Minutes of the Proceedings of the Quarterly Meeting of the Roscommon County Council held at the Courthouse, Roscommon, on Thursday, the 30th November, 1911. at 11-30 o'clock a. m.

Councillor John Fitzgibbon, Chairman presided, and the following Councillors were in attendance :- Galvin, D. J. Kelly, Grogan, Conry, Millar, Gillooly, Shanley, J. P. Maguire, O'Brien, McDonnell, O'Farrell, Killian, Murray, Igoe, Joseph Maguire and Higgins.
Mr. Patrick Webb was present at Meeting.

Proposed by Councillor John Shanley.
Seconded by Councillor Dominick Gillooly.
And Resolved :-
"That the Minutes of last Meeting be taken as read"

Proposed by Councillor John Millar.
Seconded by Councillor John Galvin.
And Resolved :-
"That we beg to offer our sincere sympathy to our worthy and highly esteemed colleague Mr. J. P. Maguire on the death of his highly esteemed brother - Doctor Maguire of Longford."

The following correspondence from the Local Government Board for Ireland were submitted by the Secretary :-
No. 59122. Re substitution of one man's name for another as surety for Road Contractor

Contractor.
The following resolution was passed thereon:-
Proposed by Councillor D. J. Kelly.
Seconded by Councillor Michael Killian.
And Resolved:-
"That the name of Mr. Pat Corbett of Yaughmaconnell be substituted for the name of Mr. William Fallon of Bullenola as surety for Mr. Pat Canty of Esker, Yaughmaconnell - Contractor for Road No. 23. in Athlone No. 2. Rural District and that the Secretary be empowered to perfect a new Bond"

No. 59494. Re loans sanctioned to the County Council.
" 58841. Re Paying Orders "out of date".
" 60014. Enclosing copy of letter received from Mr. T. G. Mc Sherry, Solicitor, Roscommon, relative to limit of expenditure in Strokestown Rural District.
" 60988. Relative to the payment of an
" 61902. account submitted by the Proprietor of the Messenger Printing Works, Roscommon.
" " The Secretary also read letter from the Manager of the Messenger Printing Works.

The following resolution was passed thereon:-
Proposed by Councillor John Galvin.
Seconded by Councillor C. Conroy.
And Resolved:-

"That

"That being satisfied that Mr. Hayden's claim of two sums of £14-2-9 each and the sum of £6-10-0 are justly due as being extra work, not included in his contract, the amount be paid, subject to approval of Local Govern. ment Board"

No. 55620. Enclosing copy memorandum with reference to Motor Car Licence Duties under the Finance (1909-10) Act, 1910.

The following resolution was passed thereon:-

Proposed by Councillor D. J. Kelly.
Seconded by Councillor John Galvin.

And Resolved:-

"That in accordance with the letter No. 55620 from the Local Government Board dated the 20th November, 1911. we hereby resolve that the powers and duties vested in the County Council with reference to Motor Car Licence Duties under the Finance (1909-10) Act, 1910. and the various Revenue Acts relating to same be exercised by the County Council through the General Management Committee of the Council"

No. 62632. Letter enclosing copy of the Auditor's Report on the Accounts of the Committee of Management of the Ballinasloe District Lunatic Asylum for half-year ended the 31st March, 1911.

" 62601. Letter relative to Insurance by Roscommon County Council against Third Party Risks and returning

Draft Bond.
The Secretary also submitted letter from Messrs Boyle & Co. (Brokers) Limited, dated 25th November, 1911. with reference to the matter. The following order was made thereon:- "Bond to be prepared according to Draft and the words specially mentioned to be deleted."

Proposed by Councillor D. J. Kelly.
Seconded by Councillor John Fitzgibbon.
And Resolved:-

"That we again ask the Local Government Board to sanction payment of all poundage fees to Rate Collector, Timulty for several years"

The Collector closed his collection for the September half-year on the 28th November, although he only got his books early in September.

The Council therefore earnestly request the Local Government Board to allow them to pay the Collector all the poundage fees due to him."

