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PRESS RELEASE

**NODAWAY COUNTY PROSECUTING ATTORNEY ROBERT RICE
SUPPORTS MARYVILLE'S CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT SALES TAX
QUESTION – SUPPORTS MARYVILLE POLICE**

For immediate release

Questions – Contact Robert Rice at 660-582-8285

Maryville, Mo. – Robert (Bob) L. Rice, Prosecuting Attorney of Nodaway County, Missouri, supports the passing of Maryville's Capital Improvement Sales Tax question on the April ballot as announced on Monday, March 27, 2017. Rice encourages voters to support the capital improvement sales tax extension because of the necessary facility improvements needed at the Maryville Department of Public Safety.

“The 1970's former grocery store that is the current site of Maryville Police served its purpose but the current criminal justice system demands a modern facility capable of meeting heightened requirements,” said Robert (Bob) L. Rice.

“I support the Maryville Capital Improvement Sales Tax question because public safety is my biggest priority.” Rice said.

“We need police officers to have adequate room for interviewing witnesses and suspects with recording equipment that captures everything. We need a facility that can store the recordings of all the body camera, dash camera, and booking room camera recordings which is necessary with today's jurors in a criminal prosecution.”

“Maryville Police needs a bigger evidence room because of the significant increase in cases we take to trial every year. We must store all evidence in a secured room

with locked access to ensure its integrity for trial. Since I've been your prosecuting attorney, we have tripled the number of jury trials. That requires a secured evidence room. We need a bigger room to keep up with the demands of our criminal justice system."

The current facility requires crime victims and criminals to enter police headquarters through the same door and hallway. Such an arrangement is intimidating to a violent crime victim. It also leads to the potential for additional conflict by having such groups pass each other in close proximity.

In closing, Rice indicates there are several deserving reasons to support the capital improvement sales tax question. Rice has not publicly supported a sales tax question in the past. In this case, the Maryville community's safety is his biggest priority and therefore the sales tax question has his support on this necessary funding for the community's law enforcement agency.

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