Minutes of Proceedings of Meeting of the Roscommon County Council, held at the Courthouse, Roscommon, on Wednesday, 30th April, 1924.

Mr. M. O' Braonain, Chairman, presided, and the following members were in attendance:- Councillors Colgan, Burke, Kelly, Kenny, Neary, Ryan, Moran, and Ledwith.

Proposed by Councillor Seary O' Colgany, Seconded by Councillor Seary De Burca,

And Resolved:-

"That the Minutes of the Proceedings of Meetings, held on the 26th February, 1924, and 11th March, 1924, be taken as read."

The following correspondence from the Ministry of Local Government was submitted:- Letter No. G. 6777 re proposed superannuation to Mr. John Cox, ex- Rate Collector. The following Notice of Motion was moved by Mr. O' Colgan:-

(Copy)

"Take Notice that I, or some other County "Councillor on my behalf, will move at the "County Council Meeting to be held on the "30th April, 1924, that Mr. John Cox, ex Rate "Collector be awarded superannuation according "to scale."

(Signed) Seary O' Colgany.

Proposed by Seay O' Colgain,
Seconded by Seay De Burca,
And Resolved:-
"That Mr. Cox,
exc- Rate Collector be paid superannuation
according to scale."

Circular stating that liability for payments of
pensions of persons removed from Office during
the period 1919/1921 rests with Local bodies.
The following order was made thereon:-
"Refused."

Letter No. S. 11572 re award of a Pension of
£250 to Mr. M. J. Keverin former Secretary of
the County Council. The following order was
made thereon. "Refused."

Letter No. G. 9720 re rents due to Mr. M. J. Kelly
Ballyforan Sessions House, and asking that
same be paid. The following order was made
thereon:- "To be paid £9."

Letter re rate for Irish Language.
Letter No. G. 6779 enclosing copies of orders
dissolving the Roscommon Town Commissioners,
also letter enclosing petition from town residents
re contemplated change of fairs in the town
of Roscommon.
The Secretary of the Advisory Committee
submitted a Report (copy herewith) and the
following resolution was passed thereon:-

Proposed by Councillor M. O' Braonain,
Seconded by Councillor J. J. Colgain,
And Resolved:-
"That the Report of the Sub-Committee of the County Council in relation to the affairs of the Roscommon Town Commissioners as regards Nos. 1, 2, 5, 6, 8, and 9 be adopted, and that Nos. 3 and 4 be adjourned for the present and No. 7 does not presently apply."

Only one Tender was received for the grazing of the Fair Green, from Mr. Thomas Higgins and same was accepted at £17 per annum.

Two Tenders were received for the letting of the Weighbridge, and Miss Annie McDonnacks tender at £28 being the highest was accepted.

Proposed by Councillor M. O' Braonain,
Seconded by Councillor P. S. O' Naradaig,
And Resolved:-
"That the Local Government Department be asked to draft a Scheme embodying the relationship of the County Council Accounts and the late Town Commissioners Accounts. The services of the Town Clerk - Mr. McDermott - and the Rate Collector - Mr. Talbot - are being retained (as advised) and the Council wish to know in what way the administration is to be conducted."

Letter No. R/8. 25. sanctioning limits of road

expenditure in the County.

Letter No. G. 10314 re state of the Rate Collection in the County. The Secretary reported that a sum of £49, 200 approximately was outstanding in respect of all rates due to the 31st March, 1924. The following Report of the Rates Committee was submitted:-

(Copy).

Collector O' Hara.

Recommend above be paid at the rate of 8d in the £ for year ended March, 1924. Sanction to be sought from L. G. Department. We also recommend a previous balance withheld £4. Sanction to be sought. M. O' Braonain

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Collector P. Bewnie.

Recommend above Collector be paid at the rate of 8d in the £. for two years Collections as he is most satisfactory.

M. O' Braonain.

Collector E. Doyle.

Recommend poundage for September 1922, and March 1923, be paid at the rate of 8d in the £, as his books were seized, and his collection is satisfactory.

M. O' Braonain.

Collector J. Murray.

Recommend payment at the rate of 8d in the £, for September, 1922, and March 1922, as he closed whole years collection inside four months. Payment for March 1922 at the rate of 6d.

M. O' Braonain.

Collector Hanly.

Recommend payment at the rate of 8d for years ended March, 1923, and March, 1924, as he is a most satisfactory Collector, and although his Books were seized, he had his accounts closed in good time.

M. O' Braonain.

Collector M. P. Rake.

Recommend payment of poundage to above for year September 1922, and March 1923, at the rate of 8d, as he had two moieties lodged inside nine months. Sanction to be sought.

