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## Levy County business is seen as growing



**Nature Coast (Levy County) Economic Development Council Executive Director David Pieklik**

### Story and Photo

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**LEVY COUNTY** -- Nature Coast (Levy County) Economic Development Council Executive Director David Pieklik told everyone at the regular meeting of the Levy County Board of County Commissioners' meeting on Tuesday morning (May 22) that he perceives a trend of positive growth and economic development in Levy County.

In about the whole of the seven years of Pieklik has served as the director of the Development Council, he said, the activity from March to May was the most he has seen.

Dolphin Outdoor Power Equipment, formerly of Pompano Beach, has purchased property and existing structures on U.S. Alt 27 between Bronson and Williston at the corner of Levy County Road xxx.

County Commission Chairman John Meeks, who is the manager of Bronson Ace Hardware, said this company has been buying hardware there and helping the local economy and workers have been eating at restaurants in Bronson.

Pieklik said owners of a tech company are looking at property in Williston and Chiefland as they consider locating or relocating there.

These two companies' owners, he said, expressed to him that they felt lost in the mass of business interests in the more urban areas of Florida, and they appreciate the rural setting for developing their business ventures more.

In Levy County, Pieklik sees Williston as being the most inviting urban area with infrastructure to support more new business. There is a municipal airport in Williston, with land ready for development.

Young Boats of Inglis is considering expansion, Pieklik said, and he plans to speak with

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owners there to see if there is a method for the government to assist the business with that plan.

A national hotel chain has been referred to Williston, Pieklik said, because Williston is wanting a hotel to be placed in its city limits.

Pieklik said warehousing for items sold by Amazon is a hot-selling property concept nowadays. These warehouses have ceilings that are 28-foot or higher, and cover 200,000 square-feet or more. These warehouses are automated so that items are stacked and then moved to ship with robotic devices.

During Pieklik's presentation, he asked Williston City Manager Scott Lippmann about available space at the Williston Municipal Airport and Industrial Park.

The City of Williston's Industrial Park includes more than 2,000 acres of largely land surrounding the Municipal Airport.

The industrial park is the world headquarters of Monterey Boats.

A&N Corp. operates a 40,000 square-foot, state-of-the-art manufacturing facility in Williston. It specializes in the manufacturing, polishing, cleaning, packing, storage and shipping of high and ultra-high vacuum components.

Williston welcome companies to locate future in Williston.

The city is in close proximity to Pinsky Florida Northern Railroad, Williston Municipal Airport, U.S. Highway 19, U.S. Highway 41, U.S. Alt. 27, and Interstate-75.

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