



Proposed Ordinance 2026-1:

To Establish an Economic Development
Advisory Board

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Levy County Economic Development

- In 2025 the BOCC dissolved the Nature Coast Business Development Council to bring Economic Development in-house.
- February 1st 2026 Landon Harrar was hired as the Economic Development Manager.



Function of Economic Development

- Promote City and County Collaboration.
- Establish an Economic Development Advisory Board.
- Develop a STRATEGIC Economic Development plan to determine specific areas for business growth.
- Engage with local and state stakeholders to strategically attract new business.
- Identify and apply for rural infrastructure grants.



Citizen Involvement

- The EDAB will engage citizens in public forums about their wants and needs for their community.
- It will identify underserved areas to champion new opportunities for those in need.
- The goal is to meld the citizens wishes an Economic Development Strategic Plan being developed.



Establishing the EDAB

- The proposed ordinance includes: The BOCC identifying and appointing a 9-person economic development advisory board consisting of:
 - 2 elected officials from local municipalities.
 - 1 representative for the Williston airport.
 - 1 sitting county commissioner as determined by the board.
 - 5 local industry leaders to be appointed by the BOCC.
 - Examples: Agriculture, Construction or Development, Maritime focused industry, retail, education, etc...



EDAB Appointments

- County Commissioners are recommended to submit suggestions for the open seats.
- All former members of Nature Coast Business Development Council will be invited to submit their name for consideration.



Once established the EDAB will....

- Staff suggests the EDAB meet quarterly, at least once in every municipality.
- Staff suggests EDAB member Terms are staggered.
- 3 years for elected officials.
- 2 years for industry leaders.
- 3 years for the Williston Airport Representative.

