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State audit of Greene County Commission finalized

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. – The State Auditor’s office has completed an audit of certain operations of the Greene County Commission. The audit looked at three years of financial records ending in December of 2019. In January of 2019, Presiding Commissioner Bob Dixon, who had just taken office, and two former Commissioners, requested this state audit.

It’s important to note that the findings of this audit reflect the conduct of the previous Commission. The State Auditor’s office gave several recommendations for the county’s professional services, disbursements, and email policy. Solutions to many of the recommendations in the audit have already been in place since 2019. That same year, the county also implemented a transparency portal on www.greenecountymo.gov that shows current expenses and revenues in the county budget.

The audit evaluated the previous Commission’s internal controls over financial functions, compliance with legal provisions, and management of certain financial transactions. The overall rating of the years audited was “Poor”. The primary issues stemmed from complaints surrounding the 2017 county sales tax campaign.

“The findings are not surprising. The public was very aware of the issues with the prior Commission. Beginning in January of 2019, the current Commission took steps to remedy many of these issues. We have also addressed other issues using the guidance provided by the State Auditor’s office in accordance with Missouri law,” said Presiding Commissioner Bob Dixon.

This is the final report from the State Auditor’s office on these issues. The overall rating of a previous audit of Greene County in August of 2020 was “Good”.

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Greene County is the State of Missouri's fourth most populous county, serving approximately 295,000 people. 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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