M. O' Braonain.

Collector F. Fleming.

Recommend payment of poundage to above for year September 1922, and March 1923, at the rate of 8d in the £ as he had two moieties lodged inside nine months, and same rate for September 1923, as this Moiety was lodged inside three months. Sanction to be sought.

M. O' Braonain.

Collector C. L. Devanny.

Recommend payment of poundage to above for year ending March 1924, at the rate of 8d in the £. Sanction to be sought.

M. O' Braonain.

Collector Connaughton.

Recommend payment for March 1923, at the rate of 8d in the £, as Collector had lodged inside four months with exception of amounts due on book of Refunds held up, also recommend payment at same rate for September 1923. Sanction to be sought. M. O' Braonain.

Collector William Fleming.
Half-year ended September 1921. Pay Collector Fleming balance of poundage due £10.16.6.
M. O' Braonain.
If Checker certifies Mr. Fleming has closed for half-year ending March 1922, the Collector be paid his poundage at the usual rate of 6d.
M. O' Braonain.
Sanction of the L. G. Department to be sought for above payments. M. O' Braonain.
Mr. Fleming's services to be dispensed with as his Collection is most unsatisfactory
M. O' Braonain.

Collector P. J. Fallon.
Poundage at the rate of 6d to be paid for year ending March 1922. L. G. D. sanction to be sought. M. O' Braonain
Collector Fallon's Collection to be closed, and his new Books in hands before the 28th April. or the Committee will recommend dismissal.
M. O' Braonain.

Collector O' Brien.
To attend Checker Saturday next.

Collector Geraghty.
Recommend payment for September 1922. and March 1923. at rate of 6d. Sanction to be sought.
M. O' Braonain.

Collector M. Murray.
Recommend payment at rate of 8d in the £. for half-years ending, September 1922, and March 1923, as both moieties were lodged inside six months, although his Books were

seized. Sanction to be sought.

M. O' Braonain.

Collector M. Kelly.

Recommend payment for year ending March 1923, at rate of 6d in the £, although a sum of £55 is still outstanding, as it is due on bankrupt property:- J. J. Corcannon, Castleplunket. Sanction to be sought.

M. O' Braonain.

Collector P. Egan.

Recommend payment for March, 1923, at the rate of 6d in the £. Sanction to be sought.

M. O' Braonain.

Collector B. V. Doyle.

Recommend payment of poundage fees for half-year ending March, 1922 at the rate of 6d in the £, and for September 1922 and March 1923 at the rate of 8d in the £, he closed full year's collection inside ~~nine~~ seven months.

M. O' Braonain.

Collector W. Dolan.

Recommend payment of poundage fees for September 1922, and March 1923. at rate of 8d in the £, as he closed his year's collection inside nine months.

M. O' Braonain.

Collector J. Martin.

Recommend payment of poundage fees for March 1922, at the rate of 6d in the £ for September 1922, and March 1923, at the rate of 8d in the £ as he closed his collection in four months.

M. O' Braonain.

Reps. of Collector Croghan.
Recommend payment for September 1922, and March 1923, at the rate of 6d in the £.
M. O' Braonain.

Collector P. G. Shanaghe.
Recommend payment for half year March 1922 at the rate of 6d in the £, and September 1922 and March 1923, at the rate of 8d in the £, as he closed his year's collection inside nine months.
M. O' Braonain.

Collector P. Egan.
Recommend payment at the rate of 8d in the £ for September 1922, and March 1923, as he closed his collection inside nine months.
M. O' Braonain.

Collector J. Tyler.
Recommend payment for September 1922, and March 1923, at the rate of 8d in the £, as he closed his year's collection inside 8 months.
M. O' Braonain.

Collector Cox.
Recommend payment at the rate of 6d in the £, for March 1922, and at the rate of 8d for September 1922, and March 1923, as he closed year's collection inside four months.
M. O' Braonain.

Collector Drury.
Recommend payment for September 1922, and March 1923, at the rate of 8d in the £, as he lodged full year's collection in six months.
M. O' Braonain.

Collector J. McDermott.

Recommend payment at the rate of 6d in the £ on amounts collected as certified for March, 1921, September 1921 and March 1922, when Collector Kelly has closed for these periods.

M. O' Braonain.

Collector O. Donlon.

To be paid at the rate of 6d in the £ for September 1923, and March 1924.

M. O' Braonain.

The above Report was adopted by County Council at Meeting on the 30th, April. Mr. W. Fleming recommended for dismissal be given until next Meeting 21st May.

