Minutes of Proceedings of a Special Meeting of the Roscommon County Council held at the Courthouse Roscommon on the 6th February. 1926

Councillor M. O'Raonain (Chairman) presided and the following were in attendance :- Councillors Hogg. Drury. Bell. J. Kelly. Keaveney. O'Beirne. Jordan. Grogan. Naugle. Mc Greal. Donegan. Hafferty. Moran. E. Beatón. Mc Dermott. Mc Cann. W. Flynn. Killian and Allen

Proposed by Councillor J. Allen.
Seconded by Councillor E. Moran.
And Resolved :-
"That the Minutes of last Meetings held on the 31st October. 10th November and 15th December be taken as read"

The following correspondence from the Department of Local Government and Public Health was submitted :-
Letter No. P.H. 51168/25 of the 18th December 1925 asking the County Council to draft a Tuberculosis Scheme for the County.

Dr. Boyd

D. Boyd Barrett from the Ministry appeared before the Council and explained the advantages to be obtained if a Tuberculosis Scheme was formulated for the County :-
Proposed by Councillor M. Killian
Seconded by Councillor J. Mc Cann
And Resolved :-
"That the question of drafting a Tuberculosis Scheme for the County be referred to a Committee of two or three Members from each County Electoral area. The following were appointed a Committee :- John Dowey, John Kelly, Messrs. Mc Cann, Mc Dermott, Moran Mc Great, Killian and Allen. Meeting to be held on the 24th Feb. at 10 o'clock."
Letter No. R. S/25 sanctioning extra clerical assistance in County Surveyors Office to the 31st March next.
Letter No. 58834 of the 6th January enclosing copy of letter addressed to Mr. J. Donnelly late Clerk of the Athlone No. 2 Rural District Council re salary due to him. Order :- "Pay subject to sanction"

Letter No. 588 giving the Ministers sanction to Overdraft of £10.000 to the 28th February.

Letter No. G. 61081 approving of the arangements made for the Collection of rates in Collector Geraghty's District.

Letter No. G. 588 re unsatisfactory State of the Rate Collection.

Letter No. 61090 re Councils resolution regarding travelling expenses:- Proposed by Councillor M. O'Brannain Seconded by Councillor J. Allen And Resolved:-

"That a Committee to report on travelling expenses Messrs. Drury, Donegan, McCrann. Bull, Keaveny, J. Flynn (Dan) and D. J. Kelly and McGreal meet on morning of the 24th of February - next Meeting."

Letter No. 43004 authorising contribution in aid of travelling expenses to Members of certain Committees

Letter No. G. 488 enclosing ~~Memorandum~~ Memorial from voters in Bloomfinlough re unsuitability of Polling arrangements:-

Proposed by Councillor W. Flynn Seconded by Councillor McDermott, And Resolved:-

"That-

"That the Polling place for Bloomfinlough be altered from Bloomfree National School to Ashmadersay School."

Letter No. G. 1268 re Collector Rogers and Legan. The Secretary reported that as a result of a Sheelsen's Report he went down and interviewed Collector Rogers re a sum of approximately £100 collected and not accounted for. The Secretary also reported the matter to the Auditor who was auditing the Council's Accounts at that time. The Collector has closed his Accounts for the year ended 31st March 1925 and whether the Collecting Books for the year ending 31st March 1926 should be handed to him or not is now a question for the Council:-
Proposed by Councillor E. Moran
Seconded by Councillor Mc. Dermott
And Resolved:-

"That Collector Rogers get his Books, also that Collecting Books be handed to Student Legan"

Proposed

Proposed by Councillor Andrew Hogg.
Seconded by Councillor Joseph O'Beirne
And Resolved:-
"That the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be asked to sanction payment of poundage fees to Collector Rogers who has now lodged the full amount of his Warrant for the year ended 31st March 1925"

Letter No. G.2691 giving sanction to the appointment of Hubert Logan as Deputy for his brother.

