Minutes of Proceedings of Quarterly Meeting of the Roscommon County Council held at the Courthouse, Roscommon, on the 26th February 1924.

Councillor M. O'Braonain, Chairman presided, and the following Members were in attendance:- Councillors S. O'Braonain, Colgain, D. Beaton, P. Duignan, P. Gavin, J. Burke, D. J. Kelly, J. J. Kenny, J. Lavin, P. Neary, J. Oates, E. Moran, W. O'Neill, J. Hughes and P. Sedwick.

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

"That the Minutes of last Meeting be taken as read."

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

Letter No. 5341 re Collector J. Mc Dermott Castlerea Rural District, and telegram re his dismissal. The following order was made thereon:- "Mr. Dermott's position to be advertised for."

Letter No. G. 6269 re Miss Walsh's appointment

appointment to fill a vacancy on the Council's staff and enclosing Form of Queries to be filled in. The Queries were duly signed by the Chairman.

Letter No. S.6346 re reduction from Grants for defaulting Land Purchase Annuitants. The following resolution was passed thereon:-

Proposed by Councillor M. O'Braonain
Seconded by Councillor John Burke
And Resolved:-

"That the Government be called upon to immediately amend the law which holds the County Council's funds responsible for the unpaid annuities of the Irish Land Commission as the County Council has no powers to enforce those payments."

Letter No. G. 6324 Sanctioning the temporary appointment of Mrs. John Mc. Dermott as Rate Collector.

Letter No. G. 6480 re Paying Orders "out of date".

Circular No. P. 48. 503 enclosing copy of the County Councils (Disused Workhouses) Order

1924. The following Order was made thereon:- "Caretakers to enter into Bond re above".
Circular enclosing copy of the Local Offices and Employments Order 1924.
Circular S. 1359 re Estimates 1924-1925.
Circular re Trunk Road Grant of £1,000,000. The following order was made thereon:- "Refer to Roads Committee for Report".
Letter No. G. 6659 re Claim made by Mrs. L. Mc. Dermott, ex-Petty Sessions Clerk, Ballaghaderreen for rent of office. The following order was made thereon:- "To be paid".
Circular re Agricultural Grant of £14.30 Y. 11. 10 lodged with the Treasurer to the credit of the County Council.

The following correspondence was marked "Read":-
Copy of Declaration from Mrs. Thos. Casey late Ambulance Driver, Castlerea Workhouse.
Copy of Declaration from Mr. John Murphy late Master of Roscommon Union re his superannuation.
Letters from Mr. T. A. Flanagan Clerk, Castlerea Rural District Council re

re Miss Bligh's superannuation.

Letter from the Valuation Office, Dublin, re suspension of Annual Revision in Rural Districts of Athlone No. 2 and Roscommon.

The Declaration relative to the vacancy for bounty councillor in room of Mr. P. J. Mitchell, resigned, was submitted, and the following resolution was passed thereon:-
Proposed by Councillor E. Moran.
Seconded by Councillor S. O'Braonain,
And Resolved:-

"That Mr. Peter Mc. Hugh Annagh, Castlerea, be appointed a bounty councillor in room of Mr. P. J. Mitchell resigned"

The following Report of the Rates Committee was submitted:-

(Copy)

Adjourned Meeting of the Rates Committee, held at the Courthouse, Roscommon, on the 15th January, 1924.

A number of collectors were in attendance and after hearing their explanations we made the following Orders now submitted

for your approval :-

1. All Collectors to have their Collections (closed) for the year ended 31st March, 1923 closed by the 31st January, 1924, and the Collections for the year ending 31st March, 1924, must be closed by that date.
2. Collectors who have done satisfactory work claim 8d in the £ for the latter part of the 1922 rate although they have not come within the period of four months prescribed by the Committee and sanctioned by the County Council in November 1922.

The Committee recommend the Council to now consider their applications.

(Signed) M. O'Braonain.

Letters from Messrs. E. J. Bolton and J. D. Watson, V. Ss re arrears of salary were marked "Read".