Proposed by Councillor James J. Kenny,
Seconded by Councillor Seay De Burca,
And Resolved:-

"That the position of Collector of Rates for Cloonygormacain, Lanaman, and Rosmaylan be advertised and the position will be filled at next Meeting of the County Council.

Proposed by Councillor M. O' Broanain.
Seconded by Councillor J. J. Colgain.
And Resolved:-

"That Mr. McSherry, Solicitor, Roscommon, be employed in the Rate Collection defalcation case against the Insurance Company. In the event of Mr. McSherry not agreeing to act, the Secretary be empowered to select another Solicitor."

Circular No. G. 17451/1924 enclosing copy of the Local Government Collection of Rates Act, 1923. The following resolution was passed thereon:-

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Proposed by Councillor M. O' Braonain,
Seconded by Councillor E. Moran,
And Resolved:-

"That a notice relating to unpaid rates be drafted, printed, and posted up in every District in the County and also inserted in the local Press in accordance with the terms of the Local Government Collection of Rates Act, 1924."

Proposed by Councillor Seay O' Colgain,
Seconded by Councillor James J. Kenny,
And Resolved:-

"That with the sanction of the Minister of Local Government, a temporary Overdraft be obtained from the National Bank, Roscommon, on the Council's Account, not to exceed for Principal £15,000 to bear Interest at the rate of 4% to be repaid as rates come in."

Letter No. S.G.A/25 re County Roscommon Trunk Road Grant, £28,200. The wages authorised by the Department were approved of at 28/- per week.

Proposed by Councillor M. O' Braonain,
Seconded by Councillor Seamus O' Riain.
And Resolved:-
"That a loan of £5,000 be obtained from the National Bank, Roscommon, for the purchase of Steam-rolling Plant, the Loan to extend to a period of 5 years, the rate of Interest, to be at the rate of 4% per annum."

Letter No. P. 12942 enclosing copy of Letter from Mr. Patrick Mannion, ex-School-Teacher, Castlerea Union, asking for back payment of his pension. The following order was made thereon:- "Payment to be retrospective."

Letter No. G. 11,559 sanctioning Mr. T. J. Kelly, as Rate Collector.

Letter No. 13368 enclosing Paying Order for the sum of £9205. 12. 10 Agricultural Grant for half-year ended 31st March, 1924.

Letter No. G. 15368 enclosing copy of letter received from Mr. L. McDermott re claim for rent from July, 1920, to December, 1922.

Letter No. P. 11398 enclosing copy of an Order determining the amount of Pension payable to Mr. James Cosc, ex Clerk of Boyle Union. The following order was made thereon: "Approved."

Letter No. G. 11792 enclosing copies of Orders under Seal extending the time within which

the Council may pay Messrs Neary, Diffley and Kelly. The following order was made thereon:- "Refused." Copy of Assistant Surveyor's letter herewith:-

(Copy)

Assistant Surveyor's Office.
Strokestown.

P. J. Gilloly, Esq.
Secretary to Council.

24th April, 1924.

Dear Sir,

The Muckinagh bye-road was set by Contract to Messrs Gardiner & Stewart, in accordance with my Specification. They worked two days cutting bushes, and were then warned off by those men who live in Muckinagh, who want this bye-road to be included in our Direct Labour Scheme.

No instructions were given to Messrs Neary Diffley, and Kelly, or to any others, but the contractors.

Yours faithfully,
(Signed) J. McDonagh.

Letter enclosing copy of the Workhouse Land and Buildings (Shortlettings) Order 1924. The following order was made thereon:- "In accordance with Workhouse Land & Buildings Order, the Secretary of the Council transfer the sum received for the letting of Strokestown Workhouse lands to the Account of the County Board of Health."

(Signed) M. O' Braonain.

Letter enclosing copies of the Auditors Reports on the Accounts of the Roscommon Rural District Council County Board of Health, and County Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction for the half-years ended 31st March, 1923.

Letter No. R.S./25 re Increases of Salaries of Assistant County Surveyors.

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ge 99. Circular Letter No. M.T. 209 of the 13th March, 1924. We approve of the recommendations in Paragraph 2 of the Ministers Circular re payment of remuneration at the rate of 3% to be paid to the Secretary for the collection of Motor Tax in the County. The Secretary to be responsible for all monies received in connection with the work, and daily lodgments, to be made on and after the 1st prox, 1924. The Fidelity Guarantee Bond to be entered into by the Secretary to cover the collection of these Taxes also."

