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Greene County receives audit report from Missouri State Auditor

Today the office of Missouri State Auditor Nicole Galloway issued its report of the yearlong audit of Greene County.

The report gives Greene County a “Good” rating in the areas audited, which by the state auditor’s definition means “the entity is well managed and the report contains few findings, and the entity has indicated most or all recommendations have already been, or will be, implemented.”

Audited entities can be rated “Excellent,” “Good,” “Fair” or “Poor.”

On January 2, 2019, the Greene County Commission voted to invite the Missouri State Auditor to conduct an audit of County under Section 50.057, RSMo. This included the financial statements of Greene County for the year ended December 31, 2018. The scope of the audit included, but was not limited to, the year ending December 31, 2018 and involved an evaluation of the County’s internal controls over significant management and financial functions; the County’s compliance with certain legal provisions; and the economy and efficiency of certain management practices and procedures, including certain financial transactions.

Of the items referenced in the audit, all have been addressed by Greene County. Those actions by the County include:

- The suspension of the annual employee appreciation day event
- The County has eliminated purchasing gift cards as employee recognition
- More frequent deposits to limit the amount of petty cash on hand at the Treasurer’s Office

- An updated system for the issuing of numeric liquor licenses at the County Clerk's Office
- The Prosecuting Attorney's Office enhanced supervisory review of delinquent tax receipts, provided additional procedural training and supervision of staff responsible for disbursements, and obtained enhanced control features within the state-wide case management system from the vendor.

"This audit demonstrates Greene County's highest commitment to transparent government and the strength of the organization," said Presiding Commissioner Bob Dixon. "From the onset, we welcomed the independent evaluation of our processes and procedures, and we are pleased with the results and feedback to continually advance our operations. The Commission is especially grateful for everyone's work and dedication to this task, especially that of our elected officials and staff. Their personal commitment to working the long and arduous hours is a yet another demonstration of their ongoing service to citizens."

Greene County Auditor Cindy Stein, who worked closely with the State to provide requested documentation and information to the auditing team added: "We are grateful for the opportunity to work with the Missouri State Auditor's office and we view this audit as an additional resource for the County in fulfilling our mission to be prudent stewards of taxpayer funds."

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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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