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Minutes of Proceedings of Special Meeting of the Roscommon County Council held at the Courthouse, Roscommon, on the 15th December 1925

The following Members were present:- Councillors Neary, Hogg, Drury, Bell, J. Kelly, Kearney, O'Beirne, Jordan, Grogan, Waters Mc Greal, Donegan, Hafferty, Moran, E. Creaton, D. Creaton, Kline, Mc Dermott, Mc Cann, Mangle, W. Flynn, Donnelly, Killian, O'Braonain, Burke, J. Flynn, Allen, D. J. Kelly, Millar and Ledwith.

Proposed by Councillor P. J. Waters
Seconded by Councillor Creaton.
And Resolved:-
"That Mr. M. H. Grogan take the Chair"

Proposed by Councillor M. H. Grogan.
Seconded by Councillor M. O'Braonain
And Resolved:-
"That the Rev. M. O'Donnell, C. C. Roscommon be nominated as the Council's representative

representative on the Galway University Governing Body."

The following correspondence from the Department of Local Government and Public Health was submitted:-

Letter No. M. H. 1096 of the 20th November with enclosures re Ballinasloe Mental Hospital.

Mr. Mc. Dermott, one of the Council's representatives on the Ballinasloe Mental Hospital Committee notified the Council of recommendations made with a view to economy at the Mental Hospital Committee Meeting held on the 14th instant:-

Proposed by Co. P. Y. Jordan.
Seconded by Co. Joseph O'Beirne.
And Resolved:-

"That we adopt the recommendations recommended by the representatives of this Council on the Ballinasloe Mental Hospital Committee."

Letter No. P. 54225 of the 21st November enclosing draft for £224.13.0 amount of claim for occupation

occupation of Strokestown Workhouse by Military. Order:- "Approved."

Letter No. G. 55142 sanctioning County Council's Overdraft of £10.000.

Letter No. P. 49625 enclosing copy of Order under Seal fixing Miss Bligh's pension.

Circular No. I.R.V. re speed of mechanically propelled road vehicles. Order:- "County Surveyor to erect danger signals."

Letter No. G. 54248 giving sanction to the appointments of Messrs. Glynn and Moran as temporary Rate Collectors.

Letter No. G. 50565 approving of Mr. James Cox's superannuation as ex-Clerk of the Boyle Rural District Council No. I.

Letter No. G. 55174 sanctioning payment of poundage fees to certain Collectors.

Letter No. G. 56433 sanctioning appointment of temporary Collector pending result of Collector M. Geraghty's trial.

The following application from Collectors Dolan, Murray and Connaughton was read:-

(Copy).

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To the Chairman & Gentlemen of the Roscommon Co. Council.

Gentlemen

We, the undersigned ~~members~~ collectors of the Roscommon County Council, being now aware that a temporary appointment is about to be made in Collector Geraghty's District and as members of the Late Collectors Association of this County, we wish with all respect and without in the least proposing to act the part of dictators, to point out to the gentlemen of the Roscommon County Council that the making of such temporary appointment meets with our disapproval and we base our reasons for our disapproval on the following grounds :-

1st Collector Geraghty's case in which his innocence or guilt is yet to be proved is still pending.

2nd The County Council has never yet dismissed him and under such circumstances we respectfully request the Members of the County Council to act on a former

former suggestion of the Secretary viz. to apportion the District on Collectors adjoining who will be prepared to carry on the collection of the apportioned District until such time as Collector Geraghty's case is decided. If Collector Geraghty succeeds in proving his innocence said Collectors will only too gladly hand over their respective appointments to him.

(Signed) James Connaghton
Malachy Murray
William Dolan

The following order was made on above "Approved".

Proposed by Councillor M. J. Mc Dermott,
Seconded by Councillor D. Creaton,

"That Collector Geraghty's District be apportioned to each of the three Collectors adjacent to the District as a temporary arrangement".

Proposed by Councillor J. Mc Cann,
Seconded by Councillor Wm. Donnelly.

"That temporary appointment of Rate Collector be made in Mr. Geraghty's District and that advertisement be now issued".

The following voted for Mr. Mc Dermott's Motion:- Councillors O'Beirne

O'Beirne, Jordan, Grogan, Waters, Mc Greal, Hafferty, Moran, D. Creaton, Cline, Mc Dermott, W. Flynn & Killion

The following voted for Mr. Mc Crann's Motion:- Councillors Donegan, E. Creaton, Donnelly, J. Flynn, Allen, D. J. Kelly, Millar, Ledwich and Mc Crann.

Mr. Mc Dermott's Motion was then declared "carried" by 12 votes to 9 and same was put to the Meeting as a resolution:-

Proposed by Councillor M. J. Mc Dermott,
Seconded by Councillor D. Creaton,
And Resolved:-

"That Collector Geraghty's District be apportioned to each of the three Collectors adjacent to the District as a temporary arrangement."

Mr. M. O'Braonain (Chairman) then took the Chair.

Proposed by Councillor M. O'Braonain
Seconded by Councillor P. T. Jordan,
And Resolved:-

"That North and South Killbride go to Collector Dolan."
Twenty and Mote to Collector Connaghton
Scregg

Scragg to Collector Murray."

Letter No. G. 54086 re Collector Barrons Refund Lists. Order :- "Local Councillors take the responsibility."

Letter No. G. 50184 re arrangements for the conduct of bounty administration consequent on the abolition of the late Rural District Councils. Order :- "Secretary to see Secretary of the Board of Health re Flanagan checking District Council rents."

Circular No. 54325 re assets and liabilities of the late Rural District Councils. The Secretary stated that office furniture and fittings etc. were received from Castlerea and Boyle offices and he asked the County Council to make an order for their disposal :- "Order. To be auctioned."

Circular No. G. 54552 relative to the question of introducing legislation to make the landlord liable for rates on small houses :-

Proposed by Councillor M. Killian
Seconded by Councillor Wm Flynn.
And Resolved :-

"That-

"That rates up to £5 (Five Pounds) Valuation be paid by the Landlord"
Circular No. G. 50142 enclosing copy of the Rating of New Buildings Order of 1925.
Circular No. R.D. 201 of the 12th October enclosing Schedule of Main Roads in the County Roscommon
The following Report of the County Surveyor was submitted:-

County Surveyor's Office.
Courthouse
Roscommon
14th December 1925.

To
Roscommon County Council
Gentlemen

I wish to bring under your notice the proposals for New and Special Works which I have received to date and the amount of which I must say has reached an alarmingly high figure. I have tabulated them all showing the number and amount of proposals made by each councillor and the amount for each Electoral area
You will see from the Table that the amounts from Castlerea and Elphin Electoral Areas

Areas are exceptionally high and of course when all this is now a County-at-Large charge it virtually concerns every Councillor The total for the whole County to date is £11,316-10-0 which represents 10d in the pound, and one Councillor has applications in to the value of over £1200 and several are hondering on the thousand mark.

The Roads Meeting will be held on February 1st at which Meeting all these Proposals will be finally considered and my Roads Scheme must be lodged with the Secretary of the County Council before January 16th The last date by law for receiving these Proposals is January 1st Therefore I would suggest that all these proposals be referred back to Committees of the different areas to be gone into by them and reduced to a reasonable figure having due regard to the necessity at the present time for economy In order to do this it will be necessary to hold Committee Meetings between January 1st and 16th 1926 in the different areas and I would suggest the following dates

dates if they would meet with your approval :-

Boyle	2nd Jan. 1926	(Saturday)	1 o'clock
Castlerea	5th "	(Tuesday)	do
Roscommon	13th "	(Wednesday)	do
Strokestown	9th "	(Saturday)	do.

I would also like to take this opportunity of pointing out to the Council that under the new Local Government Act a lot of extra work in connection with roads is thrown on to the County Surveyor's Department. We have now to keep separate Machinery Accounts which entail a lot of work and the amount of work done by machinery nowadays is practically equal to that by Direct Labour. And then Forms 20 and 22 which used to be formerly prepared by the Rural District Clerks have now to be prepared by me. Then in future separate Accounts must be kept for each road in the County when formerly several roads in a Section were bunched together and one Account kept for all.

Considering all this and the still extra amount of work

entailed by the preparation of Estimates and consideration of Special Works Proposals from now till the end of March it is absolutely impossible to carry on unless I get the temporary assistance of a qualified clerk for three months and I respectfully ask you, Gentlemen, to allow me this.

Your obedient Servant.
(Signed) Michael Verney
County Surveyor.

The following order was made on above "Approved".

Proposed by Councillor P. J. Waters.
Seconded by Councillor J. Millar,
And Resolved:-

"That a temporary clerk be appointed to the County Surveyor's Office (by Co. Surveyor) at a salary of £3 (Three Pounds) weekly."

Copy of Scheme for the purpose of discharging the duties transferred from the District Councils to the County Council, the following clauses constitute a Scheme for the County

1.

1. A Sub-committee to be set up in each Electoral area consisting of the elected members of the County Council in the Area See. 58 (5) L. G. Act 1925.
2. The Titles of the Sub-committee to be as follows :- "Boyle Sub-committee, Castlerea Sub-committee Elphin Sub-committee and Roscommon Sub-committee and the places of Meeting shall be respectively Boyle Courthouse, Castlerea Court-house, Elphin (Strokestown ex-Union Buildings) and Roscommon Courthouse.
3. (a) The Sub-committee shall meet in the month of January in each year and any other dates as required to consider applications for New Works and repairs to by-roads and shall submit their findings to the County Council for the Roads Meeting. Proposals to be forwarded to the Secretary of the County Council and to the County Surveyor before the 1st day of November in each year.

(a) The Sub-committee shall at its

its first Meeting appoint one of its members as Chairman who will hold office until the first Meeting after the election of Chairman of the County Council in each year.

4. For the purpose of co-ordinating the works previously performed by the District Council, and to give adequate representation to the people concerned, we request the Board of Health under Section 13 L.G. Act 1925 to appoint the same Sub-committee as mentioned in Clause 4 of this Scheme, and when matters relating to Labourers and Sanitary Acts and any other matters latterly discharged by District Councils come before the Board of Health for consideration, the Members of the Sub-committee be entitled to sit, act and vote with the Board of Health on matters appertaining to their respective areas, or, (as an alternative, the Members of the Sub-committee be entitled to discuss and offer their views but not to vote on matters appertaining to their

(Areas)

areas).

That one District Council Clerk with the addition of a typist go to the Board of Health offices one Clerk to be engaged as Checker of all Rate Collectors and Rent Collectors in the County and one Clerk go to the County Council office.

The following order was made on above :- "Approved as above amended at Meeting held on the 15th December 1925."

(Signed) M. O'Brannan
Chairman

The following letter re Sudden Damage was submitted by the County Surveyor :-

(Copy)
County Surveyor's Office
Courthouse. Roscommon
15th December 1925

To

Roscommon County Council.

Sudden Damage Proposal re Approval of County Council for re-building a Bridge on Trunk Road T. 34 near Bloomyquinn.

Cost not to exceed £50.

Gentlemen

Gentlemen/

With reference to the approval for the sum of £50 for repairs to Bridge under Sudden Damage given at your Meeting on the 19th October, 1925, I found that a greater width of the Bridge than anticipated had to be repaired, consequently £50 will not be sufficient and I shall need to spend a further £20.

I shall be glad to have your approval for spending this amount.

Your obedient Servant,
(Sgd) Michael Verney

The following order was made on above "Approved" M. O'Braonain.

The following letter re Re-apportionment in Roscommon Rural District was submitted from the County Surveyor:-

(Copy)
County Surveyor's Office
Courthouse. Roscommon
15th December 1925.

To/

The Roscommon County Council
Re re-apportionment in Roscommon Rural District

Gentlemen/

In the Strokestown

District I find that it is necessary to re-apportion the amounts originally estimated by me in order to meet the heavy expenditure in some Sections.

This re-apportionment means no addition to my estimate, it is merely an adjustment of the annual amounts allowed for the Sections. Provision for this is made under Paragraph 3 of the general conditions of the Direct Labour Scheme now in operation and in accordance with that provision details will be given by me in my annual Report.

Your obedient Servant,
(Sgd) Michael Nerney.
Co. Surveyor.

The following order was made on above "Approved" M. O'Braonain

The following correspondence was submitted from the Office of Public Works, Dublin:-

Letter No. G. 22980 of the 2nd instant re collection of terminable annuities drainage rates:-
Proposed by Co. M. O'Braonain
Seconded by Co. Edward Moran,
And Resolved:-

"That

"That we agree to collect and pay the terminable annuities drainage rates and other monies collectible or payable by us in respect of the construction or maintenance of drainage works in the proposed Drainage Works."

Letter No 20401 re accommodation for the Garda Siochana in Ballaghaderreen. The following letter from the County Surveyor was submitted:-

(Copy)
Co. Surveyor's Office,
Courthouse.
Roscommon
14.12.1925

To - Roscommon Co. Council.

Gentlemen,

I was to have Tenders to day at your Meeting for the repairs of Ballaghaderreen and Frenchpark Courthouses but was not able to have them finished. I have measured up and made a drawing for Ballaghaderreen Courthouse and have gone into the matter of housing the Guards in it, with the Chief Superintendent. To do this a great deal of extra construction is necessary and it cannot possibly

possibly be done for the amount of money allowed for compensation. The amount allowed is £900 and to put it in proper condition for the Guards to live in will take £1600. Therefore you will have to decide if you will put up the extra money and charge a suitable rent to recover it, or whether you will only utilise the money you were allowed which will only put it back into the same condition that it was in.

It will be necessary for you to decide this to-day in order to give me a chance to complete the plans as of course it is no use advertising for work if there is not sufficient money to meet it. It can then be advertised and Tenders accepted at your next Meeting and both the Boarthouses would be ready for occupation by May the 1st.

Your obedient Servant,
(Sgd) Michael Nerney
Co. Surveyor.

Proposed by Councillor P. J. Waters,
Seconded by Councillor D. Keaton,
And Resolved:-

"That we borrow the

the sum of £400 for the to complete the Ballaghaderreen boundhouse according to amended Specification"

Councillor P. Y. Jordan moved the following Notice of Motion:-

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"Take Notice that I, or some other "Councillor on my behalf, will "move at the next Meeting of the "County Council, that Notation of "employment take place on the "roads to relieve the distress of "poor persons even for short periods

(Signed) Patrick Y. Jordan.

Proposed by Councillor P. Y. Jordan.
Seconded by Councillor John Millar.

And Resolved:-

"That Notation of employment take place on the roads. piece works, casting, and where practicable on surface works to relieve the distress of poor persons even for short periods."

The following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor Joseph O'Beirne was adjourned to the February Meeting of the County Council:-

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

(Signed) J. O'Beirne

The following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor John Dooley was adjourned to the February Meeting of the County Council:-

Copy

"I hereby give Notice that I, or
"some other 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 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

"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 Deasy.

Councillor John Keaveney moved the following Notice of Motion standing in his name:-

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"I beg to give Notice that I, or
"some other Member on my behalf,
"will move at the next Meeting
"of this Council, in face of the
"alarming increase in rates of
"recent years and fully realising
"how difficult it is for the
"ratepayers meet this increase,
"that the salaries of the various
"officials in this County, in-
"cluding all employees of the
"County Council, be reduced ten
"per cent with a view to effecting
"some reduction in local expen-
"diture during the trying times
"we are passing through. When
"this Motion is being considered
should

"should the Council so decide
"that owing to exceptional cir-
"cumstances any particular
"officials or employees are
"entitled to exemption, the
"Council may deal with such
"cases on their merits."

(Signed) John Keaveney.

Proposed by Councillor John Keaveney
Seconded by Councillor John Dunn.

"That in face of the
alarming increase in rates of
recent years and fully realising
how difficult it is for the rate-
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officials in this County including
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deal with such cases on their
merits"

Proposed

Proposed by Councillor John Millar
Seconded by Councillor Wm. Flynn,
"That the salaries remain as they are".

A. Poll was then taken and Mr. Millar's Amendment was Carried by 19 votes to 6.

The following voted for the Amendment:- Councillors Hogg, Cull, J. Kelly, O'Beirne, Grogan, Waters, Donegan, Hafferty, Moran, D. Creaton, Cline, Mc Dermott, W. Flynn, Killion, Brennan, Burke, Allen, Millar and Ledwich.

The following voted against the Amendment:- Councillors Drury, Keaveney, Jordan, Mc Greal, E. Creaton and Mc Crann.

The following did not vote:- Councillors Neary, Naugle, Donnelly and J. Flynn.

The Amendment was then put to the Meeting as a Resolution and Carried:-
Proposed by Councillor J. Millar,
Seconded by Councillor Wm. Flynn,
And Resolved:-
"That the salaries remain as they are"

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The following Notice of Motion was moved by Councillor Dunne:-

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"That we hereby give Notice that at "the next Meeting of the County "Council, we will move a Resolution "in connection with the travelling "allowances of members of the "Council and it's various Committees

(Signed) John Dunne & Andrew Hogg

Proposed by Councillor John Dunne,
Seconded by Councillor James Donegan
And Resolved:-

"That we, the Roscommon County Council, hereby record our protest against the enactment concerning the travelling allowance and attendance record of Members of the County Council and it's various administrative Committees because of the inadequate allowance for travel by road and also the distinction made excluding Members living within a five mile radius.

As elected representatives of the people we consider these enactments are degrading and unjustifiable and because of the fact that they were deemed

necessary

necessary they carry the imputation that elected Bodies charged with the administration of Local Government are untrustworthy and lacking in honour and integrity. If in the interests of National Economy these enactments are enforced alike on both National and Local Government representatives we shall be satisfied.

Copies to be sent to President Cosgrave, T.D's for County and each County Council in Saorstat."

The following Notice of Motion in Councillor John Kelly's name was ruled out of order by the Chairman:-

Copy

"That all officials appointed and paid by the County Council after the 1st January 1926 be ineligible for pension."

(Signed) John Kelly

Mr. Denis J. Hannon, County Solicitor, Athlone, wrote asking the County Council to appoint Engineers to represent the Council on the hearing of claims for Malicious Injuries. Order:- "Ask

Deputy

Deputy Surveyor to act in their own Areas"

Letter from Messrs. Meldon & Co. Solicitors, 8 Merrion Square, Dublin and Messrs. H. and W. Stanley, Solicitors, 59 Dawson St. Dublin, asking for rent of Bridewell and Elphin boundhouses were marked "Refused".

The Secretary submitted receipted Bill for £11.10 from the District Court Clerk, Boyle, for repairs to his office at Boyle boundhouse The Secretary also submitted a letter from the County Surveyor stating that he was not notified about these repairs. Order:- "County Surveyor to inspect and "if same be certified correct, to pay."

Notice of Audit from Mr. Sean Maistin, Local Government Auditor, was submitted.

Letter from the Secretary of the County Board of Health asking the County Council to borrow £2000 to enable the County Board of Health to carry out

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a Sewerage Scheme for Ballinlough.

The Secretary also submitted a letter from Father Mc Dermott, P.P. Ballinlough on the same subject and Mr. David Fitzmaurice headed a Deputation to the bounty council and pointed out the absolute necessity existing for such a Scheme:- Proposed by Councillor M. O'Brannain Seconded by Councillor E. Beaton,

And Resolved:-

"That we approve of providing a loan for the Ballinlough sewerage on condition as set out in the Local Government's letter, that a Public Inquiry is held locally and the area of charge fixed thereat."

Letter from the Secretary of the County Board of Health asking the Council to allow their Assistant Surveyors to act as Engineers to the Board of Health in their respective Districts. Order:- "That the Assistants act as Engineers to the County Board of Health in their own Districts."

The Secretary reported that unless the County Council seriously approached

approached the question of the Rate Collection financial chaos would result as he could see no reason why the huge sum of £63,000 was still outstanding out of a total Warrant of £79,000:-
Proposed by Councillor M. O'Braonain,
Seconded by Councillor Wm Flynn,
And Resolved:-

"That unless all Rate Collectors have at least half their Warrants lodged by the 15th January 1926, they be recommended for dismissal."

Proposed by Councillor Joseph McCann,
Seconded by Councillor Wm Flynn,
And Resolved:-

"That owing to exceptional circumstances Collector Rogers get one month from this date to close his account - if not closed by then - 15th January, Mr. Rogers services be dispensed with as from that date".

The following letter from Collector Paul Regan was submitted:-

(Copy)

Ballyfeg, Strokestown,
14th December, 1925

Dear Sir, Owing to serious illness
I am

I am unable to complete my collection and hereby appoint my brother-Hubert Egan, one of my sureties, to act as my Deputy and hope the County Council will approve of it.

I enclose Doctor's certificate as to my illness.

I am, Sir.

Yours faithfully.

(Sgd) Paul Egan

The following order was made on above "Approved".

Proposed by Councillor Edward Moran
Seconded by Councillor Wm Flynn.

And Resolved:-

"That we ask the Minister for Local Government to sanction 2d in the pound extra to Collector Hanly on the amount of his Warrant for the half-year ended 31st March 1922 as he collected and lodged £1970-18-10 out of a Warrant of £2086-1-6 within three months from the date he received it and would have lodged the full amount within a fortnight only being misinformed by another Collector. This latter can be vouched for on oath if necessary, therefore considering the circumstances we think it most unfair that Mr. Hanly who has

has always nearly been paid 8d in the pound should be deprived of it for this half-year.

We also ask the Ministry to sanction 2d in the pound extra to Collectors Berine and Tyler for the year ended 31st March 1925 as Mr. Berine lodged both moieties within ten months and from the date he received his Warrant and Mr. Tyler closed both moieties in about eight months."

Proposed by Councillor John Henry.
Seconded by Councillor Wm Donnelly
And Resolved:-

"That the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be asked to sanction 8d in the £ poundage to Collectors O'Hara. Edward Doyle. Coleman. Devanny and Connor for the half-year ended 30th September 1925 as they have closed their Collections for that period within four months from the date on which they got their Warrants. Also 2d extra to Devanny and Coleman for the half-year ended 31st March 1925 as the former lodged

lodged the full amount of his Warrant in a little over three months and the latter within four months for that half-year, and 2d extra to Collector Boyle for the year ended 31st March 1925, as he lodged the amount of his Warrant for that year in about eight months. The latter's District includes the town of Boyle where there is a very large amount of refunds. In order to show how the Council appreciate Collectors who do their work efficiently we trust the Ministry will forward sanction so that payment can be made before Christmas."

Proposed by Councillor Edward Moran
Seconded by Councillor John Burke.
And Resolved :-
"That we ask the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to sanction 8d poundage to Collector Bramley on the amount of arrears collected by him in ex-Collector Fleming's District. Mr. Bramley who had a very difficult job in clearing up his share of Fleming's arrears, did so in a most satisfactory manner

manner as he lodged every penny of them for the years ended 31st March 1924 and 1925. Should the Ministry accede to the Councils request it will be a great encouragement to Mr. Bramley to proceed diligently with his 1925-1926 collection, which he has just taken up and close before the 31st March next."

Proposed by Councillor John Burke.
Seconded by Councillor M. J. McDermott.
And Resolved :-
"That the Ministers for Local Government and Public Health be asked to sanction poundage at 8d in the £ to Collectors B. V. Doyle and William Dolan on their collections for the year ended 31st March 1925"

Rev. Father Kelly, C.C. Elphin addressed the Council on the urgent need of housing accommodation in the town of Elphin and stated that Grants under the Housing Act of 1925 were not available provided a proper Scheme for their erection was formulated :-

Proposed

Proposed by Councillor M. O'Braonain
Seconded by Councillor E. Moran.
And Resolved:-
"That we recommend the Board of Health to draft a Scheme for the erection of Houses on the plots in Elphin Town and if a suitable Scheme is put forward this Council will facilitate the matter in every way"

Proposed by Councillor Wm. Flynn.
Seconded by Councillor J. Millar
And Resolved:-
"That a sum not exceeding £10.000 be provided by way of Loan to individual building houses, repayable on Bank's terms of years. the amount corresponding to the amount of Government Grant he receives".

The Secretary read letter from Councillor Mc Geal stating that Messrs Michael Mulligan and Frank Keegan were joint Contractors for Roads Nos. 256 and 258 in Castlerea Rural District. Frank Keegan went to America before any work was done on the roads and his

co-partner Michael Mulligan handed in a Sworn Declaration to that effect:-
Proposed by Councillor P. W. Gaul
Seconded by Councillor M. O'Braonain
And Resolved:-
"That in view of the Affidavit made by Michael Mulligan concerning the Contracts for the by-roads Nos 256 and 258 we agree to the alteration of the Contract to the name of Michael Mulligan and direct payments to be made accordingly"

The Secretary read letter from Mr P. A. Flanagan, Clerk of the Castlerea District Council applying for superannuation in respect of the Office of Superintendent Registrar. Order:- Adjourned for checking"

Proposed by Councillor E. Moran
Seconded by Councillor O. Y. Jordan
And Resolved:-
"That this Council is of opinion that the time is overdue for the passing of the Remedial Legislation on behalf

behalf of Town Dwellers and we welcome the report that there is to be introduced in the Dail in the near future a Bill which comprises:- (1) Fixity of Tenure. (2) Fair Rent boards. (3) Provision for doing repair for which the landlord is liable, (4) the right of a tenant to receive notice from the owner when the owner intends to sell his property so as to give the tenant the first chance to purchase and thus put an end to the scandal of people purchasing houses over the heads of occupying tenants. That the Government be asked to give facilities for the passing of a Bill embracing the clauses mentioned above and that our local representatives be requested to accord the Bill their whole-hearted support.

Copies of this Resolution to be forwarded to the Minister for Local Government, President Cosgrave, A. Lavin and M. Benton T.D's and to each County Council in the Saorstat for adoption"

Proposed

Proposed by Councillor L. Moran
Seconded by Councillor J. Mc. Crann.
And Resolved:-
"That Peter Waldron of Castleplunket be appointed on the Committee of Agriculture and Technical Instruction"

Proposed by Councillor J. Kearney,
Seconded by Councillor A. Hogg.
And Resolved:-
"That we request the District Justice for Ballyfarnon District to hold his Courts in Ballyfarnon instead of bringing people from Roscommon to Drumshanbo a distance of 10 or 12 miles at great cost and inconvenience. There are suitable premises for holding the Courts in Miss Brennane's Hotel, where Courts have already been held a few years ago."

(Signed) M. O'Gara
Chairman
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Minutes of Proceedings of Roads Meeting of the Roscommon County Council held at the Courthouse, Roscommon, on Monday 12th February 1926

Councillor M. O'Brannain (Chairman) presided and the following Members were present:- Councillors Neary, Hogg, Dowry J. Kelly, O'Beirne, Jordan, Waters, Mc Great, Donegan, Hafferty, Moran E. Creaton, D. Creaton, Shine, Mc Dermott, Mc Cann, Naugle, Flynn, Donnelly, Killian, Burke, J. Flynn, Allen, D. J. Kelly, Millar and Ledwith.

Proposed by Councillor John Dowry. Seconded by Councillor Andrew Hogg. And Resolved:-

"That we, the Roscommon County Council, regret to learn that County Count Judge Wakely has charged this Council with refusing to carry out necessary repairs and alterations in Boyle Courthouse, and that he will report to the Minister of Justice that this Courthouse will

will be discontinued as a boardhouse. We wish to remind his Honour that the control of this boardhouse is vested in the Sheriff and no representation or application for repairs etc has been made to us which has been refused and we carried out all the repairs necessary last year and we are most anxious at all times to facilitate the administration of justice in our county and we do consider that Judge Wakely was not justified in the remarks he made"

Proposed by Councillor Michl Killian
Seconded by Councillor Wm. Donnelly
And Resolved :-

"That the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be asked to sanction payment at 8d in the £ to Collector James Connaughton on his Warrant for the half-year ended 30th September 1925, which he closed to-day notwithstanding the fact that a sum of over £91 is still due to him in respect of refunds for the half-year ended 31st March 1925

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We also asks the Ministér to sanction 2d extra in the £ to this Collectór on his Warrant for the half-year ended 30th September 1924 which he closed in about four and a half months from the date on which he received his Books and would have closed within four months but that there was a large amount due to him as refunds from the previous half-year.

The County Surveyor submitted his Road Works Scheme for the year 1926-27:-
Proposed by Councillor P. J. Waters.
Seconded by Councillor P. J. Jordan.
"That we adopt the recommendations of the Castlerea Sub-Committee re by-roads."

Proposed by Councillor John Drury.
Seconded by Councillor James Neary
"That the Castlerea Roads Committee Reports be referred back for further consideration to that Committee so as to reduce their proposals in accordance with the proportionate expenditure on by-roads and Special Works for the whole County."

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A Poll was then taken and the following voted for Mr Waters Motion :- Councillors Jordan. Waters. Mc Greal. Donegan. Flaherty. Moran. E Breaton. D Breaton. Mc Dermott. Mc Cann. W Flynn and Millar.

The following voted for Mr Drury's Motion :- Councillors Neary. Hogg. Drury. J Kelly. O'Beirne. Donnelly. Killian. Brennan. and D J Kelly.

Mr Waters Motion was then declared "Carried" by 12 votes to 9 and was put to the Meeting as follows :-

Proposed by Councillor P J Waters.
Seconded by Councillor O F Jordan.
And Resolved :-

"That we accept the recommendations of Basilewa Sub-Committee re by-roads"

Proposed by Councillor John Drury
Seconded by Councillor James Neary.
And Resolved :-

"That the Report of the Boyle District Roads Committee be hereby adopted."

Proposed

Proposed by Councillor Wm Flynn.
Seconded by Councillor M. J. McDermott.
And Resolved :-
"That the Report of the Elphin District Roads Committee be hereby adopted."

Proposed by Councillor Michl. Killian
Seconded by Councillor John Burke,
And Resolved :-
"That the Report of the Sub-Committee appointed for the Roscommon Electoral area be approved as regards by-roads."

The question of Direct-Labour versus Contract on certain roads formerly included in the Direct-Labour Scheme was now discussed and the following resolutions were passed thereon :-
Proposed by Councillor M. Killian.
Seconded by Councillor P. Ledwith.
"That Roads Nos. 35. 36. & 37 be done by Contract and also Nos. 58 and 59. 43; 423; 424; 433. 434. 435, 436. 437. 438. 439. 440 (440 proceeding consecutively to 493) inclusive."

Proposed by Councillor Millar
Seconded by Councillor Sean De Buisea
"That

"That the roads in the Athlone area mentioned by Councillor Killian for contract be continued by Direct Labour."

A Poll was then taken and the following voted for Councillor Killian's Motion:- Councillors Hogg, O'Beirne, Donegan, E. Beaton, Kline, Mc Dermott, W Flynn, Killian, J. Flynn, D.J. Kelly and Ledwith.

The following voted for Councillor Millar's Motion:- Councillors J. Kelly, Jordan, Waters, Hafferty, Moran, P. Beaton Mc Cann, Naugle, Burke and Millar.

Mr. Killian's Motion was then declared "Carried" by eleven votes to ten and was put to the Meeting as follows:-
Proposed by Councillor Michl. Killian
Seconded by Councillor P. Ledwith,
And Resolved:-

"That Roads 35, 36, 37 be done by Contract; also Nos. 58 and 59, 423, 423, 424, 433, 434, 435, 436, 437, 438, 439, 440 (440 proceeding consecutively to 493 inclusive"

Proposed

Proposed by Councillor Jas. Donegan.
Seconded by Councillor D. J. Kelly.
"That Roads numbered 365, 366, 367, 368, 369, 370, 371 and 372 be repaired by Contract"

Proposed by Councillor Wm. Hafferty
Seconded by Councillor E. Moran.
"That Roads mentioned in Councillor Donegan's Motion for Contract in the Ballinlough District be retained by Direct Labour"

A Poll was then taken and the following voted for Mr. Donegan's Motion:- Councillors O'Beirne, Donegan, E. Breaton, Blair Killian, J. Flynn, D. J. Kelly and Ledwith.

The following voted for Mr. Hafferty's Motion:- Councillors, J. Kelly, Jordan, Waters, Hafferty, Moran, D. Breaton, McCann, Nangle and Burke.

Mr. Hafferty's Motion was then declared "Carried" by nine votes to eight and put to the Meeting as follows:-
Proposed by Councillor Wm. Hafferty
Seconded by Councillor E. Moran.
And Resolved:-
"That roads mentioned in

in Councillor Donegan's Motion for Contract in the Ballinlough District be retained in Direct Labour"

Proposed by Councillor E. Cline
Seconded by Councillor Wm. Flynn.
"That Roads numbered 215, 216, 217, 218, 219, 220, 221, 222, 223, 224, 225, 226, 227, 228, and 229 be repaired by Contract."
Proposed by Councillor Joseph McCrann
Seconded by Councillor Bernd. Vangle.
"That Roads in Strokestown District mentioned in Mr. Cline's Motion be continued by Direct Labour."

A Poll was then taken and the following voted for Councillor Cline's Motion:- Councillors Hogg, O'Beirne, E. Creaton, Cline, McDermott, W. Flynn, Killian, J. Flynn, D. J. Kelly and Ledwich.

The following voted for Councillor McCrann's Motion:- Councillors J. Kelly, Jordan, Waters, Hafferty, Moran, E. Creaton, McCrann Vangle, Burke and Millar.

This left the voting even and the Chairman gave his vote in favour of Mr. Cline's Motion

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and same was declared "Carried" and it was put to the Meeting as follows:-
Proposed by Councillor E. Kline,
Seconded by Councillor Wm. Flynn.
And Resolved:-
"That Roads numbered 215, 216, 217, 218, 219, 220, 221, 222, 223, 224, 225, 226, 227, 228, and 229 be repaired by Contract."

Proposed by Councillor Edward Kline
Seconded by Councillor John Kelly.
And Resolved:-
"That all by-roads made by this Council in 1926 be not eligible for repairs for at least three years."

The following letter from the County Surveyor was submitted:-

(Copy)
Co. Surveyor's Office.
Roscommon.
1st February 1926

The Secretary,
Roscommon County Council
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I find it necessary in order to carry on works in some Sections to re-apportion the amount

amounts allowed by the County Council for the year 1925-1926. This is allowed under paragraph 3 of the general conditions governing the Direct Labour Scheme. It means no addition in expenditure whatsoever only transferring some of the balance from Sections which do not need all the balance available to the Sections which are badly in need.

I recommend you to adopt it in order to enable me to carry on with works over the County until the end of the year

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(Sgd) Michael Verney.
Co. Surveyor.

"Approved" M. O'B.

