



Charles County Commissioners
PETER F. MURPHY
PRESIDENT



Born in Washington, D.C., Commissioner President Peter F. Murphy spent his childhood in Ohio but returned to the Washington, D.C. area for his university studies. While studying at American University, he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Distributed Sciences and a master's degree in Biology. He also received an Educational Specialist degree in Counseling at George Washington University (GWU).

Commissioner Murphy settled in his grandfather's former hunting lodge in Bryans Road, and began working as a microbiologist at the National Institutes of Health. He then became a science and math teacher at General Smallwood Middle School in Indian Head.

Commissioner Murphy worked as a psychometrist and counselor at the GWU Counseling Center, and became the director of GWU's Educational/Vocational Testing and Counseling Services. With a business partner, he opened his own business, Murphy & Milano, Inc. consulting firm. Several years later, he started a private mediation practice in Charles County.

In 2001, Commissioner Murphy entered into his public service career as director of Prince George's County Circuit Court Mediation Services, and then served as U.S. Senator Paul Sarbanes' field representative for the Southern Maryland region.

Commissioner Murphy was elected to Maryland state delegate in 2006, representing Charles County's District 28. He was appointed to the House Ways and Means Committee from 2007 to 2010 before moving to the Health and Government Operations Committee from 2011 to 2014. His subcommittee appointments included: Education and Transportation; Finance Resources and Revenue; Health Facilities and Occupations; and Insurance. He received appointments to the Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland's Executive Committee, the Commission to Study Maryland Transportation Needs, the Early Childhood Development Advisory Council, the Commission on Civic Literacy, the House of Delegates Rural Caucus, the



Southern Maryland Delegation, and the Charles County Delegation. From 2010 to 2012, he served as chair to the Charles County Delegation and ushered through legislation on behalf of the Charles County Commissioners. Some of these legislative bills pertained to conservation easements, the Charles County Sheriff's Department, and public school bus longevity.

Commissioner Murphy served two terms as delegate in the Maryland General Assembly. He achieved legislative accomplishments, such as his "green" cleaning bill to improve student health in Maryland schools, the installation of Native American Heritage Month to celebrate American Indian culture in Maryland each November, and the implementation of additional tax credits for foster parents.

Commissioner Murphy's commitment to volunteerism is widely known throughout Charles County, and he has a long history of service to community groups. He founded the Foster Children's Support Fund, and has been a foster parent himself. He has held the positions of chair and board member of the Foster Care Review Board, and the Charles County Council on Aging. He served with distinction on the Charles County Planning Commission, and is a charter member of the Conservancy for Charles County, Inc. He has also been on the Boards of Charles County's Mental Health Authority, and Senior Services of Charles County, Inc. Commissioner Murphy has been a member of the Citizens Advisory Committee for the Comprehensive Plan, the Mattawoman Creek Citizens Advisory Committee, the Charles County AIDS Task Force, the Charles County Chamber of Commerce, and the Waldorf Rotary Club. He has volunteered at Health Partners, Inc., and as an instructor for the Master Parenting Program at the University of Maryland Extension Service. He has also been an advisor on the reopening of Mt. Aventine at Chapman's State Park.

Commissioner Murphy resides in Port Tobacco. He is a proud parent of two daughters, Mollie and Katie, and thoroughly enjoys being a grandfather four times over to Bryce, Maddie, Ryan, and Xavier.

Elected as commissioner president in November 2014, Commissioner Murphy is exceptionally honored to serve the county on the Charles County Board of Commissioners.