Minutes of Proceedings of Meeting of the Roscommon Co. Council held at the Courthouse, Roscommon, on Monday, 6th November, 1922.

Councillor M. O'Braonain, Chairman, presided and the following were in attendance:- Councillors J. O'Braonain, Belgain, Cox, Beaton, O'Hara, Duignan, Gavin, Geraghty, Greene P. Lavin, Neary, Ryan, Ward, Oates, Feeley, Moran, Mitchell, O'Neill, Kenny, Judge, Hughes, and Ledwith.

The Minutes of last Meting were read & signed.

The following correspondence from the Ministry for Local Government was submitted:-

Letter No. 98/2 notifying the Council of Mr. Geraghty's, one of their Inspector's appointments on the salary Arbitration question and giving a list of headings under which the Inquiry will be held.

Letter

Letter No. 125/5 re payment of salary to the Under Sheriff The following Resolution was passed thereon:- Proposed by Co. P. J. Neary, Seconded by Co. S. O'Riain. And Resolved:- "That we refuse to pay the Sub-Sheriff"

" No. 14/19 re preparation of the Jurors Lists.

" No. 19078/22 re Mr. Horne's qualification as Public Analyst.

" 10/61 sanctioning Messrs. Mc. Cann and Rogers as Poor Rate Collectors.

" 319/25 forwarding P.O. for £-32.913-17-11 payment out of Grants.

" 138/32 sanctioning increase of salary to Mr. Martin Mc. Dermott, Assistant County Surveyor.

" 128/20 asking the County ~~Surveyor~~ Council to appoint a temporary County Surveyor pending result of examination of candidates for the permanent position.

The Chairman explained

explained the absolute necessity for such an appointment.

The following resolution was unanimously passed thereon:-

Proposed by Co. M. O'Braonain
Seconded by Co. Sean O'Colgain

And Resolved:-

"That the Local Government Department be asked to name a competent Civil Engineer to undertake the duties of County Surveyor temporarily for a period not exceeding four months, or until the Civil Service Commission has held and given the result of the examination of the candidates for the position. The person so appointed to hold the position temporarily to be paid a salary at the rate of £500 per annum with normal travelling expenses, and not be eligible as a candidate for the permanent position when such appointment is being made.

Letter No. 41/28 re Taxation of Solicitors'

Solicitors' Bills of Costs and procedure to be observed. Letter No. 30/198 re proposed superannuation to ex-Rate Collector Barrett and stating that he was not eligible. The following order was made thereon:- "The Secretary write Minister for Local Government and point out that they have already sanctioned superannuation to other Collectors".

The following Notice of Motion was moved:- "Take Notice that I, or some Member on my behalf, will move at the next Meeting of the County Council to be held on the 6th November, 1922, that the Resolution of the 8th February, 1922, relating to the appointment of Secretary to the Council, and any other Resolutions or Orders relating thereto which provide for an examination of candidates be rescinded, and a Secretary be appointed by promotion from the Council's

Council's staff, such promotion to be made at this Meeting on the 6th November, as the term of the present Acting Secretary expires on that date"

(Signed) Micheal O'Braonain

Proposed by Co. M. O'Braonain
Seconded by Co. Sean Hughes.

"That the Resolution of the 8th February, 1922, relating to the appointment of Secretary to the Council, and any other Resolutions or Orders relating thereto, which provide for an examination of Candidates be rescinded, and a Secretary be appointed by promotion from the Council's staff, such promotion to be made at this Meeting on the 6th November as the term of the present Acting Secretary expires on that date"

The following Amendment was moved:-

Proposed by Councillor O. J. Deary
Seconded by Councillor J. J. Kenny

"That the Chairman's Motion re Secretaryship be rejected"

The Amendment was defeated by 15 votes to 4.

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The following voted for the Motion of the Chairman:- Councillors J. O'Braonain, W. O'Braonain (Chairman) Colgain, O'Hara, Gavin, Geraghty, Greene, Ryan, Ward, Oates, Mbrain, Mitchell, O'Neill, Hughes and Ledwith.

The following voted for the Amendment:- Councillor Beaton, Kenny, T. Gavin and Neary.

The following did not vote:- Councillors Co.s. Duignan, Feely and Judge. Proposed by Co. W. O'Braonain Seconded by Co. Sean Hughes And Resolved:-

"That the Resolutions of the 8th February, 1922, relating to the appointment of Secretary to the Council, and any other Resolutions or Orders relating thereto, which provide for an examination of candidates, be rescinded, and a Secretary be appointed by promotion from the staff, such promotion to be made at the Meeting of the County Council on the 6th November

November as the term of the present Acting Secretary expires on that date."