The Secretary submitted the following correspondence from Dublin Castle:-
No. 156172. Letter from Inspector General
" " of the Royal Irish Constabulary
" " enclosing Certificates of the sum
" " chargeable for Constabulary
" " Expenses on the County in respect
" " of the half-year ended the 30th September

September, 1911, amounting to £1010-19-6.

No. 20896. Letter from Assistant Under Secretary Dublin Castle, stating that in the opinion of the Lord Lieutenant a new bourthouse is required for Athlone, and asking the bounty bouncil to decide definitely whether they will join with the bounty bouncil of Westmeath in an application under Section 3 & 4 Vict. b. 102 or will they leave it to the bounty bouncil of Westmeath to build the bourthouse, the amount to be paid by bounty Roscommon for its use to be settled later, pursuant to Section 2 of 3 & 4 Vict. b. 102.

The following resolution was passed thereon:-
Proposed by bouncillor William Higgins,
Seconded by bouncillor James Igoe.

And Resolved:-

"That the Lord Lieutenant be requested to receive a deputation from the Roscommon bounty bouncil in reference to the building of a new bourt-house in Athlone and that His Excellency be further requested to cause all proceedings in this matter to cease until the deputation has been heard. The deputation to consist of the following members:- An early date to be requested to meet.

Mr. John Fitzgibbon.

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Mr. Denis J. Kelly.
" Y. A. P. Mapother.
" John Galvin.
" Michael H. Grogan.
" James P. Maguire.

The Secretary submitted applications from Roscommon County Council Scholarship holders for the payment of fees, and letters from the Registrar of University College, Galway, claiming £85 for fees and suggesting that the balances of the Scholarships remaining after the fees have been paid, be paid by monthly instalments to the Scholars. The following resolution was passed thereon:-
Proposed by Councillor John Stanley.
Seconded by Councillor Dominick Gillooly.
And Resolved:-

"That out of the Scholarship fund the College Authorities be paid at this Meeting the whole years fees, and the Scholars as follows:- Two-sevenths of the remainder on this date and one-seventh out of the Subsidary Account at subsequent intervals of a month"

The Secretary submitted letter from the Secretary, Leitrim County Council, enclosing copy resolution passed at the Quarterly Meeting of the Leitrim County Council held on the 15th November, 1911, resolving

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to transfer the sum of £ 144-10-10 to the Hartley Bridge Joint Committee with the Northern Bank, Carrick-on-Shannon, and requesting the Roscommon County Council to make a like transfer.

The following resolution was passed thereon:-
Proposed by Councillor John O'Farrell,
Seconded by Councillor M. H. Grogan,
And Resolved :-

"That we, the members of the Roscommon County Council having before us a copy of resolution passed by the Leitrim County Council that the sum of £ 144-10-10 be transferred to the Hartley Bridge Joint Committee, we direct that the said sum of £ 144-10-10 be transferred out of the General Account of the Roscommon County Council and lodged with the Northern Bank, Carrick-on-Shannon and placed to the credit of the Hartley Bridge Joint Committee"

The Secretary submitted the list of Proposals for payments formulated by the Proposal Committee and the several Rural District Councils :-
Proposed by Councillor D. J. Kelly,
Seconded by Councillor James Igoe,
And Resolved :-

"That the Proposals for payments made by the Proposal Committee of the County Council on the 14th day of November, 1911, and this day submitted to our Council be and are hereby approved"

Proposed

Proposed by Councillor D. J. Kelly.
Seconded by Councillor James Igoe.
And Resolved :-

"That the Proposals for payments as set out on Form 22 for the Quarter ended the 30th September, 1911, made by the Athlone No. 2. Rural District Council on the 4th day of October, 1911, and this day submitted to our Council be and are hereby approved.

