

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS SELECT INDEPENDENT REVIEW PANEL MEMBERS

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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