The Secretary reported that a sum of £85,000 approximately was outstanding in respect of rates for the year ended 31st March, 1924. The following order was made thereon:- "Refer to Rates Committee"

Affidavits were received from Collectors

Collectors Dowry, Mc. Cann and Lane for amounts seized by armed men The following order was made thereon:- "To be sent to the Local Government Department".

Copy of resolution from Mr. John Gilleran, Clerk of Roscommon Rural District Council. re Mr. Heverin's superannuation was submitted and the Chairman gave the necessary explanation.

Quarterly Report of the Public Analyst was submitted and marked "Read".

The Quarterly Report of the County Surveyor was submitted, and marked "Approved" (Copy herewith)

The following Report of the Roads Committee was submitted:-

(Copy)

We, the undersigned, being the Roads Committee appointed by the County Council, report as follows:-

The Meeting was held in the Courthouse, Roscommon, on Saturday 15th December, 1923. The County Surveyor and the Assistant Surveyors in the County were present, and Messrs. Ryan, Colgan and O'Braonain.

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All the Committee after a lengthy discussion on the question of a flat rate of wages for gangers unanimously adopted the following resolution which is now submitted for your approval:-
Proposed by Councillor M. O'Braonain
Seconded by Councillor Seamus O'Riain
And Resolved:-
"That where exceptional merit is shown by gangers in discharge of their duties the rate of wages vary accordingly, and when a vacancy for a ganger arises in any Section that promotion from the road staff be made if a suitable man can be obtained."
Circular S.G. 25, 3rd December, 1923, from the Ministry of Local Government re steam-rolling the streets of Roscommon was submitted by the Co. Surveyor. We recommended that all new workmen be paid at the rate of 30/- per week. We also recommend that gangers be reduced to £2 and roadmen to 31/- per week.
(Signed) Micéal O'Braonain
Seán O'Colgain
The following Motion was moved:-
Proposed by Councillor J. Burke,
Seconded by Councillor J. Oates.
"That road wages be 40/- and men 32/-"

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The following Amendment was moved:-
Proposed by Councillor M. O'Braonain
Seconded by Councillor P. Duignan
"That the Report of the Roads Committee fixing Gangers wages at 40/- men at 31/- and carters at 9/- and 10/-."

The Motion was "Lost" and the Amendment was put to the Meeting as a resolution and carried:-
Proposed by Councillor M. O'Braonain
Seconded by Councillor P. Duignan,
And Resolved:-
"That the Report of the Roads Committee fixing Gangers wages at 40/- men at 31/- and carters at 9/- and 10/-"

The Forms 20 from the several Rural District Councils and the Proposal Committee were submitted and the following resolutions were passed thereon
Proposed by Councillor Padraig O'Nuanain.
Seconded by Councillor Thomas Lavin
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, 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:-

Castlerea

Castlerea 255. 259. 265. 281, 286. 287, 288. 290. 297. 298. 304. 305. 308, 311, 314, 317. 322.

Roscommon 348, 350. 352, 353. 358. 361, 362. 363, 364. 370, 377, 381, 384, 386, 388. 390, 393. 394. 396. 400. 401, 402, 404.

Carrick 1-649, 2-650, 5,-654, 8-659, 9-660, 12-663. 13-665.

Proposal Committee. 1. 2. 3. 4. 6.

And we authorise our Secretary to Seal this Resolution."

Proposed by Councillor Padraig O Faradaig.
Seconded by Councillor Thos Lavin.
And Resolved :-

"That the Proposals for New Works and Maintenance Works formulated by the several Rural District Councils and the Proposal Committee, set out on Forms 20, be and are hereby approved, except the following :-

Athlone No 2. Nos. 18 and 28.

Castlerea. 264. 270. 272. 273. 275. 276. 277. 279. 292. 291. 301. 306. 310. 316. 318 and 319.

Roscommon 342. 343. 344. 349. 351. 354. 373. 375. 376. 378. 381A. 382. 385. 397. 398. 399.