Proposed by Councillor D. J. Kelly.
Seconded by Councillor James Igoe.
And Resolved :-

"That the Proposals for payments as set out on Form 22. for the Quarter ended the 30th September, 1911. made by the Ballinasloe Rural District Council on the 21st day of October, 1911, and this day submitted to our Council be and are hereby approved"

Proposed by Councillor D. J. Kelly.
Seconded by Councillor James Igoe.
And Resolved :-

"That the Proposals for payments as set out on Form 22. for the Quarter ended the 30th September, 1911, made by the Boyle Rural District Council on the 3rd day of November, 1911, and this day submitted to our Council be and are hereby approved."

Proposed by Councillor D. J. Kelly.
Seconded by Councillor James Igoe.
And Resolved :-

"That the Proposals for Payments as set out on Form 22. for the Quarter ended the 30th September, 1911, made by the Barrick No. 2. Rural District Council on the 4th day of November, 1911, and this day submitted to our Council be and are hereby approved."

Proposed by Councillor D. J. Kelly,
Seconded by Councillor James Igoe.
And Resolved:-

"That the Proposals for payments as set out on Form 22. for the Quarter ended 30th September, 1911, made by the Castlerea Rural District Council on the 14th day of October, 1911. and this day submitted to our Council be and are hereby approved"

Proposed by Councillor D. J. Kelly.
Seconded by Councillor James Igoe,
And Resolved:-

"That the Proposals for Payments as set out on Form 22. for the Quarter ended 30th September, 1911, made by the Roscommon Rural District Council on the 26th day of October, 1911, and this day submitted to our Council be and are hereby approved"

Proposed by Councillor D. J. Kelly,
Seconded by Councillor James Igoe.
And Resolved:-

"That the Proposals for Payments as set out on Form 22. for the Quarter ended 30th September, 1911, made by the

Strokestown Rural District Council on the 31st day of October, 1911, and this day submitted to our Council be and are hereby approved"

The County Surveyor read the following report re Direct Labour:-

County Surveyor's Office,
Roscommon,
14th November, 1911

County of Roscommon

Local Government (Procedure of Councils) Order, 1899, (as amended) Article 25a.

County Surveyor's Report
to the County Council upon proposed renewal of Direct Labour Scheme for maintenance of public roads and works.

Gentlemen

As the three years term of the existing Direct Labour Scheme will expire on the 31st March next, and the mode of procedure for renewal as prescribed by the Local Government Order occupies some months to carry out, I have to submit for your consideration the accompanying Direct Labour Renewal Scheme.

Before preparing it I obtained from every District Council, at the Quarterly Meetings lately held, an expression of their views in regard to the Direct Labour Work.

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in order that I might embody them as far as possible in making out Renewal Scheme.

The three District Councils which have had their whole Districts worked by Direct Labour under the existing Scheme, viz:- Castlerea, Roscommon and Strokestown are unanimous in approval of the work and agree to renewal at estimate cost not to exceed the amounts allowed for the three years term now almost expired, and with any adjustment of its distribution among the sections, which experience of the work enables me to recommend.

In Boyle District, where only certain selected roads have been maintained by Direct Labour, the Council also expressed their approval of the work and desire that the Direct Labour Work should be continued on those groups of roads, and at the same time authorised me to make any small additions or modifications which experience of the work might enable me to recommend in preparing the Renewal Scheme.

Existing contracts in Athlone and Ballinasloe Districts necessitate a postponement of Direct Labour Work pending the expiration of the contract period, and these two Councils prefer to postpone the introduction of Direct Labour for the present.

Carrick-on-Shannon District Council have not yet tried Direct Labour, and prefer to postpone its consideration for the present.

Therefore I have omitted the Districts of Athlone, Ballinasloe and Carrick-on-Shannon altogether.

from the Renewal Scheme, which is, briefly, as follows:-

Name of District.	Extent of Direct Labour proposed	Existing Annual Allowance £	Proposed Annual Allowance £
Boyle	Same roads as at present, with 4 added and some re-arrangement of the Sections in detail	1945	1945
Castlerea	All roads as at present, but with some re-arrangement of the Sections in detail.	5055	5055
Roscommon	All roads and Sections as at present but a few details and the distribution of expenditure among the Sections are slightly changed	3593	3593
Strokestown	ditto.	3210	3210.

