

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**

**MINUTES OF JACKSON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES INFORMATIONAL  
WORK SESSION**

**MARCH 23, 2016**

Hawke called the informational work session meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. at the Jackson Township Hall with Trustees Hawke and Pizzino, Fiscal Officer Gonzalez and Administrator/Law Director Michael Vaccaro present. Trustee Walters was out of town on business. Also present were Jerrod Borge from the State Treasurer's Office and Jeff Heinrick from the State Treasurer's Office.

Mr. Borge told the Board that Ohio Checkbook.com was launched in December 2014 and since it was launched there have been nearly 500,000 searches on it. He said they have been working with other states who are interested in implementing it. He said the reason it was done was because they found a group in Boston called U. S. Public Interest Research Group who does the state transparency rankings and Ohio was ranked 46<sup>th</sup> in the country. He said Treasurer Mandel thought that ranking was abysmal and wanted to do something about it. He said they spent eighteen months building the site in-house and launched it. He said as of last March the new rankings came out and Ohio went from 46<sup>th</sup> to number 1 in the country. He said they have maintained that ranking this year as well. He said what Treasurer Mandel wanted to do is bring context to the State spending so people of all ages would have access to how the state is spending money. He gave a brief demonstration how the website worked. He said Treasurer Mandel wasn't satisfied with the number 1 ranking for the state; he also wanted to offer this to local governments, counties, cities and special districts. He said there are 257 local governments on the website now. He gave a brief demonstration of Jackson Township's site. He said they wanted to take the opportunity to come and applaud the trustees for their leadership and taking this step toward transparency.

Gonzalez thanked them for coming up and for providing the site. He said the Trustees were very much behind getting the information out to the public. He said the public has a right to see everything we're doing and that we are proud of what we do. He said our board is probably one of the most fiscally sound boards around. He said it's a great thing the Treasurer's Office is doing and that it is appreciated.

Hawke moved and Pizzino seconded a motion to adjourn.

**2-0 yes**

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**Todd Hawke**

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**Randy Gonzalez**