The following constitute the Tenders Committee "The whole Council."

Dates of Tenders Meeting

Athlone	Sat. 13th February. 1926	1 O.C.
Roscommon	Tuesday 9th " "	do
Boyle	Wednesday 10th " "	do
Strokestown	do 11th " "	do
Castlerea	Thursday 18th " "	do

A Special Meeting of the Co. Council to consider the Estimate etc. to be held on the 6th February. 1926. M O'Raorain
Chairman

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'Braonain (Chairman) presided and the following were in attendance :- Councillors Hogg, Drury, Cull, J. Kelly, Keaveney, O'Beirne, Jordan, Grogan, Naugle, McGreal, Donegan, Hafferty, Moran, E. Creaton, McDermott, McCrann, 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

Dr. 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 Deery, John Kelly, Messrs. Mc Cann, Mc Dermott, Moran Mc Greal, 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 Surveyor's 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 Minister's sanction to Overdraft of £10,000 to the 28th February.

Letter No. G. 61081 approving of the arrangements 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 Council's resolution regarding travelling expenses:-
Proposed by Councillor M. O'Braonain
Seconded by Councillor J. Allen
And Resolved:-
"That a Committee to report on travelling expenses Messrs. Drury, Donegan, McCrann, Cull, Keaveney, 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. F. 788 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 Bloomfield ward be altered from Bloomfield National School to Aghnadarragy School."

Letter No. G. 1268 re Collectors Rogers and Regan. The Secretary reported that as a result of a Checker'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 Hubert Regan"

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 Egan as Deputy for his brother.

Circular No. 55548 re Senatorium 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.R.39 re provision of Road Signs on Public Roads Order:- £100 to be provided"

Letter T.R.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 Orders 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 Council's 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 Surveyor's 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 buildings 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. Kaveney
James Neary & A. Hogg.

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

"That the Report of the Committee:- Messrs. Dunny, Neary, Kaveney 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 Dunny

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, Killybrannock, Boyle, for payment due to him in respect of Contract Road No 50 at Killybrannock, 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 Deasy
Proposed by Councillor Deasy.
Seconded by Councillor Keaveney.
And Resolved:-
"That Peter McDonagh's
claim for work at Killybannock
on road be decided by the Council
Report and Certificate of work
done be furnished by Deputy
Surveyor McDermott"
(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
the

"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. Moran 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 Kilglass 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'Braonain,
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. Neilan, 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. Neilan 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 Feeney,
Seconded by Councillor John Keaveney
And Resolved:-

"That the County Surveyor
be

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'Brannain
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'Brannain
Seconded by Councillor John Kelly.

And

And Resolved:-

"That the Rev. Bernard Keane, Tem 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 Courthouse in Ballyforan was submitted. Order:- Pay £8.

Letter from Mr. O. J. Mc Cormack. Solicitor, Strokestown, 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 Seamount 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 boardhouse 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 boardhouse 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 Strokestown 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 Devanny. 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. Hans, 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 Bridge. Horsham.
Letters from T.D's acknowledging receipt

receipt of Resolutions re travelling expenses.

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

Letter from W. Gregor & Co. Dundee. re Fire in Castlerea 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. Wallser, 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 Parts 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 Miss Mc Dermott re condition of wall surrounding

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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 bounci- 25th of November. Order:- "To be paid."

(Signed) John Drury
Chairman

Minutes of Proceedings of Quarterly Meeting of the Roscommon County Council held at the Courthouse, Roscommon, on Wednesday, 24th February, 1926.

Councillor M. O'Braonain (Chairman) presided and the following were in attendance:- Councillors Neary, Hogg, Drury, Keaveney, O'Beirne, Jordan, Waters, McGreal, Donegan, Hafferty, Moran, E. Creaton, D. Creaton, McDermott, McCrann, Naugle, W. Flynn, Killian, Burke, J. Flynn, Allen and Ledwith.

Proposed by Councillor P. J. Waters,
Seconded by Councillor E. Creaton
And Resolved:-
"That the Minutes of Council's Meetings of the 1st and 6th February be taken as read".

The following correspondence from the Department of Local Government and Public Health was submitted by the Secretary:-
Letter No. G. 5019 re state of certain Courthouses in the County and asking the County Council to have the necessary improvements

ments carried out. Order:- "Already in hands".

Letter No. H. 569/1245 re formation of Local Assistance Scheme under Section 6 of the Housing Act of 1925.

Letter No. G. 7207 re Assistant Surveyor McDonagh's claim for attending Strokestown Circuit Court in connection with the destruction of Strokestown Courthouse. Order:- "Particulars to be furnished".

The Secretary stated that Dr. Boyd Barrett, Medical Inspector, was unable to attend before the Committee appointed to draft a Tuberculosis Scheme for the County:-

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

"That Dr. Boyd Barrett to inform the Secretary what is the most suitable date for him giving at least one week's clear notice. Secretary to call Committee Meeting on that date, if possible the date to correspond with a County Council Meeting. The dates

dates of Council's Meetings to be communicated to Dr. Boyd Barrett".

Letter from Mr P. A. Flanagan late Clerk of Castlerea Rural District Council enclosing application for superannuation in respect of office of Superintendent of Births Deaths and Marriages abolished by the Registrar-General on the 22nd March 1923:-
Proposed by Councillor J. Keaveney.
Seconded by Councillor P. Ledwith.
"That Mr. Flanagan's application be not entertained on the grounds that he is still retained in the services of the County Council as we think it unfair to be paying a salary and superannuation to the same official".
Proposed by Councillor M. O'Beaonain.
Seconded by Councillor E. Moran.
"That Mr. Flanagan's application for superannuation be acceded to if in order the Council's officials to check Mr. Flanagan's figures, and if in accordance with law, grant the amount calculated on his actual service as Registrar of Births

Births Deaths and Marriages subject to sanction of Local Government Department."

A Poll was then taken and the following voted for Mr. Keaneys Motion:- Councillors Neary, Hogg, Drury, Keaney, O'Beirne, Waters, Mc Geal, E. Breaton, D. Breaton, Mc Dermott, Mc Cann, W. Flynn, Killian, Burke, J. Flynn, Allen and Ledwith.

The following voted for Councillor O'Braonains Motion:- Councillors Donegan, Hafferty, Moran and Brennan.

Mr. Keaneys Motion was then declared "Carried" by 14 Votes to 4 and put to the Meeting as follows:-

Proposed by Councillor J. Keaney.
Seconded by Councillor E. Ledwith.
And Resolved:-

"That Mr. Flanagans application be not entertained on the grounds that he is still retained in the services of the County Council, as we think it unfair to be paying a salary and superannuation to the same official."

Application

Application from Mr. T. Donnelly for superannuation in respect of the abolition of his Office as Clerk of the Athlone No. 2 Rural District Council. Order:- "Adjourned pending further particulars as to his position in County Westmeath and whether he has been sanctioned or not in that County."

Application from Mr. H. J. Walker Solicitor, Athlone, for compensation for loss of office as Solicitor to the Athlone No. 2 Rural District Council. Order:- "To lie covered by same resolution as in Mr. Flanagans case."

The Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor Deasy re converting the ex-Workhouse at Boyle into an Industrial School was withdrawn.

Mr. Michl. Killian moved the following Notice of Motion standing in his name:-

(Copy)

"Take Notice that I, or some other Member on my behalf will move that

"that the Assistant Surveyors be made whole-time Officers at their present salary, with the provision, if feasible, that they retain their respective positions as Engineers to the County Board of Health on existing terms. As an extra duty they shall be prepared to give such assistance as the Councils solicitor may require in Malicious Injury claims or otherwise some extra allowance to be made for such duties, such to be fixed either by this Council or the Local Government Department."

(Signed) Michael Killian

Proposed by Councillor Michl. Killian
Seconded by Councillor Wm. Flynn.

And Resolved :-

"That the terms of the appointment of Deputy Surveyors be understood to imply that such Surveyors be prepared to assist the Councils Solicitor in Malicious Injury claims where engineering services are required, and no Deputy Surveyor be entitled to do such services against the interest of the Council"

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In lieu of Mr. Killian's original Notice of Motion.

Mr. John Keaveney moved the following Notice of Motion standing in his name:-

(Copy)

"I beg to give Notice that I, or some other Councillor acting on my behalf, will move at the next Meeting of the County Council, that in future Meetings of the County Council be held alternately in Roscommon and Boyle."

(Signed) John Keaveney.

Proposed by Councillor Keaveney,
Seconded by Councillor Mc. Cann,
"That alternate Meetings of the County Council be held in future, in Roscommon and Boyle"

Proposed by Councillor Lednish,
Seconded by Councillor Mc. Dermott,
"That all County Council Meetings be held as heretofore at the County Council Offices, Roscommon."

A Poll was then taken and the following voted for Councillor Keaveney's

Keaveney's Motion:- Councillors Neary Hogg. Duing. Keaveney. O'Beirne, Jordan. Mc Greal. Breaton and Mc Cann.

The following voted for Councillor Ledwith's Motion:- Councillors Waters, Donegan, Hafferty, Moran, D. Breaton, Mc Dermott, W. Flynn, Killian Brennan, Burke, J. Flynn, Allen and Ledwith.

Mr. Ledwith's Motion was then declared "Carried" by 13 votes to 9 and put to the Meeting as follows:-

Proposed by Councillor Ledwith
Seconded by Councillor Mc Dermott,
And Resolved:-

"That all County Council Meetings be held as heretofore at the County Council Offices, Roscommon."

The following correspondence from the Secretary of the County Board of Health was submitted:-

Letter enclosing copy of a resolution as follows re loan of £200 for a Water Supply at Granlahan:
Proposed by Mr. E. Moran,
Seconded by Mr. T. J. Waters
And Carried:-

"That

"That the Ballinlough Dispensary District be the area of charge for the proposed water supply of Granlahan and that the bounty council be requested to apply for a loan of £200 for the works."

The following resolution was passed by the bounty council:-
Proposed by councillor James Donegan,
Seconded by councillor P. J. Waters
And Resolved:-

"That we approve of the proposal of the bounty Board of Health asking for a loan of £200 for Granlahan Water Supply subject to sanction of Local Government Department both as regards amount and chargeable area."

Letter enclosing copy of the following resolution re loan of £400 to improve the Ballaghadereen Sewerage:-
Proposed by P. J. Waters,
Seconded by J. D. O'Farrell, and Carried

"That the bounty council be asked to apply for a loan of £400 to improve Ballaghadereen Sewerage."

The following resolution was passed by the bounty council

Proposed

Proposed by Councillor T. J. Waters,
Seconded by Councillor D. Breaton
And Resolved :-
"At County Council
Meeting held on the 24th February, 1926,
the above Resolution was carried
unanimously"

Area of Charge - Ballaghaderreen
Electoral area

Letter relative to the building of
Houses in Elphin on the
plots acquired for the purpose
before the War. Order :- "Department
to be asked to reply to
communication on the subject"

Letter asking that the Ardleague
Dispensary District be made
the area of charge for sinking
a well and the erection of
a pump at Tenderryhugh.
Order :- "Approved."

Letter enclosing copy of a letter re
rent collected and not lodged
by Collector B. O. Malley, Rent
Collector in Carrick-on-Shannon
No. 2 Rural District. Order :-
"No particulars."

Letter from the ratepayers in
Moneylea and Ballyconbury
relative

relative to the erection of a pump in these townlands was submitted. Order :- "Refer to the Board of Health"

Letter from the Hon. Secretary Cumann na Faoiteal, Ballaghaderreen enclosing copy of a resolution re Ballaghaderreen Workhouse was submitted. Order :- "To be attended to."

The Quarterly Report of the Public Analyst was submitted.

The following applications were submitted by the Co. Surveyor:-

(Copy)
Co. Surveyor's Office.
Roscommon.
23rd February. 1926

To
Roscommon County Council.

Gentlemen

I beg to apply to you for the sum of £120 for work done and expenses incurred in the inspection of wells and the preparation of Drainage Schemes last year. I have done forty different Schemes and this would mean that I am only asking for

for £3 per Scheme. If I had not done the works you would have had to employ an outside engineer to do it and pay him and I consider that the amount I am asking is not unreasonable.

Trusting you will consider my claim favourably,

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant.

(Sgd) Michael Verney

Order :- "Approved". Co. Surveyor

Proposed by Councillor Mc Dermott,

Seconded by Councillor Michl. Killian

And Resolved :-

"That the County Surveyor's application for three pounds per Scheme in connection with Drainage Schemes be allowed making for 40 Schemes a total of £120 and the Local Government Department is asked to sanction this arrangement. The above sum includes all expenses, travelling etc"

(Copy)

County Surveyor's Office,

Roscommon

23rd February, 1926

To

Roscommon County Council.

Sudden

Sudden Damage Proposal No. 12.
Re approval of County Council to my proposals Nos. 1, 9 and 11 (Year 1925-26) rebuilding a Bridge on Tulsk Road Y.34 near Bloomyquinn

Gentlemen/

I wish to have your authority to spend out of the Sudden Damage Account a further £50 for repairs to the Bridge on the Tulsk Road Y.34 from Tulsk to Shankill. The works has now been completed satisfactorily.

(Signed) Michael Verney.
County Surveyor.

Order :- "Approved"

(Copy)
County Surveyor's Office
Courthouse
Roscommon
23. 2. 1926

To/

Roscommon County Council
Sudden Damage Proposal No. 13.
Slip on Road No. 240 a. Roscommon District. Cost not to exceed £3. 15. 3.

Gentlemen/

I request your sanction to the expenditure of £3. 15. 3. out of

of the Sudden Damage Repairs Account to meet the total expenditure under the above heading.

I am, Gentlemen,
Your obedient Servant,
(Sgd) Michael Verney
Co Surveyor.

Order :- "Approved"

The County Surveyor submitted his Quarterly Report for the Quarter ended 31st December 1925 (Copy herewith)
Proposed by Councillor M. O'Braonain
Seconded by Councillor Wm Flynn,
And Resolved :-
"That the County Surveyor's request re Stoneparks by-road be acceded to and Banahan relieved of it his contract."

Proposed by Councillor P. Lehmich,
Seconded by Councillor D. Flynn,
And Resolved :-
"That we approve of the Tenders accepted by the Tenders Committees for the Athlone area at their Meeting held in Athlone on the 13th February 1926 and we hereby enter into Contracts for the execution of the said Works in accordance with the tenders

accepted

accepted and we direct our Secretary to seal their Tenders provisionally accepted by the Tenders Committee with the exception of Roads Nos. 424 and 424 which are Main Roads and were incorrectly classed as County Roads"

Proposed by Councillor J. Neary.
Seconded by Councillor J. Keaveney.
And Resolved:-

"That we approve of the Tenders accepted by the Tenders Committee for the Boyle area at their Meeting held on the 10th February 1926 and we hereby enter into Contracts for the execution of the said Works in accordance with the Tenders accepted, and we direct our Secretary to seal their Tenders provisionally accepted by the Tenders Committee for the said area."

Proposed by Councillor T. J. Waters.
Seconded by Councillor T. F. Jordan.
And Resolved:-

"That we approve of the Tenders accepted by the Tenders Committee for the Castlerea area at their Meeting held on the 18th February 1926 at Castlerea, and we hereby enter into Contracts

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for the execution of the said works in accordance with the Tenders accepted and we direct our Secretary to seal their Tenders provisionally accepted by the Tenders Committee for the said area, with one exception, Road No. 549 - where complaints have been made against the solvency of the bailees".

Proposed by Councillor M. J. McDermott.
Seconded by Councillor Wm Flynn.
And Resolved:-

"That we approve of the Tenders accepted by the Tenders Committee for the Kilpheen area at their Meeting held on the 17th February, 1926, in Strokestown, and we hereby enter into Contracts for the execution of the said Works in accordance with the Tenders accepted, and we direct our Secretary to Seal their Tenders provisionally accepted by the Tenders Committee for the said area, with the exception of Road No. 554 which was misunderstood on the day of the Tenders Meeting."

Proposed by Councillor J. Allen
Seconded

Seconded by Councillor J: Burke.
And Resolved:-
"That we approve of the Tenders accepted by the Tenders Committee for the Roscommon area at their Meeting held in Roscommon on the 9th February, 1926. and we hereby enter into Contracts for the execution of the said Works in accordance with the Tenders accepted and we direct our Secretary to seal their Tenders provisionally accepted by the Tenders Committee for the said area".

Proposed by Councillor M. O'Braonain
Seconded by Councillor M. Killian.
And Resolved:-
"That all roads not continuous maintenance roads and Special Works offered for Contract and not tendered for be put in the County Surveyors hands for further advertisement and if not tendered for, be rejected and struck out. except Road No. 543 which is left in the hands of the County Surveyor"

Proposed by Councillor M. O'Braonain
Seconded by Councillor P. J. Waters.
And

And Resolved:-

"That after final consideration of the County Surveyor's Road Works Scheme, we hereby fix the road expenditure for the Financial Year 1926-24 as follows:-

Continuous Maintenance Roads

(1) Main Roads	£15.323		
(2) County do	16.655	£31.948	
Occasionally Maintained Roads as proposed by Councillors		£4.230	
Improvement			
(1) Main Roads			
(Councillors Proposals)	£525		
(Co. Surveyors do)	15	£540	
(2) County Roads			
(Councillors Proposals)	£1109		
(Co. Surveyors do)	95	£1,204	
Contingencies			
(1) Main Roads	£200		
(2) County do	100	£300	
Repayment of Loans		£1190	
Erection of Sign Posts and Tax on Road Traction		£200	
Gross Total		£39.642	

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

And Resolved:-

"That the Proposals for Payments made by the Proposal Committee

Committee of the County Council on the 1st day of February 1926. and this day submitted to our Council be and are hereby approved".

Proposed by Councillor Wm Hafferty.
Seconded by Councillor M. J. McDermott.
And Resolved:-

"That the Government be requested to take such action as will bring relief to the ratepayers in respect of the injuries caused to the roads by heavy Motor Traffic by taxing or restricting the latter to an equitable extent. This Council considers that long distance heavy traffic has roads maintained for it largely at the expense of the ratepayers who use no motors, while Railways suited for same are maintained by the Railway Companies in the first instance and by the public ultimately in the cost of commodities"

Letter from the Irish Transport and General Workers Union, asking that some of the old road workers be given work on the roads in the Athlone area which are to be done by Contract was submitted

submitted. Order:- "To County Surveyor"

Circular No. G.6813 of the 12th February re Rate 1926-27 was submitted and the Estimate of Rates for General and Separate Charges was also submitted by the Secretary (Copy herewith)

Proposed by Councillor Denis Creaton
Seconded by Councillor James Neary.
And Resolved:-

"That the Six Penny rate for broken bridges in the Castlerea area be struck out and the Credit balance of the Castlerea ex-District be put to pay for same."

Proposed by Councillor John Keaveney
Seconded by Councillor Wm Flynn.
And Resolved:-

"That this Council feel dissatisfied and think it very unfair to have a rate of expence in the pound struck for a term of five years, for repairs of bridges in the Free State and beg to point out that we have all destroyed bridges in our County rebuilt and we now request the Government to relieve us of the responsibility

of

of striking this rate in future"
Copies to be sent to the Minister for Local Government and to the V. B's for Roscommon".

Letter from the Secretary of the County Board of Health asking the County Council to strike out of the Estimate the amount estimated for the lighting of the Town of Castlerea was submitted. Order:- "Strike out of the Estimate as demanded".

Proposed by Councillor M. O'Braonain
Seconded by Councillor John Dunny.
And Resolved:-
"That the Estimate of Rates for the year ending on 31st March 1924. for the General and Separate Charges approved of by the Finance Committee and submitted to us at our Meeting held this day be adopted as altered".

The following Report of the Committee appointed to deal with the travelling expenses of the Members of the Council was submitted:-

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We, the Committee appointed on the suggestion in the letter of the Minister of Local Government and Public Health dated the 9th January 1926 to examine and report to the Council in detail on the subject of travelling expenses to Members of the Council herewith submit our Report:-

"The Minister states prior to the passing of the Local Government Act 1925 no allowances were paid to Members of County Councils for attendance at Meetings, and such allowances to voluntary workers in Local Government services are quite exceptional in the legislation of other Countries"

We are aware of this fact and we also know that until comparatively recent years no allowances for travelling or otherwise were given to Members of Parliament &c. who now receive not only first class travelling expenses but subsistance allowance as well, even when not engaged in Parliamentary affairs. and we say that such provision as has been made for the payment

of certain travelling expenses to voluntary workers in Local Government services has not been made as the result of the demands of County Councils but by the voluntary act of the Oireachtas.

The Minister is no doubt aware that the Amalgamation Scheme forced upon the country has seriously increased the burden on the private time and financial resources of the Members of the County Council and in particular the Members on the Board of Health. It would take the present allowance of four Members travelling together all the way to pay for a Car, but owing to the scattered positions of the various residences a direct route is an impossibility and even on the unavoidably indirect route a full load is often not obtainable because all the Members thereon are not able to attend a Meeting, or because of the small number of Members available in the case of Bodies such as the Mental Hospital Committee or the Board of Health which have comparatively few Members.

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We offer no apology for the demand that the travelling allowance for all Members of the Council should be made for the return journey at 5d per mile or otherwise that the Members of the Oireachtás for the sake of National economy should adopt the principle as they have applied it to the County Councils

Copies to be sent to each County Council in Saorstát and Minister for Local Government and the T.D's for Roscommon.

(Signed) John Dowry. Joseph McGann Patrick McGreal. John Flynn. James Donegan. John Keaveney.

Proposed by Councillor Wm. Hafferty.
Seconded by Councillor M. O Braonain
And Resolved:-
"That the foregoing Report of Committee be adopted.

Circular letter from the Secretary of the Irish County Councils General Council re Public Bodies Insurances was submitted. Order:- "McDonagh and Boland to effect Insurances as heretofore."

Circular from the Secretary of

of the Irish County Councils General Council re Taxation of Road Vehicles etc. was submitted and marked "Read" also Circular re evidence to be given before Commission on Relief of the Poor and Insane and enclosing query list was marked "Read"

Letter from the Manager of the National Bank, Roscommon enclosing Mortgage re loan of £2000 for steam-rolling the streets of Castlerea was submitted. The Mortgage was signed & sealed on the Council's behalf by the Chairman and Mr. E. Moran and counter-signed by the Secretary.

Proposed by Councillor Joseph McCram
Seconded by Councillor J. Keaveney
And Resolved:-

"That in view of the great difficulty of collecting land annuities due principally to Agricultural depression and grave loss of stock by farmers, leaving the farmer unable to meet his obligations under the Irish Land Acts. Now we, the County Council of Roscommon hereby suggest to the Minister

for

for Agriculture that the repayments of the Purchase price of Lands be extended to a period of One Hundred Years with a consequent reduction in the amounts of the annuities. We are of opinion that such action by the Ministry will facilitate the Collection of the Annuities and assist the farmer to tide over the present serious depression in Agriculture and the live stock trade."

Proposed by Councillor Joseph O'Beirne
Seconded by Councillor Wm. Hafferty
And Resolved:-

"That the Local Government Department be informed that the small sum of £2-2-3 remained due to their Treasurer, the National Bank, Roscommon, by the Roscommon Rural District Council at the abolition of the latter as interest on Overdrafts allowed to accommodate that Public Body and that the County Council desire to discharge this equitable obligation and request the Department's consent."

Proposed by Councillor John Flynn

Seconded by Councillor Park. Ledwith.
And Resolved:-
"That the Local Government Department be requested to state on what area the pension of D. Collins is to be based. The Secretary to obtain and forward to that Department the circumstances of this case"

Proposed by Councillor M. O'Braonain
Seconded by Councillor John Drury.
And Resolved:-
"That we ask the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to sanction an Overdraft of £10.000 up to the 31st March next"

Proposed by Councillor M. O'Braonain
Seconded by Councillor Josh. O'Beirne
And Resolved:-
"That Rev. C. J. Flynn, C.C. Anghaim, be appointed on the Agricultural and Technical Committee."

Proposed by Councillor C. J. Waters.
Seconded by Councillor D. Beaton.
And Resolved:-
"That this Council
ask

asks the Board of Works to take up the Drainage Schemes which were forwarded to them several months ago and wherein the large amount of unemployment existing in the County at the present time. Copies of this resolution to be sent to Messrs. Conlon and Lamin T.D's with a view to their taking up the matter with the Government."

Proposed by Councillor John Drury.
Seconded by Councillor E. Creaton.
And Resolved:-
"That the residue furniture and fittings in Boyle Workhouse Boardroom be retained and not sold until further notice"

Application from ex-Collector B.V. O'Brien enclosing Affidavit stating that a sum of £31.1.8 was raided from him was submitted:-
Proposed by Councillor M. Killian
Seconded by Councillor P. Ledwith
And Resolved:-
"That we asks the Minister for Local Government and

Public Health to allow us to refund as has been done in the case of other Collectors the sum of £-31-1-8 raided from ex-Collector O'Brien on different dates in 1923 per Mr. O'Brien's Declaration which was this day submitted to our Council Meeting."

The following correspondence from Mr. W. F. McCourt, Secretary Roscommon Town Committee was submitted:-

Letter re erection of the scales in the Market-Square. Re Order re new Footpaths in Abbey Street, Roscommon. Order:- "Complied with"

enclosing letter received from the Dept. of Agriculture re Fairs on the Streets of Roscommon. Order:- "The Roscommon Town Committee under Section 58 (3) gives this Committee the powers to deal with this matter.

Proposed by Councillor John Henry
Seconded by Councillor M. O'Beirne
And Resolved:-

"That the affairs of

of the Roscommon Town Commissioners being at present conducted by a Committee appointed by the County Council owing to the Commissioners having been dissolved, this Council desires to know whether the County Council or the Committee appointed by them has the authority to obtain a loan for the building of houses in the Urban area of Roscommon"

Letters from the Hon. Secretary of the County Executive Town Tenants Association on various matters were submitted:-
Letter relative to the Town Tenants Bill appending copy of Resolution passed by the Executive as follows:-
Proposed by Mr. Canty
Seconded by Mr. Cronin.
And Resolved:- "That this Meeting of the County Roscommon Executive of the T. T. A. considers the time has now arrived when Town Tenants deserve to get some recognition as citizens of the Saorstat by way of

remedial legislation for the Tenants of Ireland as embodied in the Bill about to be introduced in the Dail and we call upon the Executive Council to give the Bill their support. If for any reason the Executive Council cannot see it's way to do this we then call upon them to leave the passing of the Bill to the free vote of the Members of the Government Party and not bind it's Members to vote against their conscience"
Proposed by Councillor L. Moran
Seconded by Councillor W. Hafferty.
And Resolved:-
"That the foregoing Resolution be adopted."

Letter asking the County Council to obtain Loans and avail of the Grants under the Housing (Building Facilities) Act and appending copy Resolution passed by the Executive.
Order:- "Already applied for"

Letter asking the County Council to leave Mr. Kenny as Caretaker of Ballinlough Courthouse:-

Proposed

Proposed by Councillor John Drury.
Seconded by Councillor Wm Flynn.
And Resolved:-
"That a stay be put on the proceedings against the Kenny family of the Ballinlough Courthouse. This family is supposed to have got a house by that time"

Mr. Denis J. Hannon, Council's Solicitor, Athlone, submitted result of Malicious Injury Claims decided. Order:- "Approved"

Letter from Mr. O. J. Fallon, Barrister, Lecarrow, asking the County Council to pay the amount due for Lecarrow Sessions House and also asking to have the rent increased to £12 per annum was submitted. Order:- "To be paid at rate of £12 per annum for amount due"

The Secretary submitted list of New Buildings for the year ending 31st March 1924.

The following correspondence was

was marked "Read"
Letter from Dublin County Council
appending copy Resolution
relative to the formation of
a National Transport Commission
Letter from the Carnegie United
Kingdom Trust re Conference.
Letter from Mr. J. S. O'Donnell
re Children Act 1908.
Letter from A. Lavin T. D. acknowledging
receipt of resolution of the
County Council on the subject
of foreign competition for
markets for Agricultural produce
Letter from John Mahon relative
to the condition of Granahan
pump.
Letter from the Secretary, Inconnard
County Council re Heavy
Motor Traffic.
Reports from Seamount Sanatorium
re condition of patients therein
Letter from the ratepayers of
Ballintlough asking the
County Council to evict
John Kenny the caretaker
of Ballintlough Workhouse
Letter from Mr. A. Lavin, T. D.
enclosing letter from the
Department of Lands and
Agriculture re Agriculture in
Denmark

Letter from Mr. J. J. Moran, Castlerea, re payment for fuel and light in connection with Meetings held in Castlerea Courthouse

Resolution from Longford County Council re extension of payment of annuities was marked "Adopted"

A Notice of Motion of which the following is a copy was handed in:-

(Copy)

"I beg to give Notice that I, or "some other Member on my "behalf, will move that the "Offices of Sheep-Dipping "Inspectors be abolished".

(Signed) John Flynn

The following dates were fixed for forthcoming Meetings of the County Council:-

Finance & Proposal Committee Wednesday, 21st April '26 at 11.30 o'clock a.m.

County Council Saturday, 8th May, 1926 at 11.30 o'clock a.m.

The above Dates were approved of.

(Signed) M H Morgan
Chairman

Minutes of Proceedings of Meeting of the Roscommon County Council held at the Courthouse.
Roscommon, on Wednesday, the 21st April 1926.

Mr. John Drury, Vice-Chairman presided and the following Members were in attendance:- Councillors Neary, J. Kelly, O'Beirne, Jordan, Grogan, Waters, McGreal, Hafferty, Moran, E. Creaton, D. Creaton, Cline, McDermott, O'Farrell, McCrann, Wm. Flynn, Burke, J. Flynn (Dan) Allen and Ledwith.

Proposed by Councillor P. T. Jordan, Seconded by Councillor James Neary, And Resolved:-
"That the Minutes of the County Council of the 6th and 24th February be taken as read."

The following correspondence from the Department of Local Government and Public Health was submitted:-
Letters Nos. P. H. 8511, 12025, & 16395 re Scheme for the Treatment of Tuberculosis in the County. (Committee will meet on the morning of the 8th May, date of Quarterly Meeting)

Meeting).

Letter No. G.7940 giving the Ministers sanction to payment of salary to Messrs. Donnelly and Gilleran, ex-District Council Clerks.

" No. G.8269 stating conditions under which increased poundages will be paid in future. Order:- "Approved"

" 8240 approving of the permanent appointment of Miss Walsh.

" D.B.11 explaining how the council's contribution under the damage to property (compensation) Act 1923 was expended. Order "Approved"

" G.10534 sanctioning payment of Overdue Accounts to Messrs. Donnelly Bros. Carlerea. Order "Approved" "Refer to Local Committee"

" 7089 enclosing Auditor's Reports on the accounts of the Roscommon County Council for the four half-years to September, 1925.

Proposed by Councillor O.V. Jordan.
Seconded by Councillor E. Creaton
And Resolved:-

"That

"That in accordance with the suggestion contained in the Auditor's Report, we hereby increase the rent of £30 to £40-15-6 on the present tenant of the residence attached to the Workhouse, Castlerea, and when the premises are vacated by him, the rent be increased to £50 and rates."

The Auditor's Reports on the County Committee of Agriculture and the Mental Hospital, Ballinasloe, were also submitted.

Letter No. R.S. 25 re Assistant County Surveyors' Travelling expenses. Proposed by Councillor John Burke, Seconded by Councillor M. J. Mc Dermott And Resolved:-

"That the various aspects of the case were considered when fixing the travelling expenses of the Assistant County Surveyors at the Meeting of the Council held on the 6th February 1926."

Letter No. Y. 60564 confirming the alterations of the Polling Places made by the County Council.

Letter

Letter G. H. 869/4426 re authority for borrowing a loan for the erection of houses in Roscommon town.

Circular giving deductions made in the Agricultural Grant for the year ended 31st March 1926.

Letters Nos. 14096 and 15530 re loan for improving Castlerea Water Supply and stating that the Minister would recommend the Minister of Justice to make the required loan, repayment to be spread over a period of fifteen years at 5¾ per cent. The Secretary informed the Council that the County Treasurer notified him he would advance the loan on the old terms.

" R. S. 25 Sanctioning payment of £2.2 to the County Surveyor in respect of each preliminary Report made by him on petitions submitted under the Arterial Drainage Act 1925

" G. 14390 stating that the Collection of Rates in the County Roscommon was most unsatisfactory. Order:- "Collectors to be asked to close on

on the 8th May or Books will be taken up."

Letter No. L.S. 25 re Mr. Mc. Donagh's claim in connection with Strokestown Workhouse. Order:- "That we ask the Minister for Local Government to comply with the proposal of this Council"

Letter from the Department of Industry and Commerce re supply of new local and working standards required under the Weights and Measures Acts, amounting to £15.6. Order:- To be ordered."

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

Letter No. L.915 enclosing copies of memorandum as to certain points of procedure and copies of the Bovine Tuberculosis Order of 1926:-

Proposed by Councillor John Drury
Seconded by Councillor D. Beaton
And Resolved:-

"That Letter No. L.915 from the Department of Agriculture re Bovine Tuberculosis Act

Act be referred to the Diseases of Animals Acts Committee Secretary to write to the Department for sufficient copies (30 of each) of the Order and Memorandum for each Member of the Council. Meeting to be held on 8th May."

The Secretary submitted correspondence from the Office of Public Works, Dublin, re Arterial Drainage Act 1925, also letter relative to Ballinamone and Ballyconnell Canal. Order:- "County Council refuse to contribute".

Proposed by Councillor James Neary
Seconded by Councillor P. J. Jordan,
And Resolved:-

"That we request the Board of Works to inspect the Drainage Schemes in North Roscommon recently passed and submitted by this Council for early inspection as the Schemes cover an extensive area and work would do much to relieve prevalent distress in these Districts and we especially request the immediate holding

of

of the necessary inquiry with regard to the Drainage at Tinnacarra so as to get this very necessary work done if possible this year."