That is the total expenditure proposed in each District is not greater than that allowed under the present scheme, but the distribution of the expenditure in each District among the Sections is slightly re-arranged

arranged where experience of the work enables me to know that such adjustment is advisable

If you approve of the Scheme as recommended by me, your approval is only provisional. The Scheme must be then sent to each District Council concerned for consideration and suggested modification after which it must again come before you in order you may consider the recommendations of the District Councils, and after modifying the Scheme as far as you consider advisable you then issue the Scheme as finally adopted, and with the approval of the Local Government Board, the Scheme, at the appointed time comes into force.

Your obedient Servant,
B. Mulvany M. I. C. E.

Proposed by Councillor John Galvin,
Seconded by Councillor James Igoe,
And Resolved:-

"That we hereby make provisional declaration specifying the roads listed in accompanying Schedule as suitable to be maintained by Direct Labour under the charge of the County Surveyor for three years - from the 1st April, 1912, to the 31st March, 1915; and we formulate the accompanying Scheme for carrying the same into effect"

The County Surveyor read his report for the Quarter ended the 30th September 1911.

Proposed

Proposed by Councillor John Galvin.
Seconded by Councillor T. Conroy.
And resolved :-

"That the Report of the County Surveyor for the Quarter ended the 30th September, 1911. be adopted."

The Secretary submitted letters from the following persons with reference to "road contracts" which were marked "Read"
Mr. Thomas Fallon, Bonafulla, Athlone.
Mr. Thomas Barlow, Weekfield, Kilroosky
Mr. John McDermott, Derryhippo, Breggs.

Proposed by Councillor John Shanley.
Seconded by Councillor Dominick Gilloohy.
And Resolved :-

"That the Proposals for New Works formulated by the Athlone No. 2. Rural District Council and set out on Form 20 dated the 4th day of November, 1911, be and are hereby approved, except the following numbers :- 3. 12. 14, which were rejected. No. 10. was given in charge of the County Surveyor. And we further resolve to enter into contracts in respect of the proposals approved of by us, and we authorise our Secretary to seal this Resolution and the Contracts."

Proposed by Councillor John Shanley.
Seconded by Councillor Dominick Gilloohy.
And Resolved :-

"That the Proposals for New Works formulated by the Roscommon Rural District Council and set out on Form 20. dated the 11th day of November, 1911, be and are hereby approved, except the following number :- 1. which was "Referred Back" to Rural District Council. Nos. 7. 8. 9 were given in charge of the County Surveyor. And we further resolve to enter into contracts in respect of the proposals approved of by us, and we authorise our Secretary to Seal this resolution and the Contracts.

Proposed by Councillor John Shanley
Seconded by Councillor Dominick Gillooly.
And Resolved :-

"That the Proposals for New Works formulated by the Strokestown No. 2. Rural District Council and set out on Form 20. dated the 20th day of November, 1911, be and are hereby approved, except the following number, No. 8. which was "Rejected" Nos. 11, 13 were given in charge of the County Surveyor. And we further resolve to enter into contracts in respect of the proposals approved of by us, and we authorise our Secretary to Seal this Resolution and the Contracts."

Proposed by Councillor John Shanley.
Seconded by Councillor Dominick Gilloply.
And Resolved

"That the Proposals

for New Works formulated by the several Rural District Councils and approved of by us, at our Meeting held this day, in respect of which no contracts were entered into, be placed in the hands of the County Surveyor"

Athlone No. 2. R.D 10
Roscommon " 7, 8, 9.
Strokestown " 11, 13.

The Secretary submitted letters from the Manager, National Bank, Roscommon, relative to the proposed loans of £4,950 and stating that the Directors of the Bank have sanctioned the advances asked for, and enclosing Draft Agreement to be adopted by the Council.

