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Greene County set to receive annual financial audit results

This week the Greene County Commission, along with Greene County officeholders, department directors and employees, will receive the results of the County's annual financial audit from KMP CPAs and Advisors.

Andrew Marmouget, CPA and shareholder with KPM, will provide an overview presentation at 1 p.m. Friday, July 19 in Room 212 of the Greene County Historic Courthouse.

In addition to the daily checks and balances performed internally, each year the County participates in an independent, external audit as a means to verify it is fairly and accurately presenting its financial statement of revenue collected and amounts spent. During a nearly month-long process, members of KPM work with the Greene County Auditor's Office to review items such as revenue reporting, contracts, invoices, internal controls and purchasing. Once complete, KPM issues an independent report and opinion.

"We believe in transparency at Greene County. The financial audit allows us to open our books to an independent, outside source for review," said Greene County Auditor Cindy Stein. "We are pleased to have the report confirm our commitment to sound financial practices."

This year, Greene County has again received an unmodified or clean opinion, which is the best opinion a county can receive. This indicates no weaknesses or instances of regulatory noncompliance were found.

"Every day I witness the commitment County employees have to stretching taxpayer dollars, and this external financial audit verifies that their work meets or exceed the required standards." said Presiding Commissioner Bob Dixon. "Historically Greene County has had a stellar record in this area."

Beyond providing a secondary layer of review, this audit allows the County to participate in a variety of federal grant programs. It also affects the County's rating with Moody's Investor Services. Greene County currently has Aa2 rating, which is based on factors such as sound financial operation, healthy operating reserves, modest debt and pension burdens, and a diverse tax base.

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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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