Carrick-on-Shan. 3-652 which were Rejected

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

Proposed by Councillor Sean O'Colgain
Seconded by Councillor P.O'Duibgeanain
And Resolved:-

"That we request the Ministry of Local Government to sanction increases in the limits of Road expenditure for the financial year 1924-25 in the Rural Districts of Athlone No.2. Boyle No.1, Carrick-on-Shannon No.2. Castlerea and Roscommon as follows:-

Athlone No.2 R.D.	from	£2,845	to £4,950
Boyle " 1 "	"	3,670	" 6,816
Carrick-on-Sh. 2	"	1,661-5	2,888
Castlerea	"	6,284-15	14,356
Roscommon	"	7,191-5	16,335

Representations from the several Rural District Councils in the County re Direct Labour were submitted and the following resolution was passed thereon:-

Proposed by Councillor John Burke.
Seconded by Councillor Sean O'Colgain.
And Resolved:-

"That the Direct Labour Scheme be applied to the whole County as specified in County Surveyor's Scheme including Athlone and Ballinasloe area"

The following order was made re Special Meeting in connection with the Final Declaration of Direct Labour:-

"The 11th March at 11 o'clock, the Final Declaration be considered at that Meeting"

"Approved" M. O'Beaonain, Chairman

Proposed by Councillor P. S. O'Donoghue.
Seconded by Councillor Thos. Lawlor.
And Resolved:-

"That the Proposals for Payments as set out on Forms 22 for the Quarter ended 31st December, 1923, 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"

The Treasurer's Advice Notes were signed.

The Estimate of Rates for General and Separate Charges for the approaching Financial Year was submitted:-

Summary of Rates for General Charges.

Rural District	In respect of	Other hereditaments than Land.	Agricultural Land Grant	Land
		s d	d	s d
Athlone No. 2	County charges	3. 9 3/8	11 3/8	2. 10 1/2
	District do	2 7 1/4	5 3/4	2. 1 1/2
	Total for Year.	6. 5	1. 5	5. 0
Boyle No. 1	County charges	4. 7 1/2	11 3/8	3. 8 1/8
	District do	3. 4 3/8	7	2. 9 3/8
	Total for Year	8. 0	1. 6 3/8	6. 6
Carrick No. 2	County charges	4. 3/4	11 3/8	3. 3 7/8
	District do	2. 6 3/4	7	1. 11 3/4
	Total for Year	6. 10	1. 6 3/8	5. 4
Castlerea	County charges	3. 8 3/8	11 3/8	2. 9
	District do	3. 11 3/4	5 1/4	3. 6 1/2
	Total for Year	7. 8	1. 4 5/8	6. 3
Roscommon	County charges	4. 2 5/8	11 3/8	3. 3 1/4
	District do	3. 5	5 3/8	2. 11 5/8
	Total for Year	7. 8	1. 4 3/4	6. 3

Summary of Rates for Sanitary Charges

Summary of Rates for Separate Charges

(1) No. in Separate Charges Register	(2) Rural District	(3) Name of Charge	(4) Area liable	(5) Amount to be raised	(6) Rate in the £.
1	Athlone	Sucks Drainage	Catchment area	£.59	1
1		Athlone No. 2 D. Sanitary	Athlone No. 2 D. District		Nil
2		Bridesmill	Bridesmill " "		"
3		Killoom	Killoom		"
146		Road Damage	Whole Rural District	£.1100	6
		Union Liabilities	do	~~£.307~~ £.563	~~2~~ 3
1	Boyle	Town Sanitary	Boyle Urban E.D.	£.174	9
39		Ballinamore Navigation	Whole R.D. except E.Ds of Kilcolagh, Kilmacumsey, Wards Lisgarve and part of adjoining divisions.	Nil	Nil
146		Road Damage	Whole Rural District	£.1130	6
		Union Liabilities	do	£.34Y	2
39	Carrick-on-Shannon	Ballinamore Navigation	Whole R.D. except E.Ds of Bloomfield, Aughrim & Creevy and Kilmore and part of adjoining divisions.	Nil	Nil
146		Road Damage	Whole Rural District	£.559	6
		Union Liabilities	do	£.18Y	2
1	Castlerea	Sucks Drainage	Catchment area	£.128	1
1		Ballaghaderreen Sanitary	Townland of Ballaghaderreen	£.230	1/10
2		Castlerea "	Castlerea Townland and Railway Co's Station yard in Townland of Longford valued at £.2Y5.	£.428	3/2