Letter from the Irish Land Commission enclosing list of Defaulting Land Purchase Annuitants in the County was submitted:-
Proposed by Councillor John O'Farrell,
Seconded by Councillor Denis Breaton
And Resolved:-
"That we hereby authorise the Secretary to have a list of Defaulting Land Purchase Annuitants printed and circulated amongst the Council. List to be revised up to date before being forwarded to printers"

Proposed by Councillor Wm. Flynn,
Seconded by Councillor Wm. Hafferty.
And Resolved:-
"That the Dail pass a short Act which will empower the Sheriff to collect the outstanding Land Purchase arrears in the same manner as we collect the poor rates at the present time, when they are three months overdue. the Sheriff to have power to

to make seizures as for Poor Rates"

Proposed by Councillor P. J. Jordan,
Seconded by Councillor Parks. Mc Greal.
And Resolved:-
"That the Deputies
to the Dail be requested to obtain
and furnish this Council a
Return (a) of the number of cases
and names within the year
1925-26 in which the County
Roscommon Sheriffs returned
nulla-bona writs or decrees
in cases of default in payment
of Land Purchase Annuities
and (b) the number in which
goods or other possessions
were seized by him and either
sold or redeemed and (c) whether
notice of it the intended seizures
was given by him to the
Defaulters"

Councillor Joseph O'Beirne
moved the following Notice
of Motion standing in his
name:- No. order was made thereon:-

(Copy)
"I hereby give Notice that I
"will move at the next
"Meeting of the County Council
that

"that the shilling in the pound
"put on barrick No. 2. as a special
"rate be knocked off as I am
"informed there was sufficient
"money to the credit of barrick No. 2
"last June to pay all claims
"due by the bounty bouncil".
(Signed) Joseph O'Beirne.

bouncillor John Drury moved the following Notice of Motion standing in his name:-

(Copy)

"I hereby give Notice that I, or
"some other Member on my
"behalf, will move at the
"next Meeting of the bounty
"bouncil, that the bouncil
"fix the duties to be performed
"by the caretaker of the Boyle
"ex-Workhouse Buildings and
"that the existing salary or
"wages of 2/- (two shillings) weekly
"allowed this caretaker be increased
"to such amount as appears
"reasonable for the duties to
"be performed"

(Signed) John Drury.

Proposed by bouncillor John Drury.
Seconded by bouncillor P.F. Waters.
And Resolved:-

"That

"That this Council amend the former resolution fixing the salary of Peter Nash, Caretaker of Boyle ex-Workhouse at 2/= per week and hereby increase same to 10/= per week, he to answer any night call for admission to the Hospital, and any other duties which the Council may order from time to time".

The Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor Mc Cann re election of Member on the Roscommon Town Committee was withdrawn

Councillor John Flynn's Notice of Motion re abolition of Sheep Dipping Inspectors was adjourned to Quarterly Meeting.

Letter from Messrs W. Donnell & Co. Solicitors, Roscommon, enclosing Requisition to tax their costs as Solicitors to the late Castlerea Rural District Council was submitted:-
Proposed by Councillor J. D. O'Farrell,
Seconded by Councillor D. Beaton

And

And Resolved :-

"That Mr. T. G. McSharry Solicitor, be instructed to represent this Council on Messrs. McDonnell & Co's Bill of Costs"

Letter from the Engineer-in-Chief, Department of Posts and Telegraphs, asking permission to erect a telegraphic line in Ballyforan was submitted.
Order :- "Granted, subject to the County Surveyor's approval".

Letter from the Secretary of the Castlerea Old Age Pension Committee, asking to have the Rev. M. Cunningham appointed on the Loughglynn Sub-Committee was submitted :-
Proposed by Councillor D. Beaton,
Seconded by Councillor P. J. Waters,
And Resolved :-

"That the Rev. M. Cunningham B.A. be appointed on the Loughglynn Old Age Pension Committee".

Reports from Seamount Sanatorium re condition of the County Roscommon patients there were submitted.

M. P. A.

Mr. P. A. Flanagan, Rate Inspector reported that Mr. B. O. Malley, Cottage Rent Collector, Carrick-on-Shannon did not attend for the purpose of having his Books checked. Order:- "Refer to County Board of Health for particulars re any prosecution pending."

Letter from the Hon. Secretary, Cumann na Gaedhael, Ballaghaderreen enclosing resolution passed by that Body protesting against the Electric Light Tax of 2/8 in the £ being levied on the townlands of Kilcolman, Knockanaconny, Lung and Friars Hill, also letter from the Rev. T. Spelman on the same subject, were submitted:-
Proposed by Councillor P. J. Waters.
Seconded by Councillor Ed. Moran
And Resolved:-
"That the separate rate for Electric Lighting in Ballaghaderreen be reduced to 1/8d in the £ for the current year 1926-1927."

The Report of the County Surveyor

Surveyor v Assistant Surveyor
Mr. Donagh was adjourned to
the Quarterly Meeting.

The following Tenders
for the repair of the Courthouse
at Ballaghaderreen were submitted:-

Name	Amount
Messrs. J. J. W. Quinn & Son, Ballinamore, Co. Leitrim.	£1463
Connolly Bros. Castlerea	£1414.10
John Regan, Saw Mills, Ballaghaderreen	£1556
Francis Prior, Ballinamore, Co. Leitrim	£1458.15
Joseph Mc. Donagh, Lynteen, Co. Sligo	£1448
Chas. Feeney, Lisnaneane, Aconyquinn	£1398.10
Michl. Nolan Castlerea	£1345
Francis J. Mc Gowan, High St. Ballaghaderreen	£1350
Michael Mooney, Derrynacarta, B'derreen	£1190

Proposed by Councillor T. J. Waters.
Seconded by Councillor Denis Creaton.
And Resolved:-
"That the Tender of
Francis

Francis J. McGowan, ~~Gurteen, Co. Sligo~~, High St. Ballaghaderreen, for the reconstruction of the Ballaghaderreen Courthouse according to the plans and Specifications of the County Surveyor be accepted. The lowest Tender was Rejected as the Council did not consider the Sureties solvent."

The following Tenders were submitted for the repairs of the Frenchpark Courthouse:-

Messrs. T. J. McAvinia & Son, Ballinamore, Co. Leitrim	£476
" Connolly Bros. Castlerea	£399
Mr. Henry Woods, Cloonarrow, Castlerea	£398
" Michael Dolan, Castlerea	£389
" John Regan, Ballaghaderreen	£345.10
" T. J. McGowan Ballaghaderreen	£350
" Charles Feeney, Lisnaneane, Cloonyquin	£349.17.9
" Joseph McDonagh, Gurteen, Co. Sligo.	£338.8.

Proposed.

Proposed by Councillor M. H. Grogan.
Seconded by Councillor James Keary.
And Resolved:-
"That the Tender of Joseph W. Donagh, Curteen, Co. Sligo, for the reconstruction of Frenchpark Courthouse according to the plans and specifications of the County Surveyor be accepted".

The following Report of the University Committee was submitted:-

(Copy)

A Special Meeting of the University Committee was held on the 3rd April 1926. Rev. M. O'Donel C.C. and Mr. M. O'Braonain (Chairman) and the Secretary - Mr. P. J. Gilvarly were present, and the following Report was drawn up:-

1. That the continuation of his Scholarship granted as a favour on account of the very special circumstances of the time, to Mr. Dalton, M.B.C. be interpreted as placing him in the same position to said Scholarship as if he had continued his course without

without interruption.
2. That Physiology be one of the Subjects for the Examination in 1926.

(Signed) M. O'Brannan
Chairman

The above Report was approved of by the County Council at their Meeting held on the 21st April.

Letter from Mr. Thos. Walsh, Strokestown, offering £30 for the grazing of the land attached to the Strokestown ex-Workhouse was submitted Order:- "Accepted".

Tenders at £16.10 each were received from Messrs. W. Ryan, Kilplurin St. Boyle, and Mr. Y. J. Monson, Secretary of the Boyle Agricultural Show Committee, for the grazing of the lands attached to the ex-Workhouse, Boyle:-
Proposed by Councillor Wm. Flynn, Seconded by Councillor John Kelly.
And Resolved:-
"That the Tender of the Boyle Show Society for the

Workhouse lands at Boyle for a period of eleven months for the sum of £16:10 (Sixteen Pounds, Ten Shillings) be accepted"

Tender from Mr. Thos. Higgins, The Square, Roscommon, for the grazing of the Fair Green, Roscommon, at £12 was accepted.

Tender from Mr. Thos. Nevin, Racecourse Rd, Roscommon, for the grazing of the plot of land on the Racecourse Rd. at £3 was accepted.

Tender of Mrs. Anne Mc Dermacks, Lanesboro St. Roscommon, for the Weighbridge in Roscommon at £14 was accepted.

A letter of which the following is a copy was ordered to be referred to the Department. The person referred to in the letter believed his contract was for five years although only a three years contract expiring in 1921:-

(Copy)

Ardcarne,

Boyle, 19th April, 1926

Road No. 50

Dear Sir

In reply to your letter of the 5th ultimo re claim of Peter Mc Donagh, Kiltyhuannock, for labour and material supplied to the above road in 1922-'23. During this year approximately one half of the material annually specified during the term of his contract was supplied and spread on the road and a somewhat similar amount of surface labour done.

I would recommend that £5 be paid to compensate for the labour and material supplied.

Your obedient Servant,
(Sgd) M. Mc Dermott

Order:- "Refer to Department."

Letter from Mr. Martin Curran Water Rent Collector, Roscommon, re arrears of Water rate due by the Sisters of Mercy amounting to £6.15 was adjourned to next Meeting.

Proposed by Councillor John O'Farrell,
Seconded by Councillor M. H. Grogan,
And Resolved:-

"That

"That the Local Government Department be informed that a number of members of this Council have attended five Meetings of the Council out of seven held within the half year ended 31st March last many of these Members travelling long distances by road, no railway being available, and that the Department be requested to permit the assumption that they have attended three-fourths of the Meetings held, with a view to the provisions of Section 63(2)(a) of the Local Government Act of 1925."

Proposed by Councillor John O'Farrell,
Seconded by Councillor James Neary.
And Resolved:-

"That we approve of the Tenders accepted by the County Surveyor for the undermentioned Road Works which were referred to him at our last Meeting:-

Athlone Nos. 36, 34, 444, 646, 644, and 656.
Boyle " 495, 496, 538, 541, 541a, 542 and 559
Castlerea " 508, 515, 521, 579, 598, 599, and 601.
Roscommon. 236, 612, 630.
Strokestown. 218, 223, 554, 582, 563 and 566.
Special Works. Nos. 248, 621, 494, 498, 539, 540, 516, which have not been tendered for

for be rejected"

Proposed by Councillor Parks. Mc Greal.
Seconded by Councillor Edward Kline,
And Resolved:-

"That the Local Government Department be informed that during the Anglo Irish War when Rate Collection was much retarded, the National Bank, Treasurer of the Roscommon Union, allowed Overdrafts on the account of that Institution, to help to tide it over that period when it was sought to carry on local public services while repudiating British control, and debtor interest accrued amounting to £53-0-9 which the County Council now desire to discharge and the Local Government Department are requested to authorise the payment of it."

Proposed by Councillor James Neary.
Seconded by Councillor Edward Kline,
And Resolved:-

"That the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be asked to sanction poundage at 8d. to all Collectors who

who have closed their 1925-26 Collections. In doing so we wish to bring under the Ministry's notice that no approved requirements whereby Collectors should qualify for the higher rate were laid down by the Council to cover this period, therefore we trust the Ministry will accede to our request on this occasion, as from the commencement of the current financial year definite fixed conditions have been laid down, and henceforth Collectors will only be paid the extra 2d when they comply with these conditions."

Proposed by Councillor John Burke.
Seconded by Councillor John Kelly.
And Resolved:-

"That we ask the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to sanction poundage to ex-Collector John Mc Dermott and James Glynn, the present Collector on the respective amounts collected and lodged by them for the former Collection District for the year ended 31st March 1925 as the full amount of the Warrant for this District is now lodged to the credit of this Council. We also

also ask the Minister's sanction for payment of poundage and any other monies due to ex-Collector Fleming, to the Hibernian Insurance Co. who had to make good the defalcations on the part of this Collector who was convicted of embezzlement".

Proposed by Councillor John Flynn.
Seconded by Councillor Park Ledwith.
And Resolved:-
"That the Ministry's sanction be obtained for payment of 2d extra poundage to Collector James Murray for the year ended 31st March 1922. Mr. Murray's Books were seized by Irregulars and held for a considerable time and as a result he was delayed several months in the closing of his Collection for this period".

Proposed by Councillor John Burke.
Seconded by Councillor John Drury.
And Resolved:-
"That we refer the Ministry of Local Government and Public Health to our resolutions of the 15th December last and their letter

letter No. G 3119 of the 29th January and again ask them to sanction the extra 2d poundage to Collectors Devanny and Coleman on their Warrants for the half-year ended 31st March 1925 as Devanny lodged the full amount of his Warrant for that period in a little over three months and and Coleman within four months and Collectors E. Doyle, Kelly and Berine for the year ended 31st of March 1925, Doyle closed within eight months although his District comprises the town of Doyle which is the most difficult in the County. Tyler also closed within eight months Kelly within about seven months and Berine ten. We also ask the Ministry to consider Collector Hanly's application for the extra 2d and direct our Secretary to again forward copy of our resolution of the 15th December last in connection with the case, as under the circumstances we consider Mr. Hanly should get the 2d extra.

In asking the Ministry to reconsider these cases we wish to state these are our best Collectors

and

and do not wish to have them penalised.

Proposed by Councillor M. J. Grogan.
Seconded by Councillor Wm Hafferty.
And Resolved:-
"That the Collectors Refund lists submitted to us be forwarded to the Ministry of Local Government for their ruling."

Proposed by Councillor Jos McCann.
Seconded by Councillor Ed. Kline
And Resolved:-
"That with a view to effecting a much needed economy in administration owing to the bad financial plight of the country due to over taxation and thus proving their own sincerity, the Government be called upon to apply a 15 per cent cut to the salaries of all Ministers, Secretaries, Assistant Secretaries, Secretaries to Secretaries and all the other innumerable high placed officials who are wallowing in luxury while the tax-payer is living

in misery and want"

(Signed) W. J. W. Dermott
Chairman

Minutes of Proceedings of Quarterly Meeting of the Roscommon County Council held at the Courthouse Roscommon, on Saturday, 8th May, 1926

Councillor M. J. Mc Dermott took the Chair, subsequently Councillor J. Dunne and finally Councillor M. O'Braonain - Chairman.

The following Members were in attendance :- Councillors Hogg, J. Kelly, O'Beirne, Jordan, Waters, Mc Greal, Donegan, Hafferty, Moran, E. Beaton, Kline, O'Farrell, Mc Cann, W. Flynn, Donnelly, Killian, Burke, J. Flynn, Allen and Ledwith.

Proposed by Councillor M. Killian
Seconded by Councillor P. J. Waters
And Resolved :-
"That the Minutes of last Meeting be taken as read".

The following correspondence from the Dept. of Local Government and Public Health was submitted :-

Circular No. P. H. 55578 of the 14th of December 1925 re Sanatorium Grant. Dr. Boyd Barrett attended before the Council and

and explained how the Tuberculosis Scheme could be efficiently worked in the County without any additional cost to the ratepayers:-
Proposed by Councillor John O'Farrell
Seconded by Councillor John Allen.
And Resolved:-
"That we hereby refuse to adopt a Tuberculosis Scheme in the County"

Proposed by Councillor M. O'Braonain
Seconded by Councillor P. J. Waters.
"That a Tuberculosis Scheme be adopted for the County to come into operation on the 1st July."

A Poll was then taken and Councillor O'Farrell's Motion was carried by 16 votes to 5.

The following voted for Councillor O'Farrell's Motion:- Councillors Hogg, Kelly, O'Beirne, Jordan, Mc Greal, Donegan, E. Breaton, Kline, Mc Dermott, O'Farrell, Mc Cann, W. Flynn, Burke, J. Flynn, Allen and Ledwith.

The following voted against:- Councillors Drury, Waters, Moran.

Moran, Killian and Brennan

The following further Amendment was proposed:-

Proposed by Councillor John Keaveney.
Seconded by Councillor John Drury.

"That the Scheme be adjourned for six months with a view to acquiring further knowledge concerning the Scheme in general."

A Poll was then taken and the Amendment was "lost" by 4 votes to 6.

The following voted for the Amendment:- Councillors Drury, Keaveney, Waters, Hafferty, Moran, Killian and Brennan.

The following voted against:- Councillors Hogg, J. Kelly, O'Beirne, Jordan, Mc Greal, Donegan, E. Keaton, Kline, Mc Dermott, O'Farrell, Mc Cann, W. Flynn, Burke, J. Flynn, Allen and Leduith.

Councillor O'Farrell's Motion was then put to the Meeting as follows and carried as a Resolution:-

Proposed by Councillor John O'Farrell
Seconded by Councillor John Allen.

And Resolved:-

"That we hereby refuse to adopt a Tuberculosis Scheme"

Scheme in this County."

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

Letter No. L.915/26 of the 26th March, 1926 enclosing copy of a New Bovine Tuberculosis Order:-
Proposed by Councillor M. O'Brennan
Seconded by Councillor J. D. O'Farrell
And Resolved:-

"That our Veterinary Inspectors be instructed to carry out the necessary inspections, make Reports, etc. under the Bovine Tuberculosis Scheme."

The Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor John Flynn re abolition of Sheep-Dipping Inspectors was ruled "out of order" by the Chairman:-
Proposed by Councillor John Drury
Seconded by Councillor P. J. Waters
And Resolved:-

"That we recommend our Sheep-Dipping Inspectors to procure the Dipping powders manufactured by Mr. Burke, Cork"

Letter No. 8511 of the 3rd May from the Office of Public Works, Dublin, re restoration of the River Suck and it's tributaries at a cost of £16,000 was submitted:-

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

"That the Board of Works be informed that the County Council pending further information on the matter is not prepared to accept the obligation of maintaining the River Suck Drainage District. We require to know:-

(1) Is the Suck Board to be superseded by the County Council?

(2) What are the conditions prevailing regarding the Maintenance Tax?

(3) Are the arrears of such Tax to be collected by the Suck Drainage Board, by the County Council as their successors, or wiped out as irrecoverable?

(4) How are the Council's interests to be safeguarded from an engineering point of view?

(5) Will the Government grant a Swan Inquiry concerning the

the present state of affairs as regards maintenance in the past and the apparent neglect of the Suck Board, its engineers and contractors?"

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

"That the Commissioner of Public Works be asked for an explanation as to why Drainage Schemes forwarded to the Board of Works on September 26th 1925, from the Athlone District of South Roscommon have been passed over without inspection while Schemes from other parts of the County forwarded to said Board on the 11th November have been inspected and recommended by the said Inspector for such Drainage Schemes to be carried out.

We further ask the President of the Free State and the Minister for Agriculture why preferential treatment in the matter of Grants to relieve unemployment have been given to North Roscommon while such

such Grants are practically unknown in South Roscommon in the matter of Drainage Schemes, the repayment of which each Drainage District is prepared to pay"

Copies to be sent to the President, Minister of Agriculture and Secretary of the Board of Works"

Proposed by Councillor M. Killian
Seconded by Councillor John Flynn.
And Resolved:-

"That in view of the abnormal increase in the number of Defaulters in the Land Commission Annuities, it is imperative that the Government devise a remedy for same and as the loan system proposed by the Government to relieve temporarily land holders who suffered severely through the ravages of the fluke disease and otherwise has proved insperative, we again ask the Government to give each purchasing tenant the option of taking a further advance to be added to the purchase money of his holding equal to two years instalment

instalment: such sum to be retained by the Land Commission as repayment of the instalments due in the coming two years and to extend to tenant purchasers under the 1903 and subsequent Acts the option of taking decedal reductions on the lines of the Ashbourne Act.

Copies to be forwarded to the President of the Free State and each County Council in the Free State."

The County Surveyor's Report re Assistant Surveyor Mc. Donagh was withdrawn by him.

The following Scheme under the Housing Act of 1925 was submitted:-

(Copy)

Housing Act of 1925
Loans which may be made in respect of Houses

Maximum Grant by Minister in respect of House	House of 3 Rooms	House of 4 Rooms	House of not less than 5 Rooms
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
Erected by any person	£45	£60	£45
Erected by any local authority or public utility Society	£60	£80	£100

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
Reconstructed by any person.	£30	£40	£50
Reconstructed by any local authority or public utility Society	£40	£53-6-8	£66.13.4

The County Council will give the loan corresponding to the amount of Government Grant excepting local authorities or public utility societies for a period of 15 years, loan to be repaid half-yearly bearing interest at the Bank rate prevailing at time of issue plus ½ per cent to cover emergencies. If the recipient so desires, he may on having his liability adjusted pay back the whole sum together at any period. Mortgage on house for a period of 15 years. The County Council by way of loan from the Treasurer provide a sum not exceeding £10.000 for the purposes of the Act, this sum to be distributed as equitably over the different Districts of the County as possible having regard to the special needs and circumstances prevailing in each District.

District."

The above Scheme was adopted.

(Signed) M. O. Braonain

8th May 1926

Letter from Mr. L. E. Callan Solicitor Boyle, claiming damage on behalf of Michael Gallagher, Aughacurrine for injury to pony and trap owing to the defective state of the road from Kilkelly to Tendrapark, was submitted and marked "Read."

Letter from Messrs. Farrell and Conroy, Solicitors, Ballaghaderreen claiming damage for injury to a horse, the property of Miss Rogers, Ballaghaderreen, by being struck with a cart, the property of Thomas Mannion was submitted, and the following order was made thereon:- "To defer"

Letter from Mr. J. Donnelly late Clerk of Athlone No. 2 Rural District Council asking the Council to fix his superannuation owing to the abolition of office was submitted:-

Proposed

Proposed by Councillor Wm Donnelly.
Seconded by Councillor P. J. Waters.
And Resolved:-
"That Mr. Frank Donnelly, ex-Clerk Athlone No. 2 Rural District Council be granted a Pension amounting to $\frac{25}{60}$ ths of his salary of £229-15-4 (Average)"

The following correspondence from the Secretary of the County Board of Health was submitted:-

Re Loan of £1400 for improving Castlerea Waterworks.

Re Loan of £600 for Artesian Wells in Tuerty, Carrowkeel and Carrowmalasson. Order:- "Loan to be applied for."
The Minister's sanction to above loans is already obtained.

Order:- "Loan to be applied for."

Letter re collection of arrears on labourers cottages, plots etc. was submitted. Order:- "Read"

Letter applying for a loan of £150. for a pump at Ballyconbury. Order:- "Loan to be applied for"

Letter re Mr. B. O'Malley, Cottage Rent Collector in Carrick-on-Shannon No. 2. Rural District. Order:- "Refer to County

County Solicitor re joint action of Council and Board of Health.

Letter from Mr. T. J. Lavin District Court Clerk, Frenchpark. applying for £13 rent of office for 52 weeks at 5/- per week was submitted. Order :- "To be paid at the rate of 2/6 per week."

Letter from Mr. D. J. Hannon County Solicitor, Athlone, enclosing result of Criminal Injury Cases in Boyle, was submitted. Order :- "Approved."

Letter from Messrs. McDonnell & Co. Solicitors, Roscommon, asking the Council to fix the annual allowance to Mr. Keneirin to which he would be entitled to as Solicitor to the late Castlerea Rural District Council, was submitted. Order :- "Amount claimed as allowance to be stated in Claim."

Letter from Mr. P. J. Gaynor, Solicitor, Strokestown, claiming compensation for loss of office as Solicitor to the Strokestown Rural District Council and subsequently

subsequently Roscommon District Council was submitted. Order:- "Amount claimed as allowance to be stated": also letter from Mr. O. J. Gaynor, claiming compensation on behalf of Mr. Mc. Connacht, late Inspector of Cow Sheds and Dairy Order to barracks on Shannon No. 2 Rural District Council. Order:- "Amount claimed to be stated in claim."

The Quarterly Report of the Public Analyst was submitted.

The Quarterly Report of the County Surveyor for the Quarter ended 31st March 1926 (Copy herewith) was submitted and the following order was made thereon:- "Permission granted to the County Surveyor to repair the weather-cocks on Roscommon Courthouse out of Criminal Injury Award".

The Report was marked "Approved."

The Secretary reported that the Rate Collectors made earnest efforts to close their Accounts

Accounts by to-days Meeting and he stated that there was a total sum of £4665-1-9 outstanding in respect of the year ended 31st March last. A sum of £3674-7-4 could be deducted from this as the Collecting Books were not yet handed to Collector Ingan. The credit balances in the Council's Account stand at £24,000

Proposed by Councillor Bernd. Vaughe,
Seconded by Councillor Wm. Flynn,
And Resolved :-

"That we direct our Secretary to hand the Collecting Books to Collector Hubert Ingan when the small amount outstanding for the year ended 31st March 1925 is collected and lodged."

Proposed by Councillor John Burke,
Seconded by Councillor John Allen,
And Resolved :-

"That we ask the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to sanction poundage at 8d to the following Collectors who have closed their 1925-26 Collections since our last Meeting

Meeting, viz:- Hugh Drury, John Crawley, James Connaughton, William Dolan, and Delia Coughlan."

Proposed by Councillor Edward Cline
Seconded by Councillor Andrew Hogg.
And Resolved:-

"That as Collector Thomas Fleming has lodged the full amount of his Warrant for the 1925-26 Collection less the sum of £62-8-8 on his arrears list which he asks to have carried forward for subsequent Collection, we ask the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to sanction payment of poundage at 8d to him."

Proposed by Councillor M. Killian.
Seconded by Councillor Edward Moran.
And Resolved:-

"That the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be asked to sanction payment of poundage fees at the extra 2d to Collector Jas. Connaughton on his Warrant for the half-year ended 30th September, 1925, which he closed on the 1st February notwithstanding the fact that a sum of

of over £91 was due to him in respect of refunds for the half-year ended 31st March 1925.

We also ask the Minister to sanction 2d in the £ to this Collector on his Warrant for the half-year ended 30th September 1924 which he closed in about four-and-a-half months from the date on which he received his Books and would have closed within four months, but that there was a large amount due to him as refunds from the previous 2½ years".

Proposed by Councillor Edward Moran
Seconded by Councillor T. Y. Jordan,
And Resolved:-

"That the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be asked to sanction additional poundage to Collector M. Kelly at 2d - he having been paid at 6d - for the years ended 31st March 1922, 1923 and 1924. Collector Kelly was unable to close his Collections for these years within a reasonable time as there was a very big Estate on which there was a Considerable amount

amount of rates in his Collection District divided amongst the adjoining tenants and the revisors report was not received until 1924 although Mr. Kelly included this Estate each year in his lists for revision. The landlord refused to pay the rates as he was out of possession and the tenants would not pay when their Valuations were not fixed with the result that the Collector, through no fault of his own could not close his Collections. As Mr. Kelly has closed all his Collections to date and has always carried out his duties in a most satisfactory manner, we trust the Ministry will accede to our request."

Proposed by Councillor M. J. Mc. Dermott
Seconded by Councillor William Flynn
And Resolved:-

"That as Collector Ronan has appeared before us and stated he is prepared to close his Collection when he receives cheque from the Land Commission for £362:14:9 we ask the Ministry for Local Government and Public Health to sanction

sanction poundage at 8d to him, when he receives this sum from the Land Commission. In our opinion it is a very bad example to be shown by a Government Department and if it was known by the ratepayers in general the state of the Rate Collection in this County would be in a very backward condition".

Proposed by Councillor John Drury
Seconded by Councillor Wm Flynn,
And Resolved:-

"That Messrs. M. O'Braonain Allen and Burke be appointed a Committee to sign and seal the Council's Rate Books"

Proposed by Councillor M. J. McDermott,
Seconded by Councillor William Flynn,
And Resolved:-

"That the Local Government Department and the Ministry of Finance be reminded that this Council has not received the State's contribution towards the maintenance of lunatics in the District Mental Hospital for any period subsequent to the end of March 1925.

and

and in order to supply the Mental Hospital Committee with sufficient funds - in accordance with law and regulations - the County Council have been obliged to furnish that Body with the State's contribution for the fifteen months following the date above-mentioned and have been therefore under the necessity of levying the amount of it on the local rates. The Council considers that the present arrangement of withholding the first instalment of the Grant allowed to until the first half of the year has expired and retaining the balance until after the audit of the Hospital Accounts should be discontinued, and the Grant paid in advance in future, or the Council may, through financial stringency, be unavoidably compelled to contribute to the Hospital Committee the amount only which is leviable with the poor rate on the County.

Copies of this Resolution to be furnished to the General Council of County Councils".

Proposed

Proposed by Councillor M. O'Braonain
Seconded by Councillor E. Moran
And Resolved:-
"That the Proposals for Payments made by the Proposal Committee of the County Council on the 21st April, 1926 and this day submitted to our Council be and are hereby approved"

Letter from the Manager of the National Bank, Roscommon enclosing Draft Mortgage for the Council's approval to a loan of £1700 for improving the Castlerea Water Supply was submitted:-
Proposed by Councillor P. J. Jordan,
Seconded by Councillor P. J. Waters,
And Resolved:-
"That in pursuance of the consent of the Local Government Department by letter dated the 1st May 1926, the Council do borrow from the National Bank Ltd. Roscommon, the sum of £1700 for the purpose of defraying the cost of an improved water supply scheme for Castlerea to be repaid to the Bank by half yearly instalments

instalments spread over a period of Fifteen 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 4 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."

Letter from the Excise Officer, Castlerea, asking permission to hand to his successor, possession of the Nurse's Residence in Castlerea, the Council's property at the increased rent fixed by the County Council was submitted - Order:- "Granted".

Mr. John D. O'Farrell moved the following Notice of Motion standing in his name

(Copy)

"I hereby give Notice that I, "or some Councillor on my behalf, "will, at the next Meeting of the "County Council move that "the Rev. P. J. O'Beirne, C.C. Strokestown be

"be added to the Strokestown Pension Committee."

(Signed) John O'Farrell

Proposed by Councillor O'Farrell,
Seconded by Councillor Mc Dermott,
And Resolved:-

"That the Rev. P. J. O'Beirne b.b. Strokestown, be added to the Strokestown Pension Committee."

Proposed by Councillor John Flynn,
Seconded by Councillor Edward Moran,
And Resolved:-

"That Mr. B. V. Doyle be paid the sum of £16, Salary due to him by the Athlone District Council from the 1st December, 1921, to the 1st April, 1923, as S. S. Officer, Dairy Inspector, etc, at the rate of £16 per year, subject to full particulars being supplied, sanction of Local Government Department obtained."

to satisfy claim 22-21. 6-8

Proposed by Councillor M. O'Brannan
Seconded by Councillor M. J. Mc Dermott
And Resolved:-

"That the Resolution concerning the travelling expenses of the County Surveyor of the 1st April 1925 be again pressed upon

upon the Local Government Department for approval".

Letter from the Secretary, Ministry of Industry and Commerce re electricity from the Shannon works was submitted and marked "Read"

Letter from Miss Massey, Galtéemore, Bailey, Co. Dublin asking the Council to make an Order under the Irish Society for the Protection of Wild Birds was submitted and marked "Read".

The following dates were fixed for the Meetings of the County Council:-

Finance and Proposal Committee.
Roscommon Tuesday 6th July 1926 @ 10 a.m.

County Council
Roscommon Wednesday 21st July 1926 @ 11.30 a.m.

(Signed) [illegible]

Chairman

5 July '26

Minutes of Proceedings of Special Meeting of the Roscommon County Council held at the Courthouse, Roscommon, on Wednesday, 9th June, 1926.

Mr. M. O'Braonain, Chairman, presided, and the following were in attendance :- Councillors Neary, Hogg, Drury, Keaveney, Jordan, Grogan, Mc Greal, Donegan, Moran, E. Creaton, D. Creaton, Mc Dermott, O'Farrell, W. Flynn, Donnelly, Killian, and Ledwith.

Proposed by Councillor Edwd. Moran, Seconded by Councillor James Neary, And Resolved :-

"That we tender our deepest sympathy to Councillor Wm. Hafferty on the death of his sister - Mrs. Mc Guiness."

Circular Letter S.G.A. 201 from the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads) stating that a sum of £6000 out of the £250.000. Trunk Road Grant had been provisionally allocated to Co. Roscommon

was

was submitted together with the County Surveyor's Scheme for allocation of same and the following resolutions were passed thereon:-

Proposed by Councillor M. O'Brannain
Seconded by Councillor John Deery.
And Resolved:-

"That the County Surveyor's proposals for allocation of the £6000 be approved of, provided the cost to be incurred on the roads already scheduled for a portion of the £2,000,000 Grant is allowed by the Ministry to be allocated to other County Roads. If such guarantee is not given by the Ministry, the County Surveyor to alter his proposal to have the Ardlone - Sligo Road repaired with the £6000 Grant."

Proposed by Councillor Wm. Donnelly
Seconded by Councillor Park. Ledwith.
And Resolved:-

"That we, the Members of the Roscommon County Council, request the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to receive a deputation from this Council with a view to having included

included in the Government Trunk Roads Scheme for the purposes of the £2,000,000 Grant, the road from Athlone to Roscommon, as we consider the inclusion of said road of the utmost importance from the point of view of heavy traffic accommodation and facility for tourist traffic".

Proposed by Councillor F. Y. Jordan,
Seconded by Councillor James Neary.
And Resolved:-

"That it is the opinion of this Council that the Grant of £6000 for Trunk Roads is not commensurate with the amount of tax paid to the Road Fund by car-owners in the County."

Proposed by Councillor John D. O'Farrell,
Seconded by Councillor F. Y. Jordan,
And Resolved:-

"That the Minister for Local Government be asked to receive a deputation of representatives from Knockcroghery, Tulsk, Frenchpark, Ballinagare, Ballaghaderreen, Swinford and Ballina, in connection with the Trunk Roads Scheme and

and that the Minister be asked to name a day when he could receive said Deputation, also the road from Ballyforan to County Meeting at Shannonbridge and the Castlerea - Ballaghaderreen Road.

Application from the Secretary of the Roscommon County Board of Health for loan of £150 for the sinking of a well and erection of a pump at Cimaseer, Killoom, was marked "Approved."

Proposed by Councillor Andrew Hogg, Seconded by Councillor John Keaveney And Resolved:-

"That Collector James Glynn be paid poundage at 8d on his Warrant for the year ended 31st March 1926, which he lodged in full within ~~four~~ three months from the date on which he received his Books, also 2d extra on the arrears which were left outstanding by ex-Collector Mr. Dermott and which were collected by Mr. Glynn"

Proposed

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

"That the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be asked to sanction poundage at 8d to Collector Barron on the amount of his Warrant for the year ended 31st March 1925 which he lodged in full within four months from the date on which he got his Books. Mr Barron was only appointed in December 1924 and since then he has collected a considerable amount of arrears for the preceding seven & a half years left outstanding by previous Collectors; also 8d to Collector Shanagher who received his Warrant for the 1925-'26 Collection on the 31st December 1925, and closed it on the 8th June 1926. The Council wish to point out that it was not through any fault of his own that Mr Shanagher's Collection was in such a backward state, but owing to the fact that he had to collect arrears left uncollected by his predecessors;

And

and 8d to Collector Hulbert Tegan on his brother's Warrant for the year ended 31st March 1925."

