# SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

# FORM 8-K/A

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): April 15, 2015

# WHEELER REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUST, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Maryland (State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

001-35713 (Commission File Number) 45-2681082 (IRS Employer Identification No.)

2529 Virginia Beach Blvd., Suite 200 Virginia Beach, VA 23452

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

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

## ITEM 8.01 OTHER EVENTS.

On April 17, 2015, Wheeler Real Estate Investment Trust, Inc. filed a Form 8-K (the "Original 8-K") to report the completion of the acquisition of retail shopping center known as Butler Square located in Mauldin, South Carolina on April 15, 2015. This amendment to the Original 8-K is being filed for the sole purpose of filing the financial statements and pro forma financial information required by Item 9.01 of Form 8-K, and should be read in conjunction with the Original 8-K.

## ITEM 9.01 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS.

(a) Financial statement of businesses acquired.

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Report of Independent Auditor.

Statement of Revenues and Certain Operating Expenses for the Year Ended December 31, 2014.

Notes to Statement of Revenues and Certain Operating Expenses for the Year Ended December 31, 2014.

(b) Pro forma financial information.

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Unaudited Pro Forma Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheet as of December 31, 2014.

Unaudited Pro Forma Condensed Consolidated Statement of Operations for the Year Ended December 31, 2014.

Notes to Unaudited Pro Forma Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

(c) Shell company transactions.

Not Applicable.

(d) Exhibits.

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# 23.1 Consent of Cherry Bekaert LLP.

<sup>\*</sup> Filed as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated herein by reference.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Filed as Exhibit 99.2 and incorporated herein by reference.

<sup>\*\*\*</sup> Filed as Exhibit 23.1 and incorporated herein by reference.

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 Chief Executive Officer

Dated: May 14, 2015

# EXHIBIT INDEX

Number  23.1 99.1	<u>Description of Exhibit</u>
23.1	Consent of Cherry Bekaert LLP.
99.1	Financial Statements of Butler Square.
99.2	Pro Forma Financial Information of Butler Square

## **Consent of Independent Auditor**

We hereby consent to the incorporation by reference in the Registration Statements of Wheeler Real Estate Investment Trust, Inc., on Form S-11 (Nos. 333-189887, 333-194831, 333-195492, 333-198245, and 333-198696) and Form S-3 (Nos. 333-193563, 333-194252, and 333-203563) of our report dated May 14, 2015, with respect to the Statement of Revenues and Certain Operating Expenses of Butler Square for the year ended December 31, 2014, which report appears in the accompanying Current Report on Form 8-K/A of Wheeler Real Estate Investment Trust, Inc.

/s/ Cherry Bekaert LLP Virginia Beach, Virginia May 14, 2015

### Report of Independent Auditor

To the Board of Directors and Shareholders of Wheeler Real Estate Investment Trust, Inc.

#### Report on the Statement

We have audited the accompanying statement of revenues and certain operating expenses (the "Statement") of Butler Square (the "Property") for the year ended December 31, 2014.

#### Management's Responsibility for the Statement

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of this Statement, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

## Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on this Statement based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the Statement is free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the Statement. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the Statement, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the Statement in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the Statement.

We believe the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

## **Opinion**

In our opinion, the Statement referred to above presents fairly, in all material respects, the revenue and certain operating expenses of the Property for the year ended December 31, 2014 in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America

## **Emphasis of Matter**

As further discussed in Note 1, on April 15, 2015, Wheeler Real Estate Investment Trust, Inc., through its subsidiary Wheeler REIT, L.P., completed the acquisition of the Property.

The accompanying Statement was prepared as described in Note 2, for the purpose of complying with the rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission and is not intended to be a complete presentation of the Property's revenue and expenses.

