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Greene County Collector's Office preps for transition audit

As part of the transition process at the Greene County Collector's Office, recently appointed Collector Allen Icet wants to inform citizens of the procedures required of that office when there is an officeholder vacancy and subsequent appointment.

Pursuant to Missouri statute Section 52.150 RSMo., the Missouri State Auditor is required to perform an audit of the office. This is standard procedure when there is an officeholder change prior to that officeholder's completed elected term. The purpose is to evaluate internal controls over significant property tax functions, as well as to assess the compliance with specific legal provisions. The information reviewed typically includes meeting minutes, written policies and procedures, and financial records and documents. Interviews with staff and tests of select transactions can also be conducted.

The audit period for the Greene County Collector's Office will include, but will not necessarily be limited to, the year ending Feb. 28, 2021 and the period of March 1, 2021. In 2020, the Missouri State Auditor completed a county-wide audit and there were no findings specific to the Collector's Office.

"I know when citizens hear the word audit it can raise concerns. Our goal in the Collector's Office is to keep citizens informed with accurate information," Icet said. "My staff and I will work with the State Auditor to help make this audit and the ongoing transition continue as seamlessly as possible."

While there is not a standard timeframe for conducting these required audits, it is not uncommon for the work to take several months to complete. The Greene County Collector's Office will remain open with full services to the public during the process.

According to estimates by the Missouri State Auditor, this audit it will cost between \$15,000 and \$30,000.

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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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