The following correspondence from the Office of Public Works Dublin, relative to the Drainage Schemes forwarded by the Roscommon County Council was submitted:-

Letters Nos. 1689 of the 14th May 1926 re Annagh and Tangan Drainage District and 6624 of the 4th June re proposed Bealeagh, Lacken, etc. Drainage District stating that the Board are of opinion that the circumstances are not such as to justify the preparation of detailed Drainage Schemes or the constitution of a separate Drainage District in these cases as the Schemes are too small and too expensive to be usefully or economically carried out under the provisions of the Arterial Drainage Act of 1925.

Letter

Letter No 9694 of the 2nd June 1926 in reply to Council's resolution of the 8th May 1926 relative to the affairs of the Suck Drainage Board and enclosing copies of the Board's letter addressed to Mr Kelly, Secretary of the Suck Drainage Board and his reply thereto:-
Proposed by Councillor M. H. Grogan
Seconded by Councillor M. O'Braonain
And Resolved:-
"That Galway County Council be asked to appoint two Members of their Council to meet a similar representation from Roscommon Council at an appointed place, to consider taking joint action on the Proposal to spend £10.000 on the River Suck Drainage."

The County Surveyor's Reports on the proposed Drainage Schemes for Carrowreagh (Ballinasloe) and Ballynuntan (Dysart) were approved and ordered to be forwarded to the Board of Works for

for their Report"

Proposed by Councillor Wm. Donnelly,
Seconded by Councillor Andrew Hogg,
And Resolved:-

"That the Very Rev. Canon Crowe P. P. Athlone, + Rev. Mr. Humphreys. Roscommon be added to our Committee of Agriculture and Technical Instruction".

Proposed by Councillor M. O'Braonain
Seconded by Councillor P. Ledwith,
And Resolved:-

"That in connection with the Primary to Secondary Scholarships Scheme, the Council is not prepared to grant a Scholarship to a Member of a family which has already, through another Member, gained a Scholarship and is enjoying it, during the tenure of such existing Scholarship".

The County Surveyor's Scheme for the erection of Road Signs on Main Roads as outlined in the Ministry's Circular of the 18th January 1926 was marked "Approved"

Councillor

Councillor Jordan handed in the following Notice of Motion:-

(Copy)

"Take Notice that I, or some other Councillor on my behalf, will move at the next Meeting that the by road leading from the Ballaghaderreen road at Carrowgarve and ending in Ballaghaderreen - Loughglynn road" be henceforth maintained as a "local road" as it fulfils the required conditions and that the eastern branch through Carrowgarve be similarly scheduled as "local"

(Signed) P. T. Jordan

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

"That we allow and make the rate for the financial year ending the 31st March 1927 and that the Chairman - Mr. M. O'Braovain - and Councillors Mc Dermott and Flynn be appointed a Committee to sign the Rate Books and Collectors Warrants."

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The following orders were also made:-

To Secretary:- "Tell Cooke Caretaker Castlerea Workhouse to demand the key from Fahersdone and forward same to the Secretary of the County Council also tell Cooke to ward off all trespass"

(Signed) M. O'Broanain

To County Surveyor:-
"Report on Ballybay River"

The following show the amounts of the Warrants of the Rate Collectors for the year ending 31st March 1924:-

Collector	B. V. Doyle	£2436-4-2
"	J. Mannion	3418-11-9
"	J. Martin	1765-1-6
"	P. J. Fallon	1456-9-8
"	J. Murray	2749-3-2
"	B. Moran	2211-0-4
"	L. O'Hara	2922-11-5
"	E. Doyle	3084-19-4
"	H. Drury	2682-17-0
"	T. J. Coleman	1769-16-6
"	H. Rogers	3955-9-9
"	C. L. Devanny	1841-14-9

Collector

Collector	J. Glynn	£986 - 2 - 3
"	J. Tyler	2264 - 16 - 0
"	W. Cannon	2233 - 13 - 6
"	J. Crawley	2172 - 16 - 3
"	P. J. Flanagher	3610 - 12 - 0
"	M. Kelly	5148 - 8 - 9
"	J. Connor	2023 - 2 - 9
"	T. Fleming	1853 - 19 - 9
"	J. Connaghton	5551 - 15 - 1
"	W. Dolan	1944 - 1 - 4
"	D. Croghan	2448 - 4 - 11
"	J. Connaghton M. Murray W. Dolan	4595 - 10 - 0
"	M. Murray	2268 - 18 - 5
"	O. Donlon	1036 - 11 - 11
"	D. Hanly	2198 - 2 - 8
"	H. Egan	3631 - 16 - 4
"	M. O. Rorke	5229 - 16 - 4
"	P. Mc Cann	449 - 6 - 6
"	O. Bernie	1143 - 4 - 3

(Signed) M O'Gannon

Chairman

8th July 1926

Minutes of Proceedings of the Annual Meeting of the Roscommon County Council held on the 3rd July 1926.

Mr. M. O'Braonain, outgoing Chairman presided and the following Members were in attendance:- Councillors Neary, Drury, J. Kelly, Keaveney, O'Beirne, Jordan, Waters, McGreal, Hafferty, Moran, E. Creaton, Cline McDermott, O'Farrell McCrann, Vaugle, W. Flynn, Donnelly, Killian, Burke, J. Flynn and Allen.

Proposed by Councillor J. Allen
Seconded by Councillor P. J. Waters,
And Resolved:-
"That M. O'Braonain be elected Chairman for the ensuing year."

Proposed by Councillor P. J. Waters,
Seconded by Councillor John Keaveney,
And Resolved:-
"That Mr. John Drury be elected Vice-Chairman for the ensuing year."

Messrs. M. O'Braonain and John Drury signed the Statutory

Statutory Declarations of Acceptance of Office as Chairman and Vice-Chairman".

Proposed by Councillor James Neary.
Seconded by Councillor M. J. Mc Dermott
And Resolved :-
"That the Minutes of Meetings of the 8th May and 9th June be taken as read."

The following correspondence from the Department of Local Government and Public Health was submitted :-

Letter No. Y. 21459 fixing the date of the Annual Meeting of the County Council.

G. 18935 stating that no statutory authority exists for the payment of travelling expenses to Dr. Kelly, Longhglynn.

G. 20456 stating that the Council's request re payment of travelling expenses to certain Members cannot be complied with.

G. 18024 enclosing copy of Order under Seal transferring Ballyhay Drainage District to the Roscommon County Council :-

Proposed

Proposed by Councillor Wm. Donnelly.
Seconded by Councillor John Flynn.
And Resolved:-

"That re the transfer of the Ballyhay Drainage District to the Council, owing to the very unsatisfactory reports concerning the unfinished state of the works done in the District the Council is not prepared to accept responsibility for the maintenance of the District pending a full report of the work done together with the amount of money expended thereon, from the Engineer responsible for the carrying out of the work."

Letter No. G.23044 stating that the Minister has no power to sanction an extension of time for the payment of overdue Accounts to Messrs. Donnelly Bros. Dandalea
Proposed by Councillor M. O'Braonain
Seconded by Councillor Wm. Hafferty
And Resolved:-

"That Messrs. Donnelly's Bill for £15-3-3 be paid as we consider from the accounts before us that this amount is legally

legally due although statute-barred"

Letter No. P. 24084 re lettings in ex-Workhouses in the County Roscommon.

Letter No. G. 24244 re payment of poundage fees to certain collectors:-

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

"That we refer the Ministry of Local Government and Public Health to their letter No. G. 24244 of the 29th May and we again ask them to reconsider the case of Collector Thos. Fleming and sanction poundage at 8d to him as his collection is finally closed off now."

Letter No. P. 25245 giving sanction to payment at 10/- per week to Peter Nash, caretaker of the ex-Workhouse, Boyle.

Letter No. G. 25952 asking the Council to pass a resolution re Mr. J. Donnelly's superannuation

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

"That

"That the superannuation allowance to Mr. J. Donnelly, late Clerk of the Athlone No. 2 Rural District Council be fixed at £80-8-5 per annum."

Letter No. R/S. 25 sanctioning the Council's proposal to pay travelling expenses to the County Surveyor on a mileage basis.

Letters Nos. G. 25896 & 24796 refusing to sanction payment of poundage fees to Collector Rorke at the rate of 8d in the pound:-
Proposed by Councillor M. J. Mc Dermott
Seconded by Councillor Wm Flynn.
And Resolved:-
"That in consideration of the circumstances affecting Mr. Rorke's collection, the Council is unanimous in agreeing that Mr. Rorke is entitled to ~~payment~~ 8d in the pound and asks the Local Government Department to reconsider their decision in his case. Full particulars to be furnished."

Letter No. I.R/39/1 re erection of Sign Posts. Order:- "On order."

Letter No. P. 29145 enclosing copy of

of Statutory Declaration received from Mr. P. A. Flanagan in regard to his claim for compensation for loss of office:-
Proposed by Councillor M. O'Braonain
Seconded by Councillor Wm. Hafferty.
And Resolved:-
"That we fix the superannuation of Mr. P. A. Flanagan late Superintendent Registrar for Castlerea area at £11-13-4 per annum"
The foregoing resolution was "Carried" Mr. G. Creaton dissenting

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Proposed by Councillor John Burke,
Seconded by Councillor Bernd. Naugle,
And Resolved:-
"That in the case of ex-Collector Lane's Collection for the year ended 31st March 1925, we wish to bring under the Ministry's notice that the sum of £101-7-10 is still outstanding in this Collection District. We are of opinion the present Collector - Mr. Moran, should not be asked to lodge this sum to close his Collection as £69-18-9 is at present irrecoverable as will be seen from Mr. Moran's arrears list and the balance according to Collector Moran would

would appear to have been collected by Lane, but not lodged to the credit of the bounty bound. Under the circumstances we ask the Ministry to allow us to treat £58-9-11 irrecoverable and £11-8-10 to be carried forward for subsequent collection, and £31-9-1 to be deducted from poundage due to Lane. Further we ask the Minister to sanction poundage at 8d to Collector Moran on the arrears collected by him in respect of above period and at 6d to Lane on the amount collected and lodged by him."

Proposed by Councillor John Flynn.
Seconded by Councillor John Allen.
And Resolved:-

"That we ask the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to sanction 8d poundage to Collector M. Murray on his portion of rates collected and lodged by him in respect of ex-Collector Geraghty's District for the year ended 31st March 1926 and to Collector Fallon on his Warrant for the same year."

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The following correspondence from the Office of Public Works, Dublin, was submitted:-

Letter No. 9607 stating that a further sum of £2000 is required for the Elphin Drainage District

Proposed by Councillor Joseph McCann
Seconded by Councillor Edward Blair
And Resolved:-

"That the Council is not satisfied that the additional sum of £2000 proposed to be spent on the Elphin Drainage District would have been necessary under ordinary circumstances and that we cannot agree to tax the people concerned with this additional cost if it has been unnecessarily incurred as we believe it has."

Letter No. 9694 re River Suck Drainage District and letter from the Secretary of the Galway County Council on the same subject:-

Proposed by Councillor P. Y. Jordan
Seconded by Councillor Wm Flynn
And Resolved:-

"That the following Members of the County Council be

be appointed to meet the Reps. of the Galway County Council on Monday, 12th July, at Ballinasloe and consider jointly the question of the Sucks Drainage:-
The Chairman and Messrs. Moran, Flynn and the Secretary, also the other Members of the Ballinasloe Asylum Committee, and Galway be asked to acquaint their representatives on the Asylum Committee of this decision"
Mr. M. J. Kelly, Ballyforan, to be informed of this Meeting"

Letter No. 12543 re Carrowreagh and Ballymintan Drainage Districts
Proposed by Councillor M. O'Brannain
Seconded by Councillor J. Flynn.
And Resolved:-
"That the County Council accepts responsibility for the maintenance after reconstruction of the Carrowreagh and Ballymintan Drainage Districts."

Proposed by Councillor Wm. Donnelly.
Seconded by Councillor J. Neary.
And Resolved:-
"That the Council undertake

undertake to provide the necessary money required to carry out the repairs to the Bridges at Lystonfield and bonales to make effective the drainage on lands in that locality." Cost not to exceed £125"

Proposed by Councillor James Neary.
Seconded by Councillor T. J. Waters.
And Resolved:-

"That we demand the Board of Works to take the necessary steps at once regarding the sinking of the Tinnacarra River as by doing so it will be instrumental in draining all the small rivers from Kilglin to Loughglynn and Ballaghaderreen as these areas are being heavily flooded from time to time destroying meadows and crops"

Proposed by Councillor M. J. McDermott.
Seconded by Councillor Wm. Flynn.
And Resolved:-

"That the Ballinasloe Mental Hospital be sent on the instalment due at once."

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The following Notices of Motion were moved by Councillor P. J. Jordan:-

(Copy)

"Take Notice that I or some
" other Councillor on my behalf
" will move at the next Meeting
" that the by-roads leading from
" the Ballaghadereen road at
" Barrowgarve and ending in
" the Ballaghadereen - Loughglynn
" road be henceforth maintained
" as a "local road" as it fulfils
" the required conditions and
" that the eastern branch
" through Barrowgarve be
" similarly scheduled as local"

(Sgd) P. J. Jordan

Order:- "Adjourn to November Meeting"

(Copy)

" Take Notice that I. or some
" other Councillor on my behalf
" will move at the next Meeting
" of the County Council that
" in future when any Malicious
" lying Slain is made against
" any Electoral area, division,
" or particular part of that
" area, that every Councillor
" in that area shall be

immediately

"immediately notified of the name "of the applicant, amount claimed "area of charge suggested (if any)" "and such other information "as will be of assistance to him "in securing evidence to oppose "the claim"

(Signed) P. J. Jordan.

Proposed by Councillor P. J. Jordan.
Seconded by Councillor P. J. Waters.
And Resolved:-

"That Notices be served from the County Council Office."

Letter from Mr. D. J. Hannon, County Solicitor, Athlone enclosing copy of letter received from the Hibernian Insurance Co. in the case of ex-Collector Martin Geraghty. The following order was made thereon:-"Solicitor to proceed for recovery from Insurance Co."

Proposed by Councillor M. O'Brannain
Seconded by Councillor P. J. Waters.
And Resolved:-

"That the position of Rate Collector for the vacancy created

created in Mr. Geraghty's District come up at first Meeting in 1924.

Proposed by Councillor M. O'Brannain
Seconded by Councillor Wm. Flynn
And Resolved:-

"That the position of Rate Collector for the Divisions of Kilbride North and South, Fuerty, Mote and Scregg, lately occupied by Mr. Martin Geraghty now convicted for embezzlement be declared vacant and Mr. Geraghty's services be considered terminated since the 4th April 1925, the date the Collection Books were taken up from Collector Geraghty"

Application from Mr. William Cooke, caretaker of the ex-Workhouse, Castlerea asking to be placed on the same footing as the caretaker in Boyle, also letter re buildings formerly occupied by Mr. Featherstone, and now vacant, was submitted. Mr. Cooke also reported that Mr. Featherstone one of the County Council's tenants vacated those premises and did not deliver up the key

to

to the caretaker. The Secretary reported that the sum of £18 was due by Fetherstone for rent. Order:- "Refer to Council's Solicitor to take action against Fetherstone"

Proposed by Councillor Wm. Hafferty
Seconded by Councillor T. J. Jordan.
And Resolved:-
"That William Cooke the caretaker in Castlerea Workhouse be placed on the same footing as Peter Nash, the caretaker of the Boyle Workhouse - namely to be paid 10/- weekly instead of 2/-."

Letter from Mr. Charles Mc Dermott, District Council Clerk, Ballaghaderreen, claiming allowance for heating and lighting of office since ~~the~~ June 1920 was submitted and marked "Read"

Application from Mr. T. Kearney to erect a Dipping Tub in the Bawn Ballintubber, was submitted and marked "Refused"

Letter from Messrs. Mc Donagh & Boland Dublin

Dublin, re Council's Insurances were submitted and marked "Read"

Letter from Canon Hanly, Castlerea, re Rent of the Hanly Hall, Castlerea was submitted. The letter stated that the Hall was not yet restored. Order :- "County Surveyor to see Connolly Bros, Contractors".

Letter from Mr. James Doyle, rent Collector, Boyle, enclosing list of arrears of Cottage rents and asking to have the sum of £2.2 cancelled. Order :- "Approved"

Letter from Mr. J. J. Loftus, Hon. Secretary Town Tenants Association, Roscommon, re rents on Artizans Dwellings was submitted :-
Proposed by Councillor P. J. Waters,
Seconded by Councillor M. O'Braonain
And Resolved :-
"That the auditor be asked to take up the accounts of the Roscommon Town Committee on his next visit to the County Council Office and if there is need for a public inquiry the Auditor to make a special report".

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The following Report of the County Surveyor on Form 22 was submitted:-

(Copy)

County Surveyor's Office.
Roscommon
2nd July 1926

The Secretary,
Roscommon County Council.

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I enclose herewith Form 22 duly completed. In the case of Proposal No. 369 of the 26th February 1924, Roscommon Rural District, for repairs of a by-road from Mount Pleasant to Midgefield, there was some dispute with the Contractor with regard to the length of the road to be repaired according to his specification. I deferred £5 until I would investigate the matter. On investigation I found that the Contractor was not bound to go further than the gullet at the meaning of Midgefield but he was bound to repair this gullet to satisfaction. When on a personal inspection there some few months back I did not consider the gullet was made sufficiently wide on the

west

west side so I gave instructions to Mr. Mc Donagh, the District Surveyor, to have this matter remedied by the Contractor and explained in detail to him what was wanted and I said that if this work was done satisfactorily before this quarter ended I would recommend payment of the £s previously deferred. On Tuesday last, the 29th ultimo, one of the parties living on the road came to me and complained that this gullet had not yet been widened. On yesterday I had Mr. Mc Donagh's quarterly Report on this work stating that he had inspected it on the 8th June 1926 and that the gullet was completed in accordance with my instructions It was then evident to me that somebody was stating a falsehood so I went down there myself to-day and found that nothing whatsoever had been done with it since my last inspection.

This I consider a very serious matter, not that the amount of money involved is very large but from the fact that as it is a physical impossibility for me to personally

inspect

respect all those Works and as I have to rely for the ruling of payments on the District Surveyors Reports and unless they are authentic and reliable you may be paying for work never done.

Misc. & means.
(Sgd) Michael Nerney.
County Surveyor.

Order:- "Mr. Mc Donagh to be brought before next Meeting for explanations and if not satisfactory his services to be dispensed with at once."

Proposed by Councillor M. O'Braonain.
Seconded by Councillor Mc Geal.
And Resolved:-
"That Mr. J. Mc Donagh, Deputy Surveyor, be called upon to reply to the County Surveyors correspondence of the dates - March 20th 1925 and February 13th 1926 - re Messrs. Connolly Bros. Bill and explain his conduct for so long neglecting to attend to this matter."

Proposed by Councillor Edward Blue.
Seconded by Councillor Joseph Mc Gann.
And Resolved:-
"That we ask the Minister

Minister for Local Government and Public Health to allow to re-authorise Paying Order No. 17947 drawn in favour of ex-Collector Wm. Fleming for preparation of Jurors Lists. New Paying Order to be made out in favour of the Hibernian Insurance Co. who had to make good Fleming's defalcations."

Proposed by Councillor M. O'Braonain
Seconded by Councillor E. Moran,
And Resolved:-
"That we hereby direct our Secretary to forward Revision Lists to the Valuation Office."

Proposed by Councillor P. T. Jordan,
Seconded by Councillor J. O'Farrell,
And Resolved:-
"That this Council enters its most emphatic protest against any proposal which would derogate Galway University to an inferior status in the State because we consider that historically geographically, educationally, and above all psychologically our Provincial University has at least equal claims to any of the sister Universities of the Nation."

Proposed

Proposed by Councillor P. J. Waters.
Seconded by Councillor P. V. Jordan.
And Resolved:-

"That we, the Members of the Roscommon County Council protest against outsiders being appointed in future under the new Local Officers Act to any position which may become vacant under the Council, provided there are men in the County with equal qualifications to outsiders and we claim as a body that men born in County Roscommon are entitled to first preference and that copies of this resolution be sent to the Secretary of each Council in the west of Ireland."

Letter from Mr. William Donnelly, Killoora, for license under the Pensions and Pharmacy Act was submitted, also report from the Gardai approving of same.
Order:- "Granted".

The following order was made and addressed to Mr. J. B. Doran Veterinary Inspector, Athlone:-

James Doran, Esq, M. R. C. V. S.
Please see Dipping Inspector Maguire
Carrowphadden

Bannonphadden, also Councillor Donnelly Kiltoom, regarding the facilities for dipping sheep in that area and if necessary order an additional hand-bath or two to be used in the Kiltoom District immediately.

(Signed) M. O'Raonain.

Proposed by Councillor John O'Farrell
Seconded by Councillor Edward Kline
And Resolved:-

"That Rev. P. J. O'Beirne, b.b. Strokestown, be appointed a Member of the County Committee of Agriculture and Technical Instruction"

Mr. E. Kline, Ruane, Kilglass, Strokestown, wrote asking the County Council to remove his name from the Agriculture and Technical Committee and same was submitted and marked "Accepted".

Reports from Secretary, Dunmount Sanatorium, on patients from County Roscommon, was submitted.

(Signed) M. O'Raonain

Chairman

Minutes of Proceedings of Quarterly Meeting of the Roscommon County Council held at the Courthouse, Roscommon on Wednesday, 21st July, 1926.

Mr M. O'Braonain, Chairman, presided, and the following Members were in attendance Councillors Drury, Keaveney, O'Beirne McGreal, Donegan, Hafferty, Moran, E. Creaton, McDermott, McCrann, Wm. Flynn, Burke, Ledwith, Nangle, Donnelly and Allen.

Proposed by Councillor John Drury,
Seconded by Councillor William Flynn,
And Resolved: —

"That we, the Roscommon County Council, hereby place on record our most profound regret at the loss sustained by the County through the death of the Most Rev. Dr Coyne, Bishop of Elphin As a Roscommon man he was an ornament to both Church and State. As a Churchman his keenest interest was in the spiritual welfare of those under his charge, no labour, no duties, were too much when he wished the advancement of his flock.

His interest in education and in the other temporal affairs of his people never seemed to weary and by his generous financial support he always led the way to help his countrymen, and we sincerely regret the loss caused by his death to the Diocese and

and the County"

Proposed by Councillor M. J. McDermott,
Seconded by Councillor John Allen
And Resolved:-
"That the Minutes of the last Meeting be taken as read"

The following correspondence from the Department of Local Government and Public Health was submitted:-
Letter No. G. 30607 stating that the Collectors' Refund Lists were being attended to.

The Secretary submitted from Mr P. J. Neilan, State Solicitor, Roscommon, stating that Collector Malachy Murray was not being treated fairly by the County Council or its officials as regards poundage and refund of irrecoverable rates:- "Order "The Council consider there is no cause for complaint against the Council or its officials"

Letter No. G. 30608 sanctioning poundage fees to certain Rate Collectors.
Letter notifying the County Council that the sum of £8528-19-11 payment on account of the Agricultural Grant for the year ending the 31st March, 1927, has been forwarded.
Letter No. P. 25489 re the occupation of Castlerea ex-Workhouse by unauthorised persons:-

Proposed by Councillor Edward Moran.
Seconded by Councillor William Hafferty
And Resolved :-
"That the advisability of having the exc- Workhouse at Castlerea altered to Dwellings in order to meet the acute house shortage there, be laid before the Ministry of Local Government and the Board of Works"

The caretaker of the exc- Workhouse, Castlerea, complained about the trespass and other damage done to the ground there :- Order :- "Solicitor to be instructed to take proceedings against Carty for possession and against Fetherstone for rent and damage to premises"

Circular No. G. 31863. re Rates on Vacant Dwelling Houses.

Letter No. G. 31693 stating that payment of poundage at 8d may be made to Collector Carons and at 6d. to Deputy Collector Egan and asking the position as regards the original Collector in this District. : Order :- "Collector Egan to be asked to resign.

Circular No. M. 1007 from the Department of Industry and Commerce re Statistics (Census of Productions) Order 1926. Order "Noted."

Circular No. M.I. 209 of the 11th September 1925 re Clerical duties in connection with the registration and Licensing of Mechanically Propelled Road Vehicles. Order :- "That we allow 2 per cent for the Collection of Motor Tax."

The following correspondence from the Department of Agriculture was submitted :-
Letter No. L. 2900 conveying the Department's approval to the employment of Sheep-Dipping Inspectors :- Order :-" The temporary Inspectors appointed by Mr Hans to come up for appointment at next Meeting."

Mr. Doran, Veterinary Inspector, reported that six hand-dipping Tubs were required in the Athlone area and tenders were submitted for same The tender of Mr T. T. Murphy, Athlone was Approved.

The following correspondence from the Office of Public Works, Dublin, was submitted
Letter No. 23295 re Room in Garda Siochana Barracks, Roscommon, for the accommodation of Weights and Measures and asking what rent the Council are prepared to pay :- Order :- " Board of Works to be asked if they will recoup County Council

if repairs are carried out under the Co. Surveyor for accommodation rooms in old Barracks. Council agreeable to pay rent thereafter. Rent £1 year".

Letter No. 13878 re Carrowreagh and Ballymintan Drainage Districts:—
Proposed by Councillor M. O'Braonain
Seconded by Councillor P. Ledwith
And Resolved.
"That we agree to collect and pay the terminable annuities, drainage rates, and other monies collectible or payable by us in the construction of maintenance of Drainage Works in the proposed Drainage Districts of Carrowreagh and Ballymintan"

The Secretary submitted a joint Report from the County Councils of Galway and Roscommon relative to the River Suck Drainage
Proposed by Councillor William Hafferty
Seconded by Councillor M. J. McDermott
And Resolved:—
"That the joint conference between the representatives of the Galway and Roscommon County Councils are of opinion that the County Councils concerned and the taxpayers have a right to know the exact position concerning the relations existing between the Suck Drainage Board and the taxpayers, and we demand

(1)

(1) That an audit of the accounts of the Drainage Board be held at once by an Auditor appointed by the Government and a statement of accounts presented to the County Councils for the years 1920, '21, '22, '23, '24 and '25.

(2) That the intentions concerning the arrears due since 1920 be made known.

(3) On account of the general complaints made that no benefits have been derived nor can be derived from Suck Drainage by some lands already scheduled in the catchment area that an Appeals Tribunal be set up to hear claims for exemption which would bring the catchment area up to date."

Mr John Keaveney moved the following Notice of Motion standing in his name:-

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"I beg to give Notice that I, or some other Member "on my behalf, will move at the next Council "Meeting that practical steps be taken and "some means devised to protect the paying "ratepayers of this County from the ever "growing abuse for paying for the defaulting "Annuitants of the County in addition "to their own"

(Signed) John Keaveney.

Proposed by Councillor John Keaveney.
Seconded by Councillor Joseph McBrann.
And Resolved:—

"That this Council request the Government to pass immediate legislation for the protection of tenant purchasers who pay their annuities punctually and prevent the ever increasing abuse of having to pay for our well to do neighbours also. the last official defaulters list furnished to us shows that there are about 2,000 defaulters in this County owing from one to twenty one payments in sums varying from a few shillings to £900 resulting in the stoppage of several thousands pounds out of Grants due to this County and consequent increase in our rates, this we consider the most glaring injustice and strongly protest against it, in the opinion of this Council all tenant purchasers enter in to an agreement or contract to pay their annuities, and that failing to do so, is violation or their agreement or contract. We therefore strongly suggest the early passage of legislation empowering the Land Commission to take over the land from defaulters for the purpose of enlarging uneconomic holdings, the parcelling out of some of it to the young men who are daily emigrating from our shores, or for whatever purpose the Land Commission may deem advisable. first preference to be given the defaulter in possession, on payment of all arrears due.

Copies of this resolution to be sent by our Secretary to President Cosgrave, the Minister for Agriculture, T.D.'s for the County and the Secretaries of all County Councils in the Free State for adoption by their respective Councils."

Letter from Mr Sean Mac Sinnead, Clerk in the County Surveyor's Office, applying for six months leave of absence and enclosing Doctor's Certificates was submitted and the following order was made thereon "Approved"

Letter from Messrs. McDonnell & Co Roscommon, asking the County Council to fix the amount of Mr. Heverin's superannuation as Solicitor to the late Rural District Council of Castlerea. Order :-" "Refer to Ministry asking on what basis Pension will be fixed."

Application from the Caretaker of the ex-Workhouse Castlerea, for the use of a field attached to the building was submitted. Order :- "Held over"

The County Surveyor submitted his Report for the Quarter ended 30th June (Copy herewith)

Proposed by Councillor William Donnelly,
Seconded by Councillor Patrick McIyeal,
And Resolved :-
"That the Proposals for Payments made by Proposal Committee at their Meeting on the 3rd July and this day submitted to our Council be and are hereby approved of."

Proposed by Councillor Joseph O'Beirne.
Seconded by Councillor William Flynn.
And Resolved :-
That the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be asked to sanction poundage at 8d to Collector Rogers on his Warrant for the year ended 31st March, 1926 as he closed both Moieties in about five months. He got his Books on the 18th. February 1926. closed the first moiety on the 9th June and the second moiety to-day."

Mr. D. J. Hannon. County Solicitor, Athlone submitted result of Claims for Malicious Injuries heard at Boyle Sessions on the 30th June. Order :- "Approved"

Application from the Courtkeeper, Courthouse, Roscommon, for 35 Tons of the best double-screened Orrel Coal was submitted and marked "Approved"

The Secretary reported that when inspecting the Boyle ex-Workhouse, he found the boundary wall down in several places. Order :- "Repairs to boundary wall of Boyle ex-Workhouse be referred to Mr McDermott, engineer cost not to exceed £15.

Reports on Patients from this County in Peamount Sanatorium were submitted

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Application from Miss Searson asking to be appointed caretaker of the Ballaghaderreen Courthouse, was submitted and marked. "Adjourned"

Resolution from Cork County Council calling upon the Government to appoint a Commission to inquire into the cost of administration in the Free State was submitted and marked "Approved"

Letter from the Hibernian Insurance Co. re Fire Insurances under the Council was submitted and marked "Read"

The following were submitted :-
Letter from Mr William Cooke, Caretaker, Castlerea, Ex-Workhouse re Carty.
Letter from the Committee of A & T.S. re Travelling expenses.

Resolution from Secretary of the Authorised Ford Dealers re Road Tax.

Report re Sheep-Scab from Mr. Hons. M.R.C.V.S.

Letter from County Surveyor re T. Smyth's Petrol Pump.

Resolution from Co Mayo Committee of Agriculture re unemployment.

Notices re Committal of Children to Industrial Schools.

Reports from Veterinary Inspectors re Dipping Inspectors.

Letter from Mr F. T Kelly re Income Tax.

Resolution from Meath County Council re travelling expense.

Resolution from the Irish Nurses Union re Medical treatment of school children.

Resolution from County Board of Health, Kilkenny, re appointment of Public Officials

Resolution from Longford County Council re Guard Patrols.

The following dates were fixed for the next Meetings of the County Council :—

Proposal Committee

Roscommon Saturday 23rd October, 1926 11.30a.m

County Council.

Roscommon. Friday 5th November, 1926 11.30a.m

(Signed) T/O Brannan 23/10/26

Minutes of Proceedings of Meeting of the Roscommon County Council held at the Courthouse, Roscommon on Saturday the 23rd October 1926

Mr M. O'Braonain, Chairman, presided and the following Members were in attendance:- Councillors Neary, Hogg, Drury, Cull, John Kelly, Keaveney O'Beirne, Jordan, McIyreal, Donegan, Moran, Hafferty, E. Creaton, D. Creaton, Cline, McDermott, McBrann, W. Flynn, Donnelly, Killian, Burke, J. Flynn (Dan) Allen and Ledwith.

Proposed by Councillor John Allen
Seconded by Councillor James Neary.
And Resolved.
"That the Minutes of the last Meeting be taken as "Read"

Proposed by Councillor M. McDermott,
Seconded by Councillor Wm. Flynn
And Resolved.
"That the Mental Hospital Committee be informed that the sum demanded by them from this Council for a financial year should be such as to defray, with their own receipts the expenses incurred in the financial year which ends on the last day of March, and the last of which expenses are defrayed at the Committee's April

Meeting. No substantial sums in respect of the new financial year following should be payable until the May meeting about the date of which this County Council holds its quarterly meeting and transfers the first quarters funds to the Committee. (Copy of this to be sent to Galway County Council).

The following correspondence from the Department of Local Government and Public Health was submitted by the Secretary :-

Letter No. S.G. N/25 and circular S.G. N/201 stating the Roads in the County Roscommon included in the National Road Scheme and enclosing tracing.

Letter No. H 569/2046/1926. asking if the National Bank, Roscommon, have agreed to advance a loan of £10.000 under the Housing Act of 1925.

Letter from the National Bank on the same subject and refusing to grant a loan was submitted The Manager of the National Bank was also present at the Council Meeting and could give no reason for the Directors' refusal

Proposed by Councillor M. J. McDermott
Seconded by Councillor William Flynn

"That we renew our application to Treasurer for Housing Loan of £10.000"
Proposed by Councillor John Keaveney.
Seconded by Councillor James Neary.

That we adjourn the application of Housing Loan for a period of twelve months.

A Poll was then taken and the following voted for Councillor Keaveneys amendement :- Councillors Neary. Drury. Cull. Keaveney. OBeirne E. Creaton. D. Creaton. Allen and Ledwith.
The following voted for Councillor McDermott motion :- Councillors Hogg. Kelly. Jordan, McGreal. Donegan. Hafferty. Moran, Cline McDermott. McGrann. Flynn, Donnelly, Killian Brennan, Burke, and John Flynn (Dan).
Councillor McDermott's motion was the declared carried by 16 votes to 9 and put to the meeting as follows :-
Proposed by Councillor M. T. McDermott.
Seconded by Councillor William Flynn.

And Resolved :-

"That we renew our application to Treasurer for Housing Loan of £10.000.