Circular No. 55548 re Sanatorium Grant provisionally assigned to Roscommon County amounting to £1262-15-11.
Order:- "Adjourn to Committee Meeting."

Circular No. D.B.201 re rate of 6d in the £ under the Damage to Property (Compensation) Act of 1923.

Circular No. H.213/35604 re transferring to the County Board of Health all Cottages etc. provided under the Labourers Acts and enclosing Order suitable for the purpose
Proposed by Councillor M. O'Braonain
Seconded by Councillor Sean Kelly
And Resolved:-
"That

"That all Labourers Cottages Plots etc. be and are hereby transferred to the Board of Health"

Circular T.Q.39 re provision of Road Signs on Public Roads Order:- £100 to be provided"

Letter T.Q.93 of the 4th February 1923 re Petrol Pump Fees. The Secretary requested the County Council to make a definite order for the recovery of those fees as he had already written to the owners on three occasions without any response. Order:- Secretary take necessary steps to have Petrol Pump fees recovered"

Circular No. 57,863 re Public Bodies Order of 1925.

Letter No. G. 3119 of the 29th January re payment of extra poundage fees to Collectors in the absence of a definite agreement. Order:- "That the old order re lodging one third by the 31st July and 31st December be condition for extra poundage in future"

Letter No. G. 3310 sanctioning Mr. Flanagan's appointment as County Rate Inspector:- Order:- "Mr. Flanagan's services be immediately availed of

of for checking purposes"

Proposed by Councillor Wm. Hafferty.
Seconded by Councillor M. O'Braonain
And Resolved:-

"That we refer the Department of Local Government and Public Health to their letter No. G.52.224 of the 5th December, 1924. and request them to sanction the permanent appointment of Miss Walsh on the staff of this Council. The cost of preparing the Councils Rate Books amounted to £220 which showed a considerable saving in previous years cost of preparation and the sanction to this figure was forwarded by the Department"

The following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor Joseph O'Beirne was moved:-

(Copy)

"I hereby give Notice that I, or "some Member on my behalf, "will move at the next Meeting "of the County Council, that the "Deputy Surveyors get a fixed sum "to be fixed by the Council in lieu "of the present system of paying

suspended

sixpence per mile as travelling expenses.

(Signed) J. O'Beirne

Proposed by Councillor J. O'Beirne
Seconded by Councillor M. O'Braonain
And Resolved:-

"That the Deputy Surveyor travelling expenses be limited to some certain sum in each particular case, having due regard to the extent of each District and the mileage to be covered. The Council may allow special travelling expenses in excess for supervisory work in Steam Rolling on the County Surveyors recommendation

	Maximum Amounts Allowed
Deputy Mc. Dermott	£100
" Flanagan	85
" Leech	85
" Mc. Donagh	40
" Dolan	45

The following Report from a Committee of County Councillors in the County Electoral area of Boyle re building in Boyle ex-Workhouse was read:-

(Copy)

To Roscommon County Council

Gentlemen

Gentlemen,

In connection with the Notice of Motion for the establishment of a Technical and Agricultural School in Boyle in the name of Councillor Drury and referred to us as a Committee, we beg to submit the following recommendations which we hope will be approved:-
Resolved that the County Council issue an instruction to the Roscommon Technical Instruction Committee, to take steps to equip and maintain a school at Boyle as a permanent centre for Technical Instruction subject to the sanction and approval of the Department.

And that the vacant buildings formerly known as the Fever Hospital, Boyle, unless required for the purposes of an Hospital, be acquired for such a School and be furnished with the necessary equipment for teaching the following Subjects:- English and Irish Languages and Mathematics Domestic economy, Home Nursing and poultry-keeping for girls. Agriculture, Horticulture Manual Instruction

Instruction (Woodwork) for boys. Commercial Subjects, i.e. Shorthand Correspondence, Modern Business Methods, and practice, Bookkeeping Irish, Commercial Arithmetic, etc, etc. Courses in Agricultural Instruction with a view to increased production and better quality in all forms of agricultural production, in the use and purchase of seeds. fertilizers, machinery etc, in the feeding and management of milch cows and stock live stock, and in general to bring education to the farmers for use in their own lives, to make farmers want education and work for it, and in the words of the Minister of Education "to interest the youth of the community in the life of the community in everything that will intensify their affection for the place and people to which they belong. to make the welfare of that place and people their hearts' desire.

