

Resolution No. R120120a

**A RESOLUTION OF THE NEWTON COUNTY BOARD
OF COMMISSIONERS APPROVING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE RAINBOW
COMMUNITY CENTER**

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 Newton County Board of Commissioners finds that the Rainbow Community Center, by providing food and shelter for the homeless population in Newton County confers countywide substantial benefits to the citizens of Newton County; and

WHEREAS, the Raubbiw Community Center was a victim of recent tornado damage,

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 entity's services confer a substantial benefit to Newton County citizens:

- The Rainbow Community Center, a domestic nonprofit corporation

2. The Newton County Board of Commissioners hereby approves an appropriation in the amount of \$60,000 to the aforementioned entity providing community wide services to the citizens of Newton County. The appropriation shall be used as needed from the recent tornado damage.

So resolved this 1st day of December, 2020.

NEWTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS


Marcello Banes, Chairman

Attest:


Jackie Smith, County Clerk

