Minutes of Proceedings of Meeting of the Roscommon County Council held at the Courthouse, Roscommon, on the 18th August, 1920.

Councillor A. Lavin, Chairman presided and the following were in attendance:- Councillors M. Brennan, Colgan, Cox, Duignan, Geraghty, Greene, Kenny, Neary, Ward, Feehily, Mc Dermack, Oates and Miss Sharkey.

The Statutory Declarations of Acceptance of office were signed by Miss Sharkey and Councillor M. Greene.

Proposed by Councillor M. O'Gpsonan
Seconded by Councillor George Geraghty
And Resolved:-
"That the Minutes of last two Meetings be taken as read".

The following correspondence from the Local Government Board was submitted:-
Letter No. 42SHY relative to the Capital Grant in Aid of the provision of residential accommodation for tuberculosis patients.

Letter

Letter No. 42414 enclosing copy of letter from the Ministry of Labour asking that the ex-service men working on the Rockhill Colliery Road be paid weekly.

Letter No. 42008 sanctioning payment of full poundage fees to Collector Drury in respect of the collection of the 1st moiety of the rates for the year ended 31st March, 1920.

Letters Nos. 42008, 45547, 46434, re Collector John Tyler's balance of poundage fees for September, 1919, half-year and asking to be furnished with medical certificate regarding his illness, and adjourning the matter until the completion of the current half-year's collection.

Letter No. 46153 returning the refund lists of the different rate Collectors with the rulings of the Board stamped thereon.

Letter No. 45944 Superannuation allowance to Mr. Patrick Drury late rate Collector in County Roscommon, and stating same may be paid from the date on which he

he ceased to hold office.

Letter No. 45989 re security of the poor rate collectors in Roscommon County and stating that the Board are in communication with the London & Lancashire Insurance Company.

Letter No. 46838 enclosing copy of the Auditor's Report on the Accounts of the Roscommon County Council for the half-year ended 30th September 1919.

Letter No. 4122/M Circular letter stating that the Government have given the Board explicit instructions that no loans or grants from public funds for any purpose shall be made by the Local Government Board to any local authority without a definite assurance that they will submit their accounts to audit and be prepared to conform to the Rules and orders of the Local Government Board as heretofore.

The following resolution was passed thereon:-

Proposed by Councillor S. McCormack.

Seconded

Seconded by Councillor Aogán O'Rubgeanna.
And Resolved:-
"That the correspondence re loans from the Local Government Board be immediately burned."
The letter was torn from the file and burned by members of the council.
Letter No. 6902 forwarding result of the examination received from the Civil Service Commissioners of the candidates for the position of County Surveyor, and stating that the election of a County Surveyor may now be proceeded with.
The following resolution was passed:-
Proposed by Councillor M. O'Braonáin.
Seconded by Councillor G. Geraghty.
And Resolved:-
"That An Rúnaí Eigeann be asked if their Department in Local Government is satisfied as to the present system of examination and the manner in which candidates are not allowed to sit for the qualifying examination for County Surveyorship. As the position is now vacant in this

this bounty same to be unfilled until such time as the department of Ag Dept issues its instructions on the subject, and if thought necessary have a new examination held by whatever engineering authority Ag Dept thinks entitled to carry out such examination."

The Secretary submitted the following correspondence from the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction:-

Letter No. 1499 asking whether the usual arrangements for Sheep Dipping in bounty Roscommon came up for consideration at the Meeting held on the 21st June.

Letter No. 1575 enclosing scale of fees prepared by the Veterinary Medical Association of Ireland and sanctioned by the Department in connection with the Bovine Tuberculosis (Ireland) Order of 1914.

The following resolution was passed:-

Proposed by Councillor W. O'Donovan.
Seconded by Councillor G. Geraghty.
And Resolved:-

"That

"That Declaration Forms be procured by the Secretary, County Council re sheep Dipping. same to be delivered to each County Councillor for his area, who will in turn deliver to the Irish Volunteers to have handed into the house of every sheep owner in the County with a requisition that the dipping be properly and efficiently carried out and the Declaration Forms duly filled and taken to the fairs and markets."

Application from the Veterinary Inspectors in the County for increase of salary was submitted and marked "Read".

Letters from the Irish Land Commission relative to arrears due on a farm in Ballinagh Electoral Division and letters from the owners on the same subject were submitted and the following resolution was passed:-

Proposed by Councillor M. O'Gorman,
Seconded by Councillor A. O'Hanlon,

And Resolved:-

"That the Secretary

of

of the bounty bouncil make out an Order demanding payment of the sums due by the Kenny Brothers on the farms of Gortnasoolhoy and Boolnageer, same to be placed in the hands of the Registrar of the Local Republican Land bommission bount to have carried out by the Irish Volunteers."