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(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
3	Castlerea	Ballaghaderreen Light	Ballaghaderreen Townland and portion of townlands of Friar Hill, Kilcolman.		
4		Castlerea Light	Knockanaconny and Lung	£58	6d
5		Loughglynn Sanitary	Townland of Castlerea	£60	6d
6		Ballintaugh "	Ballaghaderreen D. District	Nil	—
7		Lisacul Telegraph	Castlerea "	"	—
8		Frenchpark Sanitary	Artagh North Division	"	—
9		Tarmonmt Telegraph	Frenchpark D. District	£294	4d
146		Road Damage	Tarmonmt Division	Nil	—
		Union Liabilities	Whole Rural District	£1923	6d
			do	£716	2d
1	Roscommon	Sewerage	Catchment area	£110	1
1		District Separate Charges	Whole Rural District		Nil
2a		Town Sanitary	Ardnanagh Ballyphearson		
2b			Glooncleaclana in E. Ds of Roscommon R. & Roscommon Urban.	549	3/-
			The remainder of Roscommon Rural Division.	33	1d
			The other Divisions in the District than the two named above.	56	1/4
3a&b		Ashleague & Kilkerry Sanitary	Ashleague D. District	Nil	—
4		Moneyhore Water Supply	Roscommon "	"	
5		Ballinahoy "	Ballyleague "	"	
7		Strokestown Town Sanitary	Glooncleaclon, Tawleg, Kildalogo	140	1/4
		do Dispensary D. do	Lissoyan & Keenoy Townlands	100	1/
146		do do	Strokestown D. District	Nil	6d
		Road Damages	Elphin Rural "	£2922	3½
		Union Liabilities	Nil d.	1498	

Proposed by Councillor P. J. Neary.
Seconded by Councillor M. O'Braonain,
And Resolved:-
"That we approve of the Estimate of Rates for General and Separate Charges for year 1924-1925."
Letter from Mr. Robert Hans, Veterinary Inspector, Boyle, asking the Council to appoint a Committee to consider the working of the Diseases of Animals Acts. The following order was made thereon:- "Veterinary Inspectors to report to Special Meeting on the 11th instant."
Letter from Mr. J. B. Hans, Secretary County Roscommon Farmers Union, asking the County Council to strike a special rate of a½ in the £ to be used exclusively for improvement of cattle breeding, the State to put up a similar amount. The following order was made thereon:- "Approved. To be administered by County Committee of Agriculture."
Mr. J. B. Hans' letter re abolition of Rural Councilors was marked "Read"
Letter from Mr. M. A. Farrell, Solicitor, Ballaghaderreen, re road in Aughrim was referred to the Surveyor.
Letter from the Irish Transport and General Workers Union re Direct Labour in the County was marked "Read"
Letter from Mr. T. Walshe, Strokestown, applying for extension of time for

grazing

graying of the lands attached to Strokestown Workhouse was marked "Granted"

The Refund lists of the Collectors for several half-years were submitted and the following resolutions were passed thereon :-
Proposed by Councillor P. J. Neary.
Seconded by Councillor P. O'Dubgeannáin
And Resolved :-
"That we approve of the recommendations of the Sub-Committee appointed to deal with the Collectors Refund lists and that they be forwarded to the Minister for Local Government for his approval."

Proposed by Councillor P. O'Dubgeannáin
Seconded by Councillor P. J. Neary.
And Resolved :-
"That having heard Collector Connaughton's explanation in reference to items claimed by him on his refund list and which were disallowed on a previous occasion, we recommend that these items be now struck off and refunded to the Collector as we are satisfied that it is impossible for him to collect them"

All other correspondence was marked "Read"

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

Roscommon	Thursday. 10th April, 1924	1 o'clock
Boyle	Saturday. 12th " "	"
Carnicks	Thursday. 17th " "	"
Castlerea	Saturday. 19th " "	"
Athlone	Saturday. 26th " "	"

Proposal Committee

Roscommon Wednesday. 30th April. 1924. 11.30 o'c

County Council

Roscommon Wednesday. 21st May. 1920. 11.30

M. Kaonaui
Chairman.
30. April 1924