

OFFICE OF COUNTY MAYOR GLENN JACOBS

400 Main Street, Suite 615, Knoxville, TN 37902

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: April 17, 2023

Contact:

Mike DonilaA306-1177 cell2

Abbey Harris 215-4579 office 705-1681 cell

Mayor Jacobs Interviews TN Representative Jason Zachary

KNOXVILLE, Tenn.—Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs will observe National County Government Month throughout April by sharing videos on Mondays and Wednesdays that highlight local leaders and their duties and responsibilities.

"I think it's important that folks understand how the different levels of government operate and interact," Mayor Jacobs said. "All too often we think only of federal government, but state and local government can have an even bigger impact on our lives."

Today's video found <u>here</u>, features a discussion with Jason Zachary, Tennessee State Representative for District 14. During the interview the Mayor and Zachary discuss the reasons Zachary decided to run, how legislation is passed in the General Assembly, and why both the chambers work so well together.

"In the legislature we'll look at 1600 bills and pass about 600," Zachary said. "That is an immediate impact in your life...but the most important thing we do is we pass a balanced budget."

The Mayor began the series in an interview with Knox County Commission Chair Courtney Durrett found <u>here</u> and KCS Board Chair Kristi Kristy <u>here</u>. On Wednesday, April 19, the county will post Mayor Jacobs' interview with Becky Duncan Massey, Tennessee state senator.

All videos will appear on the county and Mayor's social media platforms. The rest of the schedule is as follows:

- April 24: Marsha Blackburn: Tennessee U.S. senator
- April 26: Tim Burchett: Tennessee U.S. representative

The Mayor expanded local interviews to include state and federal leaders to provide viewers with a window into public service at even higher levels.

National County Government Month is an annual celebration of county government held each April to promote services and programs while providing insight into what elected officials do and how government works.