Proposed by Co. M. O'Braonain
Seconded by Co. P. J. Neary,
"And Resolved:-
"That the Council having decided on the appointment of Secretary by promotion from the ranks of the Council's staff, and having regard to the importance of a knowledge of the Irish language for future administration, make it incumbent on the Secretary when appointed, to acquire such knowledge of the Language, as will be necessary to carry on the administration and he shall, as the Council may hereafter decide, acquire this knowledge within whatever period the Council, having due regard to the Secretary's work, may prescribe"

Proposed by Co. Sean O'Colgain,
Seconded by Co P. J. Mitchell
"That the Acting
Secretary, Mrs. P. J. Gilhooly,
be

be appointed Secretary to the County Council."

Proposed by Co. Patrick Duignan
Seconded by Co. Thos. Lavin.
"That Mrs. O'Keeffe be appointed Secretary to this Council"

On a Poll being taken the following voted for Mr. Gilloly:- Councillors J. O'Braonain, M. O'Braonain, Colgan, Cox, O'Hara, Gavin, Geraghty, Ryan, Ward, Feehily, Moran, Mitchell, O'Neill, Hughes, and Ledwith.

The following voted for Mr. O'Keeffe, Councillors Duignan, T. Lavin, and Judge.
The following did not vote:- Councillors, Creaton, Greene, Kenny, Neary and Oates

Mr. Gilloly was declared elected by 15 votes to 3.

Proposed by Councillor Sean O Colzain,
Seconded by Councillor P. J. Mitchell,
And Resolved:-
"That the Acting Secretary Mr. P. J. Gilloly be appointed Secretary to the County Council."

The following correspondence from the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction was submitted:-

Letter No. Y. B. 2008 re Council's contribution of £317-15-10 still outstanding. Order made thereon "To be paid."
Letter No. S. 2980 re Sale of Food & Drugs Acts. The following order was made thereon:- "Secretary to inquire for particulars"
Letter No. 1885 re Sheep Dipping (Ireland) Order of 1915 and asking for number of Sheep dipped in the Summer Period.

Letter from the Registrar, University College, Galway, re election of member from the County Council on the governing Body, and enclosing copy of Statute for University College, Galway, was adjourned to Quarterly Meeting on the 22nd November.

A Supplementary Estimate and Demand from the Secretary, Roscommon County Board of Health amounting to £1,560 was submitted, and the following Resolution was passed thereon:-

Proposed by Councillor M. O Braonain.
Seconded by Councillor E. Moran.
And Resolved:-
"That Mr. Kelly's Supplementary Estimate for County Home be adopted provided the Councils Finances can afford it."

Letter from the Secretary, County Board of Health, re transferring the administration of the Tuberculosis Acts, Orders, &c. from the County

Council to the County Board of Health. The following resolution was passed thereon:-

Proposed by Councillor J. Cosc,
Seconded by Councillor E. Creaton,
And Resolved:-
"That the Administration of the Tuberculosis Acts, Orders & Regulations be transferred to the County Board of Health."

Letter from the Secretary, Co. Board of Health notifying change of name from Co. Home Committee to Roscommon Co. Board of Health was marked "Approved".

The Report of the Committee appointed to examine the Accounts of the To-Coiste na Tearman was marked "Approved".

The Secretary reported that the state of the Rate Collection demanded that immediate action should be taken by the Co. Council. Two Collectors not having closed their Collections for March and September, 1921 and a sum of £35,641-10-2 outstanding in respect of the March 1922 Collection. Only eight Collectors have taken up the Warrants for the half-year ended 30th September, last.

The following resolution was passed thereon:

Proposed by Councillor M. O Braonain,
Seconded by Councillor W. Judge,
And Resolved :-
"That the following Members of the Council be appointed a Sub-Committee of the Council to deal with the unsatisfactory state of the Rate Collections and the Secretary be instructed to summon all the Rate Collectors with outstanding balances, to attend a meeting of this Committee :- Messrs. D. O'Neill, E. Creaton, G. Geraghty, Seay O Colgain and Seamus O Riain.
Above Committee to deal with Nos. 10 & 11 on Agenda 6th November.

The following application for an increase of salary from Mr. Seay Mac Suibhne, clerk in Co. Surveyor's Department, was read :-

Oifig Tomhaidhe an Chontae,
Roscomain,
30adh Deadh. Foghmhair 22

Ceann Comhairle an Chontae,
Aras an Chontae, Roscomain.

A Shuipéir uasail/ I beg to apply, through you, to the Council for an increase in my salary. In doing so, I would like to point out to you and to the Members of the Council, the work with which I am engaged, and to compare the salaries

obtaining in other Counties with mine.
I have been working in the Co. Surveyor's Department since early in 1917. My duties consist in the keeping of Accounts in connection with the Direct Labour Scheme, and such accounts, correspondence and other matters as pass through the Co. Surveyor's hands.
My salary however is only on the level of the lowest paid employee in the Council's service, being just 1/2 per day more than that of the Road Labourer, a trifle over 36/- per week. Practically 9/= per week less than the wage of a road ganger. In the adjoining County of Galway the lowest salary recorded on the Council's staff is £195 per annum.
In other Counties, Kildare for instance, £130 plus C.S.S. bonus is the lowest, and in Co. Kerry £181. I feel sure that the Council has only to be made aware of the facts of my case, when they will grant my application.

