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Mayor Jacobs, Commissioner Durrett Compete on World Diabetes Day

KNOXVILLE, Tenn.— Knox County Commissioner Courtney Durrett narrowly defeated Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs in the county’s first World Diabetes Day Basketball Free Throw Contest. But, the two have already agreed to hold a rematch next year.

At issue was an effort to raise awareness for World Diabetes Day, which is globally observed on Nov. 14.

“More than 34 million Americans have diabetes and one in five don’t even know it – that includes adults and children,” said Mayor Jacobs, adding that his own father has diabetes.

The two local leaders each shot 24 free throws—one for each hour of World Diabetes Day—last Friday at the Women’s Basketball Hall of Fame. The competition was designed to symbolize the importance healthy habits and regular physical activity play in living with diabetes. Whoever made the most out of the 24 shots won.

Durrett, whose daughter was recently diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes, said: “It has been something I’ve heard of (and) I had a friend who was diagnosed later on in life, but I was never fully aware of what it entailed, what it meant was happening. I did want to do something to bring awareness to diabetes...and it ended up being basketball.”

November is National Diabetes Month and a time when communities across the country team up to bring attention to diabetes.

The Mayor and Commissioner talked about the event during Monday’s County Commission meeting and agreed to a rematch next November.

To hear more of what was said and to watch some of the game, check out the [video](#).

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