And as the town of Boyle with a population of 3000 carries on the milling, electric lighting, motor building, commercial and

and various minor industries together with a populous agricultural district adjoining of about 20,000 people which would benefit by the existence of such a school. we ask the Department to sanction this proposal and assist the County Committee of Technical Instruction to formulate a Scheme suitable to the requirements of the case.

(Signed) John Dunny. J. Kearney
James Neary & A. Hogg.

Proposed by Councillor John Dunny.
Seconded by Councillor John Kearney.
And Resolved:-

"That the Report of the Committee:- Messrs. Dunny, Neary. Kearney and Hogg with reference to the establishment of a Technical School at Boyle be adopted"

The following Notice of Motion was adjourned to next Meeting:-

(Copy)

"I hereby give Notice that I. or some Member on my behalf will move that on account of the number of children from this County who have been committed to Industrial Schools in

"in various parts of the County and also from the difficulty of getting vacancies for such children in many existing Industrial Schools, we hereby ask the sanction of the Local Government Department to the establishment of such a School for boys in portion of the vacant Workhouse buildings at Boyle under the charge of a Religious Community and that subject to such sanction, this Council do all things necessary to establish such a Scheme"

(Signed) John Dowry

The following Notice of Motion was moved:-

(Copy)

"I hereby give Notice that I, or some Member on my behalf, will move at the next Meeting of the County Council, that the Council consider the claim of Peter McDonagh, Killykeramnock, Boyle, for payment due to him in respect of Contract Road No 50 at Killykeramnock, for works and labour done and material supplied to said road under

Contract

Contract for year ended February 1923
and that payment be made to him
to the amount of ten pounds.
(Signed) John Dowey
Proposed by Councillor Dowey.
Seconded by Councillor Keaveney.
And Resolved:-
"That Peter Mc Donaghs
claim for works at Killyberannock
on road be decided by the Council
Report and Certificate of works
done be furnished by Deputy
Surveyor Mc Dermott"
(M. O. Braonain)

The following Notice of Motion
was moved:-
(Copy)
"I hereby give Notice that I or
some other Member on my behalf
will move at the next Meeting
of the County Council, that the
Roscommon County Council
protest against Section 41 of the
Local Government Act 1925.
which introduces a political test
interfering with the efficient
administration and the rights
of Public Bodies to elect and promote
officials strictly according to merit
and length of service, and in
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"the interests of efficiency in the "public service, we demand the "abolition of such tests

(Signed) John Kelly

Proposed by Councillor Sean Kelly
Seconded by Councillor Brian Mangle

"That we protest against Section 41 of the Local Government Act 1925 which introduces a political test interfering with the efficient administration and the rights of public bodies to elect and promote officials strictly according to merit and length of service, and in the interests of efficiency in the Public service, we demand the abolition of such tests"

Proposed by Councillor A. Hogg.
Seconded by Councillor John Drury

"That we proceed to the next business"

A Poll was then taken and Mr. Hogg's Motion was Carried by eight votes to four.

The following voted for Mr. Hogg's Motion:- Councillors Hogg. Drury. Kearney. O'Beirne. Donegan Hafferty. W. Flynn and Allen.

The following voted against:- Councillors Bell. J. Kelly. Brian Mangle

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The Motion was then put to the Meeting as follows:-
Proposed by Councillor A. Hogg.
Seconded by Councillor John Drury.
And Resolved:-
"That we proceed to the next business".

