Wheeler Real Estate Investment Trust, Inc. Form 8-K February 11, 2013

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF

THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of report (date of earliest event reported): February 5, 2013

WHEELER REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUST, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Maryland (State or Other Jurisdiction

001-35713 (Commission

45-2681082 (IRS Employer

of Incorporation)

File Number)
2529 Virginia Beach Blvd., Suite 200

Identification No.)

Virginia Beach, VA 23452

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Registrant s telephone number, including area code: (757) 627-9088

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ITEM 1.01 ENTRY INTO A MATERIAL DEFINITIVE AGREEMENT.

On February 5, 2103, WHLR-Bixby Commons, LLC, a Virginia limited liability company that is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Wheeler REIT, L.P., a Virginia limited partnership of which Wheeler Real Estate Investment Trust, Inc., a Maryland corporation (the Registrant) is the sole general partner, entered into a contract to acquire Bixby Commons, a 75,000 foot free-standing retail property in Bixby, Oklahoma (the Property) from Super Market Developers, Inc., a Missouri corporation. The purchase price for the transaction, \$10.6 million, is in cash. The registrant is currently conducting due diligence on the property and expects to close the transaction in the second quarter of 2013.

The Property is stabilized by a 20-year, triple-net lease with Associated Wholesale Grocers, Inc., a retailer-owned cooperative serving over 1,900 retail member stores with an assortment of grocery and general merchandise (Associated). Associated subleases the property to Reasor s Foods, an Oklahoma-based grocery chain.

ITEM 9.01 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS.

- (a) Financial statements of businesses acquired. Not Applicable.
- (b) Pro forma financial information. Not Applicable.
- (c) Shell company transactions. Not Applicable.
- (d) Exhibits.
- 10.1 Real Estate Purchase and Sale Agreement, dated as of February 5, 2013, by and between WHLR-Bixby Commons, LLC and Super Market Developers, Inc.
- 99.1 Press release dated February 11, 2012, titled Wheeler Real Estate Investment Trust, Inc. to Purchase Free-Standing Retail Property for \$10.6 Million

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

WHEELER REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUST, INC.

By: /s/ Jon S. Wheeler Jon S. Wheeler Chairman and President

Dated: February 11, 2013