Minutes of Proceedings at Annual Meeting of the Roscommon County Council, held at the Courthouse, Roscommon, on the 21st June, 1920.

Councillor D. J. Kelly, outgoing Chairman presided, and the following were in attendance:- Messrs. J. Brennan, M. Brennan, Colgan, Cox, Creaton, Doyle, Duignan, Gavin, Kenny, B. V. Lavan, A. Lavin, T. Lavin, Neary, Ryan, Shine, Ward, Wacken, Feehily, Mc Cormack, Mc Govern and Oates.

All the Councillors present signed the Statutory Declarations of Acceptance of office.

The Secretary submitted correspondence from the District Clerks relative to the representatives appointed by the District Council

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Proposed by Councillor Micéal MacDarrd, Seconded by Councillor Seán O'Colgáin

And Resolved:-

"That Mr. R. Madden, Knockadoo, be co-opted a member of Roscommon County Council."

Proposed

Proposed by Councillor Patrick Lavin;
Seconded by Councillor Michael Mackey.
And Resolved:-
"That Patrick Ledwith
be co-opted a member of
Roscommon County Council."

Proposed by Councillor D. J. Kelly.
Seconded by Councillor Sean O'Colgain.
And Resolved:-
"That Mr. A. Lavin
be elected Chairman."
The Chairman then made
the Statutory Declaration of
Acceptance of Office."

Proposed by Councillor Denis Keaton.
Seconded by Councillor James J. Kenny.
And Resolved:-
"That Mr. Michael
Brennan be elected Vice-Chairman
of Roscommon County Council."
The Vice-Chairman then
made the Statutory Declaration
of Acceptance of Office."

Proposed by Councillor Aindrias O'Cuinn
Seconded by Councillor Micheal O'Braonain
And Resolved:-
"That we exceedingly
regret our inability to conduct
the business of this Council
in

in the Irish Language. However we can only console ourselves that it is no fault of ours that we are obliged to speak in Bearla.

We therefore pledge ourselves to do all we can to learn the language so that we may yet be able to transact all the business of our Meetings in Irish, and we also pledge our utmost support to the Gaelic League in its efforts to realise an Irish speaking people.

We also pledge ourselves to the following:-

(1) Knowledge of the Irish Language will in future be a special consideration in making all appointments under the County Council.

(2) Headings on all Council papers to be in Irish, and cheques and money orders to be printed entirely in Irish when present supply is exhausted."

Proposed by Councillor M. O'Growney
Seconded by Councillor P. S. O'Hyssey
And Resolved:-

"That

"That this Council of the elected representatives of Roscommon County Council at a duly convened Meeting hereby acknowledges the authority of Dail Eireann as the duly elected Government of the Irish people, and undertake to give effect to all decrees duly promulgated by the said Dail Eireann in so far as same affects this Council. That copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the Republican Minister for Foreign Affairs for transmission to the Governments of Europe and to the President and Chairman of the Senate and House of Representatives of U.S.A"

Proposed by Councillor Seosiu MacCoppuc
Seconded by Councillor Seamus Oates.
And Resolved:-

"That this Council of the elected representatives of Roscommon congratulate the I.R.A. on the many victories they have gained in the field, the many fortresses they have captured and the many general successes they have achieved, that we earnestly hope their arms may be crossed with equal if not greater

greater successes in the future till the final victory is achieved and the Army of Occupation driven from the Country.

That copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Commander-in-Chief of the I.R.A. the President of the United States and the Premier of Great Britain."

The Secretary read letter from Mr. M. H. Grogan stating that he was not accepting the office of County Councillor

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Proposed by Councillor M. O'Brogan
Seconded by Councillor James J. Kenny.
And Resolved:-

"That the entire Council be appointed Finance and Proposal Committee, three to form a quorum. That the Treasurer's Advice Notes for payments out of the Subsidiary Account be signed every fortnight by any three members."

Proposed by Councillor M. O'Brogain
Seconded by Councillor Patrick Gavin.
And Resolved:-

"That the following be appointed on the Diseases of Animals

Annuals Acts Committee:- "The entire Council."

