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Special Teleconference Meeting of the
MISSOURI VETERANS COMMISSION
Held, pursuant to notice
Thursday, December 30, 2010 — 2:00 PM
The designated location where the public may observe and attend the meeting
Missouri Veterans Commission Headquarters
12th Floor, Jefferson State Office Building
Jefferson City, Missouri

I. NEW COMMISSION BUSINESS:

Members Present: **Member Scott Englund**

Via Telephone: **Chair John Comerford; Vice Chair Emmett Fairfax; Member Paul Connors; Member Nancy Nelson; Member Senator Pearce; Member Representative Fisher; Member Representative Kander;**

Members Absent: **Ex-Officio Member Dalton Wright**

Staff Present: **Larry Kay**, Executive Director; **Bryan Hunt**, Deputy Director; **Jill Talken**, Executive Secretary; **Kim Cleeton**, Director Homes Program; **Julie Miller**, Fiscal and Administrative Manager; **Daniel Bell**, Public Information Office

Guests Present: **Dewey Riehn**, MAVO

Via Telephone: **Jessie Jones**, MAVO; **Dave Morgan**, MAVO

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Comerford at 2:00 p.m. for the purpose of discussing MAVO's Revenue Enhancement Scenarios (see attachment).

Chairman Comerford opened by stating "I want to thank MAVO for providing us with a list of Revenue Enhancement Scenarios. Securing a dedicated funding source for the future is a vital goal".

Chairman Comerford expressed that the Commission can only promote revenue scenarios and cost reduction strategies within the state's current budget system. He stated that he believes the Commission should

continue to hold our elected officials accountable for the continual funding of Veterans programs.

He also stated that the current funding path the Commission is on has us projected to be insolvent in April 2012. While we are working closely with the Office of Budget and Planning to change this, we need to support MAVO in their goal to secure external funding for the Missouri Veterans Commission.

Dewey Riehn presented MAVO's eight Revenue Enhancement Scenarios. General discussion followed.

Chairman Comerford closed the meeting by stating that "the Missouri Veterans Commission supports MAVO in its efforts to find an enhanced dedicated funding source for Missouri Veterans however, we are not prepared to endorse or support any specific proposal at this time."

With no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 2:55 p.m.

Larry D. Kay, Secretary

Missouri Association of Veterans Organizations

Revenue Enhancement Scenarios

Goal: Replace current Missouri Veterans Commission dependence on General Revenue and provide for the future needs of Missouri's Veterans.

Scenario	Explanation	Notes
1. Cigarette Tax	Increase from $.11 to $.22 per pack increasing revenue from $113 million to $226 million.	Meets goal Requires vote of the People
2. Gaming Admission Fee	Increase the gaming admission fee from $2 to $3 increasing revenue from $46 million to $69 million.	Partially meets goal
3. New Cape Girardeau Gaming Boat	Dedicate funds from new Cape Girardeau Gaming boat to Veterans	Partially meets goal
4. General Revenue Witholds	Replace lost General Revenue Witholdings would increase funds by $13.30 million	Restores MVC to 2009 budget
5. Veterans Home Resident Rates	Increase the rates paid by residents of the Veterans Homes. $100 increase = $1.5 million, $200 increase = $3.0 million.	Partially meets goal MAVO opposes this scenario
6. Admission fee distribution	Review allocations of gaming boat admission fees for better equity. Current revenue of fees is $46 million.	Partially meets goal
7. Sales Tax	Introduce a Sales Tax initiative. 1/8 cent tax = $85 million 1/10 cent tax = $68 million 1/12 cent tax = $56 million	Meets goal Requires vote of the People
8. Lottery Ticket	Lottery Scratchers Tickets proceeds go to Veterans. Revenue would be $4-6 million	Partially meets goal Requires Constitutional Amendment

December 15, 2010