Letter from Messrs Goff & Callery, Solicitors, Elphin, re Courthouse at Frenchpark, was submitted, and the following order was made thereon:- Mr. Nicholson be sent an Agreement for Signature with stipulation of £10 per annum for years rent. When this is done Council will pay for repairs."

Application from Mr. P.J. Fallon for rent of Lecarrow Courthouse was submitted, and the following order was made thereon:- "To offer

him £8 a year payable from the 30th September 1922. If refused by him advertise for alternative accommodation."

Letter from Mr. Timothy O' Connell, Cloonslanor, Strokestown, caretaker of Strokestown Union Buildings, was submitted:-

(Copy)

Cloonslanor,
Strokestown.

Sir,

I beg to apply for amount of money due for caretaking of Workhouse, Strokestown, from the 1st April, 1923, to the 4th December, at £1 per week. About 35 weeks and 3 days at £35. 10, and from the 4th December up to the present at 2/= per week about 11 weeks = £1- 2, Full amount £36. 12. As I have received no money since the County Council took over the premises, I would be obliged for some cash.

Yours obediently
Timothy O' Connell.

The following order was made on above "Above is a liability handed over from District Council. Sanction of L. G. Department be asked for payment".

Report from Caretaker of Castlerea Union Buildings was marked "Read".

Report of Diseases of Animals Acts

Committee (copy herewith) was submitted and marked "Approved."

Proposed by Councillor Seay O' Colgan.
Seconded by Councillor M. O' Braonain.
And Resolved:-
"That the General Council of County Councils be asked to take up with the Government the question of payment of Pensions to officials dismissed by Councils acting on instructions from the then Dail Government Department."

Proposed by Councillor Seay O' Colgan.
Seconded by Councillor James J. Lenny.
And Resolved:-
"That we, the Roscommon County Council hereby draw the attention of all Public Bodies in Ireland to the injustice of making the local rates liable for providing Courts, and offices for the administration of the laws of the state, and paying the cost of apprehending prisoners who are charged with breaking those laws, and we hold that these expenses should rightly be a matter for the State as a whole, and not a matter for local administration. We request this matter to be put on agenda for General Council of County Councils next Meeting in May."

The following order was made:- "That the Treasurer be directed to pay Prosecutors and

Witnesses Expenses on Court Orders out of our General Account in future."

I certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the Minutes.

(Signed)

Chairman.

Misplaced see page 96.

Circular Letter No. M.I. 209 of the 13th March. re Imbursement of Expenses of Local Authorities Section 3. (4) (a) of the Roads Act, 1920. The following resolution was passed thereon:-

Proposed by Councillor M. O' Braonain.
Seconded by Councillor S. O' Riain.

And Resolved:-

"That having this day considered Circular No. M/I. 209 Reimbursement of Expenses of Local Authorities Section 3 (4) (a) of the Roads Act, 1920, of the 13th March, 1924. We approve of the recommendation in Paragraph 2 of the Ministers Circular re payment of remuneration at the rate of 3% to be paid to the Secretary for the Collection of Motor Tax in the County. The Secretary to be responsible for monies received in connection with the work and daily lodgements to be made

on and after the 1st prox., 1924. The Fidelity Guarantee Bond to be entered into by the Secretary to cover the collection of these Taxes also.

W O'Kraenain
(Signed) Chairman.
21st May 1924

"to check Daily Lodgements and be responsible for
"the proper carrying out of the work.
"He is to receive 2% of the total fees, and
"a member of the staff - Miss Kelly to
"receive as remuneration 1%. Miss Kelly to
"enter into a Bond of £500, with the
"Hibernian Insurance Co, the County Council
"to pay the premium and same to be
"refunded by the Roads Department, Ministry
"of Local Goverment."
The following order was made thereon "Approved."

Letters Nos. G. 17,271 of the 22nd ultimo. and letters Nos. G. 18575 of the 2nd inst., re claim for £24 from Mr. Charles McDermott, ex-Petty Sessions. Clerk, Ballaghaderreen for rent of Office. The following order was made thereon. "To be paid £24."

Letter approving of Rates Committee Report re deferred poundage to Rate Collectors.

Letter re extension of for time for payment of lunacy fees to Dr. Jones.

Letters Nos. G. 17664 of the 12th instant enclosing Collector Connaughton's Refund Lists and stating that items on same should be carried forward and not struck off. The following order was made thereon:- "To be carried forward."

Proposed by Councillor M. O'Braonain.
Seconded by Councillor D. Keaton.
And Resolved:-
"That the Local Government Department be asked to have a Scheme devised for payment of Rent and Rates combined on Labourers Cottages."