Letter No. R.S/25 asking for Medical certificate in the case of Mr. S. MacSinnead Clerk in the Co. Surveyors Office and sanctioning the temporary appointment of Mr Eamon Geraghty as Clerk in the Co. Surveyors Office at a salary

salary of £3. per week.

Letter No. P.31,959. giving the Minister's sanction to certain interest on overdraft of the late Roscommon Union.

Letters No. G.34605. & G39407 re Mr. Heverin's claim for superannuation as Solicitor to the Castlerea Rural District Council now abolished.

Proposed by Councillor Edward Cline.
Seconded by Councillor Edward Moran
And Resolved
"That we hereby grant a pension of £46-5-10 per annum to Mr Heverin in respect of his loss of Office as Solicitor to the Castlerea Rural District Council being the two-thirds of his average profit costs for the three half-years ended 30th September 1925.

Letter No. R.S/25. of the 31st July. 1926 asking the amount paid in travelling expenses to Assistant Surveyors since the 6th February last.
Order. "Particulars furnished"

Circular Letter No. G 27589 stating that the sum assessed on the County Council under the General Cattle Diseases Fund is £318-15-2.

Circular Letter No. 37067 enclosing copy of ~~letter~~ the Local Authorities (Officers and Employees) Act 1926.

Letter No. P.H. 38538 enclosing copy of letter

to Sligo County Board of Health re temporary appointment of nurse A. O'Beirne, a pensioner of Roscommon County Council.

Letter No. 38440 re Ballaghaderreen Courthouse and projected use of portion thereof as a Garda Siochana Barracks. Order:— "Adjourn to next Meeting".

Letter No. G. 32274. enclosing Order under Seal. fixing superannuation allowance of £80-8-5. to Mr. Francis Donnelly, late Clerk of the Athlone no. 2. R.D. Council.

Letter No. P. 35800 enclosing Order under Seal. fixing superannuation allowance at £11-19-9. to Mr. P.A. Flanagan, formerly Clerk of the Castlerea Rural District Council, in respect of loss of emoluments as Superintendent Registrar of Births, Deaths, and Marriages.

Letter No. G. 35893. enclosing Order under Seal. transferring the business of the Brogan Drainage District to Roscommon Co Council

Letter No. G. 41918. enclosing copy of Local Authorities (Mutual Assurance) Act 1926.

Letter No. S.G. 11/25. Approving of the Co. Surveyor's Scheme for expending £5.280. out of the sum of £17.792. earmarked for County Roscommon

Letter No. G. 45730. enclosing copy of letter from the Irish Land Commission re serving of Demand Notes by Councils Collectors

The following correspondence from the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction was submitted :—

~~Letter No. 14226 asking for more detailed information~~

Letter L. 29000 Sanctioning the temporary appointment of Messrs. B. Beirne and F. McDermott as temporary Sheep Dipping Inspectors.

The following correspondence from the Office of Public Works was submitted :—

Letter No. 14226 asking for more detailed information by the Co. Surveyor when furnishing reports under the Arterial Drainage Act 1925

Letter No. 14030. re additional sum of £2.000 expended on the Elphin Drainage District.

Letter No. 15015. re arrears of maintenance due by the Suck Drainage benefitors also letter from the Secretary of Galway Co. Council on this subject.

Letter No. N. 16196 stating that a sum of £4.000 is to be expended on the Hind River District of which the Government will pay £1.000

Letter No. N. 5121 re proposed Drainage of the Boyle River at Tinnecarra.

Letter No. 15326 stating that the Drainage of the Ballybay District was

properly executed.
Letter No. 10924 re expenses incurred in the Drainage of the Brogban Drainage District

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The following Report of the University Committee was submitted :—

"We hereby recommend Miss Maureen McNally and Miss Catherine Calahan for an extension of their University Scholarships for another year, also recommend University Scholarships to the following :— Mary A Beirne, Christina Judge, and Patk. J. Feeney We also recommend that the following scholarships in Secondary Schools be renewed for another year :— Teresa Owens, Mary A Martin, Margt. A. Flanagan, Michael Kelly, Patrick J. Reid, Catherine Ryder, Catherine Craughwell, Margt. Mee, Patk J. Killian and Mary McGuiness

The Committee hereby award scholarships to the following :- Patk. J. Mullen, Mary V. O'Farrell, Hugh Flynn, Bgt. Rogers, Bgt. Corrigan, Ellie A. Coleman, Lee. O'Grady, Charles J. O'Gara and Thomas J. Kelly.

The Committee regret their inability to award Maggie McGuinness a Scholarship because though she passed the examination she is ineligible by rule of the Council of the 9th 1926.

Order. :- Bgt. Rogers disqualified by reason of the fact that her birth certificate states her to be one year over age." Approved :-

" Subject to above remarks re Bgt. Rogers.
(Signed) M. O' Braonain.
Chairman.

Additional report of the University Committee.

Keeping in mind as a basic consideration the fact that Scholarships are provided for out of the rates with the object of helping the intellectual and brilliant children of the poor to obtain Intermediate and University education we submit to the County Council the following views :-

1. We consider there should be no discrimination between the children of ratepayers in the County whether those ratepayers be farmers or whether they be in receipt of salaries from other positions.

2. We consider that insufficient means and insufficient means alone (always providing the students be worthy individuals) should be the basis on which scholarships should be awarded

3. But we consider that in fixing the standard of means above which Scholarships may not be granted the present depressed condition of the ratepayers should be taken into account. Everyone knows that farmers and indeed many shopkeepers too find it almost impossible to meet their many and pressing obligations, and it would be farcical and unjust to ask a poor man struggling, on say ten or twenty

acres of land, or with a languishing trade to contribute his quota to the upkeep of a boy or girl in college whose parents are in receipt of four or five hundred pounds per annum or its equivalent. Unless there are exceptional circumstances such as large families or illness which cause reduction of this amount.

4. We therefore recommend that the County Council fix the standard of means at as low a figure as possible and that until times improve as few scholarships as possible be awarded and that these recommendations be inserted in the University Scheme 1924

(Signed) T. H. Cummins.
M. T. McDermott.
M. Killian
T. Flynn.

Order:- "To be inserted in the Scheme."
M. O' Braonain.

Letter from Mr Timothy McGuinness was submitted asking the County Council to review the decision of the University Committee re awarding a scholarship to his daughter Maggie McGuiness. Order: "Refused"

The following letter was submitted from the Accountant.

Copy.

A Chara,

I find that the making up of the Councils accounts each half-year of late has been exceedingly heavy because of the numerous loan-accounts transferred from the abolished Rural District Councils' accounts for Housing loans, Trunk Road Grant payments and road-loans, statistics of finances called for by the Department of Local Government and Public Health, and extra work in relation to pensions, ex-workhouses, etc all these are in addition to the already very heavy financial work of a County Council. I may state that the payments necessiate the issue of 18,000 cheques yearly.

During the month allowed for making up a half-years accounts the applications for payments have to be examined for the Finance Committee's meeting, and they have become very numerous and troublsome.

In consequence of all these circumstances I need some help while the accounts are being made up, and of course that help will need to be expert.

Wife le mear.

(Signed) C. T. O'Keeffe.
Accountant.

Order:-"Granted"
Proposed by Councillor M. O'Braonain
Seconded by Councillor M. Killian
And Resolved
"That as sum

of £3 per week plus Railway fare be allowed for an Assistant (to be recommed by Mr Flanagan ex. D. C. Clerk) for the Accountants' Office for four weeks in each half-year.

Application from the Superintendent of the Garda Siochana, Roscommon for a sand-blast machine for the Inspector of Weights and Measures at Boyle was submitted:—
Order:— "To be supplied".

Mr John Keaveney moved the following Notice of Motion:—

Copy.

We beg to give notice that at the next meeting of the County Council, we, or some member acting on our behalf will move that all coal contracts of our council financed from the rates of the County, terminate. none but Irish coal be burned in future.

(Signed) John Keaveney,
Owen Cull.

Proposed by Councillor John Keaveney.
Seconded by Councillor Owen Cull.
And Resolved.
"That as all our coal contracts terminate none but Irish coal be used in future when obtainable and at the right price.

Mr John Drury moved the following notice of motion :—

Copy.

"I hereby give notice that I, or some other member on my behalf, will move at next meeting of the County Council that the Rev. Malachy Brennan, Kilglass, be appointed on the Roscommon Agriculture and Technical Instruction Committee.

Proposed by Councillor John Drury.
Seconded by Councillor James Neary.
And Resolved.
"That Rev. M. MacBrannan be appointed a member of the Strokestown Old Age pension Committee and also a member of the Agricultural Technical Committee

Proposed by Councillor John Drury,
Seconded by Councillor James Neary.
"And Resolved.
That Rev. P. J. Kelly, Strokestown be appointed a member of the Agricultural Committee.

Proposed by Councillor M. J. McDermott.
Seconded by Councillor William Flynn.
And Resolved.
That The Very Rev. P. Canon Butler P. P. Elphin be appointed on the Roscommon Agricultural

and Technical Committee and also on the Strokestown Old Age Pension Committee.

Letter from the Under-Sheriff. Roscommon stating that Mr Chas. Lennon has be appointed caretaker of the Roscommon Courthouse Gate Lodge. Order:— "Approved"

Letter from Under-Sheriff. Roscommon enclosing copy of a letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health. re changing Polling Booth from Drumlion School to Drumlion Hall.
Order:— Council agreeable to the change.

Letter from Mr. Chas. Lennon, Gate Lodge, Roscommon, for usual supply of coal Viz. 5 Tons was submitted. Order:— "Granted"

Application from Kate Cahill, Boyle, re authorisation of Paying Order No. #9558 of the 29th February 1926 was submitted:—
Order:— Re-authorize if

Application from Mr. C. E. Callan, Solicitor Boyle. re authorisation of Paying Order No. 4955. of the 18th February 1921 was submitted Order: Re authorise if sanctioned

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Letter from Secretary, to Board of Health. Roscommon re state of Cottage Rent Collection in the late Carrick-on-Shannon No. 2.

R. D Council was submitted.
Order:- Council's Solicitor to proceed against Collector in Carrick-on-Shannon No. 2

Collector Paul Egan tendered his resignation as Rate Collector. Order:- "Resignation accepted" To be advertised for January meeting.

Collector P. J. McBrann tendered his resignation as Rate Collector. Order:- "Accepted." To be advertised for next meeting."

Proposed by Councillor Denis Creaton.
Seconded by Councillor James Neary
And Resolved.
"That the Council recommend to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health the applications of Collectors Moran, Caron and Egan to be poundage at 8° on their warrants for the year ended 31st March 1926, which they closed in full. These three Collectors have only been appointed within the past two years and have had a very difficult job in collecting arrears left outstanding by their predecessors therefore we trust the minister will accede to the Council's recommendation as it will be an incentive to these Collectors to proceed diligently with their work in future. We also ask the Minister to Sanction 8d. poundage to Collector O'Hara on his warrant for the half-year 30th September last which he closed on

the 8th instant and to collector Devaney who closed on the 14th instant for the same half-year.

Proposed by councillor John Burke.
Seconded by councillor Edward Moran.
And Resolved
"That the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be asked to sanction poundage at 2d. extra to collector McBrann whose resignation has been accepted to-day, on his warrant for the half-year ended 31st March 1925 he having lodged both moieties within ten months"

Proposed by councillor John Burke.
Seconded by councillor Edward Moran.
And Resolved
"That the arrears lists of collectors James Martin, James Connaughton and Edward Doyle, who have closed their warrants for the half-year ended 30th Sept. last, less amounts in Column 10 of said lists, be forwarded to the Local Government Dept. for their ruling. The council after carefully considering these lists recommend that the amounts in Columns 10 be struck off as irrecoverable, except item No 1110 £4-3-9. on Mr Connaughton's list which should be carried forward and the collectors given credit for them and the collectors given credit for them in closing their collections for above half-year. Viz. Jas. Martin £8-14-6, Edward Doyle £29-1-4

and James Connaughton £120-11-4

Proposed by Councillor John Drury,
Seconded by Councillor P. J Jordan,
And Resolved,

"That we the Roscommon County Council ask the Minister for Local Government whether he will give sanction to a proposal of a local committee of responsible persons in Boyle to purchase the ex-Fever Hospital and the field at the ex workhouse in Boyle for the purposes of it being converted into and used as a Public Park and for the holding of Agricultural Shows etc., This Council is at a financial loss each year from these premises in respect of the Land Commission annuity.

We also submit that building sites could be offered for sale off the frontage of the ex-workhouse grounds without in any way interfering with the use of the existing buildings and we suggest that if this proposal meets with the approval of the Minister the price realised from the sale of any plots off these premises would be used to redeem as far as possible the advance made from the Land Commission towards the purchase of these premises

We ask the Minister to give his sanction to this proposal.

Application from mr R. Hans. M. R. C. V.S. for eight Swim Baths was submitted.
Order :- "Adjourn"

Letter from Messrs Rooney & Dowdall, Solicitors, Mullingar, stating legal proceedings will be taken against the Council if the amount of the Malicious Injury Decree is not paid forthwith. Order:- "Refer to Solicitor".

Letter from Mrs S. T. Kelly. Frenchpark. asking to be appointed caretaker of Frenchpark Sessions House was submitted.
Order. Mrs Kelly to be appointed Courtkeeper in Frenchpark at £5 per annum.

Letter from mr T. Sheeran. Doon. Boyle. for use of Frenchpark Courthouse for holding an Irish Class was submitted :-
Order :- "Refused".

Minutes of the proceedings of the Roscommon Advisory Committee were submitted :-
Proposed by Councillor John Burke.
Seconded by Councillor Edward Moran.
And Resolved.
"That an inquiry be held into the business of the Roscommon Town Committee re finance etc. comprising of three Members of the County Council, two from the Town Committee and two

from the Town Tenants League. Councils representatives:- Mr E Moran. Wm Hafferty and M. J. McDermott. Date of Meeting. 30th Oct 12 o'clock

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Letter from District Justice, Castlerea, re state of Ballinlough Courthouse was submitted. Order:- "to Surveyor to inspect."

Proposed by Councillor James Neary,
Seconded by Councillor Denis Creaton,
And Resolved

"That in accordance with Sec. 63 (1) of the Local Government Act 1925. we ask the Minister to authorize payment of contributions by us towards the travelling expenses of members of Committee's set up by the Council under Article 55 (1) a of the Public Bodies Order 1925, and also to Councillors who attended joint meetings of the members of this Council, the Board of Health, the ex District Council Clerks, held prior to the 1st October 1925 for the purpose of winding up the affairs of the District Councils

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Proposed by Councillor Edward. Moran.
Seconded by Councillor John Burke,
And Resolved.

"That in accordance with the paovisions of Secs. 7 & 8. respectively of the Housing Buildings

Facilities Acts 1924 and 1925. we agree to remit nineteen - twentieths of the rates assessed by us for the current financial year on houses in respect of which a Grant has been made by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health. under above Acts, and which have not been included in the new Building Lists made by this Council under the rating of new Buildings Order 1925; and we further direct that all such houses be added to the new Buildings List.

Proposed by Councillor M. Killian,
Seconded by Councillor Wm Donnelly,
And Resolved.

"That we ask the Board of Works to give an explanation as to why the Board's Engineer was sent to report on the Tinnecarra River in the Northern area of this County before reporting on the Cross Rivers in the southern area, considering that the petition, map and our Engineers Report on the Cross River was sent to the Board about two months earlier than in the case of the Tinnecarra rivers, We cannot understand why the petitions are not taken up in the order in which they are forwarded to the Board

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Notices from District Court Clerk's re committing children to Industrial Schools.

were submitted. Order:- "Approved."

Reports on Patients under treatment at Peamount were submitted.

Letter from caretaker ex-workhouse, Strokestown, was submitted stating that a dozen locks and keys were required Order :- "To be procured.

Resolution from Hon. Secretary of the National Organization of Town Tenants re administration of Town Advisory Committee was submitted and marked. "Read"

Councillor Andrew Hogg handed in the following notice of motion :-

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Copy.

"Take notice that I or some other member on my behalf will at next meeting move that the expenditure for new works under the Roads Scheme will not exceed £4.000 and each area get a proportionate share according to its valuation."

(Signed) Andrew Hogg.

Signed
M. Kiernan
5 Nov 1926.

Minutes of Proceedings of Quarterly Meeting of the Roscommon County Council held at the Courthouse, Roscommon on Friday, 5th November, 1926.

Mr. M. O'Braonain Chairman, presided, and the following Members were in attendance:- Councillors Drury, Leaveney, Waters, McGreal, Donegan, Hafferty, Moran, E. Creaton, Cline O'Farrell, McCrann, W. Flynn, Wm. Donnelly, Burke, Allen, Millar and Ledwith.

Proposed by Councillor J. McCrann.
Seconded by Councillor E. Creaton.
And Resolved:-
"That the Minutes of last Meeting held on the 23rd October, be marked as "Read".

The following correspondence from the Department of Local Government and Public Health was submitted:-
Letter No. L 38440 re Ballaghaderreen Courthouse and proposed use of portion thereof as Garda Siochana Barracks
Order:-

Order:- "Adjourn."

Circular No. H. 39176 re appointment of County Medical Officer of Health. Order:- "Adjourn for attendance of Medical Inspector"

Letter No. G. 50178 re allowance for temporary assistance to the Accountant.

Proposed by Councillor Wm. Flynn.
Seconded by Councillor John Millar.
And Resolved:-

"That the Local Government Department be informed that the Council in considering Mrs. O'Keeffe's application for expert assistance for four weeks in each half-year made necessary on account of the transferred District Council business, was aware that the permanent staff of the Council being less than hitherto could not be spared to meet Mrs. O'Keeffe's demand and we again ask the Department to allow Mrs. O'Keeffe's request to be granted."

Letter No. 44402 Auditor's Report on the Accounts of Ballinasloe Mental Hospital for

for period ended 31st March 1926"
Letter No. 20340 from the Office of Public Works, Dublin re Ballinamore and Ballyconnell Canal was submitted and marked "Read."

Mr. Andrew Hogg moved the following Notice of Motion standing in his name:-

(Copy)

"Take notice that I or some other "Member on my behalf will at "the next Meeting, move that "the expenditure for New Works "under Roads Scheme will not "exceed £4000 and each area "get a proportionate share "according to its Valuation."

(Signed) Andrew Hogg.

Proposed by Councillor Andrew Hogg.
Seconded by Councillor John Keaveney
And Resolved:-

"That the expenditure for New Works under the Roads Scheme will not exceed 3½d in the £ and that each electoral area get a proportionate share according to its valuation and population"

Letter

Letter was received from the Acting Secretary, County Board of Health applying for a loan of £3500 for the proposed improvement of Strokestown Waterworks:-

Proposed by Councillor J. D. O'Farrell,
Seconded by Councillor Edwd. Cline,
And Resolved:-

"That our Treasurer or the Board of Works be asked if a Loan of £3,500 can be obtained for a long period to meet the requirements of the proposed improvement in Strokestown waterworks".

The following applications from the County Surveyor were submitted:- See over.

(Copy)
County Surveyor's Office
Courthouse
Roscommon
4th November 1926

Gentlemen,

I request your sanction to the following Sudden Damage Works executed within the September half-year, and paid out of Contingencies allocated in

Gentlemen, I beg to make application to you for the services of a temporary clerk for a period of three months to cope with the amount of extra work entailed by the preparation of the Road Works Scheme and preparation of Estimates for coming year. I am Gentlemen Servant
Yours obedient Servant
(Sgd) Michael Kenney - Co. Surveyor

4. 11. 1926.

Order:- Approved at salary of £3 per week

in Schedule 1926-27.

(1) Rebuilding broken down Bridge at Derraun. £38=6=2

(2) Rebuilding culvert on Road No. 340 at Aghadreslán. £16=15=4

(3) Erecting temporary Protection paling on Dunsna Bridge broken by lorry. (Claim lodged by the bounty Surveyor) £4=1=6

(4) Rebuilding broken down culvert on Road No. 181 at Scraba. £23=18=0

£83=1=0.

I am, Gendemen,
Your obedient Servant,
(Sgd) Michael Nerney.

Proposed by bouncillor M. O'Braonain,
Seconded by bouncillor P. J. Waters,
And Resolved:-
"That the bounty bouncil hereby approves of the following Sudden Damage repairs carried out by the bounty Surveyor within the half-year ended September 1926:-

(1) Rebuilding broken down bridge at Derraun. £38=6=2

(2) Rebuilding culvert on Road No. 340 at Aghdreslán. £16. 15. 4

(3)

(3) Erecting temporary protection railing on Drumnaa. Bridge £-4-1-6
(4) Rebuilding culvert on Road No. 181 at Scraha. £-23-18-0

Report to County Secretary from the District Surveyor, on the state of Ballinlough Workhouse.

The building is in a very bad state of repair and bears more resemblance to a barn than a workhouse.

The woodwork of all doors and windows is decayed and the plaster is falling off the walls and ceiling. I sent a detailed report to the County Surveyor on this about the 18th June 1926.

It will take about £-50 to effect the necessary repairs.

(Signed) James Flanagan

P.S. Since the above Report was written Mrs. Flanagan has told me that in reality the building is so bad that a new one is required.

(Signed) Michael Feeney
Co. Surveyor.

Order:- Estimate to be prepared and

and Tenders taken at next Meeting"

The Report of the County Surveyor for the Quarter ended 30th September was submitted.
Order :- "Approved subject to resolutions on proposals. County Surveyor to fix dates for District Roads Meetings."

Proposed by Councillor Wm. Donnelly.
Seconded by Councillor M. O'Braonain
And Resolved :-
"That the County Council apply for a loan of £5000 for the steam-rolling of the Athlone - Roscommon road on such terms as recent loans for similar purposes were obtained."

Proposed by Councillor M. O'Braonain
Seconded by Councillor Park. Mc. Greal
And Resolved :-
"That the Council approves of the County Surveyor paying for the urgent repairs carried out at Boyle Courthouse out of amount allocated for renovation of Roscommon Courthouse. Knowing that he had not foreseen this liability when estimating for maintenance of

of Councilmen for 1926-1927"

Proposed by Councillor P. J. Waters,
Seconded by Councillor Wm. Flynn,
And Resolved:-

"That Mr. Burke, Allen and the Chairman be a Committee for re-arrangement of Courthouse accommodation."

Proposed by Councillor P. J. Waters
Seconded by Councillor W. Donnelly,
And Resolved:-

"That the County Surveyor be authorised to spend an additional sum of £-101-6-4 on the repairs to Ballynree Bridge"

Proposed by Councillor John Keaveney
Seconded by Councillor John Drury
And Resolved:-

"That owing to the increased traffic on the road leading from the Aughna mines to the Aughna Railway Station (at least ten times the normal traffic) the Council give the County Surveyor a direction to have this road kept in reasonable repair by allowing him draw upon the money already

already provided for contingencies"

Proposed by Councillor Wm Donnelly.
Seconded by Councillor John Keaveney
And Resolved:-

"That the Proposals for Payments made by the Proposal Committee of this Council at their Meeting on the 23rd October and this day submitted to us be and are hereby approved."

The Quarterly Report of the Public Analyst was submitted.

The following Report re Artizans Dwellings, Roscommon, was submitted:-

(Copy)

As a result of the inquiry which was held on Saturday last, we find that according to the figures given to us by the Secretary of the Advisory Committee the sum of £284-2-1 is supposed to be to the credit of the No. 2 account which deals only with the affairs of the Artizans Dwellings We advise that this money be paid immediately to the Board of Works. We also

Consider

consider that the County Council should be made aware of the amount of penal interest that has accrued on those houses as the result of the mal-administration of the Advisory Committee in not having sent this money to the Board of Works. We also recommend that the County Council should know if any portion of this £284-2-1 has been used for any other purpose. We recommend that the Council help them in every way possible.

(Signed) William Daffesty
Edward Moran

The following Scheme of Purchase by the Tenants was submitted:-

(Copy)

(1) A sum of £2500 to be paid in 50 half-yearly instalments of £5 each. Payments to be made in advance.
(2) The Tenants to insure the houses against damage.
(3) The Tenants to take responsibility for all repairs.

(4)

(4) The tenants to pay legal expenses in connection with the sale.
(5) A Rent 10/- per house per year to be paid in perpetuity by the tenants.
(6) The Board of Works to be entitled to collect any further payments that may come from the Blaney fund, after the completion of sale.
(7) The tenants to pay all arrears of rent.

(Signed) James J. Loftus,
on behalf of Tenants

(Order:- "Approved)

Proposed by Councillor M. O'Braonain
Seconded by Councillor Wm Flynn,
And Resolved:-
"That we ask the Local Government Dept. and the Board of Works to accept the proposal of the occupiers of the Artizans' Dwellings for purchase of these Houses."

Proposed by Councillor M. O'Braonain
Seconded by Councillor W. Flynn.
And Resolved:-
"That if the Scheme put forward for the purchase of

of the Artizans' dwellings be not accepted a rent of six shillings per week from this ~~week~~ date be fixed on those houses in order to meet their liabilities"

Proposed by Councillor Wm. Daffely
Seconded by Councillor Ed. Moran,
and Resolved
"That the facts in connection with the Artizans Dwellings built by the Roscommon Town Commissioners having been placed before us, we have come to the conclusion that there has been maladministration of those houses by which the tenants are the sufferers.
We hereby request the Minister for Local Government and the Commissioner for Works on receipt of the sum passed this day to remit the penal interest charged by them and further that the interest for the years 1921 and 1922 and 1923 be remitted."

Letter submitted from Mr. John Forde, Solicitor, Boyle, asking to have the fine imposed on Patrick Bracken, Keadue, under the

the Motor Car Act cancelled or mitigated":-

Proposed by Councillor John Drury.
Seconded by Councillor John Keaveney.
And Resolved:-
"That we request the District Justice of Carrick-on-Shannon District to take into consideration that the defendant - Pat Bracken - Kadue, had forwarded the amount due in respect of his Motor Tax to Roscommon two days previous to his being summoned and we believe the case ought to be reconsidered by the Justice with a view to remit the amount of the fine inflicted".

Application for the position of Rate Collector rendered vacant by the resignation of Collector P. J. Mc Cann was received from Miss Lillie Hayden
Proposed by Councillor J. Mc Cann
Seconded by Councillor Wm Flynn.
And Resolved:-
"That Miss Hayden be appointed Rate Collector in room of Mr. Mc Cann"

Letter

Letter from the Caretaker Union Buildings, Castlerea asking if he would obey a Councillor's order to give vacant rooms to another tenant. Order :- "Don't take order"

Letter from Councillor P. J. Jordan asking to have contractor's name in Road Contract altered :-
Proposed by Councillor M. O'Braonain
Seconded by Councillor Wm Flynn.
And Resolved :-
"That the contract for by-road through Castromore leading from Buckshill North to Aghalustia local road be transferred with the consent of the sureties from the name of Robert Gara, Aughnine, Moyne Ballaghaderreen, to whom payments should be made as Gara has gone to America and Moran has agreed to carry out his work."

The Secretary submitted the following list showing the amount outstanding in respect of the half-year ended 30th

30th September, 1926:-

Date of Warrant taken up.	Name	Amount still outstanding	Amount of Warrant.
1st July 1926	Pads. Fallon	£-247-12-0	£-429-3-3
18th Aug. "	Batty Moran	387.10.6	£1111-1-11
22nd June "	Hugh Bruny	432.17.8	1345.6.10
22nd July "	Harry Rogers	541.2.1	1979.19.11
2nd June "	James Glynn	44.18.10	493.14.5
22nd " "	John Tyler	466.19.7	1135.7.1
6th Septr. "	Wm Cannon	826.16.6	1120.6.1
26th June "	P. G. Shanagher	520.19.2	1821.0.10
23rd " "	Thos. Fleming	230.0.6	946.12.3
" " "	Wm. Dolan	212.3.8	1003.12.0
11th Sept "	Hubert Regan	848.14.1	1817.17.9
23rd " "	M. O. Rorke	620.11.3	2617.2.6

Order:- "Above Collectors to be asked for explanation".

Proposed by Councillor John Burke.
Seconded by Councillor Edward Moran.
And Resolved:-
"That the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be asked to sanction poundage at 8d in £ to the following Collectors who have closed their Collections for the half-year ended 30th September last":- B. O. Boyle.
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Mannion James Murray, Crawley, Croghan, and Beirne, and also to Malachy Murray on his apportioned share of ex-Collector Geraghtys District for above half-year which he has lodged in full."

Letter from Weights and Measures Inspector re state of office was submitted:- Order:- "Board of Works to be communicated with."

Application from Miss B. A. Cahalan, University College, Galway, asking to have her Scholarship increased from £50 to £65 was marked "Refused"

The Rate Books and Collectors' Warrant of the Town Advisory Committee was signed by the Chairman and two other Members of the Council.

(Signed) Wm. O'Farrell

Chairman

Minutes of Proceedings of Special Meeting of the Roscommon County Council held at the Courthouse Roscommon, on Thursday, 16th Dec. 1926 Mr. M. O'Braonain, Chairman, presided.

The following Members were in attendance:- Councillors Hogg, Drury, Keaveney, Jordan, Mc. Greal, Donegan, Moran, E. Scanlon, Mc. Dermott, Mangle and Wm Flynn.

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

That we, the Members of the Roscommon County Council at this our first Meeting held since the death of his sister, hereby tender to Mr. James Neary one of our most respected Members an expression of our deepest sympathy on the great loss which he and the other Members of his family have sustained, and we hereby direct our Secretary to forward copy of this resolution to Mr. Neary."

The following correspondence from the Local Government and Public

Public Health was submitted:-

Letter No. G. 51141 re payment of travelling expenses to Members attending certain Meetings cannot be authorised.

Letter No. A. 50119 enclosing correspondence addressed to the County Board of Health, Roscommon re sale of Great Southern Railway Debentures to meet the expenses of overhauling the Roscommon County Infirmary:-

Proposed by Councillor P. J. Jordan,
Seconded by Councillor M. J. Mc Dermott
And Resolved:-

"That the Council agrees to the proposal of the County Board of Health to have the Great Southern Railway Debenture Stocks held by the late County Infirmary Committee sold for the purpose of having repairs done to the County Infirmary. Messrs. Mc Donagh and Boland to be consulted re value etc."

Letter No. R. S./25 assenting to the Council's proposal of the 6th February 1926 re scale of travelling

travelling expenses to the Assistant County Surveyors. Order:- "Approved"

Letter No. P. 51, 304 enclosing copies of letters from Mr. Michael Beirne applying for two small rooms in the ex-Workhouse, Strokestown Order:- "Admit Beirne on signing ~~Bessora~~ Agreement and paying 6d per week rent".

Letter No. G. 51930 giving the Minister's sanction to the appointment of Miss Lily Hayden as Rate Collector.

Letter No. H. 569/30296 stating that the Minister hopes at an early date to put up a Scheme for the purchase by tenants of the Artizan's Dwellings.

Letter No. L. 54268 re proposed loan for Strokestown Waterworks.

Letter No. L. 55137 approving of the Roscommon County Council raising a loan of £5000 for the steam-rolling of the Athlone-Roscommon road.

The Manager of the National Bank, Roscommon, submitted Draft Deed of Mortgage for this loan and the following resolution was passed thereon:-

Proposed

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

"That in pursuance of the consent of the Local Government Department, Ireland, by letter dated the 24th November 1926 the Council do borrow from the National Banks, Ltd. Roscommon the sum of £5000 for the purpose of steam-rolling of the Athlone-Roscommon road, to be repaid to the Banks by half-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 4 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."

Circular No. 56951 enclosing Memorandum on the condition under which County Poor Rates are being collected.
Order:- "Adjourned"

Circular

Circular No. 57389 re Machinery Expenses Account. Order:- "Being complied with."

Circular No. R.C. 201 Scale of allowances to County and Assistant Surveyors on road work financed out of Grants.

Letters from Messrs. McDonnell, & Co. Solicitors, Roscommon, asking the County Council if they intended to compensate Messrs. Maguire and Short, Building Contractors, for damage done to their crane in Tromaun quarry amounting to £15 were submitted. Order:- "Offer £10 without prejudice."

Mr. William Early, Circuit Court Officer, applied for an advance of £200 on account of expenses in connection with the Electoral Act of 1923. Order:- "Pay out of the Subsidiary Account."

Letter was submitted from Mr. D. J. Hannon, Solicitor, Athlone enclosing copy of letter received from Mrs. Black re arrears of rent due in respect of the Artizans' dwellings

dwellings. Mrs. Black offered to pay £10 down and the weekly rent and £8-10 per year for the two following years. Order:- "Approved. Solicitor and Sub-Sheriff to be notified accordingly"

Mr. D. J. Hannon submitted his Requisition to Tax his Miscellaneous Bill of Costs. The Chairman and Secretary signed and sealed the Requisition Order:- "Mr. Mc. Sherry to be appointed."

The following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor John Keaveney was moved by him:-

(Copy)

"I beg to give Notice that I, or "some Member acting on my "behalf, will move at the "next Meeting that advertisements "be issued for a supply of coal "for the County Council and "the various departments "connected with it, for a period "of twelve months, in accord-"ance with the resolution

recently

"recently passed by the bounty
"bouncil - that Irish boal get
"preference, if equal to, or under
"price of foreign"
(Signed) John Keaveney

Order:- "The Anigua boal owners
be asked to quote for one ton
sample Best boal delivered at
the bounthouse, Roseommon
also one Wagon of 6 Tons British
or Scotch boal."

Proposed by bouncillor John Keaveney
Seconded by bouncillor Andrew Hogg.
And Resolved:-
"That we apply for
a Grant of £300 from the Roads
Dept. for the road leading to
the Rockhill bollieny in the
Anigua Mining District, continuation
of part already made, this
Section will open up and be a
great improvement to the people
generally in this District and to
the development of the Mines, the
bouncil agreeing to take up this
road for future maintenance
when made."

Proposed by bouncillor P. J. Jordan
Seconded

Seconded by Councillor M. O'Braonain
And Resolved:-
"That all Sign Posts about to be erected in this County shall be printed in Irish and English."

