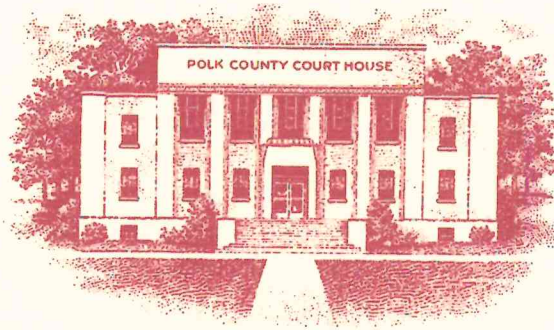


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Trails at Mena

The purpose of this letter is to voice my full support on behalf of the citizens of Polk County to the "Trails at Mena" proposed project. As you might assume, I pay a lot of attention to the pulse of the county and talk to a lot of locals, and I have yet to hear one negative comment about the project. That pretty much says it all because it seems that every good project has a few dissatisfied people. It really "checks all of the boxes" for the use of public land.

Polk County knows how to do tourism and this would be another key attraction that would cement Western Arkansas as a major destination spot. I grew up in Polk County and we have had few opportunities as exciting as this one. The local, state, and federal governments, as well as private entities, are working well together and I have confidence that this can be an enduring endeavor.

The potential benefits to the area for economic development are very encouraging and we look forward to the possibility of improving the quality of life for many people that have never had the opportunities this project can provide.

With the kindest regards,

Brandon Ellison, Polk County Judge
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