Letter No. G. 20279 calling attention to the unsatisfactory state of the Rate Collection and asking the Council to take strong measures against dilatory Collectors.
Proposed by Councillor P. Duignan.
Seconded by Councillor M. O'Braonain.
And Resolved:-
"That Rate Collectors be urged to speed up Collection of Rates before the middle of June."

The Secretary reported that the Rate Collection was in a deplorable state and the large amount approximately £42,000 was still outstanding and a sum of £12,000 in above total was due by three Collectors, two of whom were only recently appointed and were doing good work, but Collector W. Fleming of Castlea apparently made no effort whatever and seemed absolutely neglectful in the discharge of his duties. The following resolution was passed thereon:-
Proposed by Councillor M. O'Braonain.
Seconded by Councillor P. Duignan.
And Resolved:-
"That Collector W. Fleming be dismissed as Rate Collector and

the position be advertised for."

Letter No. G. 21427 of the 13th May enclosing Return showing amount of Pension awarded ex-Collector Jordan and giving particulars of advances made up to the 1st January, 1924. Order made thereon "Refused."

Letter No. P. 18595 approving of the County Councils proposal to let the land attached to the Strokestown ex-Union Workhouse to Mr. Thomas Walsh.

Letter No. P. 19540 enclosing copy of Declaration from Miss A. Flanagan ex-School Teacher, Castlrea Union re her claim for compensation for loss of Office. The following order was made thereon:- "The Council consider present pension fair and equitable."

Letter No. P. 16762 enclosing copy of an Order determining the amount of compensation to be paid to Mr. Thomas Casey for loss of employment as Ambulance Driver at Castlrea Workhouse.

Letter No. P. 213444 re claim of Mr. Bernard O'Connor against the late Board of Guardians, Boyle, and the following order was made thereon:- "Council to pay when Account is adjusted with Clerk of Boyle Union."

Circular Letter enclosing copy of the Housing (Building Facilities) Act 1924, the Housing (New Houses) Order 1924, and the Housing (Local Assistance)

Order, 1924. The following order was made thereon:-
"Special meeting on the 10th June, 1924, at 11 o'clock sharp. Copies of the Housing Act to be forwarded to each member before meeting."

Circular No. G. 11171 enclosing copy of the District Courts Order, 1924.

Circular No. 21751 re relief of Rates for Agricultural Land.

The following correspondence from the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction was submitted:-
Letter No. V. B. 625 & 1025 from the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction were submitted. The period for Autumn Dipping was altered from the 15th September to the 3rd October, and the following resolution was passed re Bovine Tuberculosis and other Acts:-
Proposed by Councillor D. Creaton.
Seconded by Councillor Seán Ó Cobhaing.
And Resolved:-
"That "Re" Bovine Circular same to be referred to Sub-Committee appointed some time past to deal with Sheep-Dipping."

Letter from the Irish Land Commission enclosing list of defaulting Land Purchase Annuitants in the County:-

Proposed by Councillor D. Keaton;
Seconded by Councillor P. Dunnan.
And Resolved:-
"That up to date copies of defaulting Land Purchase Annuitants be forwarded by the Secretary to each Member of the Council."

Letter from Mr. C.C. Dignan, Under-Sheriff, Roscommon, re claim for damage to County Courthouse was submitted and the following resolution was passed thereon:-
Proposed by Councillor M. O'Brannain,
Seconded by Councillor P. Dunnan,
And Resolved:-
"That the Sub-Sheriff and Courtkeeper, being in control of Courthouse fittings and furniture, be called upon to furnish particulars of damage in order to enable the County Council to make claim."

Letter from Mr. James Cox, Clerk of the Boyle No. 1. District Council re grazing of the lands attached to the ex-Workhouse, Boyle, and the necessity for appointing a caretaker. The Tender of Mr. Martin Leonard at £15 was accepted.
Mr. Peter Nash was appointed caretaker of the Boyle ex-Union Workhouse at 2/- per week.

Letter from Messrs Roger Greene & Sons, Solicitors Wellington Quay, Dublin, claiming £273. 14. 0 for Miss Marcella Bligh ex-Nurse, Castlerea Union was submitted and the following order was made thereon:- "Solicitor to be notified of matter

receiving attention." Mr. Flanagan, Clerk, Castlrea District Council to furnish particulars of District Council's findings on above at Meeting held on the 14th April, 1923, stating the number of years service allowed, salary for calculation and rate at which same was granted."

Letter from the Northern Banking Co, Ltd. Belfast, enclosing Assignment re Mr. William Strain's claim for Malicious Injury re Grange farm disturbances was submitted. The following order was made thereon:- "Rates to be claimed if unpaid."

