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# County Council of Tircconnail.

Copy Minutes of Proceedings of a Special Meeting held on the 15<sup>th</sup> January, 1924.

## Attendance

The members present were -

Councillors Bannet, Boyle, Browne, Clarke, Lynch, Lanigan, Myles, Mr. Daid, Mr. Dermott, Mr. Goldrick, Mr. O'Hara, O'Donnell (Hugh).

O'Donnell (J.F.) and O'Flaherty

Mr. Sean O'Farrell, Road Dist. Inspector, and Mr. P. J. Ward, Solicitor, representing the Solicitor to the County Council, were also present.

On the motion of Councillor Bannet, seconded by Councillor Mr. Daid, Councillor Clarke was moved to the Chair

## Minutes

The minutes of previous Meeting were confirmed.

## Acknowledgment

a letter was read from Mr. James Heron, Lifford, gratefully acknowledging receipt of the Council's kind resolution of sympathy passed at their meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> Decr, 1923.

## Reports of Committees

The Secretary submitted for adoption the report of the Special Committee appointed by the County Council for the purpose of considering road administration matters affecting the general finances of the County, and representation re Relief of Distress and other grants - meeting held 3<sup>rd</sup> January 1924.

Councillor Mr. Goldrick said he was not satisfied with the decision regarding Direct Labour, and he objected to its condemnation in the report. Councillor Myles agreed that the only way to suspend Grants

Grants on roads was by Direct Labour, but the County Council should not commit themselves to it absolutely. The Chairman said in the meantime it would be better to continue the Contract system -

The Report was adopted. Councillor Bomer said the Committee should be congratulated on their efforts.

He moved that the Committee be continued as there were other important matters requiring their attention. Councillor Boyle seconded and the matter was agreed to.

Number of patients in County Infirmary and District Hospitals in Ticondill

The Secretary submitted a return asked for by Councillor O'Donnell (J.F.) of the number of patients at present in the County Infirmary, Lifford, and the four District Hospitals in the County. Councillor O'Donnell (J.F.) said the County Infirmary at Lifford should be done away with and the patients transferred to the unoccupied portion of the mental hospital at Letterkenny. The Local Government Inspector said if it was proposed to alter the County Scheme in this respect a notice of intention would require to be given.

#### Clerical Staff - Attendance Books.

The attendance books in connection with the Clerical Staff of the County Council, were submitted to the presiding Chairman. It was observed that certain members of the staff had not been keeping the office hours as fixed by the Council.

It was unanimously decided that each member of the staff must keep the office hours in future, otherwise failure in this respect will result in the official concerned being seriously dealt with.

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In Cases of absence through sickness a Doctor's Certificate must be produced at the meeting at which the Time-Book is being submitted to the Presiding Chairman -

### Relief of Distress Scheme &c

The Council considered Petitions from representative Committees in different parts of the County dealing with the prevailing distress. The first was from the Tircoull workers Council, the members of which, it was stated, had vainly sought employment, & many of them were on the verge of despair.

Representations from Fintown, Dunglea, and other Centres were submitted by Councillor Boyle. Councillor O'Donnell (J.F.), read Petitions from Gweedore, Kircalough, and Carragry. There was also one from the parish of Killaghee. Councillor W. Galdrick said that with Deputy W. Fadden, he interviewed the Ministry with regard to the withdrawal of unexpended grants from the County, and they were informed that no official decision had been taken with regard to the withdrawal of the money, and that any expenditure incurred, pending official sanction, by the Ministry, would not be repudiated. He, therefore, exhorted all concerned to carry on with the Schemes that would afford the greatest amount of relief.

Mr. Stedman said they could not carry on unless there was money available to honour Certificates given by the Co. Surveyors.

It was bad enough to have men employed, but it would be worse to put them on work and then not be able to pay them at the end of the fortnight.

The secretary explained that on 15.1.24 there was a debit balance of £759.1.7 against the Relief of Distress Fund &c.

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The total grant was £20,000, only £10,000 had been received. a sum of £10,208.13.11 had been expended and there was a sum of £550.7.8 to be paid in respect of Insurance (National Health and Unemployment)

Councillor Mr. Goldrick said they U should make application to the ministry for a further £5,000. They could go on the understanding that any money spent on works actually formulated would not be refused.

Councillor O'Donnell (D.F.), said he came there with Petitions from Gweedore, Kincaslagh, and Annagry, and he thought there should be some explanation to the ratepayers in regard to the £10,000 that was stated to have been held up.

It should be made clear to the people that it was not the County Council who were responsible. It was not their fault. They formulated Schemes, but when they came there they found that the Local Government Department and their own Engineer had other schemes. The County Council were fooled and the District Councils were fooled in the same way. They tried to impress on the Government not to mind about the roads for the tourist, the commercial man, and motor owner, but to make bog roads for the men who had to carry the crocks on their backs two and three miles. It was however, useless to talk of it.

Councillor Myles said he (Councillor O'Donnell) came to ask the Government to spoonfeed the people of West Donegal.

That was not the case. The people of West Donegal only wanted what was their due, and they looked to their

our Government to do something for the poor fishermen on the Coast and for the poor men on the mountainside. He therefore moved that we, the members of Fingonall County Council earnestly request the Ministry of Local Government to send down two Inspectors who could see for themselves and ascertain where acute distress prevails with a view to a scheme being formulated for the relief of same. (5)

Councillor Boyle, Seconding, said he had a great deal of experience of that area of the County and he must say that he had never known the people along the Western Seaboard and in many districts inland to be in such a poor condition as they were at present. This was due to the failure of the crops and other things.

Their condition was so bad that immediate employment was absolutely necessary to tide them over the period of distress. He strongly urged the authorities in Dublin to make a ~~move~~ move at the earliest possible moment and that seed potatoes, seed ~~potatoes~~ Oats, and manure be supplied.

Councillor McGeeduck said they all recognised the distress but the difficulty was how to deal with it satisfactorily and find the money for it. This distress was not confined to the Western Seaboard.

He was inundated with appeals of a most pathetic character from other parts of the County. The Government were doing their best. They would approach the Minister of Finance and the Minister of Industry so that everything would be done to meet their requirements. They were fully  
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alive to the seriousness of the situation.

A memorial was submitted from the Killygordon district which Councillor McBerrett asked the Secretary to read.

The Local Government Inspector said the Ministry were very well acquainted with the circumstances of the distress and were endeavouring to arrange a suitable scheme. This was not an easy matter. They had hundreds of appeals but not a single practical suggestion.

Councillor McBerrett said men in Strabane Rural District were willing to do a full week's work for 20/-

Mr. Steadman said he had failed to get men to work for 25/- a week. The whole difficulty, however, was the getting of the money.

The Chairman put the resolution to the meeting which was passed unanimously.

The Secretary was directed to request the Ministry of Local Government, Roads Department, to be good enough to have lodged immediately with the Treasurer of the County the sum of £5,000 of the Relief of Distress Grant referred to in the concluding paragraph of the Ministry's letter of the 26<sup>th</sup> October last, that in the event of the Ministry not releasing this sum they be asked for approval to the Council obtaining an overdraft for a similar amount from the Treasurer.

Grant of £3,960

a letter, dated 29<sup>th</sup> December 1923, was read from the Ministry of Local Government, Roads Dept., enclosing a Paying Order for £600- as an advance from above Grant provisionally allocated to the County Council of Tyrone for the improvement of Town Roads.

Councillor



Councillor Mr Goldrick said he was amazed to see in Dublin that the half of this grant was to be expended on  $1\frac{1}{2}$  miles of the road between the Buncrana Urban boundary and Fahan, while all the roads were in such a scandalous state. It was a terrible thing to spend £1,200 on a mile of the roads. In the southern area of the County the proportion of the grant allocated there was to be spent on three miles of a road.

Mr Steadman said he proposed to spend his share on  $1\frac{1}{2}$  miles of the road, between the boundary of Buncrana and Fahan, and it might not be properly done for that. It was a common thing to spend £1,800. and £2,000 on a mile of road.

Councillor Mr Goldrick said if he were a parochialist he would support this, but he was not. There were too many parochialists on the Council. This sum of £1,980 should do the whole road.

Provisional Grant of  
£ 275,000

A letter dated 20<sup>th</sup> November 1923. was read from the Ministry of Local Government, Roads Department, in which it stated that it is to be understood that any portion of the Provisional Grant £275,000 which remained unexpended at 31<sup>st</sup> March last, will in accordance with the usual practice be required to be surrendered to the Exchequer.

Burtonport Harbour Improvements  
Councillor O'Donnell (J.F.) asked if anything was being done in regard to the British Grant towards Harbour Improvements at Burtonport. There was an honourable undertaking.



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undertaking between the Board of Works, The Development Commissioners, and the County Council. Some time ago he understood from Councillor Mc. Galdrick that this money was earmarked for expenditure

Councillor Mc. Galdrick said the earmarked money had been repudiated. There was nothing in writing about it.

The Local Government Inspector said that Scheme was found to be an uneconomic one. There was no use building a Pier unless it was going to be serviceable.

A modified Scheme was approved to cost £10,000, of which £5,000 had already been expended. This concluded the discussion. —

Sister Mary F. Carew

A letter, dated 17<sup>th</sup> December 1923, was read from the Ministry of Local Government enclosing a Sealed Order made by the Ministry on the 14<sup>th</sup> inst, consenting to a superannuation allowance of £40 a year to Sister Mary Fintan Carew in consideration of her service as nurse in Stranorlar Workhouse.

Sister Mary R. Brophy

A letter, dated 28<sup>th</sup> December 1923, was read from the Ministry of Local Government stating that the gratuity of £180 proposed by the County Council may be paid to Sister Mary R. Brophy for loss of employment as nurse in Glenties Workhouse

A letter, dated 29<sup>th</sup> December 1923, was read from the Office of the Revenue Commissioners Dublin Castle, stating that the Pier at Morville has been approved provisionally  
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to the Moville Steamboat Coy. Ltd. for the landing and shipping of all goods.

With regard to the Council's request for the approval of the Piers at Ballyshannon, Burtport, & Downings, it will be necessary before sufferance privileges can be granted in respect of these Piers to submit evidence of the volume of the shipping trade at these places, having been read, the secretary was directed to obtain a Return showing the Volume of the trade at those three above-named Piers during the period of one year.

re Brian Douglas - Gratuity

A letter dated 31<sup>st</sup> December 1923, was read from the Ministry of Local Government, enclosing to be laid before Tinscell County Council, Copy of a Statutory Declaration received from Brian Douglas in regard to the Compensation payable to him for loss of employment as Porter in Lishowen workhouse and stating that the Minister would be glad to have the observations of the County Council in the matter.

The Council unanimously decided to adhere to their previous decision in the matter, recommending that Mr. Douglas be allowed a Gratuity of £ 207.10.0

re Road - Bridges Destroyed

a Circular letter R/36, dated 31.12.23 from the Ministry of Local Government, Roads Dept., on the subject of roads bridges which have been destroyed and stating that the Minister trusts that the necessity for providing bridges of sufficient capacity for the free discharge of any floods will be borne in mind by the County Council

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when considering plans for the reconstruction of such bridges as have been destroyed in Tipperary County, having been read, the Secretary was directed to bring the letter again before the Council when the question of the reconstruction of the bridges referred to was being considered. (10)

Foot and mouth Disease

The following Copies of Orders made by the Department of Agriculture were submitted.

(1) Foot and mouth Disease (Disinfection of Persons)

Order 1923.

(2) Foot and mouth Disease (Imported Packing)

Order of 1923.

Londonderry Bridge Act

A notice, dated 17<sup>th</sup> Dec. 1923, from the Town Clerk and City Solicitor Derry, that application is intended to be made to the Parliament of Northern Ireland in the ensuing Session for an Act under the Londonderry Corporation or short title whereby it is proposed to alter or repeal the Londonderry Bridge Act 1859, 1877, and 1920, and the Londonderry Bridge (Northern Ireland) Act 1922, or any part or parts thereof, and enclosing a print of the Bill, was submitted, and no action taken.

Letting of portion of Carradonagh Hospital Premises

A letter, dated 4<sup>th</sup> January 1924, was read from the Ministry of Local Government transmitting, for the information of Tipperary County Council, an Extract from minutes of Proceedings of the Tipperary County Board of Health on the 19<sup>th</sup> November last in regard to the letting of portion of the Carradonagh Hospital Premises for use as a Tennis Club, as well as copy of a



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a letter on the subject which the minister has addressed to the County Board of Health in which it states that the latter body are not empowered to make this letting and the minister must request that the permission given be withdrawn.

Appointment of Analyst.  
The Council then proceeded to consider applications for the position of Analyst, under the Sale of Food and Drugs Act, for the entire County of Donegal. The appointment to be temporary, and subject to the approval of the Ministry of Local Government.

Remuneration 5/- per sample analysed.  
Councillor Clarke proposed that Mr. Charles McMillin, 7 Wm. St. South, Belfast - who had acted for a period of 10 years as analyst to Finsburgh County Council - be appointed.

Councillor Lynch seconded.  
Councillor Mc Dermott proposed as an amendment that Mr. John F. O'Leary, the Laboratory, Pembroke Chemical Works, Dublin, be appointed.

Councillor O'Donnell (Hugh) seconded.  
Councillor O'Donnell (J.F.) supported the amendment.

#### Voting -

For Mr. McMillin - Councillors Pomeroy, Clarke, Lynch, Myles and Mr. David - 5.

For Mr. O'Leary - Councillors Boyle, Browne, Lamingan, Mc Dermott, Mc Galdwick, Mr. Hally, Mr. Shave, O'Donnell (Hugh), O'Donnell (J.F.) and O'Flaherty - 10.

The Chairman declared Mr. O'Leary duly appointed as temporary Analyst for the entire County of Finsburgh.

#### Appointment of Inspectors under Food and Drugs Act.

The following Sergeants of the Civic Guards were unanimously appointed Inspectors under

under the above acts for the districts set opposite their respective names.

A form of appointment was submitted and signed by the Chairman & Secretary respectively, and the Seal of the Council ordered to be affixed thereto

Districts	Inspectors	Addresses.
Bunranda	Sergt. P. Meenan	Carndonagh (12)
Raphoe	" J. Curran	Raphoe
Lettinkenny	" J. Robinson	Lettinkenny
Dungloe	" M. Connolly	Dunfanaghy
Dungel	" P. O'Connell	Ballyshannon

It was unanimously resolved that the Secy. to the County Council be directed to conduct any prosecutions arising under the Sale of Food and Drugs acts until such time as the Inspectors appointed from the Garda become sufficiently acquainted with the necessary procedure.

#### Weightbridge on Bunranda Pier

A letter from the Clerk Bunranda Urban District Council stating that that body request the County Council to have a proper weightbridge erected at Bunranda Pier for the convenience of the general public, having been read, Consideration of the matter was postponed for 12 months.

#### Fever Hospital at Ramelton

A letter was read from Mr. P. M. Ward, The Mill, Ramelton, relative to the Fever Hospital at Ramelton, which was closed a considerable time ago under the Abolition of Workhouse Scheme in Tipperary, and suggesting that whatever furniture still remains in the place should



Should be auctioned and the proceeds lodged with the County Council or spent in repairing the place and adding that the building, if repaired, could easily be rented as there are quite a number of people in the locality looking for houses (13)

The Local Government Inspector said an inventory should be taken of the furniture, &c and subsequently auctioned along with the building, or as an alternative that the latter be let at a yearly rent.

The Secretary was directed to make arrangements for the disposal of the furniture, &c, and to have an advertisement issued inviting quotations for the sale of the premises or the letting of same at a yearly rent.

A letter was read from the Hon. Secy. to the Hospital Committee stating that there was a balance of £92.16.0 to credit of the Institution. The Secretary was directed to write the Hon. Secretary with a view to having the amount lodged to credit of the County.