Proposed by Councillor M. O'Braonain
Seconded by Councillor P. J. Jordan,
And Resolved:-
"That having considered the lists of arrears of Collectors Fleming and Nolan for the half-year ended 30th of September 1926, we ask the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to allow us in the case of Mr. Fleming to strike off as irrecoverable £2-8-4 and to carry forward for subsequent collection £65-14-7 and in the case of Mr. Nolan to strike off as irrecoverable £14-1-4 and to carry forward for subsequent collection £9-12-3 and that both these Collectors who have closed their Collections for above half-year less these amounts, viz:- Fleming £68-5-11 and Nolan £26-13-4 be given credit for them in closing their

their collections as we consider it a hardship that they should be compelled to lodge temporarily uncollected rates on waste farms which will probably be sold or re-stocked during the coming year when the collectors will have an opportunity of recovering those arrears"

Proposed by Councillor M. J. McDermott
Seconded by Councillor B. Nangle.
And Resolved:-
"That we ask the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to sanction poundage at 8d to collectors Nolan and Connaughton on their apportioned shares of ex-collector Geraghty's District for the half-year ended 30th September last which they have closed in full and to Collector Glynn who has also closed his collection for this half-year."

The County Surveyor submitted a revised plan to meet the requirements of the Office of Public Works in connection with the restoration of the old Court-

house

house at Ballaghadereen and the proposed use of portion of same as a Garda Siochana Barracks:-
Proposed by Councillor M. O'Braonain
Seconded by Councillor E. Beaton
And Resolved:-
"That we agree to the execution of the Board of Works revised plan of the Ballaghadereen Courthouse for the purposes of a Garda Siochana Barracks provided the rental is sufficient to repay the outlay"

Mr. M. J. Cassidy, District Court Clerk, Castlerea, applied to be accepted as tenant of the building known as the Nuns' Residence attached to the ex-Workhouse, Castlerea, at present in the occupation of Jones who will soon be vacating it:-
Order:-"Accepted as tenant at £50 per annum for house and garden. Latter to be pointed out by Mr. Flanagan, Assistant Surveyor."

A Private Meeting was then held at which Mr. John

Drury

ROSCOMMON COUNTY COUNCIL.

Secretary's Office,

Courthouse, Roscommon,

14th September, 1927.

A Chara,

I herewith append copy Notice of Motion handed in by Councillor Michael Killian.

Mise, le meas,

P.J.Gillooly,

Runaide.

house at Ballaghaderreen and the proposed use of portion of same as a Garda Siochana Barracks:-
Proposed by Councillor M. O'Braonain
Seconded by Councillor E. Breaton

A Private Meeting was then held at which Mr. John Deasy

Drury, Vice-Chairman, presided:-

Mr. Denis J. Hannon, Council's Solicitor, enclosed Opinion of Mr. R. J. Leonard, K.C. in the case of the County Council v. the Hibernian Insurance Co. for the sum of £1451 amount embezzled by ex-Collector Martin Geraghty. Mr. O'Braonain-Chairman- explained how on the advice of Counsel he interviewed the Directors of the Hibernian Insurance Co. in the matter and made the best possible terms with that Company on the Council's behalf.
The following resolution was passed thereon:-
Proposed by Councillor Edward Moran
Seconded by Councillor Wm. Flynn
And Resolved:-
"That whereas a Provisional Agreement has been made between the Hibernian Fire and General Insurance Co. Ltd. and the Chairman of this Council by which the Hibernian Co. has agreed to pay this Council a Sum of £900 (Nine Hundred Pounds) in full satisfaction

satisfaction of our claims such sum to cover all costs of both sides including Arbitration fees, provided this Council agrees to enter into an Agreement with the Hibernian Insurance Co. to guarantee to that Company the whole of the Insurance business of this Council in all departments including Fire, Accident, Third Party, Motor and Workmen's Compensation for a period of five years from the date of the next premium in each case falling due."

It is hereby resolved that the action of our Chairman is approved and confirmed, that the settlement with the Hibernian Co. is to be accepted and the necessary Agreement entered into without delay and that the Arbitration proceedings are to be withdrawn

And it is hereby further resolved that our Chairman and Secretary are hereby authorised to sign and seal the necessary documents giving effect to this resolution

and

and to execute the necessary contracts with the Hibernian Insurance Co. to give full effect to this resolution and to the above settlement."

(Signed) John J. Farrell

Chairman

Minutes of Proceedings of Roads Meeting of the Roscommon County Council held at the Courthouse, Roscommon, on Tuesday, 25th January 1927

Councillor M. O'Braonain Chairman presided and the following were in attendance:- Councillors, Neary, Hogg, Drury, J. Kelly, Kearney, O'Beirne, Jordan, Grogan, Mc Greal, Donegan, Hafferty, Moran, E. Kreaton, D. Kreaton, Kline, Mc Dermott, O'Farrell, Mc Cann, Wm. Flynn, Donnelly, Killion, Allen and Ledwith

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The County Surveyor submitted his Roads Schedule for the year 1927-1928.

The following Report of the County Surveyor (Copy herewith) was submitted. Order:- "Approved subject to alterations in Schedule" Proposed by Councillor J. O'Beirne Seconded by Councillor Denis Kreaton.

"That the amount of money demanded by the County Surveyor for tar spraying be reduced by one-half on all roads

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he has applied to be tarred".

Proposed by Councillor John Drury.
Seconded by Councillor M. H. Grogan.
"That each application of the County Surveyor including tar spraying be considered on its merits".

A Poll was then taken and Mr. O'Beirne's Motion was defeated by 18 votes to 5.

The following voted for the Motion:- Councillors O'Beirne E. Creaton, D. Creaton Cline and Mr. Dermott.

The following voted against:- Councillors Neary, Hogg Drury, J. Kelly, Keaveney, Grogan, Mr. Greal, Donegan, Hafferty, Moran, O'Farrell, Mr. Cranin, W. Flynn, Donnelly, Killian, Brennan, Allen and Ledwich.

Mr. Drury's amendment was then put to the Meeting as follows and carried:-
Proposed by Councillor John Drury.
Seconded by Councillor M. H. Grogan
And Resolved:-
"That each application of the County Surveyor including tar spraying be considered on its

its merits."

Proposed by Councillor John Deery.
Seconded by Councillor James Neary.
And Resolved:-

"That the works and roads passed by the Roads Committee at Meeting held in Boyle on the 15th January (inst) be and are hereby adopted except that Works Nos. 318 and 324 be carried out by contract and No. 514 by Direct Labour."

Proposed by Councillor M. Jd. Grogan,
Seconded by Councillor Denis Beatty
And Resolved:-

"That the Report of the Castlerea Electoral area Roads Committee be and is hereby adopted with subjoined Resolution and that Work No. 358 be carried out by Contract."

Proposed by Councillor Wm. Hafferty.
Seconded by Councillor James Donegan
And Resolved:-

"That Roads Nos. 561, 568, and 572 in the Kiltullagh area rejected at the Castlerea area Roads Meeting be included in the Road Schedule

Schedule for 1924-1928"

Proposed by Councillor M. Killion
Seconded by Councillor Wm Donnelly.
And Resolved:-
"That the Report of the Roscommon Electoral area Roads Committee be and is hereby adopted."

Councillor Joseph O'Beirne stated that a deputation was in attendance complaining against the manner in which Road Ganger Charles Doherty discharged his duties:-
Proposed by Councillor M. O'Braonain
Seconded by Councillor M. H. Grogan.
And Resolved:-
"That the County Surveyor be instructed to investigate the complaints made against Ganger Doherty and have a report made to the County Council for it's next Meeting."

Proposed by Councillor M. O'Braonain
Seconded by Councillor M. H. Grogan.
And Resolved:-
"That on the Secretary's Report that the contract for three years

years for road No. 449 in last year's Schedule exceeded the amount of the County Surveyor's Estimate by £19 per annum owing to an error in printing, we hereby authorise the County Surveyor to terminate this Contract or have the Contractor do the work at the price allowed by the Council, provided the Council's Solicitor agrees to this procedure"

Proposed by Councillor P. Y. Jordan,
Seconded by Councillor Park. W. Greal.
And Resolved:-
"That the Contracts for Works Nos. 518 and 519 in the 1926-27 Road Schedule which were taken out by Robert Gara, Aughurnine, be cancelled and 518 be transferred to Robert Callaly, Buckhill, Ballaghaderreen and 519 to Chas. Sampey (Chas.) Buckhill, Ballaghaderreen, who are prepared to carry out the works at the amounts tendered for by Gara who has gone to America."

Proposed by Councillor M. Killian,
Seconded by Councillor Wm Donnelly
And Resolved:-
"That

"That the attention of the Department of Local Government and Public Health be called to the great inconvenience caused to a populous area by the flooding every winter of the Bloomown to Athlone road for the length of a mile, the inhabitants being obliged to travel about nine miles while the road referred to would necessitate a journey of only a mile and a half."

The road complained of has been raised several times to render the shorter route available, but owing to the nature of the ground - a banks of the Shannon - the road sinks on each occasion. As the flood water extends for a mile on each side of the Road considerable danger to life occurs when travellers attempt the shorter route through the water. Two blind-alley roads exist, repaired at times by the County Authority, which if joined would reduce the journey to four miles, and connection could be effected by the making of a new road

of

of about 260 perches, the County Council anticipating no difficulty in the acquisition of the required land. The County Surveyor recommends this route and estimates the cost at £1000. The Department are ~~asked~~ urged to meet the wishes of the numerous families concerned by making a grant of this sum for so desirable an object.

Copy to be sent to the Y. Ds for the County."

The following letter from the County Surveyor was submitted:-

(Copy)

County Surveyor's Office.
Courthouse.
Roscommon
25th January 1927

To

Roscommon County Council
Gentlemen,

I find that owing to extraordinary repairs to two of the older engines and on account of having to pay high Road Tax, it is necessary for you to increase the scale of charges for Plant in order to keep the account on the right side.

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I append a revised scale of charges which I am anxious you would sanction:

Your obedient Servant
(Sgd) Michael Verney
Bo. Surveyor

Machinery Accounts. Particulars of Machinery & Charges.

Plant No.	Description of Plant	Proposed hiring rate per day	For Church holidays and State Days
1	Ransome Traction Engine Hadfield Crusher & Sleeping Van.	52/6	18/6
1a	Ransing 12 Ton Roller, watering Cart and Sleeping Van.	44/6	16/10
2.	Garnett Steam Motor Tractor, Goodwin Barsby Crushers and Sleeping Van.	50/-	14/8
2a	Garnett 8 Ton Roller, Watering Cart and Sleeping Van.	42/6	16/-
3	Garnett Portable Engine and Edgar Allen Crushers	45/-	8/4
3a	Garnett 10 Ton Roller, Watering Cart & Sleeping Van.	42/6	14/8
4	Garnett Portable Engine, Goodwin Barsby Crusher & Sleeping Van.	45/-	6/8
4a	Garnett 10 Ton Roller, Watering Cart & Sleeping Van.	42/6	16/10

Plant Nos	Description of Plant	Proposed hiring rate per day	for Church holidays & Stat. Days
5.	Garrett Traction Engine, Edgar Allen Crusher and Sleeping Van.	52/6	16/=
6	Tar Sprayers	4/6 each per working day	

The following order was made on the foregoing "Approved".

The following letter from Mr. Stephen Hannon, Church St. Roscommon, was submitted:-

(Copy)

Church St.

Roscommon.

25th January 1927

Chairman & Gentlemen,

As I intend making alterations and roofing my house as soon as the weather gets fine, I want to know definitely if the corner is going to be made wider as I will not be disturbed again after this notice.

Yours faithfully.

(Signed) Stephen Hannon

Order:- "County Surveyor be instructed to ask Mr. Hannon what amount he would take for compensation also Mrs. Mc Namara"

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The following correspondence from the Department of Local Government and Public Health was submitted:-

Letter No. R/S. 25 of the 21st December 1926 stating that Mr. Mac Sinnead, Clerk in the County Surveyor's Office should be placed on half pay if unable to resume work for another six months Mr. Mac Sinnead submitted Doctor's Certificate recommending a further six months leave of absence. Order:- "Geraghty's services to be retained temporarily and Mr. MacSinnead granted necessary leave on above conditions.

Letter No. R.S./25 of the 6th January 1927 sanctioning the temporary appointment of Miss Eileen Higgins at £3 per week for a period not exceeding three months.

Letter No. R.S./25 of the 18th January 1927 re refund of Motor Taxation Duty paid by Members of the Survey Staff.
Proposed by Councillor M. O'Braonain
Seconded by Councillor J. D. O'Farrell.
And Resolved:-
"That the

"That the Motor Taxation paid by the Members of the Council's Survey Staff be refunded."

Letter No. 819/1924 asking the Council for their considered view on how the duties formerly discharged by the County Council of the Roscommon Township affairs should now be administered:-
Proposed by Councillor M. H. Grogan
Seconded by Councillor J. D. O'Farrell.
And Resolved:-
"That having considered the letter No. B.819 relative to the administration of the Roscommon Township we advise the Minister for Local Government to transfer the said administration to the County Board of Health."

Proposed by Councillor Joseph O'Beirne
Seconded by Councillor William Flynn
And Resolved:-
"That the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be asked to sanction the re-issue of the following General Account Paying Orders to Park. Dungian Road

Road Contractors Warrants, Carrick-on-Shannon, viz. 1286 A £10 issued on the 10th November 1925; 1640 £5 issued on the 24th February 1926, and 429 £5 issued on the 3rd July 1926."

Proposed by Councillor Wm. Flynn,
Seconded by Councillor Edwd. Moran
And Resolved:-

"That the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be asked to sanction poundage at 8d to Collectors Fallon and Tyler in respect of their Warrants for the half-year ended the 30th September 1926 which they closed in full. The delay in Mr. Tyler's case in not closing within the prescribed time was due to illness"

Proposed by Councillor Wm Flynn
Seconded by Councillor Edwd. Moran
And Resolved:-

"That the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be asked to sanction poundage at 8d to Collector M. J. Rourke on his Warrant for

for the half-year ended 30th September last. Mr. Ronse has lodged the full amount of his Warrant for this period but was unable to close within the prescribed time owing to the facts already communicated to the Department."

The tender of the Arklow Printing Works, Ltd. for printing the Council's Rate Books for 1924-28 at £44 being the lowest tender was accepted.

(Signed) John O. Farrell

Chairman

Minutes of Proceedings of a Meeting of the County Council held at the Courthouse, Roscommon on Wednesday, 9th February 1927.

The following Members were in attendance:- Councillors Neary, Hogg, Drury, Keaveney, O'Beirne, Jordan, Gregan, Mc Greal, Donegan, Hafferty, Moran, E. Kreaton, Kline Mc Dermott, O'Farrell, Mc Cann, Wm. Flynn, Donnelly, Killion, J. Flynn, and Allen.

Proposed by Councillor M. J. Mc Dermott,
Seconded by Councillor Joseph Mc Cann
And Resolved:-

"That the Minutes of the Meetings of the Council held on the 5th November, 16th December and 25th January be taken as read"

Proposed by Councillor M. J. Mc Dermott
Seconded by Councillor Joe Mc Cann
And Resolved:-

"That Mr. John O'Farrell take the Chair."

Proposed by Councillor Edward Kline
Seconded by Councillor Wm Flynn
And

And Resolved:-

"That having heard with great regret of the death of Mr. John Brennan of Carrowbrest, father of the Chairman of this Body, we adjourn this Meeting out of respect for the memory of the deceased as well as respect for the son who devotes himself so wholeheartedly to the services of the people of his native County in the administration of those affairs which are entrusted to this Council, and we direct that an expression of our deep sympathy with him be forwarded to him."

Proposed by Councillor Edwd. Cline
Seconded by Councillor Wm Flynn.

And Resolved:-

"That the petition for the Drainage of the Teonish River be forwarded to the Board of Works with the necessary Map, for their immediate attention. We undertake to maintain the Drainage District, if formed,

and

and to collect and pay the terminable annuities, drainage rates and other monies collectible or payable in respect of the construction or maintenance of such works as may be carried out in the District.

Proposed by Councillor John O'Farrell
Seconded by Councillor Joe McCann
And Resolved:-
"That the Council's Meeting be adjourned to Tuesday 15th instant."

(Signed) John Drury
Chairman

Minutes of Proceedings of Meeting of Roscommon County Council held at the Courthouse, Roscommon on Tuesday, 15th February, 1924

Councillor John O'Farrell presided and subsequently Councillor John Drury, Vice-Chairman.

The following Members were present:- Councillors Neary, Hogg, Drury, Keaveney, O'Beirne, Grogan, Mc.Greal, Donegan, Hafferty, Moran, E. Beaton, Kline, Mc.Dermott, O'Farrell, Mc.Brann, Wm. Flynn, Donnelly, J. Flynn, and Allen.

Proposed by Councillor James Neary
Seconded by Councillor Edward Kline
And Resolved:-
"That Mr. John O'Farrell take the Chair."

Proposed by Councillor James Neary,
Seconded by Councillor Edwd. Beaton,
And Resolved:-
"That the Minutes of last Meeting be taken as read."

A letter was submitted from the Chairman - Mr. M. O'Brannan thanking

thanking the Council for their note of condolence with him on the death of his father

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The following resolutions to decide the various sums to go on the ~~agenda~~ Estimate for the approaching financial years were passed :-

Proposed by Councillor M. J. McDermott
Seconded by Councillor Wm Flynn
And Resolved :-

"That the Estimate of the Ballinasloe Mental Hospital be reduced by £2120"

Proposed by Councillor Andrew Hogg
Seconded by Councillor James Neary
And Resolved :-

"That owing to the exhorbitant levy for the burning of the Knockmicar Creamery which is on a few divisions only, the period of rate be extended to a period of three years subject to the Solicitor's opinion."

Proposed by Councillor Wm. Donnelly
Seconded by Councillor John Flynn
And Resolved :-

"That

"That the Malicious Injury claims of O'Neill and Naghten to be levied off the townlands of Bloomfield and Bloomfield be spread over a period of five years for collection as we consider it a severe hardship that the occupiers of these townlands be asked to pay 17/4 if levied in one year subject to legal opinion".

Proposed by Councillor Joseph McCann
Seconded by Councillor J. D. O'Farrell.
And Resolved:-
"That the Malicious Injury Decree of John Tighe Drumlish, be spread over a period of three years for collection subject to legal opinion"

Proposed by Councillor Wm Hafferty
Seconded by Councillor M. H. Grogan.
And Resolved:-
"That the balance remaining to credit of the ex-Rural District of Banagher being sufficient to meet it in the year 1924-28 the charge for national injuries is to be met thereout and no separate rate levied"

Proposed

Proposed by Councillor M. J. Grogan
Seconded by Councillor J. Mc. Cann
And Resolved :-
"That we pay at our Meeting to-day all claims for Malicious Injuries under £100".

Proposed by Councillor Park. Mc. Geal
Seconded by Councillor Edwd. Creighton
"That this Council strike no rate for teaching Irish"

Proposed by Councillor Wm. Hafferty
Seconded by Councillor Wm. Flynn,
"That this Committee strike the usual rate for the teaching of the Irish Language".

A Poll was then taken and the Motion to strike a rate was defeated by 10 Votes to 9.

The following voted for the Motion :- Councillors Neary, Drury, Grogan, Hafferty, Moran, Mc. Cann, Wm Flynn, Donnelly and J. Flynn.

The following voted against :- Councillors Hogg, Kearney, O'Beirne, Mc. Geal, Donegan

Donegan, E. Creaton, Cline, Mc. Dermott, O'Farrell, and Allen

Proposed by Councillor Park. Mc. Greal,
Seconded by Councillor E. Creighton,
And Resolved:-
"That this Council strike no rate for teaching Irish."

Proposed by Councillor James Neary
Seconded by Councillor John Keaveney
And Resolved:-
"That we request the Department of Agriculture to recoup half the Secretary's salary of £60 as clerk to the Diseases of Animals Acts. This resolution to be retrospective."

Proposed by Councillor John Flynn,
Seconded by Councillor William Flynn,
And Resolved:-
"That the Athlone Urban District Council be requested to transfer to this Council's account all the arrears due to this County in respect of the bounty in lieu of rates on Government property in the Athlone Urban District."

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The following letter was submitted from the Co. Surveyor:-

(Copy)

Co. Surveyor's Office
Courthouse
Roscommon
8. 2. 1924

Report of the County Surveyor to the Roscommon Co. Council re Estimate for repairs and renovations of County Courthouses

Gentlemen,

I beg to submit my estimate for repairs and renovations to the Courthouses in the County under your charge.

From the monies already in hands I have sufficient to complete the repairs and improvements to Boyle Courthouse and to maintain the Courthouses of Boyle, Roscommon, and Castlerea for the coming twelve months *.

The Courthouse in Castlerea is going into a state of dilapidation as nothing seems to have been done with it for a number of years. The roof and eaves require repairs and the exterior

* At the present time the money is all earmarked for Boyle and Roscommon, and it will be necessary for you to pass a resolution authorising you to spend it in that fashion for the coming twelve months.

exterior requires to be touched up. The windows are in many cases rotting for the want of paint. All the woodwork requires painting The interior requires distempering I would estimate for the doing of this work a sum of £150.

County Courthouse in Roscommon.

This Courthouse requires a complete overhaul. It is one of the finest in Ireland and it would be a pity to allow it to deteriorate. As you can see for yourselves all the workwork requires cleaning and varnishing and in some cases painting. The windows are all shaking and going bad for the want of paint, the walls want distempering, the floors of the County Council Chamber and principal offices requires to be covered and some office furniture is needed both in the Secretary's and County Surveyor's Offices. Certain alterations have to be done in order to re-arrange the offices, to give more suitable accommodation, and to do this work in a proper manner I estimate that it will take the

sum

sum of £-850.

The above amounts may appear high, but no painting or repairs of the kind I mentioned have been done for the past thirty years and the total amount I ask for does not come to a penny in the £- and I am sure you will all appreciate those buildings which are your own property should be kept in a decent condition, and the offices of your staff, which are the chief offices of local Administration should also be fitted up in an up-to-date manner.

I am, Gentlemen,
Your obedient Servant,
(Sgd) Michael Nemey
Co. Surveyor

The following order was made on same "Adopted".

Councillor John Deasy then presided.

Letter and telegram from the Irish Tourist Association asking the County Council

to

to levy a rate in aid of the Tourist ~~Association asking the bounty~~ Advertising was submitted and marked "Refused."

The following correspondence from the Department of Local Government and Public Health was submitted:-

Letter No. 52245 of the 13th November stating that if a Tuberculosis Scheme was formulated by the County Council half of the net expenditure in carrying out the Scheme together with the Roscommon County's share in the Sanatorium Grant of £1263 would be available. Order:- "Read"

Letters Nos. 53515, 58222, 39176, & 53985 re appointment of County Medical Officer of Health and enclosing list of duties to be performed. Order:- "Adjourned"

Letter No. 35004 enclosing copy of the Architect's Report on the advisability of having the Workhouse Buildings at Castlerea converted into dwellings. Order:- "Read"

Letter

Letter No. 58730 relative to the proposed superannuation to Mr. Heverin as Solicitor to the late Castlerea Rural District Council and letter from Mr. Heverin on the same subject. The following resolution was passed thereon:-
Proposed by Co. John O'Farrell,
Seconded by Co. John Allen,
And Resolved:-
"That Mr. Michael J. Heverin, Solicitor, Roscommon, be allowed a pension at the rate of £25 per annum as ex-Solicitor to the late Castlerea Rural District Council as from the date - 30th September 1925 being the date on which that Council was abolished by the Local Government Act of 1925."

Circular No. 60463 fixing the scale of compensation payable under the School Attendance Officers (Compensation) Order of 1924 was marked "Read"

Letter No. 54161 enclosing copy of letter addressed to the County Board

Board of Health re the adoption of a Scheme for promoting the welfare of the Blind in the County was marked "Approved".

Circular No. 56951 relative to the general conditions under which the Poor Rates are being collected. Order:- "Adjourn. to Quarterly Meeting."

Letter No. 4059 re rent charged to Michael Devine as tenant in the ex-Workhouse, Strokestown, and stating that sanction to same cannot be given. Order:- 1/- per week to be charged to all tenants".

Letter No. R.G.M. 201 re Road Maintenance Grants 1927-28 and stating that a Grant of £6109 is being given to County Roscommon out of the Road Fund:-
Proposed by Councillor M. H. Grogan.
Seconded by Councillor W. Donnelly
And Resolved:-
"That the County Council are prepared to allow the County Surveyor's Estimate for Tarring of ~~(Road Grants)~~ Trunk Roads to stand and will not avail of the

Tarring

Licensing grant by the Roads Department."

Letter No. 3893 enclosing Order under Seal transferring the Powers, Duties, etc. of the Town Commissioners to the County Board of Health and Public Assistance. Order "Read".

Letters enclosing copies of the Auditor's Reports on the accounts of Roscommon Town Mental Hospital, and the County Board of Health.

The following correspondence from the Office of Public Works Dublin, was submitted:-

Letter No. 22926 enclosing copies of letters from Mrs. S. Harris, Tenelypanks, and from the Roscommon County Board of Health re the state of Bloonshannille Abbey:-

Proposed by Councillor Jas. Neary,
Seconded by Councillor John O'Farrell
And Resolved:-

"That we forward the correspondence from the Board of Works re Bloonshan-

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ville Abbey to the County Board of Health and ask them to obtain from the Irish Land Commission sufficient land for a new burial plot with a view to the preservation of the Abbey ruins by the Board of Works."

Letter No. 15326 enclosing copy of the Charging Order of the Ballybay Drainage District. Order:- "Read"

Letter No. 145 enclosing copy of Charging Order of the Drogham Drainage District. Order:- "Read."

Letter and Petition to be presented to the County Council re the Boyle River (Tinacarna) proposed Drainage District. Order:- "Refer to the County Surveyor"

The question of the permanent collection of rates for the Districts formerly collected by ex-Collector Geraghty was now considered and a resolution from the Rate Collectors Association of the County Roscommon asking the Council to leave the District as at present allocated to Collectors Connaghton, Dolan and Murray, who have been for a long term

of

of years in the service of the County Council:-
Proposed by Councillor Wm. Donnelly
Seconded by Councillor John Flynn,
"That the Rate Collection District formerly collected by Mr. Geraghty be declared vacant when the second moiety of present collection be closed and that a new appointment be then made for the Districts of Trenty, Mote and Scregg and that Kilbride North and South be added to Collector Dolan's District."

Proposed by Councillor Wm. Hafferty
Seconded by Councillor Edwd Moran,
"That the present arrangement holds good, and if not, the vacancy be advertised".
A Poll was then taken and Mr. Donnelly's Motion was carried by 16 Votes to 3.
The following voted for Mr. Donnelly's Motion:-
Councillors Neary, Hogg, Drury, Kearney, O'Beirne, Grogan, Mc. Greal, E. Keaton, Kline Mc. Dermott, O'Farrell, Mc. Cann, W. Flynn, Donnelly, J. Flynn & Allen.
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The following voted against:- Councillors Donegan, Hafferty and Moran.
Proposed by Councillor Wm Donnelly.
Seconded by Councillor John Flynn,
And Resolved:-
"That the rate Collection District formerly collected by Mr. Geraghty be declared vacant when the second moiety of the present collection be closed and that a new appointment be then made for the Districts of Fuerty, Mote and Scregg and that Killbride North and South be added to Collector Dolan's District."

Councillor John Drury withdrew the Notice of Motion standing in his name relative to the Roscommon Town Affairs

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Proposed by Councillor John Drury.
Seconded by Councillor John Kaveney
And Resolved:-
"That the Rev. M. O'Beirne, P.P. Four Mile House be added to the Committee of Agriculture and Technical Instruction".

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The Notice of Audit of the Roscommon Town Affairs was submitted.

Letters from Messrs. Kelly and Wallser, Solicitors, Athlone, enclosing Requisition to tax costs as Solicitors to the late Athlone No. 2 Rural District Council and the County Board of Health for period ended 30th September 1925 were submitted:- Order:- "Mr. Hannon to tax costs."

Application from Mr. W. J. Wallser, Solicitors, Athlone, for compensation for loss of office as Solicitor to Athlone Rural District Council was adjourned pending the result of Taxation.

Letter from Senator Sir Edward Bellingham enclosing Plans and Book of Reference of the proposed Arigna Transport Development (Railways & Canals) Scheme was submitted:-
Proposed by Councillor John Keaveney
Seconded by Councillor P. Mc. Greal

And

And Resolved :-

"That we, the Roscommon County Council having considered so much of the Plans, Sections and Books of Reference of the proposed Angna Transport Development (Railways and Canals) Scheme, as effects the interests of this Council hereby approve of same. We have also considered the merits of the whole proposition, which includes the establishment of a wide gauge Railway, instead of the Cavan and Leitrim narrow gauge Railway including the line up the Angna valley, and we are satisfied that the construction of a wide gauge would materially stimulate agriculture and trading interests, and above all facilitate the economic development of the mineral resources of Angna and Slieveaneanin which could be despatched without deterioration or increased cost to the proper markets.

We realize that the construction of the entire Scheme as proposed would give immense employment so urgently needed in the District at present and will establish

permanent

permanent employment in the developing of the mineral resources thus enabling the people to keep their sons and daughters at home instead of having to emigrate to foreign countries. We further realise that the giving of employment to a large number of people as will be necessarily on the construction of the Railways and the development of the minerals, will give immediate relief to the taxpayer in respect of unemployment, not only in the District but throughout the country, and also that the carrying out of the Scheme will bring immense Revenue to the Government in various ways which could be applied towards the reduction of taxation and the development of further industries in the country.

In these circumstances we ask the Senators and T. Ds representing the County to support the passage of the Bill through the Dáil as with all their power, so that the necessary works and development may be

be commenced with as little delay as possible which are so urgently needed at the present time. That copies of this Resolution be sent to the Minister for Industry and Commerce, the President of the Irish Free State, The T.D's for the County and to Senator Sir Edward Bellingham Bant."

Letter from the Manager of the National Bank, Roscommon, stating that his Directors would give a loan of £10,000 for 10 years at 5½ per cent. (additional Housing Loan):-

Proposed by Councillor J. Keaveney.
Seconded by Councillor John O'Farrell.

"That we refuse to borrow the sum of £10,000 for Loans under the Housing Act for the present as we consider this an inopportune time for embarking on further Schemes involving the overtaxed ratepayers in further expense."

Proposed by Councillor Edwd. Moran,
Seconded by Councillor Wm. Hafferty

"That this Council avail themselves of the £10,000 now offered by the National Bank for the

the purpose of carrying out the proposed Housing Scheme through."

A Poll was then taken and Councillor Keaneys Motion was carried by 11 Votes to 4.

The following voted for Keaney's Motion :- Councillors Neary, Hogg, (~~Dowdy~~), Keaney, O'Beirne, Grogan, Mc Greal, E. Keaton Kline, O'Farrell, Donnelly & Allen.

The following voted against:- Councillors Barry, Donegan, Hafferty, Moran, Mc Dermott, Mc Kenn, and W. Flynn.

Proposed by Councillor J. Keaney
Seconded by Councillor J. O'Farrell.
And Resolved :-

"That we refuse to borrow the sum of £10,000 for loans under the Housing Act for the present, as we consider this an inopportune time for embarking on further Schemes involving the overtaxed ratepayers in further expense."

Letter from the Managers of the National Bank, Roscommon, enclosing Mortgage to be executed by the Council for Loan of £5000

£5000 for steam-rolling the Athlone-Roscommon road:-
Proposed by Councillor Edwd. Brighton
Seconded by Councillor James Neary.
And Resolved:-
"That we hereby sign and seal the Mortgage submitted to us for the loan of £5000 for Steam-Rolling the Athlone-Roscommon Road"

The following letter from the County Surveyor was submitted:-

(Copy)

Co. Surveyor's Office
Courthouse.
Roscommon.
9.2.1924.

Report of the County Surveyor to the Roscommon County Council re Ganger Charles Doherty.

Gentlemen,

As instructed by you at your Meeting held on the 25th January I went to Ganger Doherty's section on Thursday. 24th January to investigate the charges made against him by two men named Michael Beirne and Edward Keneham.

I found Ganger Doherty working with his men and those

others

other men who made the complaints met me there.

The charge made by Beirne as to Ganger Doherty using his own horse on the road in another man's name I found to be true, the horse being actually working that day. The ganger said he did not know it was irregular but guaranteed not to do it in future as I pointed out to him that on the face of it, it was unfair whilst other carters might be looking for work.

In the case of the complaint by Thomas Beirne that he could not get work carting, the ganger said he had no work for him, and that when he did get a chance of work when the bushes started there, he went on strike with a good many others against working on a tonnage basis. This Beirne denied, but to clear the matter up, the ganger agreed to my instructions to give him an equitable share of the work in future as the man is apparently a good

worker

workes and anxious to work.

With regard to the other charge of Michael Beirne's that Ganger Doherty drew stones quarried for Priest Lahons to have his own house built, I find that his own house is built about sixteen years and I could find no corroboration of this charge.

A further charge of having misappropriated coal belonging to the bounty bounced made by the same man also lacks corroboration, and further the charge is made for a time about four years ago.

I then asked Doherty why he did not give work to Michael Beirne and he stated that on previous occasions, when he did employ him, he found him in public houses on two occasions and on another occasion, he turned up at the quarry drunk with his horse, and that generally he was an unsatisfactory man.

With regard to Lenehans charge about getting paid for working the ganger's horse when the horse was not working I could get no confirmation of

this

this and further he could not give me the date.

I personally consider the root of the trouble to be spite as those charges if true should have been brought on before. I further think that a certain amount of freedom must be given to the ganger in the selection of his men as otherwise he will not get the best men, nor will he have the same authority over them.

Since I have taken up duties here as bounty Surveyor I have had no cause for complaint against Ganger Doherty and I can say that his roads are all in tip-top order and he always keeps his expenditure low. I consider him a very good man and at the moment would be very sorry to lose him.

I am, Gentlemen,
Your obedient Servant,
(Sgd) Michael Kerney

Proposed by Councillor J. Keaney.
Seconded by Councillor James Neary.
And Resolved:-

"That having heard the

the explanation of the County Surveyor concerning complaints made against Ganger Doherty, we exonerate him from all charges made against him with the instruction that in future he is not to have his own horse at works."

The County Surveyor submitted letters from Mr. Stephen Hannon and Mrs. Mc Namara Roscommon, stating that they will accept £800 and £400 respectively for moving back their houses in Church St. Roscommon for the purpose of widening the dangerous corner there :-

Proposed by Councillor Edward Kline
Seconded by Councillor Joseph O'Beirne
"That this Council adjourn consideration of purchasing Mr. Hannons and Mrs. Mc. Namara's property to widen Roscommon street until the country gets more prosperous"

Proposed by Councillor John Drury.
Seconded by Councillor James Neary.
"That the sum of £100 be offered to Mr. Hannon and £50

£50 to Mrs. Mc Namara for the purpose of widening the corner at their premises and that the County Surveyor bring this offer before the Ministry."