Is mise, le meas mor,
(Sgd) Seán Mac Suibhne.

The following resolution was passed thereon:-

Proposed by Councillor G. Geraghty,
Seconded by Councillor E. Moran,
And Resolved:-
"That the salary of Seán Mac Suibhne clerk in Co. Surveyor's Office be increased from his present salary of £1-5

per week to £2- 10 per week, which sum will give him a living wage only."

Letters from the Chairman of the Co. Council re Castlerea Courthouse, and letters from Mr. Flanagan, Clerk of the Castlerea Rural District Council on the same subject were read and marked "Approved".

Letter from the Chairman re resuming work in Ballinasloe District and Resolution from the Clerk Castlerea Rural District Council re work in that District, and the state of the Rate Collection were submitted and marked "Approved".

The following Notice of Motion was moved:-

"I or some other Councillor on my behalf
"will move at the next Meeting of the Co.
"Council that Mr. C. Banahan be paid
"full retiring allowance after 42 years service
"to the County."
(Signed) Seagus O'Ruairc.

Proposed by Councillor Seagus O'Ruairc.
Seconded by Councillor Edward Moran,
And Resolved:-
"That Mr. Banahan
ex-Rate Collector be awarded Superannuation.

Applications from Messrs Paul Egan, Ballybeg, Lackeen, Shrowestown, and Mr. Edward McBrann,

Strokestown for the position of Rate Collector rendered vacant by the resignation of Mr. B. Banahan were received.

Proposed by Councillor P. J. Neary,
Seconded by Councillor P. Duignan.
"That Edward McGann be appointed Rate Collector for Mr. Banahan's District.

Proposed by Councillor Seamus O'Rourke.
Seconded by Councillor Seamus Oates.
And Resolved:-
"That Paul Egan be appointed Rate Collector for Mr. Banahan's District."

On a roll being taken Mr. Egan was elected by 10 votes to 9.

The following voted for Mr. Egan:- Councillors Colgan, Cosc, O'Hara, Greene, Kenny, Ryan, Ward, Feehily, Moran, & Oates.
The following voted for Mr. McGann:- Councillors Beaton, Duignan, Gavin, Geraghty, Lavin, Neary, Hughes, Judge & Ledwith.

Proposed by Councillor Seamus O'Rourke.
Seconded by Councillor Seamus Oates.
And Resolved:-
"That Mr. Paul Egan be appointed Rate Collector for Mr. Banahan's District."

Letter from the General President I.V.S.G.W.U.

re grievances of road workers in the County was submitted and adjourned to next Meeting.

Proposed by Councillor George N. Geraghty,
Seconded by Councillor M. O'Braonain,
And Resolved:-

"That the question of providing oil skins and tools for the use of Direct Road Labourers together with the question of Unemployment benefit be brought up at the next Meeting of the County Council."

Letter from the Manager of the Northern Banking Co. Strokestown, enclosing Paying Orders "out of date" and asking to have them re-authorised. Order made thereon:- "To be re-authorised."

Letter from the Freeman's Journal asking payment of statute-barred Account. Order made thereon:- "To pay."

Report on the Roscommon Patients in Peamount Sanatorium was submitted and marked "Read".

Report of the Public Analyst for the period from December 1921. to August 1922 was submitted.

The following Report of the University Committee was submitted:-

(Copy)

1. According to Rule VIII. Sec. (d) William Hughes, Reginald Lawlor, and Martin J. Conway forfeit entirely or partially the payment of Instalment.

Fined £1 each.
2. Ask Dalton why he did not pass the Sessional Examination.
3. 1st Year Scholarships awarded to Messrs Michall Tracey, Michael Allen, & T. Hunt.

(Signed) T. H. Cummins.
M. O' Braonain.

Letters from Mr. Dickie, Assistant Surveyor, Castlerea, re Law cases against the County Council. Order made thereon :- Refer to County Solicitor for defence. Also Letter re men found stealing road metal. Order made thereon :- "Solicitor ordered to prosecute"

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

"That Canon Sharkey Rev. M. O' Braonain, Mr. Joseph O'Donnell, Castleplunkett, Mrs McGrann, Roscommon & Rev. P. Gilloly, Ballinaheglish, be members of the Agriculture & Technical Ins Committee"

Proposed by Councillor P. Gavin
Seconded by Councillor P. Ledwith
And Resolved:-

"That poundage fees be paid to Collectors James Murray for March and September, 1921, half-years and Collector Hanly for March 1922, half-year at the rate of 6d in the £. Payment to be made out of the Subsidiary Account".

The County Solicitor's Agreement made between County Council, and County Board of Health was signed and Sealed by the Chairman.

M. Brannan
Chairman.

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