#### Courthouse, Lifford.

a letter from Mr. Hugh C. Cochrane, Under-Sheriff, Lifford, requesting that lamps be provided for the two Courts in Lifford Courthouse, having been read, Mr. Steadman, County Surveyor, stated that the lamps disappeared during the time the military were in occupation of the building.

On the motion of Councillor Mc Dermott, Mr. Steadman, County Surveyor, was directed to have the two Courts in Courthouse lighted at once.

It was decided that a claim be made to the Minister of Defence in respect of the lamps

Lamps taken away or destroyed

County House, Lifford.

The Secretary was directed to again write the Minister of Defence to have the Troops withdrawn immediately from the County House, Lifford, as the County Council are anxious to have the proposed alterations in the interior of the building carried out without further delay.

Roads Roller and Sleeping Van

Mr. Caffrey, County Surveyor, submitted the undermentioned accounts in connection with the purchase of a Road Roller and Sleeping Van etc., for use in Glenties Rural District which the Council decided to pay

Messrs Bradford & Perkins Ltd. Peterborough, England,	} Road Roller etc. - £685.0.0
Messrs O'Gorman, Bros, Ltd. Gloucester	
	} Sleeping Van - - 125.0.0

In this connection applications for the positions of Driver and Flagman of above Roller, were submitted. Mr. Caffrey, County Surveyor, stated that he had already made appointments to these positions. The Council approved of his action in the matter.

Cottage Loans

a letter was read from Mr. Robert Moore Clerk R. S. Council, Carradrough, relative to the non-payment of an instalment of £268.19.9 of Cottage Loans of the former Derry, No. 2 Rural District which was deducted from the Grants payable to the County Council out of the Local Taxation account.

re Breach of Bonds.

a letter was read from Mr. C. H. O'Hara, District Justice, Dougal, stating that he has been instructed by the Minister of Home Affairs to take the necessary steps to requisition



The County Council for the provision of Pounds, where necessary, throughout the Court District of South Tipperary, and enclosing the necessary Requisitions in respect of Pettigo, Ballyshannon, Donegal, Killybegs, Carrick, Glencolumbkille, Glenties, Raphoe, and Lifford.

It was decided, owing to the present state of the finances of the County, to suggest that Cattle be impounded in yards attached to Public Houses, except where Pounds are already in existence. The County Surveyors were directed to furnish a report re number of Pounds in existence, location, and present condition—

#### Levying of a Rate for Agricultural and Technical Instruction Purposes

On the motion of Councillor Boyle, seconded by Councillor Mr. Guedrick, Copy of a resolution passed by County Tipperary Committee of Agriculture unanimously recommending the County Council to strike the usual Rate of one penny in the £1. for agricultural and Technical Instruction purposes for the Year 1924-'25, was unanimously adopted.

#### District Hospital at Glenties

A letter was read from the Acting Secretary Tipperary County Board of Health asking the County Council to take up the question of the ex-master and the ex-Porter at Glenties District Hospital (who are still residing on the premises) with the Ministry of Local Government as these premises are required for use at the Hospital.

It was unanimously decided on the motion of Councillor Cahill, seconded by Councillor Bower, to leave the matter in the hands of the Council's solicitor to take the necessary action to compel the ex-Officials above-named to vacate the premises



Premises.

re Dispensary at Such Island  
A letter was read from Miss Mac Gorty, acting Secretary Invercail County Board of Health, enclosing copies of letters from Messrs Knox Gilliland and Babington, Esqrs, Castle St, Derry, regarding the Dispensary at Such Island, and wishing to ascertain whether it is the wish of the Co. Council to retain the premises, and if so, whether the Council would consider the purchase thereof?

The Secretary was directed to state in reply that the County Council would be willing to retain the premises at the rent of £ 2.2.0 a year, and that as regards the arrears of rent due on said building from 1st Nov, 1920, the Council would be prepared to pay same, provided the premises have been used since the latter date for the same purpose as when under the jurisdiction of the late Board of Guardians.

re S. S. "Mondard"

A letter was read from Messrs James Waterson and son, 43 Waring St, Belfast, stating that their S. S. "Mondard", when discharging at Bunranda on the 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> Nov, 1923, received very serious damage to her bottom lying in the berth.

A letter was also read from the Harbour master at Bunranda reporting as follows:

"James Waterson & son wrote me before the "Mondard" came, and I told him that he could discharge her in spring tides, and have a good sandy berth"

I was there when she was discharged  
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and left and the Captain made no complaints to me"

It was unanimously decided to deny all liability in the matter —

### Re a Proposed New Road

A letter was read from Mr Wm Gril, Rosnathill, Contractor for a new road to be made near the Keadue bridge, stating he has been asked not to proceed with the work as it is proposed to alter the line of roads.

Mr Steadman stated that the County Council approved of the proposal about a year ago. Since then those whom the proposed new road was intended to serve formed the opinion that the road should run in another direction under the circumstances he would not let the Contractor proceed with the work until the matter had come before the County Council.

The Council decided that a memorial signed by those agreeable to the change ~~should~~ should be submitted to them before coming to a decision on the matter.

Officers and Men Demobilised from the Army  
A circular letter, dated 3.12.23, on the ~~subject~~ subject, of the duty of Local authorities providing in Civil life for Officers and men demobilised from the Army, was read.

### Sheep Dipping

The Council then took into consideration the question of making arrangements for Sheep Dipping during the Sheep Dipping periods in current year.

It was unanimously resolved, on the motion of Councillor McFadden, seconded by Councillor Myles,

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That a Sheep Dipping Superintendent be appointed in each three or four Electoral Divisions. That he be provided with a Bath and that he be entitled to charge such a fee per sheep as may be sanctioned by the County Council. He to provide Dip and report any <sup>sheep owners</sup> who failed to have their Sheep dipped, to the County Council, and that only half fees be charged to those who provide Bath and Sheep Dip.

The following members of the Council were appointed as a Sub-Committee to formulate a Scheme on the basis of the foregoing resolution.

Councillors Clarke, Lynch, McShane, and O'Donnell (Hugh)

Liability of Milford late Board of Guardians  
a letter was read from Miss MacGrossy, acting Secretary Tipperary County Board of Health, enclosing a letter received from Mr. D. Watters, ex-Clerk of Milford Union, stating there is a balance of £4.86 due to Northern Bank (Milford Branch) by the late Board of Guardians.

It was unanimously decided to pay the amount.

Remuneration as Caretaker for the Milford Workhouse premises

a letter from Miss C. MacGrossy, acting Secretary Tipperary County Board of Health enclosing an application by Mr. John Blaney, ex-master Workhouse, Milford, for remuneration for acting as Caretaker for the Milford Workhouse premises, from the 28<sup>th</sup> October 1922 to the 1<sup>st</sup> November, 1923. - 52 weeks @ 15/- per week = £39-, as per agreement with the late Board of Guardians.



Guardians, having been read, it was decided to adjourn consideration of the Claim to next meeting of the Council, meantime the Claim to be enquired into.

#### re Erection of Petrol Pumps &c.

Permission was given to undermentioned persons to erect a Petrol Pump and put in a Tank underground to supply pumps, outside their respective premises, subject to the approval of the County Surveyor and to each of them entering into an agreement with the County Council that said pump & tank will be removed when required by the Council, and pay to the latter body a nominal rent of 1/- per annum, the agreement to be prepared by the Solicitor to the County Council and cost of same to be borne by the applicants.

#### Rathmullan Pier and Harbour Dues

A letter from the Hon. Secretary Rathmullan Pier Committee stating that the Committee recommends the County Council to revert to the original charge of 3<sup>d</sup> per trip for Steamer plying between Fahan and Rathmullan, for the following reasons:-

- (1) Pier at Rathmullan has been totally neglected for the last 10 years.
- (2) Owing to the silting of the Sands the Pier is high and dry at low water and for four days in fourteen passengers and goods have to be carried ashore.
- (3) There are no fenders on Pier, no life-belts in case of accidents, two steps washed away.
- (4) Crane taken away by the British in 1917 has never been replaced.
- (5) All the corner stones of the Pier opposite Luch, are ready to fall.

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\* Jeremiah Shilo, Harry Keel, F. Miller, Ballyshannon.

(6) Urinal is in a shocking state and should be removed.

having been read, it was decided not to reduce the rate, viz: 6d per trip of Ferry Steamer.

That the Harbour master be asked to keep the Urinal in order for a sum of 30/- per annum. Other matters were referred to Mr. Steadman, County Surveyor for a Report and Estimate.

Limit of Road Expenditure, Stranorlar R. D.  
Copy of a resolution of Stranorlar Rural District Council requesting the County Council to apply to the Ministry of Local Govt for an extension to the present limit of Road Expenditure from a sum of £ 7,668.15.0 to £ 10,000 in respect of the ensuing Financial Year, was submitted.

The Secretary stated that the Co. Surveyor's Estimate for same period was £ 13,450. He pointed out that the proposals for maintenance works and new, special, & miscellaneous works which came before the Co. Council at their recent half-yearly meeting were approved of subject to the extension (£ 5,781.5.0) of the present limit of road expenditure in Stranorlar R. D. being sanctioned by the Ministry of Local Govt, Roads Dept. Now that an application for an extension of £ 2,331.5.0 has only been sought for all those proposals referred to would automatically be rejected.

The resolution of the District Council requesting an extension of £ 2,331.5.0 to the present legal limit of expenditure on roads was unanimously adopted.

Tuberculosis Institute at Letterkenny.  
A letter was read from Mrs. Frances Kelly, Killybeg, Letterkenny, stating that she has been



been desired by the Letterkenny District nursing association to again make application to the County Council for the rooms over the Tuberculosis Dispensary on the Post Road, Letterkenny, for the District Nurse to reside in, having been read. On the motion of Councillor Lynch, seconded by Councillor Boyle, the application was unanimously acceded to

Committee of Management. Mental Hospital at Letterkenny

On the motion of Councillor Boyle, seconded by Councillor Clarke, Councillor Lynch was appointed a member of the Committee of Management of the Mental Hospital at Letterkenny.

Collection of Rates through the Post

Copy resolution passed by the Ratepayers Association Ballyshannon, calling upon the County Council to formulate a scheme, same as Sligo County Council, for collecting the rates through the post, at a cost, not exceeding 3d in the £, was read, and no action taken.

Rathmullan Pier

a letter from the Harbour master at Rathmullan reporting that several stones at the point of the Pier are loose and require to be cemented, having been read, the matter was referred to Mr. Steadman, County Surveyor, for his attention.

Courthouse at Raphoe

Copy Resolution of Stranorlar Rural District Council requesting the Co. Council to give the use of the Courthouse in Raphoe for meetings of the Public Health Committee of that Town, having been read, the Secretary was directed to state in reply

reply that the County Council are willing to accede to the request, provided the owner of the premises raises no objection.  
re Inspectors under the Contagious Diseases of Animals acts

The question of re-arranging the present Districts of Inspectors under the Contagious Diseases of Animals acts in the County was gone into and it was decided that a rescinding motion would require to be given before the matter could be considered. Councillor Mc Perrott said he would have a motion lodged with the Secretary County Council.

In this connection letters from the Clerks Stranorlar and Letterkenny R. D. Councils respectively, were read

Condition of Certain County Roads  
A letter from the Revd. Robert J. Ryan, The Rectory, Roughstake, Donegal, drawing attention to the disgraceful state of certain roads in the district was read, and the matter placed in County Surveyor's hands

re Letting of Lands at Letterkenny District Hospital

A letter was read from the acting Secretary County Board of Health, intimating that the Board request the County Council's permission to let the lands at Letterkenny District Hospital which have not been taken over by Messrs Watt and Coy. The request was acceded to  
re Flooding of Lands

A letter was read from Messrs Edward Mc Fadden and Company, Solicitors, Letterkenny, on behalf of Mr. Philip W. Boyle, Leabgarrow, Arannmore, whose lands have been flooded owing to the failure of the Contractor to keep two pipes, which convey the water from the Co. road, cleared. The matter was referred to Mr. Caffrey, County Surveyor, for his attention.



re Hire of Road Roller

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Mr. Steadman, County Surveyor, requested permission to hire the Road Roller for the purpose of making the approach to the Railway Station at Letterkenny, which was granted re Mr. P. Mc Dermott, Clerk in County

Surveyor's Office

Mr. Caffrey, County Surveyor reported that he had requisitioned the services of Mr. P. Mc Dermott as Clerk in his office, commencing on 26th Nov. 1923. at £3- per week.

Approved -

~~re~~ re Goray Quarry

Mr. Steadman intimated that he would submit a report re Goray Quarry, at a subsequent meeting of the County Council.

Transfers

Transfers, as under, were ordered to be made

name of Local authority &c	Particulars of Transfer	amount £ s d
Rural District Councils of -		
Ballyshannon	} In respect of Annual Estimate and Demanded Quarter ended 31.12.23	398
Donegal		do
Dunfanaghy	do	190
Glenties	do	354 10
Lisnaween	do	563
Letterkenny	do	560 10
Milford	do	934
Stranorlar	do	211 15
Committee of Management of Lincanail mental Hospital	Estimated amount required for same period -	117 51
Lincanail County Board of Health	Estimated amount required for same period	5900
The General Committee Lincanail Carnegie Rural Scheme	Estimated amount required for Quarter ending 31.3.24	185
Total		£ 21387



Damage to Property (Compensation) Act 1923.

Section 14 (1)

a transfer of £4018.19.9 was also directed to be made to the Bank of Ireland, to be placed to the Credit of the Irish Paymaster General's supply account, being a moiety of the amount payable by Tircouaill County Council in pursuance of the above-mentioned provisions.

In this connection Councillor Mc Goldrick moved that we recommend to the Ministry of Local Government that they sanction the obtaining of a loan by Tircouaill County Council from the Treasurer of the County, the sum of £4018.19.9, being the amount to be transferred under above act on 15<sup>th</sup> March next and placed to Credit of the Irish Paymaster General's supply a/c, and also the sum of £8,037.19.6 which is to be included in the Rate to be levied in respect of the ensuing financial year. Total £12,056.18.3

To be repaid with interest in twenty years. Security Rates of the County.  
Councillor Clarke seconded.

The Local Government Inspector suggested that the amount to be transferred on 15<sup>th</sup> March next, plus the sums to be levied during the next four financial years be taken into account.

Councillor Bomer agreed  
after some discussion the motion of Councillor Mc Goldrick was passed unanimously

## = Rates =

Appointment of Rate Collector - No. 2 District  
An application received from Mr James J. Dillon 11 Eastmoreland Place, Baggot St, Dublin, for this vacant Collectorship, was submitted, but as he was not in attendance, and had not replied to a communication previously addressed to him in the matter from the Council Office, the application was not considered. In ordering the re-issue of advertisements for a new appointment at next meeting, the Council instructed the Secretary to meantime ascertain if the existing ~~officer~~ Collector for the adjoining districts (Mr Gillespie, Ballystramon) would be prepared to accept the office on the terms specified.

Appointment of Rate Collector - No. 16 District  
The Secretary submitted applications for this vacant Collectorship from Messrs  
Francis Herron, Fintona,  
Roger Logue, Doohary,  
James J. Dillon, 11 Eastmoreland Place,  
Baggot St, Dublin,

On the motion of Councillor Boyle, seconded by Councillor O'Donnell (J. 7) Mr Roger Logue was unanimously appointed, subject to the approval of the Ministry of Local Government.

The Council, through the Chairman, informed the successful candidate that on his appointment being sanctioned by the Ministry, and the necessary security given, he would require to collect all outstanding arrears concurrently with the current year's Rates in the District the Council's Solicitor to prosecute persistent defaulters on receipt of particulars through the Council Office. Mr Logue expressed acceptance of these terms.