Proposed by Councillor Patrick Lavin,
Seconded by Councillor Thos. Mc. Govern,
And Resolved:-
"That the following be appointed on the General Management Committee:- "The entire Council."
Proposed by Councillor M. O'Brosnan,
Seconded by Councillor James J. Kenny,
And Resolved:-
"That the following be appointed on the Infirmary Committee:- Messrs. Doyle, Neary, Ward, Colgan, Miss Starkey, Cox, P. J. Byrne, Creaton, B. V. Lavan, T. Lavin, J. Brennan, D. J. Kelly, Lavin, Geraghty, M. O'Brosnan, and J. Oates."

Proposed by Councillor Thos. Lavin,
Seconded by Councillor James Oates,
And Resolved:-
"That the following be appointed on the Asylum Committee:- Denis J. Kelly, Patrick Lavin, P. Sedwith, B. V. Lavan, J. J. Kenny, D. Creaton, Rev. M. O'Flanagan Roscommon, and Rev. James Neary. Dunn."

M. O'Brosnan

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The Secretary read letter from the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction relative to the appointment of members on the County Committee of Agriculture and the following resolution was passed :-

Proposed by Councillor Bernd V. Lavan
Seconded by Councillor Denis Keaton.
And Resolved :-

"That the entire Council form the Committee of Agriculture and Technical Instruction with a power of co-option to the number of six. one-fourth to form a quorum"

Proposed by Councillor Denis Keaton.
Seconded by Councillor B. V. Lavan.
And Resolved :-

"That Mr. M. Brennan Mr. Colgan, Mr. Doyle. act on the General Council of County Councils."

Proposed by Councillor Thos. Lavin.
Seconded by Councillor B. V. Lavan,
And Resolved :-

"That the whole Council form a Pension Committee one-fourth to form a quorum."

Proposed

Proposed by Councillor D. J. Kelly.
Seconded by Councillor Denis Beaton,
And Resolved:-
"That the Athlone District Sub-Pension Committee be composed of the following:-
Messrs. William Shine, Michael Macken, Rev. Father O'Beirne, L.G. Athlone, Ven. Archdeacon Keane, P.P. Athlone, Rev. Father Gallagher, L.G. Athlone, Owen Nolan, Connaught Street, Athlone, Michael J. O'Meara, Connaught Street, Athlone, Seán O'Hanley, and D. J. Kelly, Dyrant."

Proposed by Councillor Patrick Gavin,
Seconded by Councillor Jas. J. Kenny.
And Resolved:-
"That the Ballinadee District Sub-Pension Committee be composed of the following:-
Mr. Patk. Gavin, Derryhahan, Thomastown, Athlone.
" Patk. Sedwick, Cappahuse, do. do.
" Francis Kenny, Cunaveigh, Bloomfield, B. shoe
" John Tuohy, Culliagh do. do.
" Edward O'Connor, Ballydangan do
Rev. John Mylott, do do
Mr. Joseph Burke, Ardnagling do
" Michael Kenny, Cloneash, Bloomfield, do
" Kieran Daly, Carnelson, Thomastown, Athlone

Proposed by Councillor Michael Ward,
Seconded

Seconded by Councillor Edward Doyle.
And Resolved:-
"That the Boyle
District Sub-Pension Committee
be composed of the following:-
Mr. M. Ward, Boyle, Mr. J. Feeley, Boyle.
Mr. P. Duignan, Keadue. Rev. Mr. Wagner
Boyle. Canon Sharkey, Boyle,
Rev. T. Flanagan, Lootehall,
Mr. A. Lavin, Ballyfarnon,
Mr. E. Doyle, Crossna, and
Mr. P. McGahuntty, Boyle."

Proposed by Councillor Park. J. Neary.
Seconded by Councillor Seosamh MacCormaic
And Resolved:-
"That the Carrick-
on-Shannon, No. 2. District Sub-Pension
Committee be composed of the
following:-
Mr. Michael Dockery. Lisadorn, Elphin.
" P. J. Neary, Carrow, Elphin
" Seosamh Mac Cormaic, Carrick-on-Shannon
Rev. Father Glynn, Drumlion
Mr. Patrick Dunleavy, Kilmore,
" James Dunn, Ballagh
" Martin Mc Dermott, Drumlion,
" Patrick Kielly, Lootehall,
" Michael Mc Govern, Gunna, Carrick."