Letter from Mr. P. A. Flanagan late Clerk of the Castlerea Rural District Council enclosing application for superannuation in respect of the office of Superintendent of Births, Deaths and Marriages Order:- "Adjourn to next Meeting"

Letter from Mr. J. Donnelly, late Clerk of Athlone No. 2 Rural District Council enclosing application for superannuation in respect of the abolition of his Office. Order:- "Adjourn to next Meeting."

Letter from Mr. Roper, Solicitor, 59 Dawson Street, Dublin, stating that action will be taken against the County Council for rent of Elphin Workhouse. Order:- "Refer to Solicitor"

Letter

Letter from the County Surveyor complaining about the damage done to the streets by the Gas Company when making connections and asking the County Council to fix a charge:-
Proposed by Councillor W. Hafferty
Seconded by Councillor A. Hogg
And Resolved:-
"That the Gas Company Roscommon, be charged one pound for each opening made in the steam rolled streets of Roscommon
This Order to apply to any other towns in the County."

Letter from the Manager of the National Bank, Roscommon, enclosing Draft Mortgage to secure £2000 loan for the Steam Rolling of Castlerea streets as sanctioned by the Department in their letter:-
Proposed by Councillor M. O'Beaman
Seconded by Councillor E. Moran
And Resolved:-
"That in pursuance of consent of the Local Government Department, Ireland, by letter dated the 13th October 1925, the Council do borrow from the National Bank, Ltd. Roscommon, the sum of £2000 for the

the purpose of steam-rolling the streets of Castlerea to be repaid to the Bank by 10 yearly instalments spread over a period of five years with interest thereon at one-half per cent per annum under the Irish Banks rate rising and falling therewith from time to time but at no time to be less than four per cent per annum. Said loan to be secured by Mortgage over the rates available for that purpose and that the Seal of the Council be attached to said Mortgage.

The Chairman signed Draft Mortgage

Councillor Killian's Notice of Motion re expenditure on District Roads fell through, his Proposal not being seconded.

The following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor Killian was adjourned to next Meeting:-

(Copy)

"Take Notice that I, or some other "Member on my behalf, will "move that the Assistant Surveyors "be made whole time officers at "their present salary, with the "provision, if feasible, that they

retain

"retain their respective positions
"as Engineers to the County Board
"of Health on existing terms".
(Signed) Michael Killian

Letter from Mr. P. J. Nelan, State Solicitor, Roscommon, re list of Land Purchase Annuitants Defaulters was submitted:-
Proposed by Councillor Michl. Killian
Seconded by Councillor M. J. Mc Dermott,
And Resolved:-
"That with reference to the communication from Mr. Nelan dated 10th November, 1925, re non-payment of annuities due to the Land Commission a list of each Defaulter owing one year or more asking to have particulars as to what steps taken by the Sheriff to recover same as the fact is notorious that many of these Defaulters have sufficient stock on these farms to meet these Annuities"

The Road Works Schedule was signed and sealed by the Chairman:-
Proposed by Councillor John Deery.
Seconded by Councillor John Keaveney
And Resolved:-
"That the County Surveyor
he

be empowered to group all roads passed for repair by Direct Labour in the Road Works Scheme in Sections as heretofore in accordance with Article 49 of the Public Bodies Order."

Proposed by Councillor M. Killian,
Seconded by Councillor E. Keaton,
And Resolved:-
"That all continuously maintained Main and County roads passed for Contract be for a period of three years"

Proposed by Councillor Michl. Killian
Seconded by Councillor Joseph O'Beirne
And Resolved:-
"That the County Surveyor have perfectly level beds prepared on each Section of road in the County sufficient for road material required and that no material be measured for payment unless delivered on such prepared beds and that all material be measured by either the County Surveyor or one of the Deputies, not by the road gangers."

Proposed by Councillor M. O'Braonain
Seconded by Councillor E. Moran
"That

"That provision be made for County Medical Officer's salary, a sum of £300"

Proposed by Councillor M. J. McDermott.
Seconded by Councillor Joe McCann.