## Lists of Uncollected Rates

The Secretary submitted Lists of uncollected Rates furnished by the undermentioned Collectors for the periods mentioned.

It was decided to refund the amounts, subject to the sanction of the Ministry of Local Government, these officers having closed their accounts for the respective periods specified -

<u>Name of Collector.</u>	<u>Periods.</u>
John Gillespie (No. 3 District)	Half Year ended 29.9.23
Thomas Flood	Year ended 31.3.23
Denis Callaghan	" " "
Frank Mc. Glirchey	" " "
Patrick Kennedy	1/2 Year " "
P. J. Mc. Hugh	1/2 Year " "
Chas. Dawson (No. 28 District)	" " " 29.9.23
Manus J. O'Donnell	2 Years " 31.3.23
Hugh Mc. Kueby (No. 32 District)	" " " "

## Payment of Poundage Fees

The Secretary informed the Council that certain Collectors who had not closed their accounts for various periods, up to and including the half-year ended the 29<sup>th</sup> Sept, 1923,

within dates previously fixed had since done so. It was decided to allow ordinary poundage fees in all these cases, subject to the Local Government Ministry's sanction.

## State of the Collection with particular reference to Collector Breslin

The Secretary submitted returns showing the condition of the Collection of the Rate in the County to the 14<sup>th</sup> January, 1924. From which it appeared that (excluding sums garnishees) £ 4,579.13.6 remained uncollected for the two Years ended the 31<sup>st</sup> March 1923, and £ 34,805 19.3, and £ 90,006.13.10 for the half-Year ending the 29<sup>th</sup> Sept, 1923, and 31<sup>st</sup> March 1924, respectively.

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The Secretary mentioned that all the existing Collectors had completed their collections to the 31<sup>st</sup> March 1923, excepting Collectors Mc-Gowan and Breslin. In the former case it was pointed out that the collection period had been extended to the 31<sup>st</sup> January, 1924, with Official sanction, but that in the latter instance the Council at their previous meeting had conditionally suspended Mr. Breslin from office, this suspension was now confirmed, on the motion of Councillor Clarke. Decided by Councillor Mc-Dermott, and the Secretary was directed to call on Mr. Breslin to surrender his books & warrants to the Council Office, his sureties at the same time to be informed of his default. Before arriving at this decision the Council were informed by the Secretary that Mr. Breslin had not as yet closed his accounts.

It was also decided to advertise the vacancy for the purpose of making a new appointment at next Council meeting unless the Local Government Ministry otherwise determine.

As regards the collection generally, and which the Council considered exceedingly unsatisfactory, except in a few districts, it was directed that the Collectors be informed that they must at once take adequate measures with the view to the immediate collection of both the current rates and arrears as no further leniency in this respect will be tolerated. The Secretary was also directed to have notices to this effect published throughout the several collection districts, and also inserted in local newspapers.

Collection Districts Nos 9, 16, and 19

In the districts Nos 9, 16, and 19 in which the Direct Collection Scheme is in force, the

Secretary



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Secretary informed the Council that sums of £737.2.6, £986.17.8, and £739.6.6 appeared as uncollected on the 14<sup>th</sup> January 1924, respectively. In the first-mentioned case it was decided to instruct the Council's solicitor to institute proceedings against defaulters, the appointment of Collector Harvey for the area having been made on the understanding that he would not be held responsible for the collection of these arrears. As regards the other two districts mentioned the Collectors were directed to collect the amounts outstanding concurrently with the current Year's rates, the Council's solicitor to take legal proceedings against persistent defaulters whose names were submitted to him through the Council office.

#### Collectors Personal Security

The secretary informed the Council that in accordance with the requirements of the Ministry of Local Government, all the Collectors in the County would have to provide Personal Security on the prescribed form in addition to that at present given through an approved Guarantee Society.

He mentioned that several of the recently appointed Collectors had provided such additional security, the amounts representing 25% of their warrants for the Year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 1923. On the motion of Councillor Mc Goldrick seconded by Councillor Banner, it was decided that all Collectors who had not as yet provided personal security be called on to do so in sums representing 10% of their warrants for the period mentioned. It was also decided to request these Collectors to furnish the names, addresses & occupations of solvent persons, as attested by Bank or other satisfactory references, willing to secure

Secure

Secure them in the way indicated, This information to be available for next Council meeting.

Resignation of Collector Frank Mc Glinchey  
Collector Frank Mc Glinchey, Sandfield, ar Lord, tendered his resignation as Collector of Poor Rate in Glenties Rural District, on the grounds of old age and infirmity. His solicitor, Mr Sinus, Strabane, stated that owing to his state of health his son, Mr Joseph Mc Glinchey, had acted as Deputy Collector in the district for some time past, with the sanction of the Ministry of Local Government, and that this person had completed all collections for the period up to & including the period ended the 31st March 1923.

It was decided to accept the resignation, on the motion of Councillor O'Donnell (I. F.), seconded by Councillor Boyle, and to advertise the vacancy with the view to making a new appointment at next Council meeting.

Rates on Belleek Battery

The secretary submitted letter from Ministry of Local Government enclosing copy of communication addressed by the Ministry to Collector Gillespie on the subject of Rates on the property, known as "Belleek Battery", and suggesting that these be treated as recoverable arrears and carried forward for future collection, and this course, in the special circumstances, was approved

Collectors application for additional Penny Poundage

an application signed by ex-Collector George Doherty, Carrindrough, and Collectors Farren, Buncrana, and Geary, Ballagh Malin, for an extra penny poundage on their collections and lodgments for the year ended the 31st March



March 1922 was submitted. The Secretary explained that the Council, with the sanction of the Ministry of Local Government, had paid this additional remuneration to Collectors who had closed their accounts for the periods mentioned, by the end of July 1922, and that Collectors (including Messrs G. Doherty, Farrow, and Geary), whose collections were subsequently completed, did not receive this additional poundage. It was decided to take no action in the matter.

Proposed Alteration in Law of Rating  
The Secretary submitted letter, with enclosures, from Messrs Osborne & Co., Solrs, Miford, on the subject of suggested alteration in the law of rating, following a decision in Rate Collector McAters' action for recovery of rates in the local District Court before District Justice Walsh. The Secretary intimated that a copy of the correspondence had been furnished by him to the Local Government Inspector for submission to his Department, and this course was approved of by the Council.

Appointment of Deputy Checker for  
Dunfanaghy Rural District  
The Secretary called attention to the present unsatisfactory arrangements for checking the Books and accounts of Collectors in Dunfanaghy Rural District, Mr. John Ferry, Eastahork, the present Deputy, did not furnish returns regularly, and it was necessary recently to communicate with him on the matter through the County Solicitor. It was decided to advertise the vacancy with the view to making an appointment for the current year at next Council meeting, in accordance

accordance with the provisions of the  
Public Bodies Order 1904

re Default of Ex Collector Michael Muehern,  
Bundoran

The Council's Solicitor, who was in attendance, stated the position under his Bond of this ex-Collector who made default in his collection for the year ended 31st March 1923, and it was definitely decided to institute Criminal proceedings on the lines indicated by their Legal Adviser against Mr. Muehern forthwith. The Council directed that Mr. Conrad McGowan, Deputy Checker of Collectors' accounts, Ballyshannon, and Mr. Patrick J. Cannon Rates Dept. Council Office, Lifford, furnish all essential details in the case to the Council's Solicitor, and that they also attend at places required in connection with the proceedings.

Application for Remuneration  
An application from the Des. Clerks in Rates Department for remuneration for clerical work performed under the Direct Collection Scheme in Nos 9, 16 and 19 Districts was submitted, and on the suggestion of the Local Government Inspector, consideration of the matter was postponed until certain returns in connection with the arrears not lodged had been attended to.



of a vacant Collection District with an adjoining one, and urged that District No. 14, now vacant, be amalgamated with District No. 18, for which Mr. P. J. McHugh, is Collector.

The Chairman ruled that the terms of the advertisement inviting applications for the position of Rate Collector would have to be complied with, and which stated that a Collector was required for No. 14 Collection District.

Appointment of Deputy Checker for  
Blunfaughly Rural District

The acting Secretary submitted applications for the position of Deputy Checker of Rate Collectors accounts for Blunfaughly Rural District in respect of financial year ending the 31<sup>st</sup> March, 1924, from the following:

Miss Kathleen Drogan, Lower Keldrum, Gortahork,  
Messrs Patrick Power, A. J., "Ailach", Ardabeg,  
Michael Drogan, Meenderrygamp, Swadara,  
John B. O'Donnell, Cashleam, Kilmacrenan,  
John Terry, Glassagh, Perrybeg,  
Michael Dweeney, 2 Montgomery Terrace,  
-merville,

On the motion of Councillor O'Donnell (A. J.) seconded by Councillor Lynch, it was unanimously decided to authorise the acting Secretary to appoint Miss Kathleen Drogan, Lower Keldrum, Gortahork, to the office, this person to have access to the copy of the Rate Book at the Office of the Clerk of the Rural District Council of Blunfaughly to facilitate her in the discharge of her duties.

### Lists of Uncollected Rates

The acting Secretary submitted the following lists of Uncollected Rates, and it was decided to refund the amounts claimed, subject to the sanction of the Ministry of Local Government.

Name of Collector	Period
James McAleer	Two Years ended 31.3.23
John Gillespie (No. 1 District)	
Philip Cassidy	
John Essigle	1/2 Year ended 29.9.23
Joseph German	
Bernard Browne	

These Collectors, the acting Secretary reported, had closed their accounts for the periods specified. It was further stated that Collector Breslin, who had closed his collection for the Year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 1923, on the 24<sup>th</sup> January 1924, had furnished return of eighteen full pages of uncollected Rates for this period on the 12<sup>th</sup> February 1924. But that the relevant official receipts did not accompany the lists. A parcel of official receipts was received from him on the Evening of the 23.2.24. But as the return would require careful examination the acting Secretary suggested that its consideration be postponed until next Council meeting. This course was approved of.

### Payment of Groundage Fees

The acting Secretary informed the Council that Collector Breslin had closed his warrant for the two half-Years ended the 31<sup>st</sup> March, 1923, and that Collectors Philip Cassidy, Joseph German,



Gorman, and Bernard Borsone had completed their collections for the half-year ended the 29<sup>th</sup> September 1923, since date of last Council meeting. It was decided to allow ordinary poundage fees in these cases, the Minister for Local Government having already intimated (23.2.24 - G, 7532: 1924. Vicoaille County) that he was prepared to approve of this course.

### Resignations of Collectors Breslin and Kennedy

The acting Secretary submitted letters from Collectors Cornac Breslin and Patk. Kennedy, tendering their resignations as Collectors of Poor Rate under the Council. These Officers, the acting Secretary stated, had closed their accounts to the 31<sup>st</sup> March 1923. The inability of both Collectors to continue in office was attributed to ill health. Mr. Kennedy's communication being accompanied by medical Certificate to that effect from Dr. Mc Nelis, Glenties.

It was decided to accept both resignations and to advertise the vacancies with a view to making new appointments at next Council meeting. Meanwhile the acting Secretary was directed to call on Mr. Breslin to deliver up the Collecting and other Books for the current year which had been sent him from the Council Office on the 11.2.24. The acting Secretary reported that Mr. Kennedy had returned his Warrant for the period mentioned.

### Rate Collectors Personal Security

The acting Secretary reported that in accordance with instructions given at

at last Council meeting he had called on all Collectors who had not yet provided Personal Guarantee Bonds under the Public Bodies Order, 1924, to submit the names, addresses, occupations, and other particulars of solvent persons willing to secure them in the manner indicated but that a number of these officers, although twice written to in the matter, had not furnished the required details. It was decided to defer consideration of the whole question until next Council meeting, and meantime the acting Secretary was instructed to inform the Collectors who had not complied with the requirements of the Council and Ministry <sup>that</sup> they must do so without further delay.

In this connection Mr. McMillan, Solicitor, Ballybepoy, appeared to the Council not to insist on such Personal Security in the case of Collector Mr. Gindy, whose record had been exceedingly satisfactory - this officer having closed his collection for the half-year ended September 1923, and made substantial lodgments for the half-year ending March 1924 - but the Council decided that no exception could be made in the matter.

#### Revision of Valuation

The acting Secretary submitted letter from the Commissioner of Valuation, stating that owing to the pressure of work in his Department it would be impossible to carry out the revision of valuation of the County for the year ending the 31<sup>st</sup> March 1925, and that the rates for this period must be made on the existing Valuations.

An Order from the Finance Ministry, which accompanied the Commissioner's letter, postponing the revision was also



also submitted.

Approval of appointment of Mr. Roger Logue  
as Rate Collector

The acting secretary submitted letter from Local Government ministry approving, on certain conditions, of the temporary appointment of Mr. Roger Logue for No. 16 Collection District. The Council in this case fixed the amount of his proposed Bond under the Public Bodies Order 1904 at £ 250- on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Councillor Boyle, and on the recommendation of Councillor Boyle, Mr. Patrick Gallagher, manager of the Co-operative Agricultural Society Ltd., Fungah, and Miss Mary Anne Maguire, dressy manufacturer, Doohary, were accepted as his proposed sureties.

Failure of Collector McFowan to close

his Collection for period ended 31.3.23

The acting secretary informed the Council that Collector McFowan failed to close his accounts for the period ended the 31<sup>st</sup> March 1923, the amount outstanding on the 23<sup>rd</sup> February 1924 being £ 1008. 5. 4. after the entire correspondence in the case and copy of which had already been furnished to the ministry of Local Government, was read. The acting secretary stated that the Personal sureties in this case had been notified of the position by registered letters, and that both Collector McFowan and his predecessor, Mr. Francis Dunne had been summoned by the same means to attend the Council meeting that day.

Both were in attendance. Mr. V. P. McMullin solicitor, Ballybofey, who was also present, then stated that he represented  
McFowan.

Mr. Gowen who had experienced considerable difficulty in collecting the rates in certain parts of the district, especially the arrears for the half-year ended the 31<sup>st</sup> March, 1922.

In corroboration of this he produced a letter from the local sergeant of the Civic Guard, certifying that the collector had been extremely diligent in the discharge of his duties, and that every effort had been made by him, with the aid of that force, to collect the outstanding rates. He also alluded to the fact that the former collector, Mr. Pummion, received arrears amounting to over £30, for which official receipts had not been issued, and that this sum had only been handed over a few days ago to Mr. McGowan.

In answer to the Local Govt. Inspector (Mr. D. O. Farrell) Mr. McMullan said that Mr. Pummion had now satisfactorily accounted for all rates received by him, but not lodged with the County Treasurer.

After considerable discussion it was decided to extend the time for the completion of the collection of the rates in question until the 25<sup>th</sup> March, 1924 - the date fixed for next Council meeting - subject to the sanction of the Local Government Ministry. The warrant for the current year not to be meanwhile issued. In arriving at this decision, the Council, through the Chairman, gave Mr. McGowan clearly to understand that no further concession could be granted re Collector Peeney - No 29 Collection District

The acting secretary submitted correspondence from the Ministry of Local Government, the Guarantee Society, & Collector Michael

Peeney



Being regarding the illness of the latter, as attested by a medical Certificate produced, and on the Collector's application it was decided to appoint his nephew, Mr. James Deeney, Gregory Rathmullan, to act as Deputy under the Public Bodies Order 1904 for the purpose of completing the Collection of the Current Year's Rates in the district

Application for increased Poundage fees  
by Collector Mr. Ginty

Consideration of an application for an increased poundage rate by Collector Mr. Ginty, Charles, Railway View, Cloghan, was postponed indefinitely.