A Poll was then taken and Councillor Kline's Motion was defeated by 9 votes to 8.

The following voted for Councillor Kline's Motion:- Councillors O'Beirne, Mc Greal, Donegan, E. Keaton, Kline, Mc Dermott Mc Cann, and J. Flynn.

The following voted against Mr. Kline's Motion:- Councillors Keary, Hogg, Drury, Keaveney, Grogan, O'Farrell, W. Flynn, Connelly and Allen.

Proposed by Councillor John Drury.
Seconded by Councillor James Keary.
And Resolved:-

"That the sum of £100 be offered to Mrs. Hannon and £50 to Mrs. Mc Namara for the purpose of widening the corner at their premises and that the County Surveyor bring this offer before the Ministry."

Proposed by Councillor Wm. Hafferty
Seconded by Councillor John Drury.
And

And Resolved:-

"That any Road Works which have been advertised at the recent Tender Meetings and not tendered for be again advertised and Tenders accepted in Roscommon. Tenders to be opened at the Quarterly Meeting to be held on the 25th instant."

Proposed by Councillor Edward Kline.
Seconded by Councillor Wm Donnelly.
And Resolved:-

"That all work on roads now done by piece work be put up for contract in ten ton heds whenever practicable either delivered on roads or broken in quarries and all edging to be put up for contract in mile lengths and to be done in winter as far as possible"

Proposed by Councillor Wm. Dafferty.
Seconded by Councillor E. Moran.
And Resolved:-

"That Mr. Nerney prepare a Plan for the Courthouse in Ballinlough and Estimate to be submitted to the May Meeting."

Proposed by Councillor A. Hogg.
Seconded by Councillor J. Heavey.
And

And Resolved:-

"That the attention of the Railway Co. be called to the deplorable condition of the road across Boyle Railway Bridge with a view to its immediate repair."

Mr. Edward Creighton moved the following Notice of Motion standing in his name:-

(Copy)

"I, or some other Member of the "Council on my behalf, will "beg for leave to move at the "next Meeting of the County "Council, that in view of the "abnormally depressing Seasons "so telling in their effects on "every member of the community "we, the representatives of the people "deem it to be our imperative "duty in accordance with the "pledges given them at the time "of the Election, to order as and "from the 1st April next, a "discontinuance of the weekly "half-holiday as extended to "all road employees of this "Council, until such time as circumstances

"circumstances and a brighter prospect
"justify us in reviving it."
(Signed) Edward Keaton.

Proposed by Councillor Edwd Keaton.
Seconded by Councillor P. Mc. Greal.
"That in view of the abnormally depressing seasons so telling in their effects on every Member of the Community, we, the representatives of the people deem it to be our imperative duty in accordance with the pledges given them at the time of the Election to order as and from the 1st April next, a discontinuance of the weekly half holiday as extended to all road employees of this Council, until such time as circumstances and a brighter prospect justify us in reviving it."

Proposed by Councillor Wm. Hafferty.
Seconded by Councillor Edward Moran.
"That we leave all our employees working hours as they are at present without interfering with wages or hours"

A Poll was then taken and Councillor Keaton's Motion was
Carried

carried by 14 Votes to 4.

The following voted for the Motion:- Councillors Neary, Hogg, Drury, Keaveney, O'Beirne, Mc Greal, E. Creaton, Cline, Mc Dermott, O'Farrell, Mc Crann, W. Flynn, Donnelly and Allen.

The following voted against:- Councillors Grogan, Donegan, Hafferty and Moran.

Mr. Creaton's Motion was then put to the Meeting as a resolution and carried.

The following Report of the University Committee was submitted. No alterations were made as regards the value of the University Scholarships with the exception of additional marks given for some subjects:-

(Copy)

We hereby award Nine Primary Scholarships in the following order:-

Athlone No. 2	One
Boyle No. 1	do
Carrick No. 2	do
Castlerea	Three
Roscommon	do

Always provided that if a requisite number of candidates

do

do not qualify in any District the vacant Scholarship may be given to a candidate qualified in another District who cannot obtain a Scholarship in his own District.

Order:- "Approved with alterations"
(Signed) J. H. Cummins
M. O'Donnell.
M. J. McDermott

Proposed by Councillor Edwd. Creighton
Seconded by Councillor Wm. Flynn.
And Resolved:-

"That we approve of the Report of the University Committee submitted to us to-day"

Proposed by Councillor Joseph McCann
Seconded by Councillor Andrew Hogg.
And Resolved:-

"That with regard to the date (August 1st) fixed by the Local Government Dept. on which ~~(Scholarships)~~ candidates for Scholarships from Primary to Secondary Schools must be under 14 years we suggest that the date be altered to January the 1st preceding the examinations. As things stand at present a large percentage of children are handicapped by losing

losing the marks of a whole school year. The suggested alterations would remove that handicapping and would effect no one adversely."

The Secretary submitted the Tenders accepted for the Coal Contracts (Irish and English Coal) and stated that he accepted the lowest in each case.
Order:- "Approved".

Letter from Mr. James Conlon, Ballyfarnon, asking the County Council to fix a rent of £25 per annum on the Courthouse his property:-
Proposed by Councillor A. Hogg,
Seconded by Councillor J. Keaveney
And Resolved:-
"That the rent of the Courthouse in Ballyfarnon be fixed at the sum of £25"

Proposed by Councillor James Neary,
Seconded by Councillor Edwd. Creighton
And Resolved:-
"That the amount payable to Mrs. Kelly, caretaker of the Frenchpark Courthouse for

for full and light he at the rate of £5 a year."

A Refund list from Collector P. J. Shanagher was submitted:-
Proposed by Councillor M. Id. Grogan.
Seconded by Councillor John Bury.
And Resolved:-

"That Collector Shanagher be given credit for the amount of his Refund list, viz. £39-13 due by the Castlerea Electric Lighting and Milling Co. in closing his Collection for the half-year ended 30th September 1926 and that the amount be carried forward for subsequent Collection.

We ask the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to sanction poundage at 8d to Collector Shanagher on the amount of his Warrant for above half-year less amount of poundage on £39-13"

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

"That the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be asked to sanction 2d extra

extra poundage to ex-Collector Mc Crann on his Warrant for the year ended 31st March 1925."

Letter from Mr. J. J. Carlos, Strokestown, asking to have Paying Order No. 134 for £5-15 re-authorised:-
Proposed by Councillor Wm. Donnelly
Seconded by Councillor Andrew Hogg.
And Resolved:-
"That the permission of the Minister for Local Government be sought for the re-issue of an out-of-date Paying Order in favour of Mr. J. J. Carlos for £5-15."

Reports on Patients in Peamount Sanatorium were submitted.

Proposed by Councillor Wm. Hafferty
Seconded by Councillor James Donegan
And Resolved:-
"That in order to facilitate the tenants of the Artizans' Dwellings in the purchase of their houses, we hereby direct that the abstract of Conveyance of this property be

be immediately procured and handed over to the Tenants' Solicitors - Messrs. Farrell M. Donnell & Co. If the document has left the custody of the town authority the clerk of the said Authority be instructed to procure same immediately."

Application from the Very Rev. Canon Cummins, Roscommon for the use of Roscommon Court-house for a Charity Entertainment was submitted: Order:-"Permission to be granted".

Proposed by Councillor Jas. Neary.
Seconded by Councillor Wm. Donnelly.
And Resolved:-
"That the next Meeting of this Council - the Quarterly Meeting - be held on Friday, 25th February, 1924, instead of the date already fixed"

The following Notice of Motion was handed in:-
(Copy)

"That we, or some Members on our behalf, will move at the

"the next Meeting of the
"County Council to be held on
"the 25th instant that the
"resolution passed refusing
"to strike a rate of one penny
"in the £ be rescinded and
"that the Council do levy a
"rate of one penny for the
"teaching of our National
"Language.

(Signed) William Rafferty,
Edward Moran, Wm. Flynn.
John Flynn & M. H. Grogan.

(Signed) M. O'Braonáin
Chairman.
25. July 1927.

Minutes of Proceedings of Quarterly Meeting of the Roscommon County Council held at the Courthouse, Roscommon, on Friday, 25th February, 1927.

Councillor M. O' Braonain, Chairman, presided and the following Members were in attendance:- Councillors Rogg. Drury. Keaveney. Jordan, Grogan, McGreal. Donegan. Hafferty. Moran E. Creaton. D. Creaton, McDermott, McCramm, Nangle. Wm. Flynn. Donnelly and Allen.

Proposed by Councillor D. Creaton.
Seconded by Councillor T. Allen.
And Resolved:-
"That the Minutes of last Meeting be taken as read."

Proposed by Councillor John Allen.
Seconded by Councillor Bernard Nangle.
And Resolved:-
"That we extend to our respected Member - Mr. John Burke - an expression of our deepest sympathy on the great loss which he and the other Members of his family have sustained by the death of their Mother".

The following correspondence from the Department of Local Government and Public Health was submitted:-

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Letter No. 39,176 re appointment of Co. Medical Officer of Health. Order:- "Adjourn".

Letter No. 56,951 re general conditions under which the Poor Rates are being collected. Order:- Present arrangements to be continued."

Letter No. G. 8417 stating that the bo. Board of Health are now the authority for making the rate for the services formerly discharged by the late Town Commissioners of Roscommon.

Letter No. R. G. 25. stating that the Minister could not see his way to give the Grant for the Cloonan Road.

Letter No. R. M. 25. Increasing the charge per day for the Rolling Plant and Crusher. Order:- "Approved."

Letter No. D. G. M. 25. Approving of the bo. Surveyor's Scheme for the expenditure of £4,032 of £17,792 earmarked for the bo. Roscommon.

Councillor William Hafferty now moved the following Notice of Motion:-

(Copy).

"That we, or some Members on our behalf, will "move at the next Meeting of the bo. Council to "be held on the 25th instant that the resolution "passed refusing to strike a rate of one penny "in the £ be rescinded and that the Council "do levy a rate of one penny for the teaching "of our National Language." (Signed)
Wm. Hafferty. Ed. Moran. Wm. Flynn, Jno. Flynn & M. Grogan.

Proposed by Councillor M. H. Grogan.
Seconded by Councillor Wm. Hafferty.
And Resolved:-
"That the resolution passed at the Meeting held on the 15th instant refusing to levy a rate of one penny in the £ for the teaching of the Irish Language be rescinded and we now include in our Estimate an rate of one penny in the £ for the purpose and that the Committee directly in charge of the administration of the Fund creted by this rate be asked to have the regulations governing the classes tightened up and more rigid inspections and reports made."

The Secretary submitted his Estimate of Rates for General and Separate Charges for the year ending 31st March 1928 (copy herewith) also copy of Opinion from Mr. D. J. Hannon, County Solicitor, Achlone stating that the Councils proposal to extend the period for levying the rates for Malicious Injuries for say 3 years was contrary to law. Order:- "Noted."

Proposed by Councillor William Hafferty.
Seconded by Councillor John Drury.
And Resolved:-
"That the Estimate of rates for General Charges and Separate Charges for the year 1927 and 1928 be and is hereby approved."

Proposed by Councillor M. O' Braonain.
Seconded by Councillor T. McGann.
And Resolved:-
"That we again repeat our conviction that the repeal of the Criminal Injuries Act is a matter which the Government ought to direct its immediate attention, as it inflicts undue hardship on the ratepayers who have had no act or part in the causes of the injury and who have no knowledge or means of acquiring it of the perpetrators."

Proposed by Councillor John Drury.
Seconded by Councillor Patk. J. Tobin.
And Resolved:-
"That the Proposals for Payments formulated by the Proposal Committee of this Council on the 15th instant as altered and this day submitted to us be approved of."

The County Surveyor submitted Quarterly Reports for the Quarter ended 31st December 1926 (Copy herewith). The Reports was marked "Approved."

The County Surveyor submitted the following letter:-

(Copy).

Co. Surveyor's Office.
Carthaise.
Roscommon.
9th February. 1927.

Re Repairs to Inter-County Bridge at Ballymoe.

Chairman. The Repairs to above Bridge have now been completed satisfactorily and the sum of £300 has been expended on it. The amount of money originally allowed was £200 but when I found that this was not sufficient I got your authority and that of the Galway Co. Council to spend an extra £100.

Galway Co. Council have now refunded their share of the work i.e. £150. The extra £50 expended by this Council was paid out of the adjoining Section (No. 34.) and which now leaves that Section very poor, so I want your authority to transfer from Contingencies (Main Roads) to Section No. 34. the £50, which will put the matter in order.

Yours truly.
(Signed) Michael Verney.
Co. Surveyor.

The Secretary.
Roscommon Co. Council.

The following order was made on above:- "Agreed to."

The following letter from the Co. Surveyor was

also submitted :-

(Copy)

Co. Surveyor's Office.
Carthaise, Roscommon.
24th February. 1927.

Re Walker's Accounts

A Chara,

The attached Accounts received from Mr. Robert Walker, Castle St. Roscommon. for tools etc. supplied and work done during 1923 1924, and 1925 were not furnished to me by Mr. Walker until quite recently.

As the greater portion of the accounts were supplied without any official Orders from me I was not aware that such an Account existed, but I have now ascertained from the gangers and drivers concerned that they were got by them.

The Accounts are now Statute-Barred and cannot be paid without the sanction of the County Council and the Ministry of Local Government, so I am writing you to bring the matter before the Co. Council for their decision on the matter.

Mise, le meas.
(Signed) Michael Feeney.
Co. Surveyor.

Proposed by Councillor M. O'Braonain.
Seconded by Councillor E. Creaton.
And Resolved:-
"That we ask the Minister of the Local Government Department to raise the bar in connection with the claim of Roth. Walker. Roscommon for material etc. supplied."

Proposed by Councillor John Drury.
Seconded by Councillor John Keaveney.
And Resolved:-
"That the necessary work for the repair of Bridge at Aghagarla joining the Counties of Roscommon and Sligo - Boyle area for which Estimate was made last year, be carried out as we now understand Sligo County Council has offered to contribute one-half the cost."

Proposed by Councillor M. O'Braonain.
Seconded by Councillor M. H. Grogan.
And Resolved:-
"That the Local Government Roads Department be asked to have the road leading from Roscommon to Creggs via Fuerty scheduled a Main Road instead of its present classification as a County road. This road is used as the direct road to Galway and in the expected development of that Port will become one of the most important in the County. It has always been a Mail Car Road and the traffic on this road at all times warrants its inclusion as a Main

Road."

Proposed by Councillor M. J. McDermott.
Seconded by Councillor William Flynn.
And Resolved:-
"That owing to the increased motor traffic on the road from Ballinagare to Elphin, part of which is already scheduled as a Main Road, we ask the Minister for Local Government to include the road between the points mentioned as a Main Road."

Proposed by Councillor Denis Keaton.
Seconded by Councillor M. H. Grogan.
And Resolved:-
"That owing to the increased motor traffic of late years on the road between Castlerea and Ballaghaderreen and the consequent importance of this road the Minister for Local Government be asked to include it in his schedule of Main Roads."

Proposed by Councillor M. O'Beirne.
Seconded by Councillor J. McGann.
And Resolved:-
"That we approve of the tenders provisionally accepted by the Tenders Committee for the construction and maintenance of roads and we authorise our Secretary to sign and seal the Tenders on our behalf, Work No. 638 for which no

Tender was received be placed in the Co. Surveyor's hands and Works Nos. 626, 578, and 683 be rejected."

Councillor William Hafferty moved the following Notice of Motion:-

(Copy).

"That I, or some other Member on my behalf, "will move at the next Meeting of the County Council "to be held in Roscommon on the 25th instant. "that the resolution passed at their last Meeting "re the half-holiday taken off the workers on "direct labour be rescinded and that they be "allowed the usual half-holiday as heretofore." (Signed) Edward Moran, William Hafferty, P.J. Waters, M. H. Grogan, and P. J. Jordan.

Proposed by Councillor E. Moran.
Seconded by Councillor Wm. Hafferty.

"That the resolution passed at the last Meeting of the Council re the half-holiday taken off the workers on Direct Labour be rescinded and that they be allowed the usual half-holiday as heretofore.

Proposed by Councillor John Drury.
Seconded by Councillor Edward Beatty.

"That we proceed to the next business."

A Poll was taken and Councillor Drury's motion

was carried by 9 votes to 8.

The following voted for Mr. Dunn's Motion:- Councillors Hogg. Dunn. Keaveney. McGreal. Donegan, E. Dealon, McDermott, Wm. Flynn and Allen.

The following voted against:- Councillors Jordan, Grogan. Hafferty, Moran, D. Dealon. McGann, Tangle. and O'Brannin.

Councillor Dunn's Motion was then put to the Meeting as a Resolution and Carried.

Application from Mr. Luke Connor, Church St. Roscommon. for compensation for the tenant's interest in his house in Church St. where it is intended to widen the street was submitted and marked "Read."

Letter from the District Court Clerk, Strokestown stating that the District Justice refused to sit in Elphin (Keenan's Hall) until some necessary repairs are executed. Order:- "Keenan be notified that rents will be withheld unless the Hall be put in proper repair."

Letters were submitted from the District Court Clerk, Ballaghaderreen re damage done to the Courthouse in Frenchpark and stating that additional presses were required. Order:- "To be supplied."

The following Reports from Mr. P. A. Flanagan

Rate Inspector, was submitted:-

Copy

Castlera
12th February, 1927.

A Chara,

I enclose herewith Abstract of Collection of rents of Labourers Cottages and water-rents for the months of December 1926 and January 1927.

The arrears are £5-17-8 cottage rents in the Roscommon District (Collector P.J. Scally) have been recommended by the Auditor in a note on the face of the rent collection Book to be struck off as irrecoverable. The Collector has promised to bring the matter before your Council at their next Meeting.

With regard to the ex-Cottage Rents Collector B. O'Malley's cash in hands, the Auditor as a result of a recent investigation of this Collector's Accounts is satisfied that, after the lodgment of £41 made in December last, a sum of £106-19-5 still remained due by him. As against this there is £65-12 due by your Council to Mr. O'Malley for poundage fees, leaving a balance of £41-7-5 due by him to the County Council. He promised to lodge this sum before Christmas.

I have not had an opportunity of examining the Bank Pass Book for January, but if Mr. O'Malley has made no lodgment since the 31st December last, he owes your Council above-mentioned amount of £41-7-5. A new Collector - Mr. T. Doyle has been appointed for

this District. He hopes to effect a considerable reduction in arrears due by tenants at an early date.

The water rents arrears in Castlerea are still very high. The Collector should be directed to collect and lodge the balance outstanding without further delay. The balance of water-rents due in Roscommon has been collected and lodged.

Yr. type. sergeap.
(Signed) P. A. Flanagan.
Rate Inspector.

Order:- "£5-17-8 be struck off. Solicitor to proceed against Collector or Sureties."

Letter from the Secretary of the County Board of Health re arrears due to the County Council in Collector O'Malley's District in Ballinrobe-or-Shannon No. 2. and stating that a sum of £65-12 was due Mr. O'Malley in respect of poundage:-

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Proposed by Councillor M. O'Brannan.
Seconded by Councillor T. Moran.
And Resolved:-

"That with reference to Letter No. H. 569/32287 addressed to the Secretary of the Co. Board of Health we hereby request the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to agree to the sum of £65-12 earned by ex-Collector O'Malley, Ballinrobe-or-Shannon as poundage on Cottage

Rent Collection be credited in reduction of the amount unaccounted for by the Collector leaving him responsible for the balance viz. £41-7-5.

Solicitor to proceed for recovery. With L.G. Dept's permission to be transfered to the County Council's funds."

The Quarterly Reports of the Public Analyst was submitted.

Application from the Courtkeeper Courthouse. Athlone for expenses incurred in lighting, fire etc. for the Rate Inspector's Office during his fortnightly visits was submitted. Order:- "To be paid at the Rate of £4-10 per annum for all Council attendance."

Letter from Mr. Michael Corcoran applying for the use of two rooms in Strokestown ex-Workhouse was submitted. Order:- "To be given rooms at 1/- per week."

Application from Mr. William Pelman, Ballaghadereen for permission to erect a Petrol Pump outside his premises was submitted. Order:- Refer to County Surveyor."

Tender for the garden attached to the ex-Workhouse, Boyle, from Mr. John McKenna at £2-4 per year was submitted. Order:- "Approved."

Letter from Mr. Bain, Boyle, re the state of the esc-Workhouse, buildings Boyle was submitted:-

Proposed by Councillor John Drury.
Seconded by Councillor Andrew Hogg.
And Resolved:-
"That with reference to the letter received from Mr. Bain, ratepayer, Boyle. dated the 22nd instant, in connection with some previous correspondence from him on the matter of Boyle Workhouse which has not been received at this office we invite him to send fuller particulars of his grievance which will get the fullest consideration from this Council."

* Letter from Mr. John Delaney, Merchant, Castlrea stating that owing to a breach in the wall surrounding the esc-Workhouse there his garden was being ruined by trespass was submitted. Order:- "Refer to Mr. Flanagan."

The County Surveyor submitted an application from Mr. McDermott, Assistant Surveyor, Boyle for six weeks leave owing to serious illness. Mr. McDermott is at present a patient in St. Vincents Hospital. Order. "Granted."

Letter from Mr. D. J. Hannon, Council Solicitor, Athlone. enclosing Agreement between the Council and Mr. M. J. Cassidy tenant of the Gen's Residence in Castlrea was submitted. The

* Letter and application from the Caretaker Esc-Workhouse, Castlrea were adjourned to next Meeting

Agreement was signed and sealed; also letter from Mr. Hannon asking the Council if he would take out a Fi Fa against the sureties of ex-Collector Martin Geraghty. Order:- "Fi Fa to be applied for."

Application from Mr. Denis Hanly, Rate Collector, for £3-6-3 costs of Decrees was submitted:- Order:- "Put on Refund List."

Proposed by Councillor Denis Beaton.
Seconded by Councillor P. J. McGreal.
And Resolved:-
"That the Sub-Sheriff be asked to see that the Courtkeeper of Castlrea Courthouse be responsible for the entire house, including the office of the District Court Clerk and suggest a reasonable amount of remuneration and allowances for cleaning and firing."

Proposed by Councillor John Drury.
Seconded by Councillor John Keaveney.
And Resolved:-
"That the amounts due for rates on the holding of Martin Killalea, Rheegary, Boyle, Boyle Rural Division including the current moiety due 31st March, 1927 be and is hereby remitted on account of the poverty of the family and want of means and that Collector O'Hara be notified accordingly."

Application from Mr. Robert Hans, Veterinary Inspector, for 5 of Cooper's small swim Baths was submitted and adjourned to next Meeting.

Letter from Mr. Laughlin Costello stating that he would lodge the sum of £8-15-11 due to the County Council by quarterly instalments was submitted and marked "Approved."

Letter from Mr. F. G. MacSherry, Solicitor. Roscommon, enclosing copy letter No. G. 399/199/2 from the Minister of Finance re proposed site of John Lyons' house in Frenchlawn, the subject of a re-instatement award and asking the County Council to allow his client to build the house in the townland of Roscam was submitted. Order:- "Change agreed to".

Letter from Superintendent O'Gara Roscommon asking for Stencils for Sand Blast Machine at Roscommon was submitted. Order "To be ordered."

Letter from Superintendent O'Gara relative to the holding of the Fairs on the streets of Roscommon town was submitted. Order:- "Refer to the Co. Board of Health."

Letter was submitted from Chief Superintendent Prendiville, Roscommon relative to the state of the Weights and Measures Office and yard at back of Barracks. Order (1) Refer to the

Board of Works, and (2) Refer to Co. Surveyor.

Letter from Chief Superintendent Prendiville, re supply of bottles for Inspector of Food and Drugs at Boyle was submitted. Order:- "To be ordered.

Reports on Patients in Peamount Sanatorium were submitted.

All other correspondence was marked. "Read."

The following dates were fixed for the next Proposal and Finance Meetings of the County Council:-

Proposal Committee

Roscommon. Tuesday, 12th April, 1927. at 11.30. am.

County Council

Roscommon Wednesday 27th April 1927. at 11.30 a.m.

M O Graeman
Chairman.

12 April 1927

Minutes of Proceedings of Meeting of the Roscommon County Council held at the Courthouse, Roscommon on Tuesday. 12th April. 1927.

Mr. M. O' Braonain (Chairman) presided and the following Members were in attendance:- Councillors Jordan. Waters. Donegan. Hafferty. Moran. D. Beatty. McDermott. McBrann. Dangle. Wm. Flynn. Donnelly. Killian. Burke. T. Flynn. and Allen.

Proposed by Councillor M. J. McDermott.
Seconded by Councillor William Flynn.
And Resolved:-
"That we tender to Mr. E. Cline an expression of sincere sympathy on the death of his mother and a copy of same be sent to him and also to Mr. John Kelly. E.C. on the death of his father."

Proposed by Councillor Moran.
Seconded by Councillor McBrann.
And Resolved:-
"That the Minutes of last Meeting be taken as read".

The following correspondence from the Department of Local Government and Public Health was submitted:-
Letter No. P. H. 14946 enclosing copy of an explanatory Memorandum re the appointment

of a County Medical Officer of Health and stating that a Medical Inspector will be in attendance at the Council Meeting. Dr. Berry, Medical Inspector of the Department attended and explained at great length the absolute necessity for the appointment and replied to the various objections made by the Council:-

Proposed by Councillor P. J. Waters.
Seconded by Councillor M. J. McDermott.
And Resolved:-
"That the appointment of a County Medical Officer of Health be postponed for a period of twelve months."

Letter No. G. 5918 giving the Minister's sanction to the appointment of Mr. Flanagan as Rate Inspector.

Letter No. G. 7921 stating that the Minister is not prepared to sanction the Council's proposal re the new allocation of Esc-Collector Geraghty's District:-

Proposed by Councillor W. Donnelly.
Seconded by Councillor D. Creaton
"That an appointment of Rate Collector be made for the full District of Esc-Collector Geraghty."

The following voted for this Motion:- Councillors D. Creaton, Wm. Donnelly, O'Braonain, J. Flynn.

and Allen.
The following voted against:- Councillors Jordan Waters, Donegan. Hafferty. Moran. McDermott. McBrann. Tangle. Wm. Flynn. and Burke.
The Motion was then declared "Lost" by 10 votes to 5.

Proposed by Councillor F. Burke.
Seconded by Councillor E. Moran.
"That the three Collectors already engaged in collecting exc-Collector Geraghty's District be appointed permanently for the position. The following is to be the division of the District:-
To Collector Jordan, Kilbride North and South.
" " Mynay Donegg
" " Connaughton Fuerty and Moate".
A Poll was then taken and the following voted for the foregoing:- Councillors Jordan. Hafferty. Moran. McDermott. McBrann. Tangle. and William Flynn.
The following voted against. Councillors Waters, and Burke. The following did not vote:- Councillors Dealon, Donnelly, O'Braonain. F. Flynn, and Allen.
The Motion was carried by 7 Votes to 2 and was put to the Meeting as a resolution.

Letter No. A. 9623 relative to an overdue account of Mr. James Mynay, Carrick on Shannon and stating that the amount

is definitely statute-barred.

Letter No. D. 55977 asking the County Council if they have yet considered the Scheme for the proposed waterworks in Ballinasloe.

Letter No. G. 7418 enclosing Order under Seal transferring the business of the Elphin Drainage Board to the Roscommon Co. Council.

Letter No. P. 54864 relative to the question of disposing of the vacant buildings and lands at Boyle Workhouse. also letter and Map on the same subject from Councillor T. Drury was adjourned to next Meeting.

Letter No. D. enclosing copy of letter addressed to the Secretary of the Galway Board of Health re arrears of pension due to Dr. O'Malley, also letters from the County Board of Health on the same subject. Payment was directed to be made by the Finance Committee.

Letter re expenses incurred in the preparation of the annual Register of Electors.

Letter No. F. 9122 re alterations in Polling Places to satisfy the requirements of the Electors:-

Proposed by Councillor M. O'Braonain.
Seconded by Councillor D. Keaton;
And Resolved:-
"That we approve

of the newly revised Scheme of Polling Districts as amended by Mr. D. Brann of the L.G. Department with the following alterations:- Calveagh Lower. and Upper and Boher to Derrynacartha instead of Bruana."

Letter No. G.8968 enclosing Order under Seal fixing Mr. M. J. Stevenson superannuation as Solicitor to the late Castlerea Rural District Council at £25 per annum.

Letter R. D. 25 including in an Order the suggested Main Roads, the subject of the Council's resolution. Order:- "Approved."

Circular D&T/201 re National Roads Scheme of £1,250,000.

To consider the following correspondence from the Department of Lands and Agriculture:-

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Letter stating the the Department will recoup the salary of the Secretary, viz. £60 as Clerk under the Diseases of Animals Acts from the date on which he took over the Secretaryship.

The following correspondence was submitted from the Office of Public Works, Dublin:-

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Letter asking the Co. Council if they will make a contribution towards the costs of the works in connection with the Kind Drainage District. Order:- "No Grant from the Council's funds."

Letter enclosing copy of letter addressed to Mr. J. Bennett, Secretary to the Trustees of the Kind Drainage District re covered drain in Moke Park. Order:- "Agreed."

Letter asking the Co. Council if they will make a contribution towards the cost of the work of the Drainage of the River Duck. Order:- "No Grant will be made by the Council."

Letter from the Chairman of the River Duck Drainage Board asking the Co. Council to appoint representatives to confer with the members of the Board and the County Council of Galway re adjusting the finances of the Drainage Board:-
Proposed by Councillor McBann.
Seconded by Councillor Greaton.
And Resolved:-
"That the following Members represent the Co. Council at the Duck Drainage Board Meeting:- Messrs. Allen and the Chairman and Mr. Donnelly."

The Secretary notified the Co. Council that some arrangements would require to be made consequent on new Drainage Schemes.

Proposed by Councillor William Donnelly.
Seconded by Councillor W. Flynn.
And Resolved:-
"That a committee to draft a Scheme to deal with the administration of Drainage Schemes in the County be formed and consist of the following:- Messrs Donnelly. McGrann, Wm. Flynn, J. Flynn, McDermott, Moran, and the Chairman, to meet at 10 o'clock (Summer time) on the 26th April."

Letter from the Irish Land Commission enclosing list of defaulting Land Purchase Annuitants in the County was submitted. Order:- "To be printed as last year."

The Secretary stated that the Co. Council had a credit balance of £42,000 and the total rates outstanding in respect of the year ended 31st March 1927 is only £2,339 which is made up as follows:-

Collector P. J. Fallon	£260. 9. 2
" Batty Moran	376. 5. 0
" H. Rogers	340. 16. 7
" James Flynn	97- 9- 1
" William Dolan	167- 13- 8
" Hubert Egan	515- 4- 11
" William Dolan (Geraghtys)	469- 5- 3
" M. Murray "	112- 4- 6
	£2339. 8. 2

Proposed by Councillor M.O'Braonain.
Seconded by Councillor Wm. Flynn.
And Resolved:-
"That all Rate Collectors be obliged to have their Collections closed by at least 26th. April, 1927."

The following letters from the Co. Surveyor were submitted:-

(Copy).
Co. Surveyors Office.
Carthaise.
Roscommon.
7th April, 1927.

The Secretary.
Roscommon Co. Council

A Chara,

I respectfully ask that the cost of living bonus be added to my present salary as from the 1st April 1927.

My salary is by no means in proportion to the amount of work and responsibility which my position as Co. Surveyor entails and I think that although I have in this County as large a mileage of roads under my control as any other County Surveyor, I am still the lowest paid Co. Surveyor in Ireland.

I trust you will bring this application before the Co. Council at their meeting

to be held on the 12th instant

Mye. Lemeap.
(Sgd) Michael Nerney.
Co. Surveyor.

Order:- "Agreed to".
Proposed by Councillor M. O'Braonain.
Seconded by Councillor Wm. Flynn.
And Resolved:-
"That the cost of living bonus be added to the Co. Surveyors salary, subject to sanction."

Copy.

Co. Surveyor's Office,
Courthouse.
Roscommon.
11th. April 1927.

The Secretary.
Roscommon Co. Council.

A Chara

I beg to apply to have Miss Eileen Higgins who was appointed as temporary clerk in my office for a period of three months re-employed for a further period of 3 months. The work in my office is very heavy and to efficiently do it I would require the services of a typist.

Mye. Lemeap.
(Sgd). Michael Nerney.
Co. Surveyor.

Order:- "Agreed to unanimously. Subject to sanction of the Local Government Department."

The following application from Mr. P. Dolan, Asst. Surveyor, Athlone applying for an increase of salary and stating that he is willing to be a whole-time officer was submitted:-
Proposed by Councillor Wm. Donnelly.
Seconded by Councillor Wm. Flynn.
And Resolved:-
"That Deputy Surveyor Dolan be and is hereby created a whole-time officer at existing salary."

Letter and Doctor's Certificate from Mr. M. McDermott Assistant Surveyor, Boyle stating that he will not be able to resume duty for six months was submitted:-
Proposed by Councillor M. O'Beirne.
Seconded by Councillor Wm. Flynn.
And Resolved:-
"That a temporary Deputy Surveyor be appointed for the Boyle District for a period of six months at a salary of £5 per week, no travelling allowances. Surveyor to supply himself with bicycle."

Applications for the position were received from the following:- Messrs John P. Caffrey, Innisacrone, Co. Sligo, Ernest McMahon, 101 Balfour St. Oldham, Lancashire. Patrick Keeffe, Coolhill The Rock, Thomastown, Co. Kilkenny; Thomas J. Donaghy 42 Castle St. Dalkey. Thomas Lawlor, County View, Ballinacurra. Limerick, and Liam O'Neill, Ballymullen.

Abbeyleix.
Proposed by Councillor Wm. Flynn.
Seconded by Councillor M. J. McDermott.
And Resolved:-
"That Liam O'Neill of Ballymullen, Abbeyleix be appointed temporary Deputy Surveyor for the Dryle area subject to sanction of the Local Government Department."

The following Report of the University Committee was submitted:-

Copy

Report of the University Committee Meeting held at the Courthouse, Roscommon, on Tuesday the 12th. April, 1927.
Present:- Messrs Michael Killian, Rev. M. O'Dowd Messrs M. J. McDermott, T. Larkin, and Dean Hynes, Galway University.

