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NOMINEES ANNOUNCED FOR GARFIELD COUNTY JUSTICE COURT VACANCY

Panguitch, UT—The Garfield County Nominating Commission has selected three nominees for an upcoming vacancy at the Garfield County Justice Court. The position will replace Judge Russell B. Bulkley, who will retire effective March 31st, 2016.

Following are the nominees followed by place of employment and residence:

- Alan Carl Johnson, South Central Communications OSP Engineer; Panguitch
- Gary Dene Owens, D&B Real Estate, Bob Orton Trucking and Karla's Diner owner; Panguitch
- Honorable Timothy Byrne Smith, Panguitch City Justice Court Judge, Garfield Memorial Hospital Director of Pharmacy; Panguitch

A comment period will be held through March 2nd, 2016, before a final candidate is selected by the Garfield County Commission Chair, who has 30 days to make an appointment. The appointment is subject to ratification by the Garfield County Commission. The Utah Judicial Council must then certify the appointment. To submit written comments about the candidates, contact Melisse Stiglich, Administrative Office of the Courts, <u>melisses@utcourts.gov</u>.

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