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Greene County Collector's Office receives "Good" rating in audit

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. – The Missouri State Auditor's office recently completed an audit of the Greene County Collector's Office and Property Tax System. Section 52.150 of Missouri state law requires an audit of any county collector office after a vacancy in that office.

Former Collector Leah Betts resigned on February 28, 2021. Current Collector Allen Icet was sworn into office on March 1, 2021. The scope of this audit reviewed issues prior to Collector Icet's tenure in Greene County.

In the areas audited, the overall performance of the Greene County Collector's Office was "Good." According to the report the office is well managed and all recommendations have already been or will be implemented. The objective of the audit included evaluating the county's internal controls over significant property tax functions and the compliance with certain legal provisions.

The Auditor's report recommended the Greene County Collector work with the county Commission, Assessor, and Clerk's offices to ensure accurate personal property tax statements are prepared and mailed in compliance with statutory requirements.

In response, Collector Icet said, "I would like to thank the Missouri State Auditor and her staff for their efforts to audit the office of Greene County Collector. The overall performance rating of Good is reflective of the efforts by this office to address the problems associated with the new software system. This has been a concern that various county officials have worked on since 2020 to ensure the underlying issues are resolved. We now have controls and procedures in place to prepare accurate property tax statements which will ensure that statements are prepared and mailed in compliance with statutory requirements."

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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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