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## RV park gets green lights



**Jose Martin Morales (at right) speaks to the County Commission. County Commission Vice Chairman Mike Joyner is at the left and County Clerk Danny Shipp is in the middle of this photo.**

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**BRONSON** -- In three sets of unanimous approvals, the Levy County Commission on Tuesday morning (Dec. 19) helped Jose Martin Morales move forward on a project to develop a total of 178 acres east of Williston into an RV park.

Levy County Planning Director Shenley Neely guided the County Commission through the required process on Tuesday.

There will be 683 units at buildout, and there are many amenities planned for the resort as well. Unlike a developer seeking to create an RV resort in the city limits of Chiefland, Morales is not asking to change any rules limiting a stay to more than 180 days. Likewise, in the plan for this RV resort, there is no request for "park models" or permanent RVs.

The first request that scored a 5-0 vote of approval, on a motion by County Commissioner Mike Joyner, seconded by Commissioner Lilly Rooks and with Chairman John Meeks, and Commissioners Matt Brooks and Rock Meeks also voted in favor of it, was an amendment to the Levy County Comprehensive Plan to change 62 acres from Urban Low Density to Commercial.

A request for a required rezoning was unanimously approved on a motion by Commissioner Brooks, seconded by Commissioner Rock Meeks.

Once the rezoning was completed, a special exception needed to be approved on 178 acres to allow the RV park. That 5-0 vote resulted on a Rooks-Joyner motion.

Among the many conditions for approval, a requirement for the City of Williston to provide water and sewer service was noted. Williston City Manager Scott Lippmann, at the direction of the Williston City Council, had provided Levy County with a letter affirming the city's intention to provide that utility service to this RV park, even though it is outside of the city. While it is beyond the city's limits, it is still within the Williston Municipal Service Area.

Commission Vice Chairman Joyner told Morales that on behalf of the Board of County Commissioners he appreciates the developer choosing Levy County.

Morales said he is thankful to the County Commission for its assistance in the progression on the project, and that he looks forward to bringing the RV park and resort to fruition.