

# **News Release**

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## **Joe Porter appointed to county board of health**

The District Advisory Board for the Knox County General Health District held a special meeting Tuesday night to appoint a new member to the Knox County Board of Health.

The DAC elected Joe Porter to fill the unexpired term of Laura Haberman who retired from the BOH after 19 years of service.

Porter, a lifelong resident of Centerburg, is a firefighter and paramedic and most recently retired as chief of the Central Ohio Joint Fire District. He works as an EMS instructor for Central Ohio Technical College and is outreach coordinator for Survival Flight.

The Knox Count BOH is comprised of nine members: six members are appointed by the DAC and the other three are appointed by the Mount Vernon City Council. The term of office is for five years.

In other business before the DAC, the group voiced approval for the BOH to pursue a name change for the Knox County Health Department. A new name for the agency has not been determined, but will include the words “public health.”

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