Letter from Mr. M. Gunn, Secretary Local Government Officials, (Ireland) Trade Union, stating legal proceedings would be taken against the County Council on behalf of Mr. John Egan, Inspector under the Diseases of Animals Acts was submitted and the following order was made thereon:- "To be paid salary due up to May, 1922."

Letter from Messrs Philip Lavery & Beatty, District Justices, Castlrea, and Carrick-on-Shannon, requesting establishment of pounds were submitted. The following order was made on Mr. Laverys letter:- "Advertisement issued and no response." The following order was made on Mr. Beattys Letter:- "No response to advertisement."

Letter from Mr. Pat Kilby, Boggs re out of date Paying Orders.

Letter from Mr. Martin Higgins, the Warren, Boyle.

asking for re-authorisation of two Paying Orders "out of date" was submitted and the following order was made thereon:- "To be re-authorised."

The following letter from Mr. John Gilleran, Clerk Roscommon District Council, notifying the County Council that Mr. James Oates resigned his membership of the District Council was submitted:-

(Copy)

District Council Office.
Roscommon,
14th April, 1924.

P.J. Gilloely, Esq.
Secretary Roscommon Co. Council.

Dear Sir,

I beg to inform you that Mr James Oates tendered his resignation as a member of the Roscommon Rural District Council at their Meeting on Thursday last, and the Council accepted same.

Yours faithfully,
(Sgd.) John Gilleran,
Clerk of Council.

The above was marked "Read".

The Quarterly Report of the Public Analyst was submitted.

The County Surveyor read his Report for the Quarter ended 31st March, 1924. (copy herewith). The paragraph dealing with the appointment

of an overseer having been explained by the County Surveyor the following order was made thereon:- "To be attended to later."

The Application of the County Surveyor for a loan of £400 to purchase a Motor Car was marked "Approved."

Proposed by Councillor Seán Ó Cobhaig.
Seconded by Councillor M. Ó Braonáin.
And Resolved:-
"That a Temporary Clerk for Road Grant to be appointed at Salary of £3 per week. Advertisement to be issued. Qualifications. Person so appointed to have knowledge of bookkeeping Filing and General Office Routine, keeping of Road Accounts or Engineering preferred."

Proposed by Councillor Domnall Ó Ruairc.
Seconded by Councillor Seamus Ó Riain.
And Resolved:-
"That in connection with the appointment of temporary clerk to County Surveyor, the County Surveyor be authorised to frame examination papers in the different necessary subjects including practical work, award marks for the different subjects and give the position to the candidate who obtains the highest marks. That both papers and marks awarded be available for scrutiny by the County Council or a Committee deputed by them."

With reference to the County Surveyor's duties in the

County Home, Roscommon, the following motion was moved:-

Proposed by Councillor Seay O' Cobzaig.
Seconded by Councillor Seay O' Braonain,

"That considering the large amount of road work under the supervision of the County Surveyor, we consider that the terms of his appointment as contained in the advertisement issued for same, be altered, so as to exclude the County Home work, and we ask the Local Government Department to agree to this alteration."

The following Amendment was moved:-
Proposed by Councillor John Cox,
Seconded by Councillor William Judge,

"That we stand by the terms of the advertisement for County Surveyor."

A Poll was then taken and the Motion was carried by 18 votes to 4.

The following voted for the Motion:- Councillors O'Rorke, J. Brennan, M. Brennan, Colgan, Creaton, Dungnan, Burke, Kelly, Kenny, L. Lavin, Ryan, Ward, Doogue, Moran, McHugh, O'Neill, Hughes, and McDermott.

The following voted against:- Councillors Cox, Gavin, Greene, and Judge.

The Motion was then put to the meeting as a resolution and carried:-

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Proposed by Councillor Seay O' Cobzaig,
Seconded by Councillor Seay O' Braonaig;
And Resolved:-

"That considering

the large amount of Road Work under the supervision of the County Surveyor we consider that the terms of his appointment as contained in the advertisement issued for same be altered so as to exclude the County Home work and we ask the Local Government Department to agree to this alteration."

The Proposals for Works from District Councils and Forms 20 from the Proposal Committee were submitted, and the following resolutions were passed thereon:-

Proposed by Councillor Sean O' Braonain,
Seconded by Councillor Patrick Doogue,
And Resolved:-

"That the Proposals for New Works and maintenance works formulated by the several Rural District Councils and the Proposal Committee and set out on Forms 20, be and are hereby approved, except the following numbers:- Roscommon R. D. 39a, Carrick-on-Shannon 66 which were "Rejected." And we authorise our Secretary to Seal this Resolution."