/s/ Cherry Bekaert LLP

Virginia Beach, Virginia May 14, 2015

# Butler Square Statement of Revenues and Certain Operating Expenses For the Year Ended December 31, 2014

REVENUES:		
Rental income	\$	771,722
Tenant reimbursements and other income		205,917
Total Revenues		977,639
CERTAIN OPERATING EXPENSES:		
Property operating		87,602
Real estate taxes		142,560
Repairs and maintenance		29,498
Other		19,119
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<b>Total Certain Operating Expenses</b>		278,779
<b>Excess of Revenues Over Certain Operating Expenses</b>	\$	698,860

See accompanying notes to statement of revenues and certain operating expenses.

## Butler Square Notes to Statement of Revenues and Certain Operating Expenses For the Year Ended December 31, 2014

## 1. Business and Purchase and Sales Agreement

On February 9, 2015, Wheeler Real Estate Investment Trust, Inc., through its subsidiary Wheeler REIT, L.P. (the "Operating Partnership"), entered into a Purchase and Sales Agreement (the "Agreement") to acquire Butler Square (the "Property"), a 82,400 square foot shopping center located in Mauldin, South Carolina for a purchase price of approximately \$9.4 million. On April 15, 2015, the Operating Partnership completed the acquisition. The Property is 100% occupied and is anchored by Bi-Lo, which occupies approximately 60% of the total rentable square feet of the center through a lease which expires in April 2020.

#### 2. Basis of Presentation

The Statement of Revenues and Certain Operating Expenses (the "Statement") has been prepared for the purpose of complying with Rule 3-14 of Regulation S-X, promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission, and is not intended to be a complete presentation of the Property's revenues and expenses. Certain operating expenses include only those expenses expected to be comparable to the proposed future operations of the Property. Expenses such as depreciation and amortization are excluded from the accompanying Statement. The Statement has been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting which requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of the revenues and expenses during the reporting periods. Actual results may differ from those estimates.

#### 3. Revenues

The Property leases retail space under various lease agreements with its tenants. All leases are accounted for as noncancelable operating leases. The leases include provisions under which the Property is reimbursed for common area maintenance, real estate taxes and insurance costs. Pursuant to the lease agreements, income related to these reimbursed costs is recognized in the period the applicable costs are incurred. Certain leases contain renewal options at various periods at various rental rates.

Bi-Lo is the only tenant of the Property whose annualized rental income on a straight-line basis represented greater than 10% of total annualized rental income for all tenants on a straight line basis. Straight line rental income from Bi-Lo represented 44.0% of total annualized rental income for the year ended December 31, 2014.

The termination, delinquency or nonrenewal of the above tenant may have a material adverse effect on revenues. No other tenant represents more than 10% of annualized rental income as of December 31, 2014.

## Butler Square Notes to Statement of Revenues and Certain Operating Expenses For the Year Ended December 31, 2014 (continued)

## 3. Revenues (continued)

The weighted average remaining lease terms for tenants at the property was 4.48 years as of December 31, 2014. Future minimum rentals to be received under noncancelable tenant operating leases for each of the next five years and thereafter, excluding CAM and percentage rent based on tenant sales volume, as of December 31, 2014 was as follows:

	Years Ei	Years Ending December 31,		
2015	\$	798,176		
2016		752,244		
2017		703,523		
2018		626,122		
2019		491,417		
Thereafter		296,388		
	\$	3,667,870		

The above schedule takes into consideration all renewals and new leases executed subsequent to December 31, 2014 through the date of this report.

#### UNAUDITED PRO FORMA CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL INFORMATION

The following unaudited pro forma condensed consolidated financial statements have been prepared to provide pro forma information with regard to the acquisition of Butler Square ("the Property"), which Wheeler Real Estate Investment Trust, Inc. and Subsidiaries ("Wheeler REIT" or the "Company"), through Wheeler REITt, L.P. ("Operating Partnership"), its majority-owned subsidiary, acquired through a Purchase and Sales Agreement on February 9, 2015. The Operating Partnership completed the acquisition on April 15, 2015.

