate

to more directly compete with a station we operate in the same market;

- •our ability to attract and secure programming, on-air talent, writers and photographers;
- •inability to obtain (or to obtain timely) necessary approvals for purchase or sale transactions or to complete the transactions for other reasons

generally beyond our control;

- •increases in the costs of programming, including on-air talent;
- •fluctuations in the market price of publicly traded or other securities;
- •new or changing regulations of the Federal Communications Commission or other governmental agencies;
- •enforcement of rules and regulations of governmental and other entities to which the Company is subject;
- •changes in radio audience measurement methodologies;
- •war, terrorist acts or political instability; and
- •other factors mentioned in documents filed by the Company with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

The Company does not undertake any obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statements because of new information, future events or otherwise.

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.

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Date: January 31,

2017

/s/ J. Scott By:

Enright J. Scott Enright, Executive Vice President, General Counsel and

Secretary