

C-2015-76

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF POLK COUNTY, ARKANSAS

IN THE MATTER OF  
THE ALTERATION OF  
TOWNSHIP BOUNDARIES  
FOR THE COUNTY OF  
POLK

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POLK COUNTY CLERK, AP

ORDER

NOW on this 15<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2015, there comes on for consideration the Petition of Rich Ray, Chairman, Polk County Election Commission and the Court being well and sufficiently advised in the premises, doth find:

I.

Polk County was divided into sixteen (16) townships prior to the adoption of Amendment 55 to the Arkansas Constitution and the legislation which enabled that constitutional amendment to be applied to the people and counties of the State of Arkansas.

II.

Ark. Code Ann. §14-14-401 was passed by the Arkansas General Assembly in the 1997 Legislative session and is effective August 1, 1997. It provides that the County Court of each county may alter township boundaries as may be necessary for the governance of the county.

III.


Township boundaries have historically served as the jurisdictional limits of constables within the various counties within the State of Arkansas, but have ceased to have any other constitutional or political subdivision purpose. However, in recent years, several townships have failed to produce candidates for the position of constable. Combining the townships in Polk County that have vacant constable positions will streamline the election process by requiring fewer ballot styles and limiting confusion at the polling location.

IT IS, THEREFORE, CONSIDERED, ORDERED, AND ADJUDGED that the Polk County Township of Rich Mountain is combined with Acorn, Freedom Township with Cedar, Ouachita with Mountain, Mill Creek, and Big Fork with Fulton, and Ozark with White Township. The Ten Polk County Townships are named and

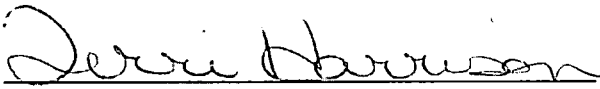
hereby referred to as: Center Township, Fulton Township, Eagle Township, Gap Springs Township, Potter Township, Acorn Township, White Township, Mountain Township, Cedar Township, and Cove Township.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the existing constable positions and their jurisdictional limits will remain the same until January 1, 2017 at which time there will be ten townships.

IT IS SO ORDERED, this the 15<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2015.



THE HONORABLE BRANDON ELLISON  
POLK COUNTY JUDGE

ATTEST:   
POLK COUNTY CLERK

## PETITION TO POLK COUNTY ARKANSAS COURT

We, the Polk County Election Commission, respectfully petition the Polk County Court to reduce the number of Constable Jurisdictions within the County. Our objective is to reduce the number of election ballot versions necessitated by the current constable/township ratio of one constable per each township. This reduction would subsequently reduce the per-election expense and confusion resulting from so many ballot types.

We therefore propose that selected townships be combined as follows to reduce the total Constable jurisdictions from 16 to 11:

1. Center Township
2. Fulton Township
3. Eagle Township
4. Gap Springs Township
5. Potter Township
6. Cove Township
7. Acorn/Rich Mountain Township
8. White/Ozark Township
9. Mountain/Ouachita Township
10. Cedar/Freedom Township
11. Mill Creek/Big Fork Township

We appreciate your prompt consideration of this issue.

Sincerely,

Polk County Election Commission

Bernard W. Majo  
J. David Ray  
[Signature]

Date 9/24/2015

Date 9/24/2015

Date 9/25/2015

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CONSTABLES		
ANDY BARRON	PO BOX 702, MENA, AR 71953	CENTER TWP
JOE HUGHES	PO BOX 21, BOARD CAMP, AR 71932	FULTON TWP.
RAY HAGLER	971 POLK 38, HATFIELD, AR 71945	EAGLE TWP.
GENE HENDRIX	149 DREAMTIME LANE, MENA, AR 71953	GAP SPRINGS TWP
STANLEY WATSON	4146 HWY 8 W., MENA, AR 71953	POTTER TWP
KRISTOPHER LYLE	142 CARDINAL LANE, MENA, AR 71953	ACORN TWP
JEREMY LAWRENCE	261 POLK 274, COVE, AR 71937	WHITE TWP
RANDY OGLESBY	4021 HWY 88 E., MENA, AR 71953	MOUNTAIN TWP
VERNON WELLS	184 POLK 57, HATFIELD, AR 71945	CEDAR TWP.
JIM CORAZZO	519 HWY 246 W., HATFIELD, AR 71945	COVE TWP.
VACANT		RICH MOUNTAIN TWP
VACANT		FREEDOM TWP
VACANT		OUACHITA TWP
VACANT		MILL CREEK TWP
VACANT		BIG FORK TWP
VACANT		OZARK TWP.

Combine Rich Mtn w/ Acorn  
 Combine Freedom w/ Cedar  
 Combine Ouachita w/ Mountain  
 Combine Mill Creek and Big Fork w/ Fulton  
 Combine Ozark w/ White