The Seeretary submitted the following Reports:-
Quarterly Report of the Public Analyst
Report of the bounty Inspector showing free and extra force in the bounty,
Reports from the Resident Medical Superintendent, Pearmount, on patients sent to the Sanatorium.
Proposed by bouncillor Jas. J. Kenny.
Seconded by bouncillor James Oates,
And Resolved:-

"That we hereby ratify the action of our Seeretary in sending the following patients to Pearmount Sanatorium and hereby agree to payment of their maintenance whilst undergoing treatment:-
Laurence Gaffney, Frenchpark.
Mrs. Woods, Ballaghaderreen,
Mrs.

Mrs. Kelly, Frenchpark.
Mrs. Quinn, Ballaghaderreen.
Miss. Rogerson, Ballyforan.
Miss. Raine, Corbally.
Mrs. Caulfield, Ballaghaderreen.

The Secretary read letter from the Secretary of Pearmount Sanatorium stating that the charge for patients sent to the Sanatorium from the 1st August will be at the rate of 42/= weekly. The following order was made thereon:- "Approved".

The Secretary read the following letter from the Chairman and Mr. Colgan with reference to the preparation of the Jurors Lists in the County:-

Copy

County of Roscommon.

The Secretary.
Roscommon County Council,

Sir,

We, the undersigned members of the Roscommon County Council hereby ask you not to proceed with the preparation of the Jurors Lists until the County Council at their next Meeting decide as to what action is to be taken in regard to same. We hereby request that

that this matter be included in the agenda of next Meeting.

Dated this 13th day of July, 1920.

(Signed) Ainsgne S. O'Lainn (b. man)
Seas S. O'Colgain

A resolution was proposed that the officials be requested not to attend the Revision Sessions and after consultation the resolution was withdrawn.

The Secretary submitted Report of the Conference held at the Courthouse, Roscommon, on the 29th July, 1920, between the County Council and Colonel Moore and Mr. Darrel Figgis on behalf of the Commission of Inquiry into the resources and industries of Ireland, also minutes of a special meeting of the Leitrim County Council relating to same, and a letter addressed to the Chairman from the North Roscommon Executive recommending the following persons to be approved of on the Committee appointed to deal with the matter, namely, Rev. Father Meehan, P.P. Keadue, Rev. Father Roddy, C.C. Geevagh, Mr. A. Lavin, Chairman County Council, Mr. P. J. Duignan and

Mr.

Mr. Joseph Mc. Donnacha. The letter was marked "Adopted".

A number of Claims for Malicious Injuries and Reports of the Police on same were submitted and burned by some members of the bounty bounail.
Proposed by bounaillor S. Mac Cormaic,
Seconded by bounaillor George Geraghty.
And Resolved:-
"That all Malicious Injury Claims and Reports of the police on same submitted to us to-day be burned".

The Secretary read application from Mr. M. Healy, Organiser Irish Transport and General Workers Union, for an increase of wages for men engaged on Direct Labour in the bounty Roscommon.
Mr. Healy was present at the Meeting and made a statement.
Proposed by bounaillor George Geraghty.
Seconded by bounaillor S. Mac Cormaic.
"That all road labourers wages in future be £-2-2-0 per week and all gangers be paid £-2-10 per week to start from next fortnight."
The following Amendment was

was moved:-
Proposed by Councillor P. J. Neary,
Seconded by Councillor Jas. J. Kenny,
"That bona-fide
labourers get 36/- weekly and that
farmers or farmers sons be only
employed where genuine labourers
cannot be had and that gangers
get 50/- per week."

The Amendment was then
put to the Meeting and the
following voted for same:-
Councillors M. Brennan, Kenny
and Neary.

The following voted against:-
Councillors Colgan, Duignan,
Geraghty, Greene, A. Lavin,
Mc Dermack and Sharkey. The
following did not vote:-
Councillors Ward and Oates.

The Amendment was then
declared Lost and the original
Motion was then put to the
Meeting and carried as a
Resolution:-
Proposed by Councillor George Geraghty,
Seconded by Councillor Seosamh MacCormaic
And Resolved:-
"That all road
labourers wages in future be
£2-2 per week and all gangers be
paid £2-10 per week to start from
next

next fortnight."

Letter from the Ministry of Pensions notifying the County Council of the appointment of persons to be members of the Roscommon Local War Pensions Committee was submitted, and no order was made thereon.

In pursuance of Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor Kenny the Secretary read the names of the several officers and the salaries of each.

In pursuance of Notice of Motion from Councillor M. Brennan that the resolution fixing the quorum of the County Committee of Agriculture and Technical Instruction be rescinded and the number "five" be substituted, was submitted and the following resolution was passed thereon:-
Proposed by Councillor M. O'Gorman,
Seconded by Councillor Sean S. O'Colgan.
And Resolved:-
"That the quorum of our Committee of Agriculture and Technical Instruction be reduced to five."

