



Treasurer Josh Mandel Announces Launch of the Goshen Township Checkbooks on OhioCheckbook.com

Momentum Grows for Statewide Government Transparency with Over 1,110 Local Government and School Districts Partnering with OhioCheckbook.com

COLUMBUS— Ohio Treasurer Josh Mandel announced today the launch of the Goshen Township online checkbooks on OhioCheckbook.com. In December 2014, Treasurer Mandel launched OhioCheckbook.com, which sets a new national standard for government transparency and for the first time in Ohio history puts all state spending information on the internet. OhioCheckbook.com recently earned Ohio the number one government transparency ranking in the country for the second year in a row.

Goshen Township is the eighth township in Clermont County to post their spending on OhioCheckbook.com.

The following is a breakdown of the local government sites:

- Goshen Township’s online checkbook includes over 12,000 individual transactions that represent more than \$19 million of total spending over the past four years.

“I believe the people of Clermont County have a right to know how their tax money is being spent, and I applaud local leaders here for partnering with my office to post the finances on OhioCheckbook.com,” said Treasurer Mandel. “By posting local government spending online, we are empowering taxpayers across Ohio to hold public officials accountable.”

“I am excited to bring OhioCheckbook.com to the Goshen community,” said Goshen Township Fiscal Officer Brittany Koepke. “One of the objectives in our newly adopted strategic plan is promoting transparency and communication with the people we serve. The Treasurer’s office has provided a wonderful tool for us to share our financial records with the public, at no cost to the township. With a growing community such as ours, we are thankful to be given a platform to share how our tax dollars are being spent.”

“It is with extreme pleasure that we are able to move Goshen Township into the modern age of open transparency, with the efforts of Josh Mandel’s office,” said Goshen Township Trustee Bob Hausermann. “A new electronic age of record keeping is now making accessibility of township information available to all residents at the touch of their fingertips.”

On April 7, 2015 Treasurer Mandel sent a letter to 18,062 local government and school officials representing 3,962 local governments throughout the state calling on them to place their checkbook level data on OhioCheckbook.com and extending an invitation to partner with his



office at no cost to local governments. These local governments include cities, counties, townships, schools, library districts and other special districts.

A large coalition of statewide and local government organizations have expressed support for OhioCheckbook.com and local government transparency, including:

- Ohio Municipal League
- Ohio Township Association
- Ohio Association of School Business Officials
- Buckeye Association of School Administrators
- County Commissioner Association of Ohio
- County Auditor Association of Ohio
- Ohio Newspaper Association
- Ohio Society of CPAs
- Buckeye Institute
- Common Cause Ohio

OhioCheckbook.com was launched on December 2, 2014, marking the first time in Ohio history when citizens could actually see every expenditure in state government. Since its launch, OhioCheckbook.com has received overwhelming support from newspapers and groups across the state and, as of May 22, 2017 there have been more than 768,000 total searches on the site.

OhioCheckbook.com displays more than \$592 billion in spending over the past nine years, including more than 161 million transactions. The website includes cutting-edge features such as:



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- “Google-style” contextual search capabilities, to allow users to sort by keyword, department, category or vendor;
- Fully dynamic interactive charts to drill down on state spending;
- Functionality to compare state spending year-over-year or among agencies; and,
- Capability to share charts or checks with social media networks, and direct contact for agency fiscal offices.

For more information or to view your local government website, visit the Local Government option on OhioCheckbook.com or click on

- GoshenTownshipClermont.OhioCheckbook.com.