Proposed by Councillor Bernd V. Lavan,
Seconded by Councillor Denis Creaton
And

And Resolved:-
"That the following be appointed Old Age Pension Sub-Committee for the Castlerea Rural District save and except the Dispensary Districts of Loughglynn and Ballaghaderreen:-
Mr. Thos. Lavin, Kleggernagh, Frenchpark
" Bernard V. Lavin, Ballintlough
Rev. Father Loftus, Kloonfad
Mr. P. Burke. do
Canon Hanly, Castlerea
Mr. Patrick Heneghan, Ballintlough
Mr. Jack Brennan, Emlagh, Castleplunket
" Thos. McGovern, Willsgrove, Ballintubber
" Frank Forde, Castlerea.

Proposed by Councillor Denis Kreaton.
Seconded by Councillor Sean O'Donovan
And Resolved:-
"That the following be appointed members of the Old Age Pension Sub-Committee for the following part of Castlerea Union. The Dispensary Districts of Ballaghaderreen and Loughglynn:-
Father Gallagher. Ballaghaderreen
Mr. P. J. Beirne do
" P. J. Waters do
" John Kreaton do
Rev. Canon B. Geraghty, Loughglynn
Mr. Andrew Keaveney do.

Mr.

Mr. Denis Creaton, Loughglynn
Rev. Michael O'Beirne, b.b. Lisacul
Mr. Wm. Madden, Borreghal, do "

Proposed by Councillor James Oates,
Seconded by Councillor Thos. Lavin,
And Resolved:-
"That Messrs. J. J. Kenny,
M. O'Gorman, George Geraghty,
Frank Judge, Rev. Canon Cummins,
Father Canny, Father Canny,
Father Finan, P. J. Skally, and
Father Hurley be appointed
members of the Roscommon
Old Age Pension Sub-Committee."

Proposed by Councillor Sean O'Colgain
Seconded by Councillor Michael Ward.
And Resolved:-
"That the following
be appointed members of the
Strokestown District Sub-Pension
Committee:-
Rev. Canon Mc. Dermott, Elphin
" Dean Geraghty, Strokestown
Seamus O'Riain do
Una O'Farrell do
John Cox, Kilkenny, Roosky.
Michael Greene, Quane, Kilglass, Strokestown
Sean S. O'Colgain, Elphin.
Tomas O'Sapeng, Strokestown
Michael Mc. Hugh do

Proposed

Proposed by Councillor John Cox.
Seconded by Councillor M. O'Shaughnessy
And Resolved:-
"That Miss O'Farrell,
Messrs. D. J. Kelly, M. Ward, Miss Starkey,
J. J. Colgan, J. Geraghty, B. V. Lavan,
and J. J. Kenny be appointed
members of the County Roscommon
Insurance Committee."

Proposed by Councillor Denis Keaton.
Seconded by Councillor John Cox.
And Resolved:-
"That Bernard V.
Lavan, Jack Brennan, D. J. Kelly,
James J. Kenny, Canon Cummins,
Father O'Flanagan, Michael Ward,
Michael Brennan, James Oates
and Mr. Doyle, be appointed
members on the University Committee."

Proposed by Councillor Michael O'Shaughnessy.
Seconded by Councillor D. J. Kelly.
And Resolved:-
"That the existing
members of the Agricultural
Council, Messrs. J. W. O'Farrell
and Maguire, representing the
Roscommon County Committee
of Agriculture and Technical
Instruction be asked to retire
as they now cease to represent
the

the people and thereby give the new Committee the powers of appointing two members"

The Secretary read telegram from Miss Sharkey of which the following is a copy:-

Liscannor Roscommon

21st July, 1920

County Council Clerk Heverin Courthouse, Roscommon.

Circumstances unavoidable detained me in Clare. Regret inability of being with new Council to-day. God save the Republic.

Una Sharkey

The following correspondence from the Local Government Board was submitted:-

Letter No. 37408 enclosing copy of the Auditor's Report on the Accounts of Boyle Union for the half-year ended 31st March, 1920.