Proposed by Councillor Sean O' Braonain,
Seconded by Councillor P. Doogue.
And Resolved:-

"That the Proposals for New Works and Maintenance Works formulated by the several Rural District Councils and Proposal Committee and set out on Forms 20, and approved of by us at our Meeting held this day in respect of which no Contracts were entered into, be placed in charge of the County Surveyor, viz:-

Roscommon R. D. 356. 360. 383a. 392a, 395a. 401a.
Athlone No. 2. R. D. 91.
Castlerea R. D. 274. and 326
Proposal Committee Nos. 1 and 2.
And we, authorise our Secretary to Seal this Resolution

Proposed by Councillor Sean O' Braonain.
Seconded by Councillor P. Doogue.
And Resolved:-
"That the Proposals for Payments as set out on Forms 22 for the Quarter ended 31st March, 1924, made by the several Rural District Councils and the Proposal Committee of the County Council and this day submitted to our Council be and are hereby approved."

Applications for the position of Rate Collector for the Electoral Divisions of Cloongormican, Donamon, and Rosmoylan in Roscommon Rural District were received from the following:- Miss Delia Brogan, Messrs Luke Fansey, and Peter Connaughton.

Proposed by Councillor Michael Greene.
Seconded by Councillor John Cox.
"That Peter Connaughton be appointed Rate Collector in room of late Collector Brogan."

Proposed by Councillor Peter McHugh.
Seconded by Councillor Seay O' Braonain.
"That Luke Fansey be appointed."

Proposed by Councillor M. O' Braonain,
Seconded by Councillor D. J. Kelly.
"That Miss Brogan
be appointed."

A Poll was then taken and the voting was as follows:- For Miss Brogan:- Councillors O'Rorke, M. O' Braonain, Colgain, Gavin, Burke, Kelly, Kenny, Ward, O' Neill, Hughes, and McDermott. For Mr. Tansey:- Councillors S. O' Braonain, Creaton, Duignan, T. Lavin, Doogue, Moran, McHugh and Judge. For Mr. Connaughton:- Councillors Cosc, Greene, Neary and Ryan.

Mr. Connaughton having the lowest number of Votes dropped out, and a second Poll was taken between Miss Brogan and Mr. Tansey. The voting was as follows:- For Miss Brogan - Councillors O'Rorke, M. O' Braonain, Colgain, Cosc, Gavin, Burke, Kelly, Kenny, Ward, O' Neill, Hughes, Neary, and McDermott.

For Mr. Tansey:- Councillors S. O' Braonain, Creaton, Duignan, T. Lavin, Ryan, Doogue, Moran, McHugh and Judge. Mr. Greene did not vote.

Miss Brogan was then declared elected by 13 votes to 9

Proposed by Councillor M. O' Braonain,
Seconded by Councillor D. J. Kelly.
And Resolved:-
"That Miss Brogan
be appointed."

A letter was read from Mr. F. G. McSherry,

Solicitor, Roscommon, claiming the sum of £100 for extra printing on behalf of the Messenger Printing Works, Roscommon. The following order was made thereon:- "To be defended. Refer to Solicitor.

Letter from the Athlone Printing Works, claiming the sum of £19. 7s. for extra advertising was submitted, and the following order was made thereon:- "Already refused."

Letters from Messrs T. Caulfield, Clerk Castlerea Old Age Pension, Sub-Committee, and J. J. Loftus. clerk Roscommon Old Age Pension Sub-Committee asking the Council to appoint additional members on their Committees in the respective Districts were submitted and the following resolution was passed thereon:-

Proposed by Councillor Sean O' Braonain,
Seconded by Councillor James J. Kenny.
And Resolved:-
"That Councillor J. Burke, Mr. E. P. Keogh, M. Pettit, (Lanesboro) be added to the Old Age Pension, Sub-Committee, Roscommon and for Ballaghaderreen - Felix Patridge, John Gordon, and Thomas Doyle.
For Castlerea John J. Regan, Patrick J Boland, and William Caulfield.

Letter from Mr. J. Jones, tenant of Nurses Residence, ex-Castlerea Union, asking for a reduction in the rent charged for above building which was £54 per annum, also stating that repairs were urgently needed to the Premises.

The following order was made thereon:- "Repairs being attended to."

Letter from Messrs Goff & Gallery, Solicitors, Elphin, re rent and tenancy of Frenchpark Courthouse was submitted and stating that the owner is not prepared to let the building at a sum of less than £20 yearly. The following order was made thereon:- "County Surveyor to remove fittings, furniture, &c. erected at Frenchpark for Courthouse."