Removal of Collector Breslin's Suspension

The acting secretary submitted letter dated the 5<sup>th</sup> February, 1924, from Local Government Ministry removing Collector Breslin's suspension from Office on his lodging the full Warrant for the Year ended the 31<sup>st</sup> March, 1923. This Officer's resignation of the position of Collector was subsequently tendered to and accepted by the Council at this meeting <sup>already</sup> as recorded ~~above~~

State of the Collection

The acting Secretary submitted a statement showing the condition of the Collection of the Rate in the County to the 23<sup>rd</sup> February, 1924, from which it appeared that (excluding Duns Parished) £120,494.10.4 remained uncollected for the period ending the 31<sup>st</sup> March, 1924. In the case of Collector Mr. Gowan it was decided to extend the time for the completion of his Collections for the 1<sup>st</sup> Year ended the 31<sup>st</sup> March, 1923, to the 25<sup>th</sup> March, 1924, subject to the sanction of the Local Government Ministry, as recorded

recorded elsewhere in these Minutes.

As regards the Collection generally the Council instructed the acting Secretary to strongly urge the Collectors to take all essential measures to ensure of the lodgment of both the Current half-Year rates and arrears by the 31<sup>st</sup> March, 1924. —

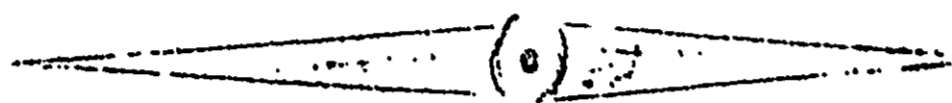
Re 20/- Collector M. Mulhern, Bundoran Mr P J Ward, T. S. Solr., on behalf of the Solicitor to the County Council, informed the Council that arising out of the proceedings which the latter body had instructed him to take under the Guarantee Bond of Mr Michael Mulhern, former Collector of Poor Rate in Bundoran Rural Electoral Division in respect of rates amounting to £550.17.4, as represented by Official receipts missing from the Collecting Warrant for the Year ended the 31<sup>st</sup> March 1923, he was now informed that a Cheque drawn on the National Bank Ltd., Ballyshannon, and endorsed "good" for the amount specified had been handed in to the acting Secretary that morning.

This statement was confirmed by the latter, who added that the sum mentioned was being placed to the credit of the County Fund.

Mr Michael Maguire, Solr., Ballyshannon then requested the Council to allow the usual poundage on this amount and on Mr Mulhern's previous half-Year Warrant which he had lodged on the 21.2.23. After some discussion it was unanimously decided, on the motion of Councillor O'Donnell (J. F.), seconded by Councillor Kelly, (H. J.) to pay, subject to the Local Govt. Ministry's sanction, fees at the fixed rate to



to Mr. Muelken, less any costs incurred up to  
the present in the case by the Council  
Mr. Maguire stating that that arrangement  
would satisfy his clients.



County Council of Tipperary

Copy Minutes of Proceedings of a Quarterly Meeting held on the 26th February 1924.

Attendance

The members present were-

Councillors Barry, Boyle, Browne, Clarke, Ball, Gallagher (Anthony), Gallagher (William), Gallen, Kelly (Henry J.), Kelly (John), Lanning, Hayes, Mr. Cool, Mr. Dinnett, Mr. Gie, Mr. Goldrick, Mr. Kelly, Mr. Shane, O'Donnell (Hugh) and O'Donnell (J.F.).

Mr. Sean O'Farrell, Local Government Inspector, and Mr. P. J. Wards, representing the Solicitor to the County Council, were also in attendance.

On the motion of Councillor Boyle, seconded by Councillor Mr. Cool Councillor Clarke was moved to the Chair.

Reports of Committees

The Reports of the undermentioned Committees were unanimously adopted

- Special - Meeting held 25th February, 1924.
  - Finance -
  - Proposal -
- } Meetings held 26th February, 1924.

Treasurer's Advice Notes

Treasurer's Advice Notes were submitted and duly signed.

Estimates for Year 1924-25.

On the motion of Councillor Gallen, seconded by Councillor Boyle, the Secretary's Estimates for the Service of the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1925, as adopted by the Finance Committee at a meeting held on 26th February 1924, were unanimously confirmed.



## Resignation of the Secretary.

Mr Bernard M Fadden, wrote stating that on the advice of his Doctor he found it absolutely necessary to tender his resignation as Secretary to the Council. He felt that he could not any longer discharge his duties without the risk of a further breakdown. He returned his most sincere thanks to the Council for their kindness and consideration to him during his illness.

The Chairman said it was with extreme regret that he had to move that the resignation be accepted. They would all agree that Mr M. Fadden was one of the best County Council Secretaries in Ireland.

He had managed their affairs in a very praiseworthy manner and if he were able to continue at his post he would have done so.

Councillor M. Goldrick seconding the resolution accepting the resignation said Mr M. Fadden was a very capable and courteous official. He was a most amiable and painstaking secretary who showed the greatest tact and consideration for everybody. He would be difficult to replace. They hoped Mr M. Fadden would soon be restored to normal health and activity.

Councillor Gallen also expressed regret at the resignation of Mr M. Fadden. He had been very closely associated with him during the troublous period of 1920-21 when things were carried on under circumstances of great difficulty. He was a conscientious and competent

Officer.

Officer, and the poignancy of the situation was intensified by the fact that his retirement now was the result of a malady contracted in the early stages of Local Government Work in the County.

Councillor Anthony Gallagher associated himself with the tributes to Mr. M. Fadden, whom he described as a very worthy gentleman.

Mr. Dean O'Farrell, Local Govt. Inspector, joining in the tribute, said he always found Mr. M. Fadden a very courteous and capable official. He only hoped that they would be able to avail of Mr. M. Fadden's advice for a good many years.

Mr. Steadman, Mr. P. J. Ward, T. D. Solicitor, and Mr. Black also associated themselves with the expressions of regret at the resignation of the Secretary.

The resignation was accepted.

Mr. Wm. H. Black was appointed acting Secretary.

It was decided to consider the question of making arrangements for the appointment of a Secretary, at a meeting to be held on 25<sup>th</sup> March 1924.

The Chairman said the Salary should be an inclusive one, and in this connection the acting Secretary was directed to write the Ministry of Local Government with a view to ascertaining whether the Council would have power to arrange a Salary on this basis or will the Council be obliged to pay a Salary exclusive of Statutory fees, &c.

The acting Secretary was also directed to request the Ministry to state



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in either case the limits within which the remuneration of the person to be appointed should be fixed and to furnish particulars of qualifications &c. for the purpose of insertion in notice to be inserted in newspapers

It was decided that the standing Special Committee of the County Council be summoned to meet prior to 25<sup>th</sup> prox to arrange salary.

Re County Advertisements

In accordance with notice of motion duly given, Councillor Mr. Deane moved that the Resolution allowing advertisements to be inserted in the papers, be rescinded and that all future advertisements be inserted in two papers only, and that the six papers get the advertisements in the following order:-

- The "Perry Journal" and the "L. Perry Sentinel"
- The "Perry Journal" and the "Perry Standard"
- The "Perry Journal" and the "Perry Democrat"
- The "Perry Journal" and the "Perry Vindicator"
- The "Perry Journal" and the "Perry People"

Councillor Gallagher (Anthony) seconded.

Councillor Mr. Gadduck expressed the opinion that advertisements should only be inserted in those papers represented by reporters who attend meetings of the County Council.

Councillor Kelly (Kevin J.) proposed as an amendment that County advertisements be inserted in "Perry Journal", "L. Perry Sentinel", "Perry Democrat" and "Perry Vindicator".

Councillor Myles seconded.

Councillor Clarke proposed a further amendment that County advertisements be only inserted in those papers whose reporters attend Council meetings.

Councillor Lynch seconded.

Meeting

For the Motion - Councillors Barry, Boyle, Browne, Gallagher (Anthony), Gallagher (Wm.), Kelly (Kevin), Parnan, Myles, Mc. Gool, Mr. Deane, Mr. Gill, Mr. Gadduck, Mr. Shane, and Mr. Donnell (Hugh) - 14.

Against - Councillors Clarke and Lynch - 2.  
Councillors Green, Kelly (John), Mr. Wally, and Mr. Donnell (C. F.), did not vote.

The Chairman declared motion duly carried.



Engine Drivers & Flagmen &  
Payment of Wages

In accordance with notice of motion duly given, Councillor Mr. Bennett moved, "That all Drivers and Flagmen of Engines be paid quarterly; also the Clerical Staff. That the amount for printing Proposals for Payment Quarterly, be paid every six months."

Mr. Headman, County Surveyor said on behalf of the Engine Drivers & Flagmen that payment of their wages quarterly would result in great inconvenience to those married and having families.

There being no second the matter dropped.

~~Destroyed Court Houses~~  
~~Returned to the County~~

In accordance with notice of motion duly given Councillor Hayes moved - "That the question of rebuilding the destroyed Court Houses throughout the County, be considered, Councillor Kelly (Henry A.) seconded.

The motion was agreed to. Councillor Hayes said the Minister of Finance told him that under the Circuit Courts were definitely fixed he could not say which of the Court Houses would be selected. That might apply to Dougal, Carletonagh and Buncrana. He was particularly interested in Dougal, and it was a matter of extreme urgency to have the Court House rebuilt. He undertook that the cost of repair would not come out of the funds of the County.

Councillor Mr. Gedrick said ~~all~~ all the destroyed Court Houses in the County should be included in one scheme, and it was very important to have them rebuilt in

in view of the change in the Judiciary that was imminent. This course was agreed to

Veterinary (Surveys) Districts

The consideration of a notice of motion by Councillor Mr. Bennett. That the position of Veterinary Surgeon held by Mr. Orr and Mr. Shane for several portions of Strabane Union be amalgamated and only one official be appointed at a salary of £15 per annum was postponed until next meeting of the Council -

Distress prevailing in Tironahilly County

A letter dated 15.1.24, was read from the Ministry of Local Government acknowledging receipt of the resolution passed by Tironahilly County Council on 15th January last, regarding the prevailing distress in Tironahilly, and stating that this matter was receiving the consideration of the Minister, who, as stated in the Irish on 15.1.24, has specially detailed a Roads Inspector to visit the areas in which it is stated that distress exists, in conjunction with the local Inspector, who has been keeping the Ministry informed as to the general position in Tironahilly.

Surveyors Travelling Expenses

A circular letter, dated 14.1.24, R/38/1924, on above subject, was read from the Ministry of Local Government, Roads Department. It was decided to adjourn consideration of the matter until next meeting

Re Sister Mary Stephens

A letter, dated 15.1.24, P 821/1924, was read from the Ministry of Local Government regarding the superannuation allowance proposed to be granted to Sister Mary Stephens in consideration of her services as nurse



in Ballyshannon (Drogheda), and stating that the Minister adheres to the view already expressed by him in this matter, namely, that an allowance of £ 38. a year would be sufficient in this case. The superannuation allowance of £ 38. - was agreed to.

Grant of £ 3950 for Truck Roads

a letter, dated 25.1.24, from the Ministry of Local Government, stating that a Paying Order for £ 300 has been forwarded to the Treasurer of Tirone County Council as a further advance from above Grant, and that this advance is in respect of T. P. No. 18. in charge of Mr. Caffrey was read. The Secretary intimated that £ 900. has been received to date.

Labourers Act

a Schedule giving particulars of amounts remitted to the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland out of the Exchequer Contribution, to be applied by them towards the repayment of outstanding loans under the above-named Act, was submitted.

Road from Meevagh Boat-yard to main Road.

a letter, dated 4.2.24, number D/T, from the Ministry of Fisheries stating that a report has been received from the Ministry's Boat-yard at Meevagh, Prewing, Co. Donegal, which shows that the road leading from that yard to the main road is very badly in need of repair, and requesting that the matter be brought to the notice of the County Surveyor with a view to having the necessary repairs carried out, having been read, Mr. Steadman, County Surveyor, said if the road referred to is the one between Meevagh Boat-yard, and the County road

road from Carrigrohane past the old Coast-  
guard Station to Bandon although there it  
is not a County road. The acting  
Secretary was directed to reply to the Ministry  
to that effect.

Examinations of University County Scholarships  
A Circular letter, dated 4.2.24, was read from  
the Secretary County Councils General Council  
forwarding Memorandum received from the  
Minister of Education, suggesting that the award  
of University County Scholarships should be  
made on the results of the Senior Grade  
Intermediate Examinations and stating that the  
General Council of County Councils considered  
that the Minister's suggestion has many  
advantages over the system of special  
scholarship examinations, at present adopted  
by some Councils. amongst others it would  
ensure uniformity of test, would reduce  
the number of Examinations for which Candidates  
have to sit and would tend to economy.  
The General Council, therefore, strongly recommends  
the suggestion to the favourable consideration  
of Tinnisill County Council.

On the motion of Councillor Galley  
the memorandum was referred to the  
Scholarships Committee.

#### Bundrowes Bridge

a letter, dated 7.2.24, from the Ministry of Fisheries  
stating that the Ministry understands that as a  
result of damage to the bridge which crosses  
the river Bundrowes at Bundoran, the parapet  
of the bridge fell into the river where it  
causes an obstruction to the passage of fish,  
and favours illicit fishing, having been read,  
Mr. Caffrey stated he had invited tenders  
with a view to having the bridge repaired.

He was directed to have the debris removed  
immediately.



a letter, dated 7.2.24, No. P.H. 2738/24. was read from the Ministry of Local Government with reference to the Order made by the Tircoull County Council at their meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> December last on the contracts from the Returns Form L, furnished by the Medical Officers of the Churchill and ~~Donaghadee~~ Donaghadee Dispensary Districts for the half-year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March, 1923, relative to attendance by unqualified persons on maternity cases in those districts, and drawing the attention of the County Council to the provisions of Sections 12) and 16 of the Midwives (Ireland) Act, 1918. Having been read, it was unanimously decided to institute proceedings, through the Solicitor to the County Council, against those concerned.

Non-payment of Rates on Labourers Cottages  
 a letter, dated 8.2.24, G 2436 1924 was read from the Ministry of Local Government transmitting for the Council's information, copy of a letter addressed to the Glenties Rural District Council relative to the failure of certain tenants in that district to pay the rates on their holdings —

re. Miss M. C. Langan — Compensation  
 a letter, dated 9.2.24, was read from the Ministry of Local Government transmitting for the Council's information, copy of letter received from Miss M. C. Langan in regard to her claim to compensation for loss of employment as Nurse in Bieford Workhouse and stating that the Minister would be glad to have the observations of the County Council in the matter.

It was unanimously decided to adhere to the Council's former decision recommending that Miss Langan be granted a gratuity of £ 228. 11. 1.

re Mr. Patrick Doherty, Ex Rate Collector  
 arising out of a letter dated 9.2.24  
 G 5973/1924 from the Ministry of Local Govt.  
 relative to the pension granted by Tircouill  
 County Council to Mr. Patrick Doherty, ex  
 Rate Collector, it was proposed by Councillor  
 Lavinan, seconded by Councillor Boyle,  
 and unanimously resolved - That we,  
 the members of Tircouill County Council,  
 confirm the pension of £ 194.19.4 granted,  
 subject to review by the Council, at a  
 meeting held on 26th Sept, 1922, to Mr.  
 Patrick Doherty, ex Collector of Poor Rate  
 for No. 22 Collection District, with eight  
 added years to length of service, in  
 recognition of his extremely satisfactory  
 record while in Office.

The Local Offices & Employments Order, 1924,  
 a letter from the Ministry of Local Govt,  
 enclosing copy of an Order made  
 under Section 15 of the Local Government  
 (Temporary Provisions) Act 1923. Cited as  
 "The Local Offices and Employments Order  
 1924" was read.

The Secretary pointed out that the  
 two clerks - Messrs Samuel Kelly & Patrick  
 McDerrott - in the County Surveyors  
 Department came under the Order but their  
 appointments had not been sanctioned  
 by the Ministry of Local Government.