The unaudited pro forma condensed consolidated balance sheet as of December 31, 2014 gives effect to the acquisition of the Property as if it occurred on December 31, 2014. The Wheeler REIT column as of December 31, 2014 represents the actual balance sheet presented in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K ("Form 10-K") filed on March 25, 2015 with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") for the period. The pro forma adjustments column includes the preliminary estimated impact of purchase accounting and other adjustments for the periods presented.

The unaudited pro forma condensed consolidated statements of operations for the Company and the Property for the year ended December 31, 2014 give effect to the Company's acquisition of the Property, as if it had occurred on January 1, 2014. The Wheeler REIT column for the year ended December 31, 2014 represents the results of operations presented in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K ("Form 10-K") filed with the SEC on March 25, 2015. The Property column includes the full year's operating activity for the Property, as the Property was acquired subsequent to December 31, 2014 and therefore was not included in the Company's historical financial statements. The pro forma adjustments columns include the impact of purchase accounting and other adjustments for the periods presented.

The unaudited pro forma condensed consolidated financial statements have been prepared by the Company's management based upon the historical financial statements of the Company and of the acquired Property. Since the acquisition transaction closed during the second quarter of 2015, the Property will be included in the consolidated financial statements included in the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the six months ending June 30, 2015, to be filed with the SEC. These pro forma statements may not be indicative of the results that actually would have occurred had the anticipated acquisition been in effect on the dates indicated or which may be obtained in the future.

In management's opinion, all adjustments necessary to reflect the effects of the Property acquisition have been made. These unaudited pro forma condensed consolidated financial statements are for informational purposes only and should be read in conjunction with the historical financial statements of the Company, including the related notes thereto, which were filed with the SEC on March 25, 2015 as part of its Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2014.

# Wheeler Real Estate Investment Trust, Inc. and Subsidiaries Pro Forma Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheet As of December 31, 2014 (unaudited)

		Wheeler REIT (A)		Pro Forma Adjustments (B)		Pro Forma Consolidated		
ASSETS:		(A)		( <b>B</b> )				
Net investment properties	\$	152,250,986	\$	7,424,672	\$	159,675,658		
Cash and cash equivalents	7	9,969,748		(3,760,000)		6,209,748		
Tenant and other receivables		1,985,466		_		1,985,466		
Goodwill		7,004,072		_		7,004,072		
Deferred costs, reserves, intangibles and other assets	_	29,272,096	_	2,099,447	_	31,371,543		
Total Assets	\$	200,482,368	\$	5,764,119	\$	206,246,487		
LIABILITIES:								
Mortgages and other indebtedness	\$	141,450,143	\$	5,640,000	\$	147,090,143		
Below market lease intangibles		778,173		124,119		902,292		
Accounts payable, accrued expenses and other liabilities	_	5,130,625	_			5,130,625		
Total Liabilities	_	147,358,941	_	5,764,119		153,123,060		
Commitments and contingencies		_		_		_		
EQUITY:								
Series A preferred stock		1,458,050		_		1,458,050		
Series B convertible preferred stock		37,620,254		_		37,620,254		
Common stock		75,129		_		75,129		
Additional paid-in capital		31,077,060		_		31,077,060		
Accumulated deficit		(27,660,234)		_		(27,660,234)		
Noncontrolling interest		10,553,168	_	<u> </u>		10,553,168		
Total Equity	_	53,123,427	_	<u> </u>	_	53,123,427		
Total Liabilities and Equity	\$	200,482,368	\$	5,764,119	\$	206,246,487		

See accompanying notes to unaudited pro forma condensed consolidated financial statements.

