HEARTLAND FINANCIAL USA INC

Form 4

January 23, 2017

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

See Instruction

COYLE MICHAEL J			Symbol HEARTLAND FINANCIAL USA						Issuer			
			INC [HTLF]				JSA	(Check all applicable)				
(Last) 1398 CENT	(First) RAL AVE	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/19/2017					Director 10% Owner _X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) EVP Senior General Counsel				
DUBUQUE	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)						6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tabl	e I - Non	-De	erivative S	Secur	ities Acq	uired, Disposed of	f, or Beneficial	ly Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction D (Month/Day/Yea	ar) Execution	med n Date, if Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8	etion 3)	4. Securit (A) or Di (Instr. 3,	spose	d of (D)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)		
Common Stock									6,049	D		
Common Stock	01/19/2017			M		178	A	\$ 46.25	6,227	D		
Common Stock	01/20/2017			M		236	A	\$ 46.85	6,463	D		
Common Stock									2,000	I	401K	

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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 $\label{thm:convergence} \begin{tabular}{ll} Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned \\ (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) \end{tabular}$

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
2013 Time-Based Restricted Stock	<u>(1)</u>					<u>(2)</u>	(2)	Common Stock	770
2013 Time-Based Restricted Stock	<u>(1)</u>	01/20/2017	01/23/2017	F	385	(2)	(2)	Common Stock	385
2014 Time-Based Restricted Stock	(1)					(3)	(3)	Common Stock	1,050
2015 Performance Based Restricted Stock	(1)					<u>(4)</u>	<u>(4)</u>	Common Stock	735
2015 Time-Based Restricted Stock	(1)					<u>(5)</u>	<u>(5)</u>	Common Stock	1,050
2016 Performance Based Restricted Stock (1-year performance)	<u>(1)</u>					<u>(6)</u>	<u>(6)</u>	Common Stock	972

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2016 Performance Based Restricted Stock (3-year performance)	(1)				<u>(7)</u>	<u>(7)</u>	Common Stock	463
2016 Time-Based Restricted Stock	(1)				(8)	(8)	Common Stock	873
2016 Time-Based Restricted Stock	<u>(1)</u>	01/19/2017	F	291	<u>(8)</u>	(8)	Common Stock	582
2017 Time-Based Restricted Stock	(1)				<u>(9)</u>	<u>(9)</u>	Common Stock	654

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		

COYLE MICHAEL J

1398 CENTRAL AVE EVP Senior General Counsel DUBUQUE, IA 52001

Signatures

/s/ Michael J.

Coyle 01/23/2017

**Signature of Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of Issuer's common stock.
- (2) Of these restricted stock units, 1/3 vest on 1-22-2016, 1/3 vest on 1-22-2017, and 1/3 vest on 1-22-2018.
- (3) Of these restricted stock units, 1/3 vest on 3-11-2017, 1/3 vest on 3-11-2018, and 1/3 vest on 3-11-2019.
- (4) These restricted stock units vest on 1-18-2018 if certain performance measures are achieved by the Issuer.
- (5) Of these restricted stock units, 1/3 vest on 1-20-2018, 1/3 vest on 1-20-2019, and 1/3 vest on 1-20-2020.
- (6) These restricted stock units vest on 1-19-2019 if certain performance measures are achieved by the Issuer.
- (7) These restricted stock units vest in 2019 if certain performance measures are achieved by the Issuer.
- (8) Of these restricted stock units, 1/3 vest on 1-19-2017, 1/3 vest on 1-19-2018, and 1/3 vest on 1-19-2019.

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(9) Of these restricted stock units, 1/3 vest in 01-2018, 1/3 vest in 01-2019 and 1/3 vest in 01-2020.

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