

RESOLUTION NO. 225 - 2019

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT AND ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT
AWARD FROM NYS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND MARKETS TO
DEVELOP COUNTY AGRICULTURAL AND FARMLAND PROTECTION PLAN**

Introduced by Legislator Jerry King, Chairman of the General Services Committee.

WHEREAS, the Agricultural and Farmland Protection Program was formed under Article 25-AAA of the Agriculture and Markets Law in an effort to encourage further development of agriculture and farmland as part of the NYS Legislature's constitutional mandate to provide for the protection of agricultural lands. These programs, at the initial stage, help counties and municipalities plan for the future of agriculture in their communities. In later stages, it funds programs to implement those plans to keep agriculture strong and farmland in production; and

WHEREAS, the NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets ("Department") has awarded Lewis County \$50,000.00 in grant funds to develop a County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Plan; and

WHEREAS, the grant will assist the County in conducting agricultural inventories, determining ways to change zoning regulations to be more farm friendly, and in creating recommendations for agricultural economic development projects; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators desires to authorize an agreement between the Department and the County of Lewis in order to accept the funding.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

Section 1. The Board of Legislators hereby approves the Grant Agreement between the County of Lewis and the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets, pursuant to which the County of Lewis shall receive \$50,000.00 in funds to develop a County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Plan.

Section 2. The Chairman or Vice-Chairman of the Board of Legislators is hereby authorized to execute, seal and deliver said Grant Agreement and all related and necessary documents required, including any amendments thereto, pending approval of the County Attorney.

Section 3. That the within resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Legislator _____, seconded by Legislator _____,
and adopted.