Application for deferred poundage for certain half-years and for the year ended 31st March, 1924, was read from Collector James Connor, and the following resolution was passed thereon:-

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Proposed by Councillor Thomas Lavin,
Seconded by Councillor Sean O' Braonain,
And Resolved:-

"That the Minister for Local Government be asked to sanction payment of poundage to Collector James Connor at the rate of 6d in the £ for the year ended 31st March, 1924, and 2d in the £ deferred poundage for the half-years ended 31st March, 1921, and 31st March 1922.

In doing so we would like to point out to the Minister that this Collector lodged the full amount of his Warrant for the year ended 31st March, 1924. in five months, and prior to that period (excepting the two half-years mentioned) he has always complied with the special regulations laid down by the L. G. Board, and been paid at the rate of 6d in the £.

Letter from Mr. Joseph Doorly, Rockfield, Roscommon, asking the Council to rescind the resolution reducing Road Gangers wages to £2 was submitted and the following order was made thereon: "cannot have any discussion on above matter without notice of motion after six months have elapsed since date of payment was fixed."

The following Notice of Motion was handed in:-

(Copy)

Take Notice that I, or some other Member on my behalf will move at the next Meeting of the County Council to be held on the 10th June, 1924, that the resolution passed on the 26th Feb. 1924, re gangers pay be rescinded.

(Signed) Sean O' Colgain.
Sean De Burca,
James J. Kenny.
Domnall O' Ruairc,
Edward Moran.
Peter McHugh.

Applications from Messrs Leech and Dickie, Assistant Surveyors, asking the County Council to allow them the mileage at the rate of 8d per mile, as they have supplied their own Motor Cars was submitted and marked. "Approved."

The Manager of the National Bank, Roscommon (Councils Treasurer) wrote, asking the County Council to amend resolution re Grant of £5,000 and Overdraft of £15000 so as to read ½%

under Irish Bank Rate varying minimum 4%.
The following order was made thereon:- "That the Councils resolutions dealing with Loan for road machinery and Overdraft be altered in accordance with the terms of the Treasurer - the National Bank. Sanction of Local Government Department to be sought for same as matter is urgent."

Letter from Mr. Early, Clerk of the Peace, Roscommon, notifying the Council that Collector P. McGrann neglected to attend the revision of Voters and Jurors Lists for the present year. The following order was made thereon:- "Mr. McGrann be asked for an explanation."

Letter enclosing copy of resolution passed by the Committee of Management of Ballinasloe Mental Hospital requesting the sanction of the County Council to the borrowing of £3,000 for repairs &c. of the "Pines" Ballinasloe, was submitted and the following order was made thereon:- "Approved of proportionate share."

The application of Mr. Thomas Loney, Courtkeeper, for supply of coal for the Courthouse was marked "Read."

The Secretary of the Richmond Hospital, North Brunswick St. Dublin, wrote stating that a patient was transferred from Peamount Sanatorium to the Hospital for some slight operation, and asking would the County Council be liable to payment.
The following order was made thereon:- Council

to pay."

Proposed by Councillor Domnall O' Ruairc.
Seconded by Councillor Sean De Burca,
And Resolved:-

"That the poundage due to the late Collector J. McDermott be paid to his representatives."

Proposed by Councillor S. O' Ruairc,
Seconded by Councillor Micéal Mac AnAird,
And Resolved:-

"That we, the Roscommon County Council demand the release of President DeValera and all other Republican prisoners in Jails in Ireland and Britain, whether sentenced or not sentenced."

The Council made no order on the correspondence received from ex-Collector Jordan.

The Council directed that monies seized from Collectors, and for which refunds were allowed be a County-at-Large charge.

Mr. James J. Kenny tendered his resignation as a Member of the County Council, and same was marked. "Accepted."

The following dates were fixed for the Quarterly Meetings of the Rural District Councils, the Proposal Committee, and the County Council:-

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Roscommon. Monday, 10th July, 1924. 1o'clock, p.m.

Boyle.	Saturday, 12th July, 1924.	1 oclock. p. m.
Carrick.	Thursday, 17th. " "	do do do
Castlerea	Saturday, 19th " "	do do do
Athlone	do 26th " "	do do. do.

Proposal Committee

Roscommon. Wednesday, 30th July, 1924. 11. 30 oclock a m.

County Council.

Roscommon. Monday, 18th August. 1924. 11. 30 oclock. a. m.

I certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the Minutes.

Signed. Mó Bracuáin
Chairman.
30 July '24