The following resolution was passed thereon
Proposed by Councillor John Shanley,
Seconded by Councillor Dominick Gillooly.
And Resolved :-

"That the National Bank, Roscommon Branch be requested to lend to the County Council the sums of £1300 and £150 for the purpose of purchasing Steam Rolling Plant as sanctioned by the Local Government Board in their letters, dated the 7th January, 1911, No. 64 and 28th October 1911, No. 49376. The sum of £2000 for the purpose of Steam Rolling roads in Roscommon Rural District sanctioned by the Local Government Board in letter dated the 28th October, 1911, No. 52209. The sum of £1500 for the purpose of Steam Rolling roads in the Castlerea

and Strokestown Rural Districts in letter dated the 28th October, 1911, No. 49376.

The above mentioned sums of £1300, £150, £2000 and £1500 making together the sum of £4,950 to be lent to the Council at the rate of 3% per annum. repayment to be spread over the periods as set out in the Local Government Board's letters above referred to. The loans (£1300 and £150) and the loans of £2000 and £1500 to be drawn by the Council from their Treasurer in such instalments as may be from time to time be found necessary as sanctioned by the Local Government Board in their letter dated the 18th November, 1911. No. 59494. The necessary agreement with the Bank for the purpose of perfecting the loan be adopted and signed on behalf of the Council by the Chairman and Secretary and the Seal of the Council to be affixed thereto"

The Treasurer's Advice Notes in respect of payments passed at the meeting were signed

The Secretary submitted letter from Councillor Waters asking to have the Notice of Motion standing in his name on the Agenda "Withdrawn". The Notice of Motion was marked "Withdrawn"

Mr. Webb, who was elected as County Councillor for the County Electoral Division of Lough-glynn at the Elections held on the 6th June, 1911, asked the Chairman to accept a

Declaration of Acceptance of Office made by him on the 30th November, 1911, before two Councillors. The Chairman declined to accept the Declaration. Mr. Webb then handed in another Declaration bearing date – the 3rd July, 1911, made by him before a Chairman of Town Commissioners. The Chairman declined to accept same. The following resolution was passed thereon:-
Proposed by Councillor John Galvin.
Seconded by Councillor D. J. Kelly.
And Resolved :-

"That the Loughglynn and Ballinlough County Electoral Division be declared vacant"

In pursuance of Notice of Motion the following resolution was passed :-
Proposed by Councillor John Millar.
Seconded by Councillor Patrick Murray.
And Resolved :-

"That Mr. J. Harris Rafferty, Kiltoom, be elected member of the County Committee of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for County Roscommon"

The Secretary submitted letters from Messrs Boyle & Co, (Brokers) Limited, re Insurance of Employees, their Tender to indemnify the County Council against all their liability for Accident to Employees in regard to those engaged both directly and indirectly, at a lump sum premium of £110 on the Estimated

Wage

Wage Expenditure of £22.000 with the Legal Insurance Company, Limited.

The following order was made thereon:-
"Accepted, subject to approval of Local Government Board"

The following application of the Secretary that his salary as Secretary be increased to £370, adjourned from the Meeting held on the 14th November, 1911, was submitted and marked "Read"

Secretary's Office,
Courthouse,
Roscommon,
9th November, 1911.

Gentlemen/

I beg to make an application that owing to my length of service in your employment, the manner in which the duties of my Office have been discharged, and the very heavy extra duties placed upon me by Acts of Parliament since I became Secretary and the extra work and responsibility imposed on me by the Direct Labour System that you take into consideration the question of fixing my salary as Secretary at £370. The Committee, whose report will be before you have recommended strongly that I should get a liberal increase, on account of the facts mentioned before.

I am,
Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant.
M. J. Heverin.
Secretary.

