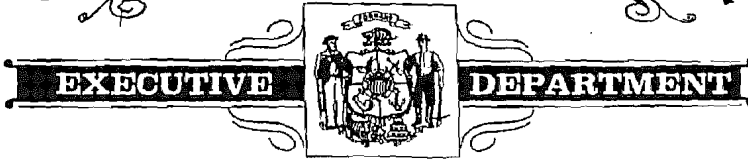


STATE DOCUMENT

The State of Wisconsin



EXECUTIVE ORDER No. 57

Relating to an amendment of Executive Order No. 52

WHEREAS, Wisconsin identified the need to address land use, water quality, transportation and environmental issues on a regional basis more than 40 years ago by authorizing the creation of regional planning commissions; and

WHEREAS, all but six of Wisconsin's 72 counties participate in multi-county regional planning commissions, which have proven to be a valuable resource for local and state government in identifying emerging trends that must be addressed through sound planning; and

WHEREAS, the only counties in Wisconsin that are not included in a multi-county regional planning commission are the five counties that border on Dane County, specifically, Sauk, Dodge, Columbia, Jefferson and Rock counties; and

WHEREAS, the Dane County Regional Planning Commission is the only regional planning commission in Wisconsin that serves only one county rather than a region; and

WHEREAS, the Dane County Regional Planning Commission was created by 1970 Executive Order 22 by Governor Warren Knowles; and

WHEREAS, the inclusion of only one county in the Dane County Regional Planning Commission led to concerns being expressed by towns and small communities in Dane County that the Commission was unfairly dominated by the urban areas of the county; and

WHEREAS, these concerns have grown over time, and resulted in the 1998 adoption of resolutions by 35 communities in Dane County that invoked their right under the statutes to dissolve the Dane County Regional Planning Commission and to withdraw their communities from the jurisdiction of the Dane County Regional Planning Commission; and

WHEREAS, certified copies of all 35 resolutions were filed with the Office of the Governor in August 1998 and have been found to be in proper form; and

WHEREAS, upon receipt of the petitions from a majority of the municipalities in the region and on the finding that adequate provisions have been made for the payment of the debts and outstanding expenses for the regional planning commission the Governor is mandated to dissolve the commission; and

WHEREAS, in 1999 Wisconsin Act 9, section 9158(8w)(e) the Legislature directed that the Dane County Regional Planning Commission would be dissolved at the latest on October 1, 2002; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature in 1999 Wisconsin Act 9, section 9121(1w) directed the Governor to appoint a task force to study and make recommendations regarding the creation of a multi-county regional planning commission to replace the Dane County Regional Planning Commission after its dissolution; and

WHEREAS, the chair of the Task Force has now reported to me by letter dated August 8, 2002, indicating that the work of the Task Force is completed, and on the basis of its review, recommended dissolution of the Dane County Regional Planning Commission; and

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WHEREAS, I found that adequate provisions have been made for the payment of the debts and outstanding expenses of the Dane County Regional Planning Commission and that these provisions were not clearly understood by some individuals; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, SCOTT McCALLUM, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, by the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of this State, do hereby:

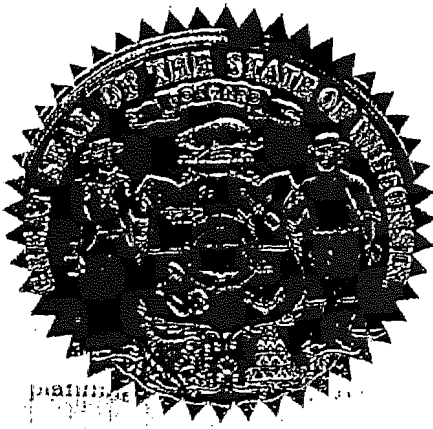
Reiterate that adequate provisions have been made for the payment of the debts and outstanding expenses of the Dane County Regional Planning Commission and list those provisions below.

1. In 1999 Wisconsin Act 9 the Legislature made provisions for the dissolution of the Dane County Regional Planning Commission.
2. Those provisions were, "All unexpended funds of the commission on that date [date of dissolution] shall be applied to any outstanding indebtedness of the commission. If any outstanding indebtedness of the commission remains after the application of the unexpended funds to such debts, the remaining indebtedness shall be assessed to Dane County. If the commission has no outstanding indebtedness and has unexpended funds, such funds shall be returned to the cities, villages, towns or county that supplied them."
3. I found the plan, which was accepted by the Legislature, to be an adequate plan for any debts or funds of the Commission

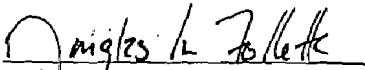
IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this 27<sup>th</sup> day of September in the year two thousand and two.



Scott McCallum  
Governor



By the Governor:



Douglas La Follette  
Secretary of State