It was unanimously resolved to request  
 the Ministry to approve of their appointments  
 temporary at a salary of £ 3. a week  
 each.

The County Council's (Disused  
 Workhouses) Order, 1924.

Consideration of a letter, dated 15.2.24,  
 No. P 48503/1924, from the Ministry of  
 Local



Local Government enclosing a copy of the above-named Order, was deferred until next meeting.

Tirone Rural Libraries Scheme

On the motion of Councillor Gallen, seconded by Councillor Barry, Mr. Andrew Mc Lutyre, assistant Librarian under above Scheme, was appointed Librarian at a salary of £250 - per annum, he having passed with very great credit to himself, the Examination required by the Library Association.

re Mr. Michael O'Callaghan, Assistant Surveyor of a letter from the Secretary, the Institution of Municipal and County Engineers, London, relative to the action of the Tirone County Council in cancelling the increase of bonus granted to Mr. Michael O'Callaghan Assistant County Surveyor, having been read, Mr. O'Callaghan being present asked the Council to reconsider their decision in his case, he being the oldest official and in receipt of a salary less than other assistants - one with about 2/3 of his (Mr. O'Callaghan's) service and one 1/3 or less.

The Council decided to adhere to their previous decision in the matter, but pointed out to Mr. O'Callaghan that he could appeal to the Ministry of Local Government in the matter.

Mr. Caffrey, County Surveyor, adjustment of salary

The consideration of an application by Mr. Caffrey, County Surveyor for an adjustment of his salary, consequent on the extension of his area, was adjourned.

re Caretaker of Milford Workhouse  
 a claim for £39. by Mr. John Blaney, esq  
 master of Milford Workhouse, for acting  
 as caretaker of this Institution from  
 28<sup>th</sup> Oct-1922 to 1<sup>st</sup> November 1923. in  
 pursuance of a Resolution passed by  
 Milford Board of Guardians at a  
 meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> Oct-1922, was submitted  
 The Secretary was directed to send  
 the claim to the ex Clerk of Milford  
 Union with a view to having it certified

Copy resolution passed by Lushower  
 Rural District Council -

"That all Salaried Officials of Tircouaill  
 County Council and Committees be compelled  
 to reside in County Tircouaill, or be  
 called upon to resign at the end of  
 the present financial year" was read  
 Proposed alterations in County House,  
 Rifford.

The Consideration of tenders in connection  
 with proposed alterations in County  
 House Rifford was deferred, owing to  
 the military being in occupation of the  
 premises.

Condition of a County Road

a letter from Mr. J. G. Blain, Malinmore  
 Glen. Columbkille, drawing attention to the  
 disgraceful state of the Carrick Malinmore  
 road, from Glassie Bridge to Malinmore  
 Crossroads, was read, and the matter  
 referred to the County Surveyor for  
 his attention -

Claim for Payment

a letter from the secretary County Council  
 Carrick-on-Shannon, applying to Tircouaill  
 County Council for payment of £25.0.3  
 being



being one half the amount expended by County Leitrim in repairing Lennox's bridge, was read, and Mr Caffrey, County Surveyor directed to attend to the matter

Permission to erect Petrol Pumps, & applications by the undermentioned persons for permission to erect Petrol Pumps, and make excavations for Tanks to supply same, were considered, and acceded to, subject to the approval of the Co. surveyor and to each applicant entering into an agreement with the County Council that the said pumps and tanks will be removed when required by the Co. Council, and paying to the latter body a nominal rent of 1/- per annum, the agreement to be prepared by the solicitor to the Council, cost of same to be borne by the respective applicants.

Names

addresses

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* Messrs. Rogers, & Coy.	Killybegs
Messrs. Johnston, & Son	Pittigo
* Wm. Hugh	Breffin Bar, Bundoran
* Wm. Moore	Dunfanaghy
(John & Thos.) Ward, Bros	Kerrykeel
* Patrick Loughrey	Kerrykeel
* Daniel Walsh	Lungloe
* George Doherty	Carndonagh
Messrs. J. Coulan, & Coy	Bundoran

re Rates on Labourers Cottages

Copy resolution passed by Ballyshannon Branch of the Ratepayers Protection Association. "That the tenants of the Labourers Cottages of Ballyshannon & district demand an enquiry into the matter of the extra Rates they are paying, &c, was read.

Claim for Payment of £5.20

a letter from Mr John Ferry Ardara, Gortahork, enclosing an ac for £5.20 due to Mr Michael Mc Fadden, Gortahork, by Dunfanaghy Board of Guardians for goods supplied on various dates between 25<sup>th</sup> January and 6<sup>th</sup> Feb, 1922, to Charles Boyle, who was subsequently transferred, during illness, to the County Home at Stranorlar, having been read, it was decided to request Mr Jas Boyle, Clerk Dunfanaghy R.D. Council to furnish the County Council with his observations on the matter.

Meeting of Office of District Court Clerk  
at Letterkenny -

a letter from Mr M. B. O'Boyle, District Court Clerk Letterkenny, re heating of his office in the Courthouse there, having been read, it was decided to authorise the Clerk to purchase the coal, the ac for same to be furnished by him to the County Council.

Condition of Certain County Roads

a letter from Mr William Brown Kethra, Ballymolee, Letterkenny, drawing the County Council's attention to the condition of the three roads for which James Crossan of Woodland is Contractor, was read, and the matter referred to Mr Steadman for attention.

Courthouse at Ardara

a letter from Mr P. A. McCaule Ardara, relative to the County Council making an allowance towards the salary of a caretaker for the above Courthouse, whose duty it would be, amongst other things, to attend the cleaning, lighting,



lighting and heating of Courthouse on Court days, having been read it was decided to allow a sum of £3. per annum, to be paid to the Ardara Town Committee.

Fever Hospital at Ramelton

a letter from the Hon. Secretary Ramelton Fever Hospital Committee stating, that as directed by the County Council, he has sent the sum of £95.19.10 (Credit Balance) to the Treasurer of the County, was read,

District Interest in County, etc

A letter from the manager, Metropolitan Bank, Dublin, stating that he has been desired by the Directors to call the Co. Council's special attention to the fact that the interest on the overdraft allowed in the Co. Council's accounts has been accumulating considerably for some time past. The net amount due up to the 31st December 1923, being £777.15.2, and adding that the Directors would feel obliged if the matter were brought before the County Council at their next meeting with a view to their passing a resolution requesting the Ministry of Local Government to sanction the payment of interest.

On the motion of Councillor O'Donnell (J.F.), seconded by Councillor Lynch, the request was unanimously acceded to.

Road - Pettigo to Bughmore

a letter from the Very Revd. Canon Keown, St. Joseph's, Carrickmacross, Co. Monaghan, on the subject of the road from Pettigo to Bughmore, and the scheduling of same as a Trunk Road, was read. On the motion of Councillor Galley, seconded by Councillor O'Donnell (J.F.), it was decided to request the Ministry

Ministry of Local Government, Roads Dept, to direct that the road from Pettigo to Rough Berg be scheduled as a Trunk Road

Salaries of Officials

Copy of a resolution passed by the Ballyshannon Branch of the Ratepayers Protection Association protesting against the extravagance of Inishowen Co. Council by keeping so many highly paid officials and calling upon the Council to further reduce their Salaries, was read.

An account for £4.10.0 from Robert F. Blake Esq. County Analyst Laboratory Belfast. Being for medicine analysis, Ballyshannon Board of Guardians, for half-year ended 31st March 1922. was submitted. It was decided to refer the account to the Sec. Clerk of Ballyshannon Union for his observations

A letter from the Clerk Inishowen Rural District Council in regard to the liability of the British Government for a Contribution towards the upkeep of the roads from Bury to Dunes and Lough Forts, on Lough Swilly. Having been read, the Secretary said that the British War Office promised a grant of £3000 for repairing the damage done to the road Buncrana to Clooney and Keenan but same ~~was~~ <sup>was</sup> withheld as in the cases of unrepaid balances of Road Board Grants. It was resolved that the matter be referred to the Ministry of Local Government, Roads Department.

Retention of R. D. Councils

a circular letter from certain R. D. Council delegates who waited on the Minister for



for Local Government on 25<sup>th</sup> January last to urge the advisability of retaining these Councils, was read, and no action taken

re Payment of Malicious Injury Decrees  
The Consideration of letters from certain Solicitors requesting payment of amounts awarded under malicious Injury Decrees, was adjourned until next meeting.

re Caretaker of Glenties Courthouse  
an application by Mr Patrick Kennedy, The Lodge, Glenties for the position of Caretaker of the Glenties Workhouse, was submitted, and Consideration deferred until next meeting.

Proposed New Road from Lacomell to the townlands of Meenabull Meentershask, &c.  
a letter from Mr Patrick Mc Eneaney, Loughnaserragh, Ardara, relative to the proposed construction of a road from Lacomell to the townlands of Meenabull, Meentershask & Loughnalougheran, having been read, the Secretary was directed to state in reply that the matter should be brought before the Glenties R.D. Council in the first instance

Urinal on Rathmullan Pier  
a letter from the Clerk Belford R.D. Council appending the following Extract from Report of Medical Officer Rathmullan, with reference to the unsanitary condition of Urinal on Pier at Rathmullan having been read, the matter was referred to Mr Steadman for his attention

Extract: "The unsanitary condition of Urinal on Pier causes a nuisance in the District.

District Court Premises at Drum  
The Consideration of an application by Mr James Free, Drum, Postoban, requesting the

The County Council to allow him at the rate of 30/- a Year for keeping the District Court at Arundel House, was postponed until next meeting.

Balance of acc. Claim for Payment  
An account for £16.8.7 (Balance) from Messrs Mac Pevette and Pennell, merchants, Arundel, in respect of Coal supplied to Lushburne Board of Guardians was submitted. The ass. Clerk in Union - to whom the account was sent by the Secretary County Council - wrote stating that all the Coal supplied, as certified by the former master was paid for and the transaction closed long ago. On 23.3.21, and 26.9.21, a notice was sent to Messrs Mac Pevette & Pennell, (among other Contractors &c) giving due notice as to overdue accounts, and they should have taken steps then. At any rate the acc is now absolutely statute-barred, as the period has passed within which the Ministry of Local Government would have power to grant an extension of time for payment. The Council decided they could not take any action in the matter.

County Board of Health - Attendance of members -

A list of attendance of members of Insanable County Board of Health during the Year ended 31.12.23, received from the acting Secretary to the Board, was submitted, from which it appears that sixteen members failed to attend any meetings. It was decided to strike out their names from the list of members. On the motion of Councillor Clarke, seconded by Councillor Hyles.



On the motion of Councillor Myles, seconded by Councillor Clarke, the following persons were co-opted members of the County Board of Health  
Messrs James Innes, G. B. Ball, J. G. Ball, Messrs Edward Galen, Brasenfeld, Wmney, and Mr Michael Bannister, under st. Wexville.

Registration Expenses - Advance of £300.  
A letter from Mr R. A. Wilson, Registration Officer, Lifford, requesting the County Council to let him have an advance of say £300 on account of general registration expenses having been paid, the request was acceded to, subject to the sanction of the Ministry of Local Government.

Claim for Payment of Fees  
The consideration of an application by the members of the Staff (Rate Department) for payment of fees in connection with Rates in districts nos 9, 16, and 19, respectively, was adjourned until next meeting.

Road known as the "Lifford Road"  
In the absence of Councillor Bannister, Councillor Myles moved - That the Council respectfully urge on the Revenue Commissioners the necessity of having the road, known as the "Lifford Road", appraised of, as the closing of this road, which is one of the principal trunk roads in the County, is causing dislocation of traffic and has resulted in serious inconveniences" - Councillor Clarke seconded.

Councillor Mr Reddock said the Commissioners were responsible for the finances of the County, and it was their duty to protect the Revenue. The Commissioners were, or should be, in the best position to



to know where leakages of revenue were liable to take place. From the exercise of their knowledge in that respect they thought fit to refuse licence to a particular road. The Council must assume that there were good reasons for doing so.

Mr. John Tracy, Solicitor, who appeared on behalf of the ratepayers of the district, said the Commissioners had already men on the road. They could collect dues on goods, but instead they were there to prevent the road being used. Some road must be made available, and he submitted that the "Littlesmye Road" should have been approved of at the start. Seeing there ~~was~~ such a unanimous desire in which the District and other Departments for the County joined to have the road approved. He was amazed that Councilor Mr. Bullock should offer any objection.

The motion was passed without dissent.

Grant for Trunk Roads

A letter, dated 18.2.24 S.G.A. 1271, was read from the Ministry of Local Government Roads Department, stating, for the information of Dundee County Council, that a sum of £ 31960 has been provisionally allocated to the Council out of the Trunk Roads Grant £ 1,000,000 for the improvement of Trunk Roads; also that the Minister is prepared to meet the loan charges payable over a period of 10 years in respect of a sum not exceeding £ 6,440 - if raised by the Council by loan from their Treasurer with the Minister's sanction for the purpose of road machinery. In the event of the Council being satisfied that



that it is not necessary for them to purchase additional plant (Road), or if they themselves decide to bear the loan charges, the sum of £6,440 will be added to the Grant and will be available for road improvement; also that a sum of £400 has been allocated to each of the Urban Districts in the County for road improvement, and will be payable to the Council of these Districts through the County Council, and that it is open to the County Council to supplement the amounts allocated to the Urban Districts out of the Grant allocated to the County Council, and adding that in view of the urgency of road improvement and of the necessity for relieving unemployment the Council should take steps forthwith to expedite the inauguration of a suitable Road Scheme.

The matter was referred to the County Surveyors for the purpose of formulating schemes for both Divisions of the County to be submitted to the County Council at next meeting.

Additional Plant.

Mr. Steadman said it was absolutely necessary for him to have more plant otherwise there is no prospect of being able to get the work carried out in the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1925. For the Northern Division he would recommend the acquisition of the following:-

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|--------------------------|--|-------------------------|
| Two 10-ton Steam Rollers |  | Two Tractor Engines     |
| Two sleeping Wans        |  | 5 H.P. Tractor Compound |
| Two Water Carts          |  | Two sleeping Wans       |
|                          |  | Two Stone Breakers      |

The cost of this plant would approximately be about £4,850, but of course tenders will be taken in course if this

This recommendation is approved.

Mr. Caffrey, County Surveyor, stated that he would require the following

Two Locomotion Engines	One Tractor
Two heavy Steam Rollers	Two sleeping Pans
Two stone Crushers	Two Water Carts

The approximate cost would be £4,000. The Road Government Inspector said he was satisfied they had not enough machinery at present.

Councillor Kelly (Kevin J.) considered that they should provide work for men who would break stones by hand.

Mr. Steadman said he could provide plenty of work for men if they were prepared to do it at a reasonable price.

Councillor Mr. Bennett thought they should give work to the poor labouring man, even if it should cost a little more and not send all the money to England.

The County Surveyor's recommendations as to the additional plant required were unanimously adopted, on the motion of Councillor O'Donnell (J.F.), seconded by the Chairman, it was unanimously resolved that £8,000 be the maximum amount to be expended in the provision of the additional plant recommended by the County Surveyor.

Councillor Anthony Gallagher proposed that the road from Letterkenny to Cresslough, via Kilmacran, be regarded as a Trunk Road in lieu of the road from Letterkenny to Cresslough, via Ramoth, Milford, and Carrigart.

Councillor Clark's seconded Councillor Kelly (John) moved as an amendment a direct negative. Councillor Goll seconded.

Voting



— Voting —

For the Motion — Councillors Boyle, Clarke, Gallagher  
(Anthony), Gallagher (Wm), Lynch,  
Mr. Coe, Mr. Bennett and O'Donnell,  
(J. J.) = 8.

