

# COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA

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## **COUNTY COMMISSIONERS SHOCKED AND SADDENED AT SUDDEN DEATH OF COMMISSIONER JIM DUNCAN**

Walla Walla County Commissioners Jim Johnson and Todd Kimball are deeply saddened and shocked to have learned of the death of fellow county commissioner Jim Duncan today. Commission Duncan was at home this morning when he experienced symptoms of illness; his wife called 911 and immediately began CPR. Although CPR was continued by Fire District 5 responders for some time, it was to no avail.

No further details will be announced at this time, to give the family time to get out notifications and to grieve.

Commissioners Johnson and Kimball have been in touch with Esther Duncan, Jim's widow, and Commissioner Kimball is enroute to the Duncan residence. Their shock and sadness are hard to express. "We have lost someone who is a friend as well as a fellow commissioner. Right now it is hard to take in, but we are grieving. Our hearts go out to Jim's wife and family, and to Jim's County family as well. Jim was to be sworn in this afternoon to his second term in office."

If and when additional pertinent information is known it will be shared.

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