"That no provision be made for a County Medical Officer"

A Poll was then taken and the following voted for Councillor Brennan's Motion:- Councillors Drury, Bell, J. Kelly, Kearney, Grogan, Hafferty, Moran and Brennan

The following voted for Councillor McDermott's Motion:- Councillors O'Beirne, McGreal, Donegan, E. Breaton, McDermott, McCann, W. Flynn and Allen. The voting being then equal with "8" on each side, Mr. O'Braonain's Motion was declared "Carried" by his own casting vote as Chairman:-

Proposed by Councillor M. O'Braonain
Seconded by Councillor E. Moran.

And Resolved:-

"That provision be made for County Medical Officer's salary, a sum of £300"

Proposed by Councillor Edward Moran.
Seconded by Councillor Joseph McCann

And

And Resolved :-

"That we, the Members of the Roscommon County Council, demand in the best interests of the public that all monies given as Grants for the relief of distress in the County be placed at the disposal of the County Council as we consider the Council the proper medium through which the money should be expended."

Copy to be sent to the Minister of Finance and to the Local Government Department."

Proposed by Councillor E. Moran.
Seconded by Councillor M. O'Braonain

And Resolved :-

"That we ask the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to sanction payment to us of an Overdue Account to Messrs. Connolly Bros. Castlerea, in respect of material supplied and work done for the Castlerea Waterworks Committee which Account should have been paid by the late Castlerea Rural District Council"

Proposed by Councillor M. O'Braonain
Seconded by Councillor John Kelly.

And

And Resolved:-

"That the Rev. Bernard Keane, Four Roads, and the Rev. Thos. O'Beirne St. Johns be added to the Committee of Agriculture and Technical Instruction

Application from Mr. M. J. Kelly, Ballyforan, asking for an increase of rent for boundhouse in Ballyforan was submitted. Order:- Pay £8.

Letter from Mr. D. J. Mc Cormack, Solicitor, Stolsestown, enclosing Bill of Costs amounting to £29.8 (Registration of Cottage Plots) was submitted. Order:- "Forward to Council's Solicitor for taxing."

Letter from Mr. M. J. Cassidy, District Court Clerk, Castlerea, enclosing affidavit made by Mr. Walter McDermott, re. letters of administration in connection with the Estate of his son - ex-Collector John McDermott.

Proposed by Councillor M. O'Braonain, Seconded by Councillor J. Deane.

And Resolved:-

"That it be pointed out to the Minister of Local Govern-

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ment that while a heavy part of the expenses of Labourers Cottages provided by District Councils is to be paid by the County Council the rents thereof are to be received by the Board of Health who will be charged Income Tax thereon but will be unable to show these expenses as a set-off while the rents are County-at-Large receipts these expenses are chargeable to the former Rural Districts with the exception of the awkward adjustment prescribed in Article 44 of the new "Public Bodies Order." In the published Accounts of Labourers Cottages Finances these expenses will not be shown as they will be lost sight of amongst the Separate Charges. The like manner of paying Loan Charges etc. in respect of ex-Poor Law Unions as Separate Charges, and not as part of the cost of Poor Relief will cause an inaccurate statement of the expense of Poor Relief to appear. Those remarks apply with adaptations also to the cost of ex-Union and ex-District Pensions and repayment of loans for water sewerage and lighting services.

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The Board of Health could cause any of these expenses to be levied over special areas as Separate Charges.

The Minister is requested to cause an alteration in the Law, that the latter may have the effect of transferring the payment of all those expenses to the Board of Health."

Proposed by Councillor Edward Moran
Seconded by Councillor Wm. Hafferty.
And Resolved:-

"That we ask the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to sanction poundage at 8d in the £ to Collector Shanagher on the amount of rates collected and lodged by him in ex-Collector Fleming's District in respect of the year ended 31st March 1925."

Reports on patients in Beamount Sanatorium were submitted.

