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Waterloo Twp. will become the first government entity in Athens County to post their spending on ohiocheckbook.com, which was launched a year and a half ago by Ohio Treasurer Josh Mandel.

Waterloo Twp.'s online checkbook includes more than 770 individual transactions that represent more than \$389,000 of total spending over Fiscal Year 2015.

The online checkbook allows for government transparency and puts all state spending information on the internet.

"I believe the people of Athens 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 Mandel through a press release. "By posting local government spending online, we are empowering taxpayers across Ohio to hold public officials accountable."

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.

OhioCheckbook.com was launched Dec. 2, 2014, marking the first time in Ohio history that citizens could see every expenditure in state government. Since its launch, OhioCheckbook.com has received support from newspapers and groups across the state and, as of June 23, there have been more than 559,000 total searches on the site.

For more information, visit waterlootownshipathens.ohiocheckbook.com.

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