Letter from the Office of National Education re Scheme for scholarship from Primary to Secondary Schools also Scheme as amended by the Department were submitted and marked "Approved". A copy of the programme was also submitted and marked "Approved."

University Scholarships.

Very Rev. Canon Cummins in the Chair.
Dean Hynes suggested that some alteration be made in the Scheme for University Education

which were approved of.

(Signed) T. H. Cummins, Michael Killian,
M. O'Donnell, Chiparic MacSuiveny
M. T. McDermott, and Thos. Larkin.

Councillor D. Creaton moved the following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor M. H. Grogan:-

(Copy.)

"I, or some other Councillor on my behalf, will "propose at the next Meeting of the Co. Council "that Mr. Wm. B. O'Connell, Fort William. "Ballintubber, be appointed a Member of the "Roscommon Agricultural and Technical Comittee".

(Signed) M. H. Grogan.

Proposed by Councillor D. Creaton.
Seconded by Councillor M. O'Braonain.

And Resolved:-

"That Mr. W. B. O'Connell of Fort William, Ballintubber, be appointed a Member of the Agriculture and Technical Committee."

Application from the Inspector of Weights and Measures, Boyle, for the use of Boyle ex-Union Boardroom as an Office was submitted. Order:- "Granted."

Letter from the Inspector of Weights and Measures Roscommon, asking the Co. Council to have the Office put in proper repair was submitted.

Order :- "Refer to Board of Works for immediate attention."

Proposed by Councillor P. T. Waters.
Seconded by Councillor Denis Creaton.
And Resolved :-
"That the Ballaghaderreen Electric Lighting rate for 1927 and 1928 be reduced by one shilling in the £."

Proposed by Councillor M. T. McDermott.
Seconded by Councillor John Flynn.
And Resolved :-
"That the sum of £84-3-11 demanded by the Local Government Department in respect of combined purchasing be refused as we have derived no benefit to that extent."

Proposed by Councillor P. T. Waters.
Seconded by Councillor Denis Creaton.
And Resolved :-
"That any person found throwing old disused tins, broken delph and other rubbish on the side of the public road be prosecuted by this Council and that any Foreman of Direct Labour failing to do his duty be dispensed with."

Proposed by Councillor P. T. Jordan.
Seconded by Councillor Wm. Donnelly.
And Resolved :-
"That the Minister

for Local Government and Public Health be asked to sanction poundage at 8d to Collectors Rogers, Fleming, and Dolan for September 1926 half-year, to Collectors Twomey and Connaughton (Geraghty) for March 1927 half year and to Collector Drury for the whole year ended 31st March, 1927.

Proposed by Councillor Wm. Donnelly.
Seconded by Councillor P. J. Jordan.
And Resolved:-
"That all Rate Collectors who have on or before this date lodged the full amounts of their Warrants less their lists of arrears, for the year or half year as the case may be - ended 31st March last be considered cleared.
Copy of this resolution with the lists referred to, be forwarded to the Ministry of Local Government for their approval".

Letter from Mr. Hugh Gaynor, Hon. Sec. Qtr. Vincent De Paul Society, Castlerea re state of Castlerea Esc-Workhouse was submitted. Order. "Mr. Leech to have Specification made out for repairs."

Application from Messrs J. Quigley & Sons, Roscommon asking for a share of the Co. Council advertisements for the "Roscommon Champion" was submitted. Order:- "To be given advertisements."

Application from Messrs T. Smyth & Co. Ballaghadereen and McDermott, Stokestown for permission to erect petrol pumps were submitted. Order:- "Referred to the Co. Surveyor."

Letter from Mr. D. T. Hannan, Co. Solicitor, Athlone enclosing copy of Mr. T. A. Finlay's Opinion in the case of the Council V. Geraghty was submitted:- Order "Solicitor to safeguard Councils interests".

Applications from Messrs P. Claffey, Castlera. and T. J. Dooly, Roscommon, for Licences under the Poisons and Pharmacy Acts were submitted. Order:- "Granted".

Application from Mr. Wm. Cooke, Caretaker. Castlera ex-Workhouse, asking the Co. Council to again apply to the Ministry for Local Government for sanction to payment of 10/= weekly, as caretaker was submitted. Order:- "Not granted".

Letter from Mr. John Burns, Knockhall. Rooskey asking for the use of 2 rooms in the Stokestown ex-Workhouse was submitted. Order:- "Granted"

Letter from Collector D. Hanly applying for £3-6-3 costs of Decrees and Solicitors' expenses incurred in trying to recover rates on derelict farms in his District. These rates were

subsequently struck off as irrecoverable by the Council and approved of by the Ministry.
"Order:- "Pay Subject to the sanction of the Ministry."

Letters from the Town Clerk of Howth enclosing copies of the Resolutions passed re Public rights-of-way were submitted and marked "Approved".

M O'Brasnan
Chairman.
"H C" - Apr '27

Minutes of Proceedings of Quarterly Meeting of the Roscommon County Council held at the Courthouse, Roscommon, on Tuesday, 26th April 1927.

Mr. M. O'Braonain (Chairman) presided and the following members were present:- Councillors Neary, Hogg, Drury, Keaveney, O'Beirne, McGreal, Donegan, Hafferty, Moran, E. Creaton, McDermott, O'Farrell, McCann, Wm. Flynn, Donnelly, Killian, J. Flynn, Allen, Kelly and Ledwith.

Proposed by Councillor John Drury,
Seconded by Councillor John O'Farrell.
And Resolved:-
"That the Minutes of last Meeting be taken as read."

The following correspondence from the Department of Local Government and Public Health was submitted:-

Letter No. P. 5464 re the disposal of the Boyle ex-Workhouse and the lands attached thereto, together with Map and Councillor Drury's reply to this letter:-

Proposed

Proposed by Councillor John Drury.
Seconded by Councillor James Neary.
And Resolved:-

"That as a definite proposal for the purchase of the ex-Workhouse at Boyle has been made, the Council is anxious to know if a sale can be effected and if so, to whom proposals for such sale will be submitted."

Copy of Mr. Drury's letter and map to be forwarded to the Ministry.

Letter enclosing Paying Orders amounting to £5464-6-2 out of Local Taxation Grants.

Letter No. M. 16153 re payment for Decree for compensation in respect of the burning of the Frenchpark Dispensary Residence out-offices. Order:- "Payment deferred until amount levied is collected".

Circular Letter relative to the Boroughs (Amendment) Act 1924.

Letter No. S. 19205 in regard to the amount assessed on County Roscommon under Section 10(2) of

of the Local Authorities (Combined Purchasing) Act 1925 and requesting payment thereof at an early date.
Order :- "Refused"

Circular Letter No. S. 19201 of the 25th April 1924 drawing the Council's attention to Section 4 of the Local Government Act 1924 relating to borrowing by Local Authorities.

Letter No. F. 14245 enclosing copy of amended Scheme of Polling Districts and Polling Places in the County as confirmed by the Minister.

The following correspondence from the Commissioners of Public Works was submitted :-

Circular Letter No. 6425 of the 14th April relative to Free Grants under the Arterial Drainage Act 1925.

Letters Nos. 21998, 20591 and 10289 relative to the proposed Drainage Districts of Clogher, Feorish River, and Derreenadooey, ~~by the Board of Works~~ Corboley and Sandfield respectively :-
Proposed by Councillor E. Moran
Seconded by Councillor Jas. Neary
And Resolved :-

"That the Proposals submitted for Drainage Districts of Clogher, Corbsley and Sandfield and Feorish and Derrynadooey by the Board of Works, be adjourned to a future date as the Council is not presently in a position to declare for the granting of money out of Public funds for this purpose"

Proposed by Councillor A. Hogg.
Seconded by Councillor Wm. Donnelly.
And Resolved:-
"That as some of the small Drainage Schemes in this County are running directly into the Shannon, the Board of Works be asked to deal with them immediately"

Proposed by Councillor James Donegan
Seconded by Councillor Denis J. Kelly
And Resolved:-
"That the Kiltullagh Drainage District Scheme be urged forward for Report by the Board of Works"

Proposed by Councillor James Donegan
Seconded by Councillor Denis J. Kelly
And

And Resolved :-

"That the Sub-committee appointed for the purpose of drafting a Scheme for the administration of the Drainage Schemes be called for next Meeting morning one hour before Meeting - Mr. James Donegan to be added to the committee."

The following Notice of Motion which was signed by Councillors John Allen, Wm. Donnelly, Michl. Killian, Park. Ledwith, John Millar, and John Flynn was proposed by Councillor Wm. Donnelly and seconded by Councillor John Flynn and passed unanimously :-

(Copy)

"Take Notice that we will move "at the next Meting of the Roscommon "County Council to be held on the "26th April, that the proposed arrange- "ment for the collection of the "rates in ex-Collector Geraghty's District "be rescinded, and the whole matter "opened up with a view to having "a new appointment made for the "whole or a part of the collection "district thereby showing the "interestedness of Roscommon County "Council in providing employment

even

"even in a small way instead of giving to those already provided for."

(Signed) John Allen. Wm. Donnelly, Michael Killian, Patrick Redmond, John Millar, and John Flynn.

Proposed by Councillor Wm. Donnelly.
Seconded by Councillor John Flynn,
And Resolved:-

"That the proposed arrangement for the collection of rates in ex-Collector Geraghty's District be rescinded and the whole matter opened up with a view to having a new appointment made for the whole or part of the Collection District, thereby showing the interestedness of the Roscommon County Council in providing employment even in a small way instead of giving to those already provided for."

Proposed by Councillor John Allen
Seconded by Councillor Michl. Killian
And Resolved:-

"That in making provision for the appointment of a Rate Collector in ex-Collector Geraghty's District, the two Kilkeade Divisions be given to Collector Dolan and the three remaining Divisions be

be advertised for a new Collector as previously arranged by the Council after mature consideration and we direct our Secretary to forward a Map of the Districts to the Local Government Dept. to show the exact position of the District."

Letter from Mr. Thos. Lowry, Boundkeeper, Roscommon stating it was his intention to resign as Boundkeeper about the 30th of the present month and asking the Council to fix his superannuation after 32 years service on his salary and perquisites. Order:- "Referred to officials for verification."

Councillor M. O'Braonain handed in the following Notice of Motion in the matter:-

(Copy)

"Take Notice that I, or some other "Councillor on my behalf, will "move at the next Meeting of the "County Council that Mr. Lowry, "Boundkeeper, be granted a super- "annuation allowance according "to scale."

(Signed) M. O'Braonain.

Proposed by Councillor Andrew Hogg.
Seconded by Councillor John Keaveney

And

And Resolved:-

"That the Proposals for Payments formulated by the Proposal Committee and this day submitted to us be and are hereby approved of."

Proposed by Councillor M. J. McDermott,
Seconded by Councillor John Allen,
And Resolved:-

"That the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be asked to sanction poundage at 8d to Collector William Dolan on the amount of his warrants for his own District and his portion of ex-Collector Geraghty's District."

Application from Mr. Charles McDermott, District Court Clerk, to have the office furniture at Trenchpark Courthouse repaired and a new press made. Order:- "Refer to Mr. Nerney, County Surveyor"

The County Surveyor read his Report (copy herewith) for the quarter ended 31st March 1924 and same was marked "Approved"

The Analyst's Report for the quarter ended 31/3/1924 was also

also submitted and marked "Approved"

Application from Mr. Moran, bountkeeper, Castlerea was submitted stating that he is prepared to take the additional responsibility of firing and cleaning the District Court Clerk's Office in Castlerea Courthouse for an additional £12 per annum:-
Proposed by Councillor Moran.
Seconded by Councillor O'Farrell.
And Resolved:-
"That Mr. Moran, the Castlerea bountkeeper, be allowed an additional six pounds per annum for firing and cleaning District Clerk's Office."

The following Tenders for grazing for eleven months from the 1st May 1924, were accepted:-
Lands attached to the Boyle ex-Workhouse from Mr. J. J. Monson, Secretary of the Boyle Show.. £12-5-
Lands attached to Strokestown ex-Workhouse from Mr. Thos. Walsh. Strokestown. £20.
Site of Sanatorium on Racecourse Road from Mr. Thomas Mervin, Racecourse Rd, Roscommon. £3

Application

Application from the Court-house, Roscommon, for 5 Tons of coal for use in Roscommon Court-house was considered and it was ordered that coal be obtained through the County Surveyor when getting in supplies for Rollers and Crushers.

Proposed by Councillor J. D. O'Farrell,
Seconded by Councillor J. Donegan,
And Resolved:-

"That we allow and make the rate for the financial year ending 31st March 1928, and that the Chairman - Mr. O'Braonain - and Councillors Mc. Dermott and Flynn be appointed a Committee to sign the Rate Books and Collectors' Warrants"

Proposed by Councillor J. O'Farrell,
Seconded by Councillor W. Flynn,
And Resolved:-

"That in case the Assistant Surveyor - Mr. O'Neill - temporarily appointed at last Meeting is not available, the Council agrees to allow the County Surveyor ask the Roads Department to recommend him a man"

The following shows the amount

amount of the Warrants of the Rate Collectors for the year ending 31st March 1928:-

Collector	B. V. Doyle	£ 2425	15	4
	J. Mannion	2849	3	8
	J. Martin	1600	17	3
	P. J. Fallon	1590	13	0
	J. Murray	2471	8	5
	B. Moran	2279	18	10
	L. O. Hara	3676	13	4
	E. Doyle	3304	2	7
	H. Drury	2626	16	4
	T. J. Coleman	2211	5	9
	H. Rogers	3626	16	11
	C. L. Devanny	1899	6	3
	J. Glynn	1185	3	2
	J. Tyler	2258	18	3
	Wm. Caron	2341	18	8
	J. Crawley	2143	18	6
	P. G. Shanagher	4054	2	9
	M. Kelly	5082	16	1
	J. Connor	2206	11	6
	T. J. Fleming	1880	14	7
	J. Connaghton	4993	8	2
	W. Dolan	1947	3	4
	Delia Croghan	2773	1	6
	(Geraghty's District)	4523	.	.
	M. Murray	2330	1	1
	D. Hanly	2297	19	7
	H. Egan	3679	6	9
	M. P. Rourke	5332	6	5

Collector

Collector	Lilly Hayden	£495 - 1 - 10
"	Park Beirne	1349 - 2 - 5
"	O. Doulon	1069 - 12 - 6
	Total:-	£82,507 - 4 - 9

(Signed) _____

Chairman

Minutes of Proceedings of the Annual Meeting of the Roscommon County Council held at the Courthouse Roscommon, on Monday 4th July 1927

Mr. M. O'Braonain, outgoing Chairman presided and subsequently Mr. John Drury.

The following Members were in attendance:- Councillors Neary, Hegg, Drury, Kearney, O'Beirne, Jordan, Waters, McGreal, Donegan, Flaherty, Moran, E. Beaton, D. Beaton, McDermott, McCann, Wm Flynn, Donnelly, Burke, J. Flynn, Allen and Ledwith.

Proposed by Councillor John Drury,
Seconded by Councillor John Kearney.
And Resolved:-
That we, the Roscommon County Council hereby place on record this expression of our sympathy with our colleague Mr. James Donegan upon the recent death of his father."

Proposed by Councillor Denis Beaton
Seconded by Councillor P. J. Waters.
And Resolved:-
"That

"That we congratulate our Chairman on his splendid and meritorious victory at the recent Elections for representation to the Dail and we feel that the interests of the County will be safe in his hands."

Proposed by Councillor P. J. Waters,
Seconded by Councillor James Donegan.
And Resolved:-
"That Mr. M. O'Braonain be appointed Chairman for the ensuing year."

Proposed by Councillor P. J. Waters,
Seconded by Councillor James Neary,
And Resolved:-
"That John Drury be appointed Vice-Chairman for the coming year."

The Chairman and Vice-Chairman made the statutory Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

The following correspondence from the Department of Local Government and Public Health was submitted:-
Letter No. Q. S. 25 approving of Mr.

Geraghty's employment in the County Surveyor's office during Mr. Mac Sinead's illness.

No. R.S. 25 approving of Miss Eileen Higgins as clerk in the County Surveyor's office for three months.

" " " 25 Sanctioning the cost of living bonus on Civil Service scale to the County Surveyor.

" " " G. 14445 & 24114 re temporary assistant to the Accountant at the closing of each half-years accounts.

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

"That the Council is anxious to have their request for four weeks assistance in each half-year in the Accountant's office granted and we again appeal to the Department to agree to our request".

Letter No. R.S. 25 approving of the Council's proposal to make Mr. P. Dolan, Assistant County Surveyor, a whole-time officer.

Letter relative to the splitting up of ex-Collector Geraghty's District:-

Proposed

Proposed by Councillor Denis Creaton,
Seconded by Councillor James Neary.
And Resolved :-

"That re ex-Collector Geraghty's District, the Council is ~~xxxxxxxxxx~~ unanimous after mature consideration, that the previous resolution of the Council on the subject offering Kilbride North and South to Collector Dolan and advertising for a new Collector for the Districts of Tuesty, Mote and Scregg is entitled to the sanction of the Department and we request same at once in order to facilitate the working of the appointment on the 19th July."

Letter No. R. S. 25 approving of the temporary appointment of Mr. Thomas Casey B. E. Roscommon. also letter from the Chairman of the County Council making the temporary appointment for ratification by the County Council and copies of Mr. Casey's testimonials :-
Proposed by Councillor E. Creaton,
Seconded by Councillor James Neary
And Resolved :-

"That we hereby confirm

confirm the temporary appointment made by the Chairman on the 12th May 1924 of Mr. Thos. Casey B. E. Roscommon, as Assistant County Surveyor during the illness of Mr. Martin McDermott, Boyle.

Letter No. R. S. 25/2 approving of the County Surveyor's Scheme for expending the money out of the National Roads Scheme etc. earmarked by the County Council:-

Proposed by Councillor P. J. Waters,
Seconded by Councillor Denis Creaton,
And Resolved:-

"That the County Surveyor widen a dangerous corner in the townland of Cross opposite Martin Brennan's house as several accidents have occurred there recently".

Proposed by Councillor John Keaveney
Seconded by Councillor Andrew Hogg
And Resolved:-

"That we agree to the purchase made by our County Surveyor on our behalf of an acre of land acquired from the Irish Land Commission at the sum of Thirty-Pounds".

Letter No. S. 22744 re Council's refusal to pay the amount assessed on

on the Council in pursuance of Section 10 (2) of the Local Authorities (Combined Purchasing) Order of 1925. Order:- "To be paid."

Circular No. Y. 25881 fixing the date of the annual meeting of the County Council.

Letter No. C. 21381 re lettings of Boyle Workhouse premises: Order:- "To be attended to."

The Secretary submitted Agreement relative to the grazing of lands attached to the ex-Workhouse, Boyle. Mr. Monson, the tenant of the land left the country and the name of Mr. John Coyan, Vice-President of the Show-Committee was substituted as tenant.

Letter No. R. G. 25 re Special Grant of £300 for making Section of new Road in the Ardgra District.

Circular No. G. 28191 stating that the Council may, if they so desire, pay Doctor's expenses for attending inquests out of the Subsidiary Account on the Certificate of the Coroner. Order:- "Council approves direct through Subsidiary".

Letter

Letter No. R.S. 25 asking for a Medical Certificate in the case of Martin W. Dermott, Assistant County Surveyor.

Letter No. G. 24739 re liability of the Land Commission for certain rates due to the County Council.

Letter enclosing extract from the Land Act of 1924.

The following correspondence from the Department of Lands and Agriculture was submitted:-

Letter No. 1924 relative to the question of Sheep-Dipping ~~arrangements~~ arrangements in the County Roscommon for the current year adjourned, also letter from Mr. R. Hans, M.R.C.V.S. Boyle, stating that he ordered two small swim baths and one hand bath from Mr. Ryan. Mr. Hans attended the Meeting and asked for four more Baths. Order:- "Two extra Baths allowed"

No. E. 4079 re outbreak of Parasitic Mange in Cattle.

The following correspondence from the Office of Public Works was submitted:-

Letter No. 7767 re weights and Measures Office in the Garda Siochana

Barracks, Roscommon. Order:- "Repairs to be executed".

Letter No. 3181 re Ballinveagh Proposed Drainage District.

Nos. 20591, 21998, and 10289 re Free Grants for different Drainage Schemes in the County:-
Proposed by Councillor John Keaveney
Seconded by Councillor John Drury
And Resolved:-
"That all Drainage Schemes be adjourned to next Meeting - 19th July".

Application from the Resident Medical Superintendent, Mental Hospital, Ballinasloe, for £2356-3-10 arrears of wages due to the attendants as a result of Supreme Court Judgment given against the Committee of Management also copy of Counsel's Opinion. Order:- "County Council to pay now the quarterly instalment due at end of July."

Application from Mr. Thomas Loney, for superannuation allowance as housekeeper in Roscommon Court-house for thirty-two years was submitted. The following Notice of

of Motion was moved :-

(Copy)

"Take Notice that I, or some Councillor "on my behalf, will move at the "next Meeting of the County Council "that Mr. Lowry, Countkeeper, be "granted a superannuation "allowance according to scale."

(Signed) M. O'Braonain.

Proposed by Councillor John Drury.
Seconded by Councillor Joseph O'Beirne.
And Resolved :-

"That Mr. Lowry be granted a pension on two-thirds of his salary based on his allowances of £173 and that the consent of the Local Government Department be obtained."

The Under-Sheriff notified the County Council that he had appointed Mr. Patrick Gannon, Roscommon, to the position of Countkeeper, rendered vacant by Mr. Lowry's resignation. Order :- "Approved at same salary and emoluments as predecessor".

Mr. P. J. Jordan moved the following Notice of Motion :-

(Copy)

"Take Notice that I will move at the

"the next Meeting that the balance
"of the year's Scholarship due to the
"late Bridget Corrigan, Kiltobranks,
"who died during the second term
"(10th April 1924) be paid to the parents
"to help to defray the huge medical
"expenses borne by them for
"Hospital treatment." ~~Sanction of~~
"~~Department to be obtained~~".

(Signed) P. T. Jordan

Proposed by Councillor P. T. Jordan,
Seconded by Councillor Patk. McGreal,
And Resolved:-

"That the balance of the year's Scholarship due to the late Bridget Corrigan, Kiltobranks, who died during the 2nd Term (10th April 1924) be paid to the parents to help to defray the huge medical expenses borne by them for hospital treatment. Sanction of Department to be obtained".

Applications for Licences under the Poisons and Pharmacy Act 1908 were submitted and "Granted"

Letter from Mr. George Lynch, Solicitor, Carrick-on-Shannon, re claim of Michael Neary, tenant of

of labourers cottage for repairs thereto. Order:- "Adjourned for Mr. Mc Dermotts Report."

The Secretary submitted Rate Inspectors Report dated the 31st May 1924. The Inspector reported that two sums of £5-12-8 paid to Mrs. S. E. Idell, ex-Clerk of Barnick-on-Shannon No. 2 and £5 paid to Mr. P. J. Neary, ex-Chairman of that Body were not accounted for The Secretary stated that he wrote to these men on the matter and no reply has been received :- Order:- Refer to the Council's Solicitor."

The following application from Mr. B Burley, Senior clerk in the County Surveyors Office was submitted:-

(Copy)

County Surveyor's Office.
Roscommon
24th June 1924.

Mr. Chairman & Gentlemen

I beg to make application to be placed on the same standard as the other permanent clerks in the Council's employment. I have now 15 years service with the Council and during that period I have always tried to give my best in the interests

interests of the Council.

Considering my number of years service and the amount of extra works I am now called upon to do owing to the National Road Schemes, I trust that this application will have your favourable consideration".

I am, Mr. Chairman & Gentlemen,
Your obedient Servant,
(Sgd) B. Burley.

Proposed by Councillor P. J. Waters,
Seconded by Councillor P. Y. Jordan,
And Resolved:-

"That we hereby place Mr. B. Burley, Clerk in the County Surveyor's Office on a salary of £250 as from the 1st April 1924 rising by annual increments to same maximum as applied to other officials of the County Council".

Reports on patients under treatment in Dearnsount Sanatorium were submitted.

Letter from Mr. John Moran Caretaker, Castlerea, refusing to accept the Council's offer of £6 for additional work was submitted and marked "Read"

Letter

Letter from Mr. Francis G. MacSherry Solicitor, asking to have Paying Order No. 1478 General Account payable to Mr. Austin Bellew re-authorised as same is out-of-date. Order:- "To be re-authorised."

Letters from Collector Owen Doulon, Doon, Strokestown, asking to have his son's name inserted in the Warrant for collection of rates during his illness was submitted. Order:- "To be complied with subject to sanction" Doctor's Certificate was handed in at the Meeting.

Proposed by Councillor Edward Moran.
Seconded by Councillor John Burke.
And Resolved:-
"That the Collections of Collectors Moran, Rogers, Connaughton (Geraghty's) and Egan for the year ended 31st March 1924 and Glynn and Dolan for the second half-year of this period be considered closed less the amounts of their irrecoverable lists submitted to us to day subject to the sanction of the Department of Local Government and Public Health"

Proposed

Proposed by Councillor Edward Moran,
Seconded by Councillor John Burke.
And Resolved:-
"That the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be asked to sanction poundage at 8d to Collectors Moran, Drury, Rogers, and Egan on their Collections for the year ended 31st March 1927 and to Fallon, Devanny, and Glynn for the half-year ended 31st March 1927".

Proposed by Councillor Joseph McCann,
Seconded by Councillor Joseph O'Beirne,
And Resolved:-
"That the R. M. S. of Ballinasloe Mental Hospital be required to submit to each Member of the County Council a detailed Abstract of Accounts similar to that issued by the Secretary of the Board of Health."

The Secretary submitted the Annual Revision Lists and the following resolution was passed thereon:-
Proposed by Councillor M. O'Braonain,
Seconded by Councillor ~~Joseph O'Beirne~~ Wm. Hafferty
And Resolved:-
"That

"That the Revision lists be forwarded to the Valuation Office for the annual revision and change of names"

Letter from the caretaker of the ex-Union Buildings, Castlerea, re grazing of the lands adjoining the Fever Hospital was submitted.
Order:- "To be advertised"

Applications for committal of children to Industrial Schools were submitted.

Proposed by Councillor John Drury.
Seconded by Councillor John Keaveney.
And Resolved:-

"That we, the Roscommon County Council, hereby request the competent Ecclesiastical Authority to select a centre in Ireland for the holding of the Eucharistic Congress 1932, as the centenary celebrations of the coming of St. Patrick to Ireland and as one of the most noteworthy incidents in St. Patrick's Missionary career happened at Rathcroghan in this County, we hope our request will receive due consideration.

Copies to Dr. Dooley, Bishop. and Canon Cummins, O.S. Roscommon"

Proposed

Proposed by Councillor Wm. Hafferty.
Seconded by Councillor O. T. Jordan,
And Resolved:-

"That the Quarterly Meeting of the County Council be fixed for Saturday 30th July 1927 instead of Wednesday 27th July 1927"

Requirement Books was signed

All other correspondence was marked "Read"

(Signed) M. O'Kaomán

Chairman

19 July 1927

Minutes of Proceedings of
Meeting of the Roscommon County Council
held at the Courthouse, Roscommon, on
Tuesday, 19th July 1924.

Mr. M. O'Braonain (Chairman) presided and the following were in attendance:-
Councillors Neary, Hogg, Drury, Kaveney, O'Beirne, Jordan, Mc Geal, Donegan, Hafferty, Moran, E. Kreaton, Mc Dermott, Wm Flynn, Donnelly, Burke and Allen.

Before the business of the Meeting commenced the following resolution with which the officials were associated was passed in silence, all Members standing:-
Proposed by Councillor John Kaveney.
Seconded by Councillor P. J. Jordan.
And Resolved:-

"That the Roscommon County Council hereby tender their most sincere sympathy to Mrs. Kevin O'Higgins and family and the Executive Council on the murder of the Minister for Justice and we wish to condemn in the strongest terms our abhorrence of this dastardly deed and hope that it will be the last occasion when Ireland will experience an outrage which has brought so much disgrace on our country".

Proposed by Councillor M. J. Mc Dermott.
Seconded

Seconded by Councillor James Donegan,
And Resolved :-
"That the Minutes of last Meeting be taken as read."

The following correspondence from the Department of Local Government and Public Health was submitted :-

Letter No. 33381 sanctioning the Council's proposal to appoint a Collector for the Electoral Divisions of Trenity, Mote and Scregg. Order :- "Advertisements to be issued for Meeting on 30th July."

Letter No. 21243 enclosing copy of an Order made under Sec. 12 of the Local Authorities (Officers and Employees) Act 1926 assessing the amount payable thereunder by the several Counties in respect of the period ended 31st March 1927 and stating that a Paying Order for £20.1.3 amount assessed on County Roscommon should be forwarded to the Department of Local Government and Public Health, and also Letter S.8760 enclosing copy of an Order made by the Minister in respect of the expenses incurred in connection with the Local Authorities (Combined Purchasing) Act 1925 for the year ended 31st March 1926 and asking that Paying Order for £84.3.11 be forwarded to the Department"

Proposed

Proposed by Councillor William Flynn.
Seconded by Councillor M. J. McDermott.
And Resolved:-

"That the Department of Local Govt. and Public Health be informed in reply to their demands for contributions towards the cost of the Local Appointments Commissioners and the Combined Purchasing Branch, that as the County Councils have no representation on those Bodies, they should not have to bear taxation in respect of them. The Council consider that the cost should be borne by the Authorities whose Agents they are.

Copies of this Resolution to be forwarded to the General Council of County Councils and the Members of the Dail for the County."

Letter No. L.1927 from the Department of Lands and Agriculture regarding the question of Sheep-Dipping in this County was submitted. Order:- "Copy of Circular to Members and advertise in the Press".

(Copy Order)

"The County Council is prepared to assist
"the erection of a limited number of
"concrete Swim Baths for Sheep-Dipping
"in the County to the extent of a small
"Grant or the supply of cement etc. on
"approved sites and at approved places

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"The owners of such Bath will be entitled
"to charge for the dipping of sheep and
"give Certificates of Dipping having been done.
"Applications from persons (~~wishing to~~
"~~receive~~) desirous of erecting such Baths
"will be received by the undersigned
"before the 30th July 1924
(Secretary County Council)

Correspondence from the Office of Public Works, Dublin, relative to Drainage Schemes in the County was submitted and the following resolution passed thereon:-
Proposed by Councillor Wm. Flynn,
Seconded by Councillor Edward Moran,
And Resolved:-

"That for the purpose of carrying into effect in the most economical manner the Board of Works proposals for the Drainage Districts already approved of, the Council ask the Board of Works if their engineers would apportion the works in each proposal into convenient lots suitable for contract locally under the Board's supervision. Believing as we do, that the Board's estimates can be considerably reduced in this way and that the people directly concerned - the future benifitors and ratepayers - will, for their own sakes, do better works, we request the Board

of

of Works to carefully consider our suggestion and if possible, frame a general scheme on those lines.

The Council will be only too happy to assist by having local Meetings called for consultative purposes to meet the Board's engineers. The benefits to accrue from the Schemes are, we believe under-estimated."

Proposed by Councillor James Neary.
Seconded by Councillor D. Y. Jordan,
And Resolved:-

"That referring to letter No. 24548 of the 2nd February last addressed to this Council from the Office of Public Works relative to the Boyle River (Kinacara) proposed Drainage District, we direct that the new petition now presented to us be forwarded to the Board of Works with the County Surveyor's Report and Map for their attention."

Letter from the Resident Medical Superintendent, Mental Hospital, Ballinasloe, asking the authority of the County Council to raise a loan of £2353-3-10 to meet the liability as the result of the High Court Decision - Gallagher v. County Councils - amounting to £2353-3-10

Order:- "Permission given to raise a loan by Ballinasloe Mental Hospital Committee

to

to meet liability in connection with High Court decision in the case Gallagher v. County Councils amounting to £2353-3-10."
Proposed by Councillor John Kenny,
Seconded by Councillor Andrew Hogg,
And Resolved:-

"That we, the members of the Roscommon County Council, before accepting the resignation of the Roscommon County Board of Health respectfully request the Local Appointments Commissioners and the Minister for Local Government to kindly reconsider their decision making the appointment of a lady doctor mandatory and to recommend the appointment of a qualified male doctor for the vacant Dispensary District of Ballinameen. Kindly reply before our Meeting on the 30th."

The following Notice of Motion was handed in by Councillor Flynn:-

(Copy)

"That the Council take steps at its "Meeting on the 30th to collect the "maintenance rates and carry out "the necessary works on the Drainage "Schemes already handed over to "the Council for administration."

(Sgd) Wm. Flynn

Proposed

Proposed by Councillor Joseph Beirne,
Seconded by Councillor Andrew Hogg.
And Resolved:-

"That the Council protests against the payment of any money towards the cost of the Ballinamore and Ballyconnell Canal as the county derives no benefit from the Canal, and as it does not touch our County, we request our representatives in the Dail to have the law repealed to have any portion of our County taxed for a work they never derived any benefit from."

Applications for Licences under the Poisons and Pharmacy Act were granted to Michael Kilroy, Curraghboy and John Beades, Rahava.

The Courtkeeper applied for 25 Tons of Orrel Coal for use in the Courthouse, Roscommon. Order:- "To be advertised for".

Letter from Mr. Edwd. Kilcline, relative to the sum of L-1-5 stopped out of his Road Contract No. 235 was referred to the County Surveyor for his Report.

Application from the Solicitor to the Inland Revenue Commissioners for L-112-4 Income Tax alleged to be due by the Castlerea Rural District

Council

Council was submitted. Order:- Refer to Local Committee stating that unless the Committee is prepared to fight the case, payment must be made at next Meeting".

The following were submitted:-
Reports on patients under treatment in Peamount Sanatorium.
Letter from Mr. McSherry, Solicitor, stating that Mr. Stephen Hannon, Church St. Roscommon, is proceeding to re-roof his premises in Church St.
Notice from District Court Clerk, Athlone stating that an application will be made to have four children named Cunniffe from Dysart committed to an Industrial School.
Letter from Irish Co-Councils General Council re Meeting of Council to be held in the last week of August or first week of September was submitted. Order:- "That the Public Bodies seek for a representative being present at Meeting of Local Appointments Commission when an appointment is being made under Local Authority
Order:- "Mr. Doran V.S. be informed that Mr. Donnelly, C.C. says two small Baths are required for his District

(Signed) M O Kvasnam 30 July 27

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