Against — Councillors Cole, Kelly (John), Lavinan,  
Mr. Goodrich, O'Donnell (Hugh) = 5.

Did not Vote — Councillors Barry, Browne, Gallen,  
Kelly (Henry J.), Myles, Mr. Coe, and  
Mr. Shane

The motion was declared Carried.

Mr. John G. Larkin, Mr. J. P. Speer & Mr. William Boyle,  
appeared as a Deputation from the R. Kerry  
Urban District Council, and asked the Council  
to supplement the Grant of £400 provisionally  
allocated out of the Town Road Grant to  
the former Council by a similar amount  
for improving the Town Roads in the Urban  
area, and thus help to relieve distress.

The Chairman said if this application  
were granted they would have similar  
applications from Bandon and Buncrana  
Urban District Councils.

Councillor Kelly (Henry J.) proposed  
and Councillor Lynch seconded that the  
application be granted.

Councillor O'Donnell (J. J.) proposed  
as an amendment a direct negative, as  
it would be unfair to the poorer  
districts of the County.

Councillor Mr. Bennett seconded

— Voting —

For the motion — Councillors Boyle, Clarke, Gallagher  
(Anthony), Kelly (Henry J.), Lynch,  
and Myles = 6.

Against — Councillors Barry, Browne, Gallagher  
(Wm), Gallen, Kelly (John), Lavinan,  
Mr. Coe, Mr. Bennett, Mr. Gill,

Mr. Galdrick, Mr. Shane, J. O'Donnell (Kings), and  
O'Donnell (D.F.) - 13.

The Chairman declared amendment carried.

### Distress in Glenties District

A deputation appeared from the Glenties Rural District and asked that that area be given an equal share of the Grants and said they had not been fairly treated in the past.

The Rural Government Inspector said all the districts in the County were being treated in accordance with the Distress prevailing there. There had been more money spent in Glenties from Government Grants than in any other Rural District. Indeed, they had spent in Glenties a sum corresponding to the whole amount spent in the County of Londonderry. Unfortunately it was a District in which there was the greatest opposition to the payment of rates. He suggested that 50% of the energies devoted towards getting free grants should be devoted towards securing the payment of rates.

Councillor J. O'Donnell (D.F.) said from the neighbourhood of the town of Glenties to Loughswilly little or nothing had been spent, and the people had a grievance.

It was pointed out to the deputation that the Lough Road passes through the Glenties area and the work would be done on that.

Proposed Quarry at Gorry, Buncrana,  
The Chairman, County Surveyor, reports that for carrying out the work in connection with the Trunk Road Grant - Buncrana to Fahan. It is necessary to get a Quarry yielding a good quantity of metal having



Having gone carefully into the matter the Council recommended the Council to purchase a half-acre at Garry from Mr. F. G. Garry. The price he could do with him, is price, is \$50. Besides, the half-acre the Council would have the advantage of a piece of rough ground for storage of metal and working of subcontractors. This same quarry would also be very suitable for furnishing the supply of metal in connection with a part of the new Grant for improving Town Roads about to be given to the County.

The Council unanimously approved of the Report and directed Mr. Steadman to forward the necessary particulars to the solicitor County Council for preparing the conveyance.

#### Broken down Bridges

The consideration of a Report from Mr. Steadman, County Surveyor, on the winding of Broken down Bridges in the County, was adjourned until next meeting.

#### Proposed New Road in townland of Prouskill

A letter was read from Mr. Wm. Frisk, Prouskill Contractor for above proposed new road No. 31. approved of by the County Council on 19th June, 1923, stating he has been asked not to proceed with the work as it is proposed to alter the line of road

A letter, dated 11.2.24 was also read from Messrs John O'Connell, John Canning, and Charles Sheehy stating, for the information of the Council, that they are all quite satisfied with the proposed change from the old right-of-way to the proposed new road, and for which they

they have already signed the necessary consent.

Mr. Stoddman, County Surveyor, was directed to prepare a new specification suitable to the new route.

Mr. Stoddman, County Surveyor, read a report in reply to allegations made at a previous meeting of the County Council which he was prevented from attending, having been engaged elsewhere, regarding Roads Department, which in the interests of the rate-payers, as well as the Council he thought should not be allowed to pass unchallenged.

The allegations in question referred to (1) the way in which the areas under each County Surveyor ~~stands~~ stood in the past, that much overlapping occurred, and that huge expense was involved in that things in the Roads Department were in absolute chaos.

Mr. Stoddman also dealt with allegations as to work under District Grants and stated that these vague generalities achieved nothing, but on the contrary created in the public mind, a feeling of distrust in the Council, whose duty it would have been to correct and eliminate any irregularity if it could have been proven to exist.

Councillor Mr. Goldrick said in this statement Mr. Stoddman sheltered himself behind the delinquency of the supervising authority and the incompetency of the County Council.

Mr. Stoddman said he did not do so. Councillor Mr. Goldrick further said that had he time he could have riddled this



this defence of the Surveyors by Mr. Steadman.

He had got no notice of it. It was the professional people who were responsible for the condition of the roads and he made the indictment plain and straight against them.

The Chairman said Councillor Mr. Goldrick was very inconsistent. At a recent meeting of that Council he deprecated attacks on the County Surveyors. He then said the proper thing was to give the surveyors power to act and for the Council to back them up.

Councillor Gallen said that charges had been made reflecting on the officials and on the Council itself and these should be probed to the bottom. After further discussion it was decided that all matters affecting road administration be referred to the Special Standing Committee of the County Council.

Provision of Seed Potatoes & Seed Oats  
Councillor Mr. Goldrick mentioned that the Seed Potatoes and Seed Oats Scheme, submitted on behalf of the County Council, was being considered by the Executive.

Councillor Gallen said there was a move started two years ago to get the whole of County Donegal scheduled as an area where there was black scab, so that they would not be able to export seed from the County. There were certain signs of that game coming to a successful issue lately.

On receipt of a communication from the Ministry of Local Government re proposed loan of £12,000 for seed Potatoes and seed Oats the Secretary was directed to summon a meeting of the Special Committee

Committee for the purpose of formulating a scheme for distribution of same  
Strike on Road Work

Councillor Mr. Goldrick asked for information as to the strike of men engaged on work on Trunk road, between Buncrana Urban Boundary and Fahan.

Mr. Steadman said a strike was now in progress. At first the men would not work for 25/- a week. They wanted 35/-. He had no authority to pay more than the former amount. The men went on strike. He then offered them a piece work rate at so much per ton. They would have nothing to do with that, but they came back to work.

Next they demanded a full day's pay for a half-day's work on Saturday. There was no such arrangement in the County and he could not grant it. He told them it was for the Ministry of Local Government Roads Department, or the County Council to decide. Farmers could not approve of any such arrangement. The real source of trouble was that the men seemed to have got it into their minds that nobody was allowed to work on the job except ex-national soldiers. There was no such provision connected with the Trunk Road Grant. The only stipulation was that a preference was to be given to ex-national soldiers willing to work. These men would not work themselves nor would they allow the driver and ploughman to improve the approach road for the Breaker. The men were complete masters of the situation.

Councillor Barry said men were working for much less than 25/- a week in some places.

Councillor



Councillor Mc Goldrick said he understood there was a dispute about whether the men should work a 48 hour or a 54 hour per week. He was in favour of a 48 hour week or an eight hour day for six days in the week.

The Chairman said farmers could not carry on their work with a 48 hour week. If Councillor Mc Goldrick was an employer he would know that farmers could not give a half-day to their employees on Saturday.

Councillor Mc Goldrick said he did not make any proposal there on personal grounds. This was not farm work.

After further discussion Councillor Mc Goldrick proposed that the men work 48 hours a week. Councillor Cole seconded.

Councillor Clarke proposed as an amendment that the men work 54 hours a week = 9 hours a day.

Councillor Browne seconded

— Voting —

For the motion Councillors Cole, Kelly (John), and Mc Goldrick = 3.

Against — Councillors Barry, Boyle, Clarke, Gallagher (Anthony), Gallagher (Wm), Gallen, Lynch, Lanyon, Myles, Mc Cole, Mc Dermott, Mc Gill, Mc Shane, O'Donnell (Hugh), and O'Donnell (J. F.) = 15

The Chairman declared amendment Carried

Claim for Payment

Mr Wm J. Roberts, architect and Civil Engineer, 12 Castle St., Derry, who was appointed by the County Council on 24<sup>th</sup> Oct, 1922, as a Valuer to assist them in the defence of Criminal Injury Claims, on condition that

his account for fees, &c. be submitted for taxation by the proper Department under the rule, submitted a claim for £694.13.4 -

On the motion of Councillor Myles seconded by Councillor Boyle, it was unanimously resolved to advance a sum of £300 on account, subject to the sanction of the Ministry of Local Govt.

Time Books

The Time Books in connection with attendance of Clerical Staff, were submitted, Exception was taken to the late attendance on a number of occasions of Mr. William M. Devitt, and the Acting Secretary was directed to write and inform him that unless he complies with the office hours he must appear before the Council and give an explanation.

On behalf of certain other members whose attendances were unsatisfactory, medical certificates were produced.

Motor Licence. Fines - Prosecutions

On the motion of Councillor Myles, seconded by Councillor Clarke, prosecutions were ordered in the following cases -

Road Act 1920 C.72

Index mark and NO	Name of Owner	Address	Sec 13
770122	Thady Puffey	B. Bens Town Wtd 12	
1 H-1241	John Harkin	Magheracaw Bundoran	
1 H-1257	James Fanelner	Carrindrough 2 <sup>nd</sup> Wtd 10.30	
1 H-409	Charles M. Langheim	Carrindrough - do	
1 H-574	Robert M. Ditty	Killybegs First Friday 12	
1 H-179	Frank Flood	Ballintra 3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday 12	
1 H-1086	James Kearney	Pettigo 2 <sup>nd</sup> Wtd 12.30	
1 H-1221	James	Carrindrough do	
1 H-844	James Harkin	do do	
1 H-838	Bernard O. D. Browne	Dungley's Point, Derry Mobile 2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday 1.	
1 H-941	Carrindrough Motor Coy	Carrindrough	
1 H-1112	Pat Short	Carrindrough, Dungley's Point	
1 H-952	James M. Callison	Lakelawn, Sluff, Banford 2 <sup>nd</sup> Friday 3	
1 H-1092	Wm O'Donnell	Glenties 3 <sup>rd</sup> Friday 12	
1 H-1248	Henry M. Meehan	Ballybegfeigh Stranorlar 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wtd 12	
1 H-1233	Don Duggan	Glenties	
1 H-1167	Hugh Gallagher	Quweedore, Falcarragh 16 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday 1. or	
1 H-74	Stephen Butler	Carrindrough Banford 4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday 1	



The Arrangement of Assistant Surveyors' Districts - Southern Division.

Mr. Caffrey, County Surveyor, reported that owing to the enlargement of the Southern Division of the County a redistribution of the Assistant Surveyors' districts has become necessary. He therefore has divided up the new mileage into approximately five equal portions and has prepared a map showing the five areas as instructed by Engineering Inspector of Local Government an interchange of districts has taken place between two assistants, as shown on map, which he handed in.

Mr. W. F. Cunningham, Assistant Surveyor, in a letter, stated that the new arrangement placed him at a serious disadvantage and did him grave injury. Accordingly he protested against it.

The Chairman said this was a very serious matter. The Local Government Department by their proposed new scheme were taking off a portion of Mr. Steadman's district and putting it into Mr. Caffrey's because it formed part of Stranorlar Union. Mr. Steadman knew every inch of the territory proposed to be transferred, and indeed to get to other parts of the district which he was still to have charge of he had to actually pass through the area now proposed to be transferred to Mr. Caffrey.

Mr. James Dunlevy, Solicitor General, on behalf of Mr. W. F. Cunningham, said the whole re-arrangement had arisen in consequence of a small piece of district

district containing 140 miles being brought from the north into the south. If this were brought into operation they could not reduce Mr. Steadman's salary but they would have to increase Mr. Caffrey's salary by reason of increasing his duties.

Mr. Cunningham was going to be shifted from one district in which he had acted for 18 years with absolute satisfaction and put into another shifted from outside Dougal town to Breenagh, near Letterkenny. That would be most unfair. The Council should not yield their powers to any Board. It might be said that refusal to carry out the scheme would involve the withholding of the Grant. But he would point out that every penny allocated to Mr. Cunningham's district had been spent -

Councillor Anthony Gallagher proposed that Mr. M. F. Cunningham be retained in his old district.

Councillor O'Donnell (J. F.) seconded. The Chairman considered the two County surveyors should continue to hold the districts they have had charge of hitherto.

It was unfair to ask Mr. Caffrey to come from the southern portion of the County to near the Berry boundary while Mr. Steadman was just beside the district.

The Local Government Inspector said he did not want to interfere in regard to the particular matter relating to Mr. Cunningham, but speaking generally the revision of the districts was, to his mind,



mind, necessary to some extent. He suggested that if they did not agree with the recommendations of the Engineering Inspector they should put forward an alternative scheme, which would meet the objections to the present arrangement.

Councillor Myles said he did not see why the Local Govt. Department should dictate to the Council as to the changing of a surveyor from one district to another.

The Local Government Inspector said he understood the rearrangement was agreed upon at a conference between the district surveyors and the Engineering Inspector.

Mr. W. F. Cunningham said the Engineering Inspector refused to tell him why he should be changed.

The Chairman said the County Council knew the districts better than any Inspector sent from Dublin, who drew his pen through a map here and there. It was a great mistake to shift surveyors from districts they knew.

The motion was passed unanimously.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Councillor Anthony Fallagher, it was unanimously resolved to request the Ministry of Local Government, Roads Department, to allow the districts to remain as heretofore.

= Rates =

Appointment of Rate Collector for No. 2 District -

The acting Secretary submitted applications for this vacant Collectorship from

Messrs Joseph Duddy, Foshall, Litterkenny,  
Robert Muehern, <sup>and</sup> W. J. O'Donnell, Bundoran,

Mr. Michael Maguire, Solr., Ballyshannon, appeared for Mr. Muehern

Councillor Kelly (Henry J.) proposed that Mr. Robert Muehern be appointed,

Councillor Barry seconded.

Councillor Anthony Gallagher proposed that Mr. Joseph Duddy be appointed

Councillor O'Donnell (J. F.) seconded

— Voting —

For Muehern - Councillors Barry, Boyle, Browne, Clarke, Gallagher (Wm.), Kelly (Henry J.), Langan, Mr. Gill, and Mr. Shanc-

For Duddy - Councillors Call, Gallagher (Anthony), Kelly (John), Lynch, Mr. Coak, Mr. Perrott, O'Donnell (Hugh) and O'Donnell (J. F.) - 8.

Councillors Gallen and Mr. Galdrick did not vote.

The Chairman declared Mr. Muehern duly appointed.

Mr. Maguire, solicitor, submitted as personal sureties, Messrs Michael Cavanagh, Shopper Bundoran, and John Coulan, merchant Bundoran, which were accepted on assurance of Councillors present that they were satisfactory.

The Council fixed the amount of the Personal Security under the Public Order 1904, in this case at £100 -



Appointment of Rate Collector for No. 14 District  
 The acting Secretary also submitted applications  
 for this Vacant Collectorship from

Messrs Joseph Mc. Glinchey, Sandfield, Ardara,  
 Michael Breslin, Gortnacarr, Ardara,  
 P. J. Mc. Hugh, Ardara.

Mr. J. F. a. Dinno, Solicitor, Lifford, appeared  
 for Mr. Mc. Glinchey

Councillor Mc. Dermott, proposed that  
 Mr. Mc. Glinchey be appointed.

Councillor Mc. Coul, seconded.

