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Greene County Receives Highest Audit Rating for Public Entity - No Weaknesses or Noncompliance in Internal Controls

Springfield, MO – The Greene County Commission received a clean audit of the County’s 2015 financial statements by external auditor Andrew Marmouget, a Certified Public Accountant with KPM CPAs, P.C. accounting firm. Marmouget prepared the audit report with an “unmodified” or clean opinion, the highest audit rating available for a public entity. “An unmodified opinion is the best opinion you can receive on your financial statements,” said Marmouget.

“We are also very pleased with the fact that the auditor found no weaknesses and no instances of regulatory noncompliance in our internal controls,” said Greene County Auditor Cindy Stein. “As well, the County was compliant with all federal grant program requirements, enabling us to receive \$5.2 million in federal grants in 2015.” That is an increase from the previous year when the County received \$2.6 million in federal grants.

The audit report showed the County’s \$78 million in non-infrastructure assets exceeded its \$58 million in liabilities. The County’s revenues also exceeded expenses, \$111 million to \$99 million. The County’s pension plan (LAGERS), continues to be funded at a level of more than 100%.

“County Auditor Cindy Stein and her staff consistently demonstrate the highest level of professional competence on behalf of Greene County’s citizens,” said Presiding Commissioner Bob Cirtin. “We are also very proud of all Greene County officeholders, department heads and employees, whose hard work and dedication helped achieve this excellent audit finding from the external auditor.”

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