

**A RESOLUTION OF THE NEWTON COUNTY BOARD  
OF COMMISSIONERS APPROVING FISCAL YEAR 2020 APPROPRIATIONS TO  
ENTITIES CONFERRING SUBSTANTIAL BENEFITS  
TO CITIZENS OF NEWTON COUNTY.**

**WHEREAS**, the Constitution of the State of Georgia, approved by the voters of the State in November of 1982, and effective July 1, 1983, provides in Article IX, Section II, Paragraph I thereof, that the governing authority of the County may adopt clearly reasonable ordinances, resolutions and regulations; and

**WHEREAS**, Newton County, like all other county and municipal governments in Georgia, is limited by the State Constitution and the Georgia Code in how public funds can be used. One of the principle restrictions is the Gratuities Clause of the Georgia Constitution; and

**WHEREAS**, there is no gratuity or violation of the gratuities clause when Newton County receives a County wide substantial benefit in exchange for a budget appropriation; and

**WHEREAS**, the Newton County Board of Commissioners recognizes the substantial benefit of working with community partners and the worthy causes they pursue that are highly beneficial to the citizens of Newton County; and

**WHEREAS**, the following entities appeared before the Newton County Board of Commissioners to seek budget appropriations for Fiscal Year 2020:

McIntosh Trail ECD Council, Inc.  
Newton County Recreation Commission  
Newton County Community Partnership  
Nelson Heights Community Center  
Newton County Board of Health  
Washington Street Community Center  
Newton County Library System  
View Point Health  
Covington-Newton Chamber of Commerce  
Newton County DFCS  
Alcovy CASA, Inc.  
Highway 278 CID

**WHEREAS**, the Newton County Board of Commissioners finds that the aforementioned entities confer County wide substantial benefits to the citizens of Newton County; and

**WHEREAS**, the Newton County Board of Commissioners wishes to provide appropriations to the aforementioned entities as part of the Fiscal Year 2020 budget.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Commissioners of Newton County, Georgia as follows:

1. The Newton County Board of Commissioners finds that the following entities' services confer a substantial benefit to Newton County citizens:

McIntosh Trail ECD Council, Inc.  
Newton County Recreation Commission  
Newton County Community Partnership  
Nelson Heights Community Center  
Newton County Board of Health  
Washington Street Community Center  
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2. The Newton County Board of Commissioners hereby approves budget appropriations for Fiscal Year 2020 to the aforementioned entities providing community wide services to the citizens of Newton County.

So resolved this 23rd day of July 2019.

**NEWTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

  
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Marcello Banes, Chairman

Attest:

  
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Jackie Smith, County Clerk