The following report of the General Management Committee adjourned from the Meeting held on the 14th November, 1911. to which Committee the Local Government Board's letter dated the 29th August. 1911, relative to increased duties in the Secretary's Office was referred, was submitted and marked "Read".
A letter from the Local Government Board dated the 29th August having reference to the work done in the Secretary's Office and which was laid before the County Council at their Meeting on the 1st September last, having been referred to our Committee, the under-signed members met on the 6th November 1911, and have agreed to the following report:-
Mr. Heverin having made a statement to us regarding the greatly increased duties of his Office, chiefly through the establishment of the Direct Labour System, (which has necessitated the engagement by Mr. Heverin, of one additional clerk permanently, and of others according as occasion requires) but also through the Act of Parliament dealing with Motor Cars and the duties paid under that Act, and from other causes, and having shown to us that the salary attached to his Office was almost, if not quite the lowest paid in Ireland for similar services, we strongly recommend to the County Council

that Mr. Heverin be granted liberal increase to his salary, on account of the increased duties referred to, and also having regard to his length of service, and the very efficient manner in which the work of his Office has been done during the period of his appointment. Being asked to name a figure to which he would expect his salary to be raised, he mentioned £370 per annum, but while we are of opinion that his views should receive every consideration, we do not think it well to recommend the exact amount to which we believe Mr. Heverin's salary should be raised but content ourselves with expressing our opinion that justice and fair play require that the increase should not be of a niggardly character. Regarding the suggestion contained in the letter of the Local Government Board that there should be one or more assistants in the Secretary's Office directly responsible to the Council, we think such suggestion well worthy of consideration, and we desire to add ~~that we desire to add~~ that we believe that the remuneration at present allowed to Mr. Heverin's very able and obliging assistants as entirely inadequate having regard to the nature of their duties and the manner in which they discharge them.

Thos. A. P. Mapother.
D. J. Kelly.
M. H. Grogan,
M. McDonnell.

Letters from the Rural District Councils of Athlone No. 2. Ballinasloe No. 2. Barrick-on-Shannon No. 2. and Castlerea relative to the advances from the Development Fund were marked "Read"

Letter from the Roscommon Rural District Council relative to purchasing ruins for the purpose of widening Lanesboro' and Castle Streets, Roscommon, was "Referred to County Surveyor"

Letter from the Resident Medical Superintendent enclosing copy resolution passed by the Joint Committee of the Ballinasloe Asylum re the acquisition of additional land for the Asylum was marked "Adjourned"

Reports from Inspectors under the Diseases of Animals Acts and Notices of claims for Malicious Injuries were marked "Read"

Letters from the Clerk of Petty Sessions, Headue, re the condition of Headue and Ballyfarnon Sessions Houses were marked "Adjourned to next Meeting.

Letter from Hon. Secretary of the General Synod of the Church of Ireland enclosing copy resolution re University Education was marked "Adjourned to next Meeting"

Copy Resolution from Galway County Council

relative to the improvement of the condition of tenants of uneconomic holdings in close proximity to purchased untenanted land was marked "Approved"

Copy Resolution from the United Irishwomen relative to the appointment of women to serve on Technical Committees of County Councils was marked "Approved"

Copy resolution from Joint Committee of Management of Mullingar District Lunatic Asylum relative to proper classification of insane patients in Asylum was marked "Read"

Copy resolution from the Lord Mayor of Cork relative to National Insurance Bill was marked "Read"

Letters from the following were marked "Read"

Mr. J. J. O'Kelly, M.P.	Re extra Police
" A. E. Boyd	Re Public Liability Insurance
" M. Noone	Re claim for repairs to his artificial limb.
Clerk of Petty Sessions, Londonderry.	Notifying the Council of an application to have children committed to an Industrial School.

The Account Book and Requirement Book were signed by the Chairman.

The following dates were fixed for the next Meetings of the District Councils, the Proposal Committee and the County Council

Athlone	Saturday	January 6th 1912	Noon
Castlerea	Wednesday	" 10th "	"
Roscommon	.	" 14th "	"
Ballinasloe	Saturday	" 20th "	1 o'clock
Strokestown	Tuesday	" 23rd "	Noon
Boyle	Friday	" 26th "	"
Carrick-on-Shannon	Saturday	" 27th "	"

Proposal Committee

Roscommon Wednesday 14th February. 1912. 11.30 a.m

County Council

Roscommon Friday 1st March. 1912. 11.30 a.m

20-12-1911 John Fitzgibbon Chairman