Councillor Mc. Gill proposed that  
 Mr. Mc. Hugh be appointed

Councillor Barry seconded

— Voting —

For Mr. Glinchey - Councillors Bayle, Browne, Cole,  
 Gallagher (Anthony), Gallagher (William),  
 Kelly (John), Lynch, Langan, Nyles,  
 Mc. Coul, Mc. Dermott, Mc. Goldrick,  
 Mc. Hally, Mc. Shane, O'Connell (Hugh)  
 and O'Connell (J. F.) - 16.

For Mr. Hugh - Councillors Barry, Kelly (H. J.),  
 and Mc. Gill - 3.

Councillors Clarke and Gallen did not Vote

The Chairman declared Mr. Mc. Glinchey  
 duly appointed

The Council then fixed the amount  
 of Personal Security under the Public Bodies  
 Order 1904, in this case at £126 - and  
 accepted as proposed personal sureties  
 Messrs Patrick Brennan, Hillhead, Ardara,  
 and Hugh Gidda, Main St, Ardara  
 on assurances of Councillors present  
 that they were satisfactory

In this connection Councillor  
 Mc. Gill referred to the recommendations  
 made by the Special Committee appointed  
 by the County Council, re the Amalgamation  
 of

County Council of Tipperary

Copy Minutes of Proceedings of Special Meeting held on the 25th March, 1924.

Attendance

The Members present were:

Councillors Barry, Banner, Boyle, Browne, Clarke, Cole, Gallagher (absent), Gallagher (Wm), Kelly (John), Lynch, Langan, Taylor, McCool, Mr. Bernatt, Mr. Glee, Mr. Gledicks, Mr. Shone and Mr. Russell, (J.F.).

Mr. Sean O'Farrell, Local Government Inspector, was also present.

On the motion of Councillor Boyle, seconded by Councillor Banner, Councillor Clarke was moved to the Chair.

Co-Option

On the motion of Councillor Boyle, seconded by Councillor Gallagher (absent), Mr. Denis Phelan of Glenties was co-opted a member in place of Mr. Daniel Mullan of Glenties, resigned.

Mr. Phelan took his seat, having previously signed his Declaration of acceptance of Office.

Minutes

The Minutes of previous Meeting were Confirmed.

Position of Veterinary Inspector for Boregal portion of Strabane Union

In accordance with Notice of Motion duly given, Councillor Mr. Bernatt moved that the position of Veterinary Surgeon held by Mr. Orr and Mr. McShane for the Boregal portion of Strabane Union, be amalgamated, and only one official be appointed at a salary of £15 per annum.

The Chairman said he thought they had no power to do this. He understood the



the Local Government Ministry propose to bringing in a Bill to regulate the whole Scheme for Veterinary Inspectors.

He did not think the Council could really dispense at present with either of these Officers. He agreed that there was overlapping, but he suggested that the Motion be withdrawn in the meantime.

Councillor Mr. Bennett said everything he brought up with a view to reducing the rates the Chairman was against it. Was there any other Rural District in the County where there were two Veterinary Inspectors employed.

Councillor Lynch said there were two in Letterkenny.

The Chairman said Mr. Orr was appointed by the District Council under the Cow Sheds and Davies Order therefore the County Council had no jurisdiction over his appointment.

Mr. Dean O'Hara, Local Government Inspector said they had power to dismiss these men for negligence or inattention to duty. He did not think the Co. Council had Summary power. The alteration of districts and the general revision of the Scheme under which they worked was under consideration. The Council should be very slow to dismiss them.

Councillor Mr. Bennett decided to withdraw his motion.

to Road Letterkenny to Crosslough

A letter, dated 11<sup>th</sup> March 1924 R/T.R/17 Vol. No. 3034, was read from the Ministry of Local Government, acknowledging the receipt of the letter of the Secretary, Tinnahilly Country Council of the 1<sup>st</sup> inst., and stating that the

the proposal of the Council, at their meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> ultimo to schedule the road from Letterkenny to Cresslough as a Trunk Road, instead of the road from Letterkenny to Cresslough, via Ramelton and Milford (I. 72), would cut out the towns of Ramelton and Milford and the district near Longh Swilly. If by ordinary procedure, notice of motion &c. the County Council decide that they desire this change, the Minister will give their representations full consideration.

In accordance with notice of motion duly given, Councillor Gallagher (anbhoy) moved that the Resolution passed by Tivonville County Council at a meeting held on 26.2.24, requesting that the ~~road~~ road from Letterkenny to Cresslough, via Kilmacrenan, be regarded as a Trunk Road in lieu of the road from Letterkenny to Cresslough, via Ramelton, Milford, and Carrigart, be adhered to -

Councillor Mr. Bennett seconded.  
Councillor, Kelly (John), proposed as an amendment that the road from Letterkenny to Cresslough, via Ramelton, Milford, and Carrigart, be scheduled as a Trunk Road in lieu of the road from Letterkenny to Cresslough, via Kilmacrenan.

Councillor Lynch seconded.  
Mr. Osborne, Del., Milford, said there was great surprise and indignation at the proposed change. Large and representative meetings of protest had been held, and he was there to voice the protest and to urge that the coast road, which had preponderance of the merits be retained as the road under the Trunk Road Scheme.



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a unanimous resolution to this effect had been passed by the Milford Rural District Council.

Mr. John Wray, Solicitor, Ramelton, supported Mr. Osborne and said 70 per cent of the Tourist Traffic of the County went to this area. They had no Railway facilities.

Mr. J. E. Conaghan, Solicitor, Berrry, who was in favour of the change to the road, via Kilmacranagh, mentioned that there was no motion to rescind the resolution already on the Books.

Mr. Sean O'Farrell said that resolution was invalid as notice of it had not been given.

Mr. Conaghan said he had there a well signed Memorial in favour of the road via Kilmacranagh, which was the shorter route.

Councillor Mr. Galdrick said they should not condense into 14 miles expenditure intended for 27 miles. They would be doing a very wrong thing if they cut out the Coast road. If possible the road should be varied and go through the town of Kilmacranagh.

Councillor Gallagher (author) said that was a ridiculous suggestion. No mention was made of the Pier accommodation for this area. The poor within the area for which he spoke never got a Shilling of County or State money, and they never created any trouble about the payment of the rates. They did not hold Ratepayers protest meetings, they always paid up.

Councillor Myles said it would be

be a crime against the people of that Peninsula to abandon the Coast road. The principle they should act upon was the greatest good for the greatest number.

Mr. Sheahan, County Surveyor, in reply to a question by Councillor Lynch, said there was very heavy traffic on the road, particularly from Letterkenny to Rameltown and on to Milford.

Councillor Boyle suggested that the road from Letterkenny to Crossmaglen, via Kilmacrenan, be adopted as an additional Trunk Road.

A vote was then taken  
For the Motion - Councillors Fallagher (A), Fallagher (W.), Mr. Perrett & O'Donnell (J.F.) - 4.

Against - Councillors Boyle, Browne, Cole, Keely (John), Lynch, Langan, Myles, Mr. Coal, Mr. Goldrick - 9.

Councillors Bavin, Bower, Clarke, Mr. Gill, Mr. Shane and Mr. Phelan did not vote.

The Chairman declared motion lost and amendment carried -

Clerical Staff of Co. Council - Salaries  
In accordance with notice of Motion duly given and signed by the members, Councillor Bower moved that the resolution passed by the County Council on the 18<sup>th</sup> Dec. last reducing the Salaries of County Officials be rescinded so far as the Clerical Staff was concerned and a uniform reduction made in the case of all members of the Staff, except the heads of the three Departments whose Salaries were not originally reduced.

The Council considered the original reductions, amounting, in some instances, to 20 per cent.



Cuts were too drastic and he now moved a reduction of 10 percent.

Councillor Lynch seconded.  
Councillor Mc Goldrick said he was opposed to any revision. The new Bill to come before the Dail would deal with these matters.

Mr. J. E. Conaghan, Solicitor, Barry, on behalf of the Clerical Staff concerned, said when the original cut took place he warned the Council that it would probably cause dissatisfaction seeing that the salaries of some officials were being cut and those of others were not being reduced. He believed his words had come true and that there was a considerable amount of dissatisfaction.

He also understood the reductions had not been sanctioned by the Local Govt Dept. yet, although they were to come into effect on 1st April. He asked the Council that whatever reductions took place should apply all round.

Mr. Baumer said he parted with Mr. Conaghan there. He did not see why a man because he considered he was victimised should want to see his fellows similarly victimised. There was only a difference of P. 60. in what he proposed and what was originally decided upon - only eight clerks being affected.

       Voting       

For reduction of 10% - Councillors Barry, Baumer, Browne, Cole, Lynch, Lanigan, Mr. Coal, Mr. Gill, Mr. Shane, Mr. Phelan, and O'Donnell (A.F.) - 11

Against - Councillors Boyle, Clarke, Gallagher (A), Gallagher (W), Myles, Mr. Dermott, & Mr. Goldrick - 7  
Councillor

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Councillor Mr. Pennefather contended that the motion could not be adopted, seeing it was a rescinding motion, and required a two-thirds majority to carry it.

It was stated by the Acting Deputy that there was no provision in the standing Orders to that effect.

The Chairman declared motion carried  
Rates Department Staff - Claim for Fees  
Mr. J. E. Conaghan, Esq., Deputy, on behalf of the Rates Dept. staff, asked for payment of poundage fees on rates collected by that Department in connection with Direct Collection in Districts Nos 9, 16, and 19 respectively. He pointed out that there was a considerable amount of arrears of Rates due, and he understood the late Secretary and Mr. Sean O'Farrell approached the Rates Department staff, with a view to collecting these rates and promised them they would get the fees if they collected them.

Mr. Cannon said that 9,000 notices were prepared in the Rates Dept. and sent through the post. But, ~~from~~ <sup>for</sup> the assistance received from the Post office and other sources it was doubtful whether it would have been possible to collect the amount received. This totalled at £4,382.10.9. The poundage fees on this would amount to nearly £200.

Mr. O'Farrell said the members of the staff were not actually promised the full poundage fees, but some remuneration for the work done.

It was decided to refer the matter to the special standing Committee of the County Council.

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Members disqualified through non-attendance  
The acting Secretary said as requested he had prepared a list of the members of the Council disqualified through non-attendance. They were Messrs Thomas Fadden, Litterkenny, Patk. Doherty, Cawdrough, John E. Fallagher, Mendenhall, Bunting, and Seamus Ward, Ballygallon.

It was decided to co-opt members to fill these vacancies at next meeting  
Tironeville Mental Hospital Committee

The Clerk of above Committee wrote stating that the Committee, at their meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> inst, unanimously decided to ask the Co. Council to request most Revd D. McNeely, Bishop of Raphoe, to act on the Committee in person if His Grace, most Revd D. O'Donnell, Archbishop of Armagh, would not act. He (the Chairman) suggested that Revd. A. P. Conneff, Rector of Ramolton, be appointed. This was agreed to.

In this connection Mr. John White, J. D. was co-opted a member of the Committee

Proposed Road Construction Scheme  
a letter dated 7<sup>th</sup> March 1924, from the Ministry of Road Government, Trade Dept., with reference to the proposed road construction scheme, and stating that this Department has decided to purchase all the Road Plant and Machinery required by each County on the amalgamated Purchase System in order to get the best possible prices; also requesting to be furnished with full particulars of the Tironeville County Council's requirements, having been read, the acting Secretary stated that on receipt of letter he transmitted a copy to each County Surveyor.

Cobh Outrage

Councillor Mr Goldrick said he thought it was only right that the Council should associate itself with the Universal expression of the feeling of horror and indignation aroused by the dastardly deed committed at Cobh on Friday Evening.

The Council should extend its sympathy to the people afflicted in the first instance and to the Government in the humiliation inflicted upon the State by this fiendish crime.

The Chairman said he thoroughly agreed with what Councillor Mr Goldrick had said.

He blushed for the action of the men who committed this crime, ~~who~~ attacking unarmed men, women and children, with the victims and with the Government. We strongly sympathise in the circumstances. We also sympathise <sup>at</sup> with the British Government whose soldiers have been attacked. I think we will pass this unanimously.

Re-arrangement of Assistant Surveyors

Districts Southern Division

With regard to the above the Chairman said nothing further could be done until the resolution already adopted by the County Council refusing to approve of the re-arrangement of the Surveyors districts had been rescinded. He would be greatly surprised if the Local Government Dept. declined to fall in with the ideas of the County Council.

Councillor Mr Goldrick said he had reason to believe that the Local Government Roads Dept. would not sanction the action of the County Council. The Grants would be lost as they had been before. The Surveyors had got to fall into line.

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The Chairman said the County Council could administer the Grant better with the present arrangements of the Districts. He further said if the change proposed by the Engineering Inspector of the Dept. was made they would have to pay the Surveyor for the Southern Division extra, and they could not take anything off the Surveyor for Northern area, to have, as was proposed, to pass through the other District to go to his own

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Regulations for County and District Surveyors,  
Road Gangers &c. —

A letter, dated 23.2.24, from the Ministry of Local Government Roads Dept., enclosing copies of the Regulations for County and District Surveyors, Road Gangers &c., to be observed for work under Government Grants made to the Tipperary County Council, having been read, the Chairman said that these hours were shorter than those fixed by the County Council, and in addition the Ministry's scheme provided for a Saturday half-holiday. This meant that these men would be getting more wages than agricultural labourers and working shorter hours with a Saturday half-holiday.

As far as he could learn the ex-soldiers employed on relief work would not let local men work on the scheme.

Councillor Mr. Goddick proposed that the Council comply with the terms of the Ministry's Order. It was generally recognised that these demobilised soldiers were in a different category from agricultural labourers.

In reply to the Chairman, Mr. Stedman, County Surveyor, said it was true that in the case of the £3960 Trunk Road Grant the ex-soldiers would not let local men work on the scheme.

Councillor Mr. Goddick said when the demobilised soldier could be got he should get the preference, subject to that local men could be employed.

Councillor Kelly (John) seconded Councillor Clarke's proposed as an amendment that the hours, as fixed by the County Council, be adhered to.

Councillor



Councillor Mr. Gill seconded.

Voting -

For the Motion - Councillors Cole, Keely, (John),  
and Mr. Goldrick - 3.

Against - Councillors Barry, Boyle,  
Browne, Clarke, Gallagher (Anthony),  
Gallagher (Wm), Lynch, Rangan,  
Myles, Mr. Gill, Mr. Shane, and  
Phelan - 12.

Councillor Mr. Dermott did not vote

The Chairman declared amendment Carried  
Cost of Steam Rolling -

at the request of Councillor Mr. Dermott  
the County Surveyors were directed to  
submit to the Council, at their meeting to  
be held on 29th April next, particulars of  
the annual cost of Steam Rolling.

Trunk Road Grant of £31,960.

Messrs. Stoddman and Coffrey, County  
Surveyors submitted schemes in connection  
with the grant of £31,960 provisionally  
allocated to Tipperary County Council out  
of the above-mentioned grant for the  
improvement of Trunk Roads.

Councillor Myles said the schemes  
should be circulated to members of the  
Council a week before the meeting. It was  
not possible to go into the matter with  
such short notice.

Councillor Mr. Dermott said no  
allocation of a portion of the grant  
had been made towards the repair of  
Trunk roads in his district. Mr. Coffrey,  
County Surveyor, said there was £1,000  
that could be expended on the Lifford-  
Lettakenny road.

Councillor Mr. Dermott said the  
amount was very small owing to want  
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of West and the hard times in the District. There should be at least £2000 spent on the road between Lifford and L. St. Ann's and Lifford to Raphoe.

On the motion of Councillor Bannet, seconded by Councillor Gallagher (A), the Schemes were referred to the special standing Committee of the County Council.

