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Greene County is setting another standard with the Great Game of Government

Members of the media are invited to attend a special unveiling event as Greene County takes the Great Game of Government to the next level.

What: The Greene County Commission, along with members of the Greene County Auditor's Office and Information Systems Department, will officially "flip the switch" to go live with a new financial transparency portal.

When: 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, March 20.

Where: Greene County Public Safety Center, 330 West Scott Street.

This portal, which is being made available directly from the homepage of the Greene County website at <https://greenecountymo.gov/transparency/>, will allow users to view and search Greene County's general ledger accounts in near real time. (The system is designed to update daily to reflect ongoing spending and invoice approvals.) Not only can users view current data, the portal has been developed to include the last five years of Greene County expenses and financials by type and department. If desired, a user can even sort the data to a printable spreadsheet. An overview presentation and demonstration of features will be provided during the unveiling event and a user's guide will be a permanent part of this new tool.

This project, which was started in April 2018, is a collaborative effort between several Greene County departments and was developed by County Information Systems staff. The in-house development is estimated to save more than \$20,000 a year in data posting and management costs.

“The portal is a virtual Greene County checkbook and we are extremely excited to take this next step to make our financial data more accessible,” said Presiding Commissioner Bob Dixon. “This is one more tool to provide taxpayers the ability to see how the County uses the money in our budget.”

In 2012, Greene County adopted the Great Game of Government financial reporting process modeled after Jack Stack’s “The Great Game of Business.” Since that time Greene County has been recognized with several honors, including Top 25 program in Harvard University’s 2017 Innovations in American Government Awards competition, the Missouri Association of Counties 2016 Achievement Award for its efforts of financial transparency through the Great Game of Government and the Great Game of Business’ inaugural All-Star Pioneer Award that honors an organization that is the first in their field to implement and practice the methodology of open-book management.

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Greene County is the State of Missouri’s fourth most populous county, serving more than 275,000 people (2010 census). Its mission is to provide all citizens of Greene County, including those in its cities, a safe and thriving community through excellent customer service, unparalleled dedication, and the efficient use of taxpayer dollars. The Greene County Commission is the executive body of Greene County operating under guidelines established in the Revised Statutes of the State of Missouri. Within that authority the Commission enacts ordinances, resolutions and policies, supervises the activities of county departments, fixes salaries, adopts the annual budget, provides for construction and other services, and conducts hearings on planning and zoning matters.

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