

## **COUNTY COMMISSIONERS SELECT INDEPENDENT REVIEW PANEL MEMBERS**

### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

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**YAKIMA, WA** - In February, the Yakima County Law and Justice Committee requested the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) seek an independent review of the Clerk's Office to investigate various complaints and operational concerns.

On Tuesday March 1, 2016, the BOCC accepted the request of the Law and Justice Committee and tasked Commissioner Bouchey with nominating three members.

At their agenda meeting on Tuesday March 15, 2016, Commissioner Bouchey nominated, and the BOCC named Mr. Dick Johnson, Ms. Abby Sanders and Mr. Jeff Sullivan to serve on the Independent Review Panel.

It is the intention of the BOCC to have the Independent Review Panel complete their investigation by the end of May, 2016 in order to go into the 2017 budget season with a full understanding of possible operational changes.

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Mr. Dick Johnson

Partner in Johnson & Johnson Law Firm, Yakima  
Experienced trial lawyer of over 30 years  
Lead counsel in over 30 cases decided by the WA State Court of Appeals  
Argued six cases in front of WA State Supreme Court  
Argued five other cases in front of US Court of Appeals Ninth District  
Served on the Court Rules & Procedures Comm. of the WA ST Bar  
Chair of the Court Rules & Procedures WA State Ass. for Justice  
WSU graduate with a law degree at Gonzaga  
Commissioned officer in the US Army  
Active in the community since 1978

Ms. Abby Sanders

Partner in Petersen CPA's and Advisors PLLC, Yakima  
Experienced CPA of 18 years  
Specializes in - audit and financial statement services  
                    - Governmentally funded organizations  
Regularly performs peer reviews for other accounting firms  
Graduate of Central Washington University  
Member of the WA Society of Certified Public Accountants  
Member of American Institute of Certified Public Accountants  
Adjunct faculty at a local university

Mr. Jeff Sullivan

Yakima Native  
Gonzaga Law Graduate  
Yakima County Prosecutor 1975-2002 (27 years)  
United States Attorney's Office  
                    2002 – 2007 Chief of the Offices Criminal Division  
                    2007 - 2010 US Attorney Western District of WA  
2010 retired and currently resides in Sammamish, WA