



## Press Release

**For Immediate Release – 01/22/20**

---

### **ECWRPC Response to Outagamie County Membership Withdrawal Proposal**

The Commission is well aware of Outagamie County's past and current concerns regarding its annual levy charges and services being provided. Attempts to address these concerns through agency-wide strategic planning were initiated in mid-2019. Based on those meetings held to date the process is taking longer than initially thought. While the Commission has some level of disagreement on the basis for their proposed withdrawal from the organization, ECWRPC nonetheless values the membership of Outagamie County. We are hopeful that we can continue to work together to resolve these issues within our statutory framework.

"Outagamie County is a critical member of the Commission in terms of its geography and its relationship to the Fox Cities metropolitan area, for which the Commission has deep-rooted Federal and State responsibilities for transportation planning" said Commission Chair and Fond du Lac County Board Chair Martin Farrell. He added, "We will continue to work together with Outagamie County Commissioners to find a solution which not only addresses the County's concerns, but also ensures the functionality of the agency's work with respect to its seven other member counties."

**Contact Person:** Eric W. Fowle, AICP – Executive Director

\* \* \*

*The Commission is a quasi-governmental agency created in 1972 by Governor Lucy at the request of the Counties in order to better address planning needs that cross municipal and county borders. The Commission has strong historic roles in transportation, economic development and sewer service area planning.*