

CHUCK HORTON, COMMISSIONER (POST 2)



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A native of Brunswick, Georgia, Commissioner Horton graduated from Brunswick High School and then entered the University of Georgia where he was awarded a four-year football scholarship. At UGA, Chuck earned three degrees: Bachelor's Degree in Political Science, Bachelor's degree in Business Administration, and a Master's degree in Safety Education. In addition, Chuck is a graduate of the Southern Police Institute, the University of Louisville in Louisville, Kentucky. Chuck worked for the University of Georgia Police Department for over 28 years, the last 16 as Chief of Police. He retired from his position as Director of Public Safety/Chief of Police on August 1, 2004.

Chuck and his wife of 40 years, Brenda, have lived in Oconee County for 36 years. Both of their children, Nicholas and Courtney, were educated in the Oconee County public schools and attended Presbyterian College where both earned their Bachelor's degree. Courtney earned her Master's degree from Kennesaw State University. Nicholas and his wife, Lindsey, have two children, Finley and Mac. Courtney and her husband, Philip, have one child, Milania.

Chuck has been involved with several volunteer organizations: Little League baseball coach; Recreation Department basketball, softball and football coach; various offices with the school PTOs; and, Oconee Middle School lay football coach. Other organizations where Chuck has been involved include: Georgia Children's Chorus Board of Directors; Northeast Georgia Girl Scouts Nominating Committee; Oconee County Rotary Club; American Red Cross Hero's Breakfast Selection Committee; State of Georgia Council on Juvenile Justice; and, participant in Project Safe's first "Dancing with the Stars" fundraiser.

Chuck and Brenda are members of Oconee Presbyterian Church where Chuck serves as an Elder. He is also a member of the University of Georgia President's Club, University of Georgia Heritage Society, and the University of Georgia Football Letterman's Club.

In 1992, Chuck was elected to serve a four-year term as member of the Oconee County Board of Education and later served as its Chairman in 1997. Chuck has served two four-year terms with the Oconee County Board of Commissioners and returned to the Board in December 2016 to finish the unexpired term of the Post 2 position.

While serving as a County Commissioner, Chuck received training through the Association County Commissioners of Georgia (ACCG) as a Certified County Commissioner. Through ACCG, he has chaired the Public Safety and Courts Committee and was ACCG's representative to Region IV-Regional Advisory Council for the Department of Homeland Security/FEMA. He also served as liaison for courthouse security between the Georgia Sheriff's Association and Superior Court Judges of Georgia.

Chuck looks forward to serving as the Post 2 Commissioner for Oconee County. He and Brenda enjoy the opportunity to work with Oconee's citizens.