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Ohio Treasurer Josh Mandel recently announced the launch of Webster Township, Otsego Local Schools and Wood County's online checkbooks on OhioCheckbook.com.

The Ohio Treasurer's office was joined at the Oct. 28 announcement by Webster Township Fiscal Officer Julie Foos and Township Trustees Jim Cajka and March Bushman.

Webster Township is the first township in Wood County to post their spending on OhioCheckbook.com, Otsego Local Schools is the first school district in Wood County to post their spending on OhioCheckbook.com, and Wood County is the 25th county in Ohio to post its spending on OhioCheckbook.com.

Webster Township's online checkbook includes over 1,400 individual transactions that represent more than \$1.3 million of total spending over the past four years.

Otsego Local Schools' online checkbook includes over 61,500 individual transactions that represent more than \$103 million of total spending over the past five fiscal years.

Wood County's online checkbook includes over 114,000 individual transactions that represent more than \$1.4 billion of total spending over the past three years.

"I believe the people of Wood 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," a statement from Mandel said. "By posting local government spending online, we are empowering taxpayers across Ohio to hold public officials accountable."

"Webster Township is excited to start using this website which will give the residents a closer look at how their tax dollars are being spent," Foos stated. "We are also thrilled to be the first township in Wood County to take advantage of this new tool provided by the state treasurer's office."

"Otsego Local Schools is proud to implement the OhioCheckbook.com program," Superintendent Adam Koch stated. "It will be a useful tool internally for our board members to view, as well as externally, for our community."

On April 7, 2015, 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. Many Wood County villages, cities and agencies already use the checkbook.

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