Letter No. 36714 relative to the construction of the Rockhill Road in the County of Roscommon and stating that they had authorised an advance of £547-7-10

to

to meet the balance of expenditure due on this work when it was closed down in December last.
Letters Nos. 37787, 38373, and 39522 relative to the widening of Basdera Viaduct also letter from Miss and Mr. O'Farrell, Basdera, relative to same. The Secretary explained all the particulars with reference to the widening and the following resolution was passed thereon:-
Proposed by Councillor J. J. Kenny,
Seconded by Councillor Thos. Lawn.
And Resolved:-
"That in reference to Basdera Viaduct propose that no further action be taken in regard to carrying out the work until our new County Surveyor be appointed."
Letter No. 38550 giving sanction to loans of £950 and £550 for the purpose of steam rolling roads in the Rural Districts of Athlone No. 2 and Ballinasloe No. 2 respectively.
Other correspondence was also submitted.

The following correspondence from

from the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction was submitted:-
Letters Nos. 3418 and 673 relative to the Bovine Tuberculosis (Ireland) Order of 1914
Letters Nos 1263 and 1499 relative to arrangements with reference to sheep dipping and correspondence from the Sheep Dipping Inspectors.
The following resolution was passed:-
Proposed by Councillor J. J. Kenny.
Seconded by Councillor M. O. Dwyer.
And Resolved:-
"That the present system dealing with the sheep dipping arrangements be suspended and at the next Meeting a Scheme be formulated for the proper and effective carrying out of sheep dipping. In the meantime we instruct the people to have their sheep dipped in a proper and thorough manner and every effort made to prevent any outbreaks of disease irrespective of any other authority".

Letters from the Irish Land Commission relative to Arrears

arrears due on a farm situated in the Electoral Division of Ballinagh the area of the holding amounting to 216 acres, 1 rood, and 28 perches, arrears £466-14-6. After some discussion it was decided that the Secretary write to the parties concerned to know what they intend doing.
Letter No. 15899 relative to the Weeds and Agricultural Seeds (Ireland) Act, 1909, was submitted.

Proposed by Councillor Thomas Lavin,
Seconded by Councillor James Oates,
And Resolved:-
"That all applications re Annual Revision be forwarded to the Valuation Office."

Proposed by Councillor Denis Beaton,
Seconded by Councillor J. J. Kenny,
And Resolved:-
"That all licences under the Poisons and Pharmacy Act be renewed."

Proposed by Councillor Seosamh MacCormaic
Seconded by Councillor Seamus E. O'Reilly
And Resolved:-
"That the leaf on which a resolution is written which

which condemned the Rising of 1916 be torn from the Book and burned".

The following Amendment was moved :-

Proposed by Councillor M. O'Brien
Seconded by Councillor Patrick Lavin.

"That we, the members of the Roscommon County Council in Meeting assembled on June 21st. 1920, condemn in the strongest manner possible the resolution passed by the Roscommon County Council on the 16th May. 1916, condemning the Rebellion against British Rule in Dublin in Easter Week 1916 and while we strongly desire to eliminate it from the Minute Book and burn it, we feel at the same time that our purpose will be better served and the perfidy of the men who passed the resolution better exposed by having it retained as at present in the Minutes with a copy of this resolution sealed on it with the Seal of the County Council."

The Amendment was then put to the Meeting and the following voted for :- Councillors J. Brennan, M. Brennan, Beaton, Lavin.

Lavin, Kelly, Kenny, B. V. Lavan and Mc Lynem. The following voted against:- Councillors Colgan, Doc. Doyle, Duignan, A. Lavin, T. Lavin, Neary, Ward, Feehily, Mc Cormack and Oates.

The Amendment was then declared "Lost" by 8 votes to 11, and the Motion was put to the Meeting as a resolution and carried and the page of the Minute Book containing the Resolution was burned by Councillor Mc Cormack.

Proposed by Councillor Seay S. O'Colgan
Seconded by Councillor J. E. Feeley,
And Resolved:-

"That we, the members of the Roscommon County Council wish to place on record our appreciation of the action of the Railway employees and Transport workers in refusing to handle the munitions of war for the destruction of the people of Ireland and we pledge our support to and ask the people of the County Roscommon to assist by every means in their power, those men who are carrying on the fight"

Proposed by Councillor Seosamh MacCopuis,
Seconded

Seconded by Councillor Semyup O'Tierney
And Resolved:-
"That the Sub-Sheriff being an agent of the High Sheriff and having given assistance to the Army of Occupation in occupying the Courthouse propose that the County Council cancel the salary paid to the Sub-Sheriff for the future."

