Jonathan Barnett is a lifelong resident of Siloam Springs, Arkansas. He has been in construction, real estate development, and property management all his adult life as a self-employed building contractor specializing in residential, commercial, and industrial construction.

Barnett is serving his third term as Arkansas’s National Committeeman on the RNC where he presently serves on the Rules Committee and was on the Leadership Committee of the RNC convention rules. He served on the site selection committee in 2016 and 2020 for the Republican National Convention, and in 2016 on the Committee on Arrangements. Currently he serves on the Executive Committee.

Barnett has attended eleven Republican National Conventions as a delegate from Arkansas since 1972 and has served on the platform committee four times. He also served on the Convention Rules Committee two times and served as chair of the Arkansas Electoral College in 2012 and 2016. He attended all 12 Republican Presidential Primary debates in 2016. Barnett was the first Arkansas Republican to publicly endorse Donald Trump for President, doing so when his lifelong friend, Mike Huckabee, withdrew from the race after Iowa. He was the lead Trump delegate to the Republican National Convention from Arkansas in 2016.

Barnett is currently a member of the NW Arkansas National Airport Board, and a past three-term member of the Arkansas House of Representatives, where he was chairman on the Committee on Public Transportation. In addition, he served on the Joint Budget Committee, the Committee on Insurance and Commerce, and Arkansas State Game & Fish Commission Oversight Committee. He was also a member of the National Council of State Legislatures Energy Task Force for four years where he traveled internationally and domestically to power plants and energy related facilities.

He is a former Chairman of the Arkansas State Highway Commission. During his tenure he served as Chairman of the Special Committee on Commissions and Boards for both the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials.

Barnett was the Legislative 2014 Chairman of American Legion’s Boy’s State program, he is a former Siloam Springs City Councilman, a former Chairman of the Arkansas State Building Services, and a former president of the Siloam Springs Homebuilders Association. He also chaired Mike Huckabee’s campaigns for the US Senate in 1992, the Lt. Governor’s special election in 1993, and the Governor’s race in 1996.

He is a graduate of Siloam Spring’s high school and has a Bachelor of Science degree in Business from John Brown University. He has been married to his wife Christy for 44 years and they have three married children and ten grandchildren.

Barnett is the longest serving Republican Party Member in the State, having been a member of the Arkansas Republican Party since 1972.
Jonathan enjoys airplanes, tailgating at Razorback games, and politics.