## Wheeler Real Estate Investment Trust, Inc. and Subsidiaries Pro Forma Condensed Consolidated Statement of Operations For the Year Ended December 31, 2014 (unaudited)

	•	Wheeler REIT (A)		Property (B)	Pro Forma Adjustments (C)		Pro Forma Consolidated	
EVENUES:								
Rental revenues	\$	13,598,681	\$	771,722	\$	(31,439) (1)	\$	14,338,964
Asset management fees		296,290		_		_		296,290
Commissions		158,876		_		_		158,876
Tenant reimbursements and other income		3,105,405	_	205,917		<u> </u>	_	3,311,322
Total Revenues		17,159,252		977,639		(31,439)		18,105,452
PPERATING EXPENSES AND CERTAIN PPERATING EXPENSES OF THE ACQUIRED:								
Property operating		4,314,599		259,660		_		4,574,259
Depreciation and amortization		8,220,490		_		730,567 (2)		8,951,057
Provision for credit losses		60,841		_		_		60,841
Corporate general & administrative and other		9,495,711	_	19,119			_	9,514,830
Total Operating Expenses and Certain Operating								
Expenses of the Acquired		22,091,641	_	278,779		730,567		23,100,987
Operating Income (Loss) and Excess of Acquired								
Revenues Over Certain Operating Expenses		(4,932,389)		698,860		(762,006)		(4,995,535)
Interest expense	_	(6,813,426)				(219,791) (3)		(7,033,217
Net Income (Loss) and Excess of Acquired								
<b>Revenues Over Certain Operating Expenses</b>	\$	(11,745,815)	\$	698,860	\$	(981,797)	\$	(12,028,752

See accompanying notes to unaudited pro forma condensed consolidated financial statements.

## Wheeler Real Estate Investment Trust, Inc. and Subsidiaries Notes to Pro Forma Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements (unaudited)

#### Pro Forma Balance Sheet

- A. Reflects the audited consolidated balance sheet of the Company as of December 31, 2014 included in the Company's Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2014.
- B. Represents the estimated pro forma effect of the Company's \$9.4 million acquisition of the Property, assuming it occurred on December 31, 2014. The Company has initially allocated the purchase price of the acquired Property to land, building and improvements, identifiable intangible assets and to the acquired liabilities based on their preliminary estimated fair values. Identifiable intangibles include amounts allocated to above/below market leases, the value of in-place leases and customer relationships value, if any. The Company estimated fair value based on estimated cash flow projections that utilize appropriate discount and capitalization rates and available market information. Estimates of future cash flows are based on a number of factors including the historical operating results, known trends and specific market and economic conditions that may affect the Property. Factors considered by management in its analysis of estimating the as-if-vacant property value include an estimate of carrying costs during the expected lease-up periods considering market conditions, and costs to execute similar leases. In estimating carrying costs, management includes real estate taxes, insurance and estimates of lost rentals at market rates during the expected lease-up periods, tenant demand and other economic conditions. Management also estimates costs to execute similar leases including leasing commissions, tenant improvements, legal and other related expenses. Intangibles related to above/below market leases and in-place lease value are recorded as acquired lease intangibles and are amortized as an adjustment to rental revenue or amortization expense, as appropriate, over the remaining terms of the underlying leases.

#### Pro Forma Statement of Operations

- A. Reflects the consolidated statement of operations of the Company for the year ended December 31, 2014 included in the Company's Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2014.
- B. Amounts reflect the historical operations of the Property for the year ended December 31, 2014, unless otherwise noted
- Represents the estimated unaudited pro forma adjustments related to the acquisition for the period presented.
  - (1) Represents estimated amortization of above/below market leases which are being amortized on a straight-line basis over the remaining terms of the related leases.
  - (2) Represents the estimated depreciation and amortization of the buildings and related improvements, leasing commissions, in place leases and capitalized legal/marketing costs resulting from the preliminary estimated purchase price allocation in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The buildings and site improvements are being depreciated on a straight-line basis over their estimated useful lives up to 40 years. The tenant improvements, leasing commissions, in place leases and capitalized legal/marketing costs are being amortized on a straight-line basis over the remaining terms of the related leases.
  - (3) Represents interest expense on debt used to finance the acquisition, which accrues interest at a rate of 3.897% per annum and matures in April 2025.