Letter from the District Council Clerk, Ballaghaderreen, enclosing copy letter from the Rev. J. Spelman, Adm. Ballaghaderreen, notifying him that the use of St Mary's Hall,

Ballaghaderreen, would be discontinued as a Bourdhouse if the rent was not paid, was submitted. Order:- "Instruct Bounty Solicitor to settle Account on the best possible terms".

Letter from Mr. D. J. Hannon, Bounty Solicitor, stating that the judge complained about Roscommon Bourdhouse not being heated was submitted. Order:- "To be attended to".

Correspondence re proceedings to be taken against ex-Collector Jordan was submitted stating that the Council had not much hope of succeeding if proceedings were taken:- Order:- "Proceedings to be withdrawn"

The following correspondence was marked "Read":-

Letter from the Carnegie United Kingdom Trust, re establishment of County Library Schemes.

Letter re transfer of children to Industrial Schools.

Letter from Mr. J. H. Lloyd re cleaning of Charlestown side-streets.

Letter from County Roscommon Town Tenants Association enclosing copy resolution re legislation

Resolution

Resolution from the Boyle Town
Commissioners re rates.
Letter from Miss Hennessy. Nurse
in Boyle Hospital.
Resolution from the Boyle Farmers
Union re illegitimate trading.
Letter from Mr. Wm. Cooke, Caretaker
Union Buildings, Castlerea,
re fire which occurred in
Building.
Letter from Mr. R. Adams, M.R.C.V.S.
Boyle, re Reynolds.
Letter from Sanitary Officer,
City Hall, Kilkenny.
Letter from Mrs. Mary Browne,
re room in Strokestown Workhouse
Resolution from the Secretary, Kildare
County Council re Barley
growing.
Resolution from the Secretary,
Meath County Council re
Legislation.
Letters from Collector Shanagher
and T. Flynn re complaint
by the latter against the Collector.
Resolution from Kilkenny County
Council re Tax on Ford Cars.
Letter from the Clerk of the West
Sussex County Council
re Tan Budge. Horsham.
Letters from T.D.'s acknowledging
receipt

receipt of Resolutions re travelling expenses.

Letter from the I. V. & G. W. Union re Direct Labour Scheme and wages to labourers.

Letter from Mc Gregor & Co. Dundee. re Fire in Leasleven Workhouse and Fire extinguishing appliances

Resolution from Tipperary (S.R.) County Council re the introduction of a new Game Act.

Letter and Resolution from the Secretary Dublin County Council. re the Agricultural Grant.

Letter from the Irish Soldiers and Sailors Land Trust re Assignment of Road at Stonepark.

Letter from Mrs Ellen Murray, Attirony Ballinasloe, re field pound.

Letter from Mr Park Mannion, Castlerea and from Nurse Bligh re superannuation.

Letter from the Secretary, Galway County Council re Housing Acts

Resolution from the Secretary, Tipperary S. R. County Council re system of doles.

Resolution from the Taghmaconnell Branch of the Irish Farmers Union re contracts on roads.

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The following were adjourned to next Meeting:-

Correspondence from the Secretary of the County Board of Health on various matters.

Application for compensation for loss of office from Mr. Walker, Solicitor, Athlone

Reports re Heavy Motor Traffic

Letter from Mr. A. Lamin T.D. and enclosure re Travelling expenses of Members of Local Authorities and foreign competition for markets for agricultural produce.

Correspondence re Taxation of Road Vehicles etc. and Public Bodies Insurance.

Letter from Parks Moore, Derrylippa re state of roads referred to County Surveyor.

Letters from the Irish National League of the Blind, re Blind Welfare, from the Secretary of the Town Tenants Association re Scheme for erection of houses in Roscommon town, and from Brien Mc Dermott re condition of wall surrounding Aughrim

Aughnin Burial ground were referred to County Board of Health.

Letter from Mr. John Gilleran re payment of his salary from the date he took up duty with the bounty bounei- 25th of November. Order:- "To be paid"

(Signed) John Drury
Chairman