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External audit finds no weaknesses in Greene County’s financial reporting

SPRINGFIELD, MO – Greene County has received the highest audit rating available for a public entity, according to a report released by an external auditor on Tuesday, Aug. 8.

Auditor Andrew Marmouget, a certified public accountant and shareholder with KPM CPAs, P.C. accounting firm, offered an “unmodified” or clean opinion, which indicates that Greene County was found to have no weaknesses and no instances of regulatory noncompliance.

“This is the best opinion you can receive on your financial statements,” Marmouget said. “Few others receive this designation; many of the audits I conduct have violations. It speaks well of Greene County for there to be no violations.”

Greene County Auditor Cindy Stein said this independent examination verifies the County has accurately and fairly presented its financial statement — a finding that is beneficial for the County in many ways, especially when it comes to federal grant dollars.

“The clean audit allows the County to continue to participate in federal grant programs, enabling us to receive \$3.7 million in 2016,” she said.

Presiding Commissioner Bob Cirtin complimented the Auditor’s Office for maintaining meticulous records and, at times, asking difficult questions.

“The citizens of Greene County can be assured their tax dollars are in good hands with Cindy and her staff, who consistently demonstrate the highest level of professional competence,” Cirtin said. “They, along with all Greene County officeholders, department heads and employees, should be applauded for the hard work and dedication necessary to achieve this excellent audit finding.”

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