Proposed

Proposed by Councillor Seán S. O'Colgáin.
Seconded by Councillor Michael Greene.
And Resolved:-
"That the Agricultural and Technical Instruction Committee be authorised to appoint five more members to their Body."

Letters from Messrs. McDonagh and Boland, Dublin, asking the Council to give their Insurances into their hands was submitted and the following order was made thereon:- "When Insurances expire Messrs. McDonagh and Boland will be communicated with."

Letter from Doctor O'Donoghue claiming payment of his fee for examining a lunatic was submitted, and applications for payment from the Volunteers for conveying lunatics to Ballinasloe Asylum were also submitted and in each case the order made was that same be referred to the District Council or Guardians.
Proposed by Councillor M. O'Gorman
Seconded by Councillor Jas. J. Kenny.
And Resolved:-
"That

"That in future lunatics be admitted to Ballinasloe Asylum on the committal signature of any County or District Councillor in County Roscommon and claims for conveyance etc. be sent to the District Council of the District."

The following letter from Collector B. V. Doyle was submitted:-

Athlone.
18th March, 1920.

Mr. Chairman & Gentlemen,

I would respectfully ask you to pay my poundage at the rate of ½d in the £ for year ended March, 1919.

Owing to the lateness of receiving the Rate Books 14th July, 1919, I found it impossible to have one-third of same lodged by the 31st July. Also I have but three ratings in my Collection District over £100 Valuation. It is a very poor District and the ratings are very small.

I enclose a Doctor's Certificate as to my illness during the Collection. I may also state that all other Collectors who had not lodged the one-third have been paid, and I am sure that the

the Council will give me equal treatment.

I am, Gentlemen,
Your obedient Servant,
(Sgd) B. V. Doyle,
Rate Collector.

The following order was made on above:- "Recommend to be paid."

Proposed by Councillor M. O'Donovan
Seconded by Councillor S. MacCormac,
And Resolved:-

"That as we understand the Congested Districts Board is about to divide the lands in their possession immediately, we would ask that Board in order to avoid any dispute between claimants for holdings, to forward to a Committee of this Council the names of the persons to whom they purpose giving land for their approval."

The Secretary read letter from Mrs. Guthrie, Hillstreet, stating that she required the Courthouse at Hillstreet for her own use and the following order was made thereon "Received."

Proposed

Proposed by Councillor James J. Kenny,
Seconded by Councillor Patrick S. O'Hyderig
And Resolved:-

"That the Landlords of Petty Sessions Houses are hereby notified that the use of these buildings is no longer needed and that the County Council will not be responsible for the payment of rent in connection with same for any period subsequent to the 30th September, 1920.

That Bourkeepers be notified that their services be dispensed with, and that they be notified that their appointments terminate on September, 30th 1920, from which date we will not be responsible for their salaries."

Proposed by Councillor J. E. Feely,
Seconded by Councillor Una Ui Seasnag.
And Resolved:-

"That three members of the County Council viz. Messrs. Duignan, Lavin and Mc Cormack be empowered to settle the dispute with John Leydon re his house on the Rockhill road."

Proposed by Councillor Michael Greene,
Seconded by Councillor Patrick O'Dubgeirg
And Resolved:-

"That

"That inasmuch as the Army of Occupation seized upon the shop goods of the Sharkey Sisters of Strokestown to the value of £3,450 and having admitted their liability as they have offered the sum of £250 in compensation, we, the members of the Roscommon bounty bouncil now call upon the British Military Authorities to pay in full value of the goods seized."

The following Notice declaring the bounty Electoral District of Castlerea vacant owing to the resignation of Mr. M. H. Grogan ~~and we further declare to fill the vacancy at the next Meeting of the bounty bouncil~~ was made:-

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"That we, the Roscommon bounty bouncil, hereby declare vacant the office of bounty bouncillor for the bounty Electoral District of Castlerea, owing to the resignation of Mr. M. H. Grogan and we further declare to fill the vacancy at the next Meeting of the bounty bouncil.

Dated

Dated the 18th day of August, 1920.
(Signed) Aindrias O'Lunyn, Chairman.
Mrcest Mc se Cuppo
Mrcest Greene.

The following Notice of Motion was handed in:-

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"Take Notice that at the next Meeting of the County Council we will move that the County Council pay the travelling expenses of any member attending Meetings of the County Council or any delegate attending any Meeting appointed by the County Council a radius of five miles (Irish).

(Signed) James J. Kenny,
Michael Ward.

The Chairman handed the Secretary the following Notice to call a Special Meeting of the County Council for the 24th August 20

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"That a Special Meeting of the County Council be called for the 24th August at 4 p.m. to consider the finances and co-opt a member in room of Mr. M. H. Grogan.

A. Chairman
Chairman