Application from the Veterinary Inspectors for an increase on their pre war salaries was submitted and marked "Adjourned"

Report from Sir Charles Cameron was submitted.
Application from the Hibernian Insurance Company stating that they were in position to offer a discount of 10% on Insurance premiums subject to the Insurance being left with them for a period of 5 years the premium being paid annually in advance as at present was Refused.

Claims for Malicious Injuries and reports of the police thereon were submitted and the following resolution

resolution was passed:-
Proposed by Councillor Seamus O'Riain
Seconded by Councillor Seosamh MacCumhaic.
And Resolved:-
"That the Council instruct its Solicitor not to defend any Malicious Injury Claims arising out of the state of war existing between the Republican Forces and the army of occupation that the claim for the burning of the Ballaghaderreen Courthouse be not proceeded with, and that all correspondence re claims for Malicious Injury arising out of aforementioned war be burned on receipt."

Proposed by Councillor Seosamh MacCumhaic
Seconded by Councillor Padraig S. O'Maoldomhnaigh
And Resolved:-
"That all officials of the Council be instructed to supply no information to the Collectors of Income Tax and that any requisition forms which have been received from them be produced for the Council to destroy."

Proposed by Councillor J. E. Feely,
Seconded by Councillor Jas. McCormack
And Resolved:-
"That

"That disputes between the Roscommon County Council and the general public be submitted in future to Arbitration Boards appointed by An Dail"

Proposed by Councillor Seamus O'Ruairc
Seconded by Councillor Seosamh MacCormaic
And Resolved:-

"That as the Angus mines are in our area and as the development of the industries of our country should claim our first consideration propose this Council invite Mr. Darrell Figgis, Secretary of the Commission of Inquiry into the industries and resources of Ireland to visit our country to inquire as to the possible development of the said mines and that whatever assistance the Council can give from their engineers or otherwise be given."

The Secretary read following copy of resolution passed by the Cork Corporation and it was proposed by Councillor D. J. Kelly and seconded by Councillor B. V. Lavan and adopted:-

(1) The so-called law of compensation which

which exists in no other civilised country, whereby the community is fined and penalised for acts of individuals, including even the criminal activities of foreign police and military.
(2) The kidnapping and imprisonment of untried and unconvicted men, women and children, and the attempts to capture and assassinate men engaged in the civic administration of the country.
(3) The organisation of the so-called police force which recent verdicts and events have proved to be a Murder Society, whose object is the destruction of all law and order, and we call upon every public Body in Ireland to endorse this Resolution, and to forward it to the Irish Bishops."

Proposed by Councillor M. O'Byrnes
Seconded by Councillor Denis Creaton.
And Resolved:-
"That the Time Sheets in respect of fortnight ended 28th May be signed on to-morrow by any three members of the Finance Committee."

Proposed

Proposed by Councillor Patrick O'Rourke
Seconded by Councillor Patrick O'Connor
And Resolved:-
"That the Secretary of this Council be directed to forward a copy of the agenda to the Secretaries of the North and South Roscommon Executive of Sinn Fein at the time it is being sent to the Councillors and a copy of the Minutes be sent Dail Eireann"

The Secretary read letter from Mr. Harry Rogers, Kilmore, Kilmeena withdrawing his resignation as sheep dipping Inspector, was marked "Received".

The following Notice of Motion in Mr. Kenny's was handed in:-
"That the Secretary furnish at next Meeting the names of the several officers, salaries of each under the various heads, years of service, emoluments, etc. in the employment of the County Council"

(Signed) J. J. Kenny

Proposed by Councillor Seán S. O'Colgan
Seconded by Councillor Seosamh MacCormaic
And

And Resolved :-

"That we appoint Messrs. W' Brannan, Kenny, and Geraghty to seal and sign the Rate Collectors Warrants"

Andrew S. Ohlsson
Chairman