

Resolution #3-2025

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF WATSON TO ACT AS A CO-APPLICANT
WITH LEWIS COUNTY'S SUBMISSION OF A NYS DOS LOCAL GOVERNMENT
EFFICIENCY GRANT PROGRAM APPLICATION

WHEREAS. the County of Lewis, as the applicant, and the Town of Watson, as the co-applicant, are eligible to apply for the 2024-2025 Local Government Efficiency Program administered by New York State Department of State and the Division of local Government Services; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Watson participated in the 2023 Lewis County Shared Services Plan (the Plan), which describes a shared need for a Jet/Vacuuming Machine and a Loader Mounted Snow blower among the County of Lewis municipalities; and

Whereas, the Plan identified that a shared Jet/Vacuum Machine can be used/deployed to any Town or Village in need of equipment to clean sewers and complete hydro evacuation in-house versus contracting out the services for each municipality; and

Whereas, the Plan also identified the need for a Loader-Mounted Snow blower to be used/deployed to any Town or Village in need of snow bank removal; and

Whereas, the Plan identified that the equipment will be purchased and managed by the Lewis County Highway Department; and

Whereas, the Lewis County Highway Superintendent has also identified the need for a shared Grapplesaw Truck to be used/deployed to any Town or Village in need, which can also be purchased and managed by the Lewis County Highway Department; and

Whereas, the NYS DOS Local Government Efficiency (LGE) Grant is provided to municipalities as a funding opportunity to expand or develop new local service delivery initiatives that will reduce the cost of current or future municipal operations and incorporate enhanced technologies and process to modernize the delivery of local services. The LGE program requires that local governments work together in these efforts to meet the current and emerging needs of their constituents; and

Whereas, Lewis County, in collaboration with other Towns and Villages, would be eligible for up to \$1,250,000 in NYS DOS LGE funding to purchase a shared Jet/Vacuuming Machine, Loader-Mounted Snowblower, and Grapplesaw Truck and would need to commit to a 10% Cash match.

NOW, Therefore, Be It Resolved as follows:

Section 1. The Town Board of the Town of Watson authorizes the inclusion of the Town of Watson as co-applicant in the submission of a NYS DOS Local

Government Efficiency Grant Program application in an amount not to exceed \$1,250,000 towards the costs of the Loader-Mounted Snowblower, Grapplesaw Truck, and Jet/Vacuumping Machine with the 10% cash requirement being contributed by the County.

Section 2. That the Town of Watson will act as a co-applicant with the County of Lewis for the 2024-2025 Local Government Efficiency Program.

Section 3. The Town of Watson Supervisor is hereby authorized to be included as the point of contact for the Town of Watson.

Section 4. This resolution will take effect immediately.

Motion made by Shawn Freeman and seconded by Steve Stogsdill to accept Resolution #3-2025.

Town Board Vote recorded as follows:

Supervisor – Jeff Hoch – Aye

Council Person – Jeff Lyng – Aye

Council Person – Vicki Roy – Aye

Council Person – Steve Stogsdill – Aye

Council Person – Shawn Freeman – Aye

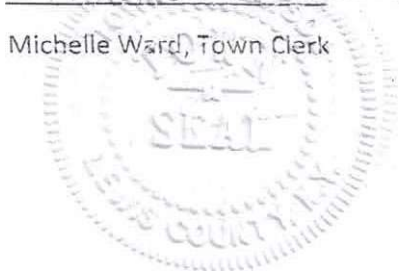
Vote recorded as 5-Aye, 0-Nye

RESOLVED, authorizing the acceptance of Resolution #3-2025.

DULY ADOPTED by the Town Board of the Town of Watson at its regular meeting on January 8, 2025, at which meeting a quorum was present.



Michelle Ward, Town Clerk



Dated: January 8, 2025