Councillor O'Connell (J.F.) said there were 8,000 or 10,000 people in the Lower Rosses, and they were not getting a penny out of the Grant.

Mr. Caffrey, County Surveyor, said these Trunk Roads are set out by the Engineers of the Ministry of Local Govt. Roads Dept., and it is open to the County Council to make the selections of the roads on which the Grant is to be expended.

Councillor O'Connell (J.F.) said some time ago a resolution was adopted by the County Council requesting the Ministry of Local Government to send down two Inspectors to consult with the local County Councillors in regard to the distress.

In the lower Rosses and Swedors the people were in a poor state.

On the Distress outlying Islands there were about 5,000, and they had at present no means of existence. Fishing was a thing of the past and these people had no means ~~whatever~~ whatever of earning anything. This was a matter of the greatest urgency and he proposed that apart altogether from the Grant for Trunk Roads a special Grant of £3,000.



£3,000 - We applied for to the Ministry of Local Government to tide the people referred to over the months of May and June.

Councillor Banner seconded the motion which was passed unanimously  
Trunk Road Scheme

A deputation from the parishes of Kilcar, Killybegs, and Glencolumbkille, headed by the very Revd. St. Maguire P.P., Carrick, appeared for the purpose of requesting the Council to have the road from Five Points, through Killybegs, Kilcar, Carrick, to Ardara, included in the Trunk Road Scheme.

St. Maguire said they were shut out from all Railways, and they wanted an equitable share of the Grant for Trunk roads. They were entitled to a Trunk road from Killybegs by Carrick, Glenties, and on to Ardara. Motor races had been held there, showing the importance of the route.

Councillor Mc Gredrick proposed that the Council recommend to the Local Govt. Roads Dept. the change suggested.

Mr. Dan O'Favell said notice of motion of any changes would have to be given.

Councillor Mc Gredrick said he would do so prior to next meeting of the Council.

Dunwoody's Travelling Expenses

A Circular letter dated 14.1.24 from the Ministry of Local Government, Roads Dept. on above subject was read and referred to the Special Standing Committee of the County Council for consideration

In this connection a letter was

was read from Mr. W. J. Cunningham, Assistant Surveyor Carrick, stating that at the August Meeting of the County Council a loan of £200 was granted to him for the purpose of providing a motor car in the discharge of his Official duties and since May last he had not received any allowance for travelling expenses though his District had extended. The Acting Secretary said the loan was sanctioned by the Ministry of Local Government, Roads Dept, but owing to the condition of the finances of the County the amount of Loan was not issued. Mr. Cunningham had not received any travelling expenses from 1<sup>st</sup> May until 31<sup>st</sup> Dec. 1923, inc, when he began to enter his expenses in Form R.I. It was unanimously resolved that, subject to the sanction of the Ministry of Local Government, Roads Dept, the allowance he formerly was in receipt of, viz. £40 per annum, be paid to him in respect of the latter period. —

County Council's (Assured Workhouses) Order, 1924.  
 Consideration of a Circular letter from the Ministry of Local Government enclosing copy of an Order re above, was postponed until next meeting of the County Council.

In this connection an application by Mr. Patrick Kennedy, The Lodge, Glenties, for the position of caretaker of the workhouse at Glenties was considered, and no action taken. —

Late Boards of Guardians - Title Deeds & Leases  
 a circular letter from the Ministry of Local Government, stating that Title Deeds



Deeds and Leases, in regard to the property held by the late Guardians, should be sent to the County Council's Secretary and kept or lodged by him in safe custody, having been read, the matter was referred to the

acting Secretary for attention.

re Plot of Ground for Tennis Court

a letter from Mr. John Murray, Carrondough, requesting the County Council to grant the use of a plot of ground at the District Hospital, Carrondough, for a Tennis Court. A Club having been formed in the Town - having been read, it was unanimously decided to accede to the request for a period of one Year, subject to the payment of a nominal rent of £1- to the County Council.

Courthouse at Glenties

a letter dated 28.2.24, from the Office of Public Works, Dublin, enclosing a Draft for £40- in full discharge and final satisfaction of all claims by Tinnocill County Council incidental to or arising out of the use of or interference with the Courthouse at Glenties by the military of the Free State during the period of such occupation, having been read, it decided to accept the amount on the recommendation of Mr. Caffrey, Co. Surveyor.

Local Elections - Postponement Act 1922 & 1923 -

a Circular letter, dated 28.2.24, was read from the Ministry of Local Government enclosing copy of an Order made by the Ministry in pursuance of above acts

re Ex Collector Patrick Pobery - Superannuation Allowance

A letter dated 3rd March 1924, G 9369/1924, Tinnocill

Tincanville County, was read from the  
ministry of Local Government, stating  
that the Minister has sanctioned a  
superannuation allowance of £194 - a  
Vote to Mr Patrick Doherty, as Rate Collector,  
to the County Council -

Dog Licence Duty.

a letter, dated 3.3.24, 514/24, was read from  
the Registrar of District Court Clerk's Dept.,  
Dublin, stating that arrangements are being  
made with the view to payments to the  
Treasury or other authorized officers  
of the Local authorities of the surplus  
Dog Licence Duty for the Year 1921.

Rate for Irish -

a Circular letter, dated 8.3.24, G 9450/1924,  
was read from the ministry of Local  
Government re above subject.

+ re Mrs Jennie Brogan - Gratuity -

a letter dated 8.3.24, P 10385/1924 Tincanville  
County, from the ministry of Local Govt  
in regard to the claim of Mrs Jennie  
Brogan to Compensation for loss of  
employment as Warden and in Royal  
Workhouse, and pointing out that Gratitudes  
under Section 8 of the Local Govt Act 1919,  
can only be granted to Officers who  
held Office on the passing of that Act,  
namely 3rd June 1919. was read. The acting  
Secretary stated Mrs Brogan had only  
1 1/2 years service. The Council expressed  
the opinion that she would require  
to proceed under a different Act -

Section 3 (4) (a) of the Roads Act 1920

a Circular letter, dated 13.3.24, from the  
ministry of Local Government, Roads  
Department, relative to the reimbursement  
of expenses of Local authorities under  
Section



Section 3 (4) (a) of the Roads Act 1920, was submitted, and referred to the special Standing Committee of the County Council.

Damage to Property Compensation Act 1923

a letter dated 13<sup>th</sup> March 1924, from the Ministry of Finance pointing out that the second instalment of the amount payable to the Exchequer for the current financial year under the provisions of above act is due for payment on 15<sup>th</sup> March 1924, was read.

Re-Valuation of County Tipperary -

a letter dated 27.2.24 was read from the Commissioner of Valuation Dublin, relative to the desire of Tipperary County Council that a re-valuation of the County be carried out, and stating that under existing legislation a re-valuation of a County cannot be undertaken but the Commissioner points out that the Valuation (Ireland) Amendment Act 1854, was designed to enable the cases of improvements of premises to be dealt with year by year, and if the Council's Collectors will report such cases in the next of premises requiring revision to be sent to this Department, they will be duly investigated and the necessary adjustments made in the Valuations.

Interest on Overdrafts on County Council A/c -

a letter dated 14.3.24, from the Ministry of Local Government. G 11221/1924. Tipperary County, relating to the claim of the Kilsman Bank Ltd., Rotherham, for interest on the overdrafts on the Council's accounts to the 31.12.23 and stating that it is not legal for the

Council

Council to pay interest on overdraft unless they have been sanctioned by the Minister under the provisions of the Local Authorities (Financial Provisions) Act 1921. But that if it is considered that there are special circumstances to warrant consideration of the claim full particulars, showing rates of interest of the amounts accruing due from time to time, should be obtained from the Bank and submitted to the Local Govt. Department. The acting Secretary stated he had obtained the required particulars from the Bank.

The Council unanimously resolved that there were special circumstances to warrant consideration of the claim and directed the acting Secretary to send the particulars asked for to the Ministry of Local Government with a request that the claim be sanctioned.

re Broken Down Bridges  
 a report of Mr. Stedman, County Surveyor relative to the question of re-building the remainder of the broken down bridges in the County and circular letter dated 31<sup>st</sup> December, 1923. R/36 from the Ministry of Local Government, Roads Department, on the matter were read and referred to the special standing Committee of the County Council

Condition of the Roads in Faud  
West Electoral Division

A memorial from ratepayers and other residents in Faud West Electoral Division. Milford Rural District.

W. H. G. G.



Bringing under the notice of the County Council the general condition of the roads in this District, was read. —

Ship or Landing Place at Meulawagh  
A memorial from the Fishermen of Meulawagh and district respectfully soliciting the Tivonaill County Council to make a grant to construct a Ship or Landing Place at Meulawagh, to facilitate the landing of boats, was submitted. It was decided to refer the matter to the Ministry of Local Government with a view to obtaining a grant. —

Condition of Roads, &c.

The consideration of memorials & letters relative to the condition of certain roads in the County, and the carrying out of improvements to same, was adjourned.

Claim for Payment —

A claim for £39. by Mr. John Blaney, ex-master of Meulawagh workhouse, for acting as caretaker of this institution from 28<sup>th</sup> Oct. 1922, to 1<sup>st</sup> Nov. 1923. 52 weeks @ 15/- per week, as per agreement with the late Board of Guardians, was submitted.

It was decided to pay the amount, subject to the sanction of the Ministry of Local Government —

County House, Rifford.

The consideration of tenders in connection with proposed alterations in large room in County House, Rifford, with a view to providing Offices for the Clerical Staff of the County Council & County Surveyors respectively, was adjourned owing to the Holiday still being in occupation of the premises

### Claims for Payment

a letter from Mr. John Ferry, Ardara, Londonderry, enclosing an account for £52.0 due to Mr. W. Fadden, merchant, Londonderry, by the Board of Guardians for goods supplied on various dates, between 25<sup>th</sup> January and 16<sup>th</sup> February 1922, to a patient - Charles Boyle - who was afterwards transferred, during illness, to Stranorlar County Home.

also an account for £4.10.0 from Mr. Robert F. Blake, County Analyst's Laboratory, Belfast, being for Medicine Analyses - Ballyshannon late Board of Guardians - between 7<sup>th</sup> Oct. 1921 and 28<sup>th</sup> Feby, 1922, were submitted, and no action taken the accounts being now statute-barred -

### Malicious Injury Cases

The consideration of the question of the payment of amounts by the Co. Council awarded under the malicious injury act, was deferred for six months -

Remuneration for keeping a District Court Clean  
an application by Mr. James Friel, Inver, Portadown, requesting the County Council to allow him, at the rate of 30/- a year, for keeping the District Court at Inver clean, was considered and request acceded to -

### Claim for Compensation

a letter from Messrs Hamilton and others, solicitors, Shipquay St., Ferry, relative to the payment of compensation to Mr. John McManagle of Arundel, in respect of injuries received in the employment of the Finnerdale County Council, having been read, the matter was referred to the Council's Solicitor with a view to ascertaining the



The legal responsibility of the Council. Mr. Stedman to furnish to the Council's solicitor full particulars, accompanied by a statement setting out the periods during which Mr. Mangan was employed by the County Council -

#### Publication of Notices

Tenders in connection with the publication of notices - "Poor Rate Books open for Inspection, and notice "Poor Rates having been made" were then considered. It was decided to accept the tender of Messrs The Penny Journal Ltd. - Price of each notice £ 6. 10. 0.

#### Payment of Motor Licence Duty -

On the motion of Councillor Bomer, seconded by the Chairman, prosecutions were ordered in the following cases -

Index mark and number.	Date of Offence	Name of Owner	Address
	1924.		
I H-844	Feb 20	James Harkin	Ternaleague, Carndonagh
—	" 10	Daniel Duggan	Glenties
I H-1248	—	Henry Mc. Nulty	Ballyofry
I H-74	March 8	Stephen Butler	Carndonagh
I H-1094	Feb 27	Thomas Mc. Bride	Mudaletown, Ferrybeg
—	" 7	Thady Duffy	Bundoran

#### Date of Coming Municipal Elections -

Copy resolution passed by Bundoran Urban District Council - That the Ministry of Local Government be petitioned to arrange that the date of above Elections be fixed so as not to occur in the months June, July, or August as it is feared that the holding of Elections in the Holiday Season will seriously affect the interests of the electors.

Respectfully

Report, was read.

Tuberculosis Institute at Letterkenny  
 a letter from Mr. William Keely, D.D., Letterkenny, on behalf of Mrs. Catherine Muehron, with reference to the agreement between the County Council and herself for the letting of premises at the Post Road, Letterkenny, and the sub-letting of same by the Council. To this Mrs. Muehron objects, was read, and the matter referred to the Council's Solicitor for his advice.

Distress in Tirconnell  
 a letter was read from the acting Secy. Tirconnell County Board of Health stating that the Board unanimously request the Tirconnell County Council to adopt Section 13 of the Local Government (Ireland) Act 1898, owing to the distress that exists in some parts of the County.

It was unanimously decided, on the motion of Councillor Boyle, seconded by Councillor Bannet, to adopt the Section in question.

Claim for Compensation under Workmen's Compensation Act  
 a letter from Messrs Osborne and Coy. Solicitors, Miford, on behalf of Mrs. Bridget Bann, nee Mathera, daughter of Bannet, whose son, Peter, was killed in a quarry in the County Council's employment, and stating that it is their intention to bring a claim on behalf of their client, and other dependants under above act, was read. It was decided to deny all liability in the matter.

re Closing up a passage to a Bog.  
 a letter from Messrs Osborne and Coy. Solrs. Miford, with reference to the damages to



damages to the premises of Mr. John Tease, Lagg, Kierford, by closing up the passage to his bog, when repairing the road at Fannanaghlan, was read. Mr. Steadman, County Surveyor, said the matter was receiving his attention.

### Flooding of Land

A letter from Messrs Elliott and Clark, Solicitors, Strabane, on behalf of Mr. Daniel Asherby, relative to a broken pipe under the County road at Sherclown between his lands and the lands of Mr. Weir, with the result that the lands of the former are flooded, was read, and referred to Mr. Steadman County Surveyor for his attention.

### Re Tax on Towing Cars and Commercial Vehicles

The following copy of a resolution passed by Stranishar Rural District Council was read.

"That it is the opinion of this Council and the majority of people in Tinscoil that all Towing Cars should be admitted to the Free State, free of Tax, as at present, but all motor Vehicles, varying from one to five tons, should be admitted, subject to their paying the Free State Tax".

### Ballyshannon & Letterkenny Technical Schools - Leases

A letter from the Secretary County Tinscoil Joint Technical Instruction Committee stating that the Leases of above Schools expire on 1<sup>st</sup> Oct and 1<sup>st</sup> Sept, 1924, respectively, and the Committee have decided to renew these for a further term of 10 Years, & adding that these Leases are made to the County Council, having been read, the matter was referred to the Council's Solicitor with a view to having Leases renewed.

The following Copy resolution passed by Stranorlar Rural District Council was read and referred to the Special Standing Committee of the County Council for Consideration  
 "That the two roads Perry, Tra Raphae to Stranorlar, and Lifford to Raphae, which are now classified & maintained as Main Roads should be classified as Trunk Roads."

Ex Clerk Stranorlar Union - Gratuity

A letter from the ex. Clerk Stranorlar Union relative to the Gratuity recommended to be paid him by the County Council, having been read the acting Secretary was directed to communicate with the Ministry of Local Government on the matter.

re Erection of Petrol Pumps

Applications by the undermentioned persons for permission to erect Petrol Pumps and make excavations for Tanks to supply same, were considered, and acceded to, subject to the approval of the Co. Surveyors and to each applicant entering into an agreement with the County Council that the said pumps and tanks will be removed when required by the County Council, and paying to the latter body a nominal rent of 1/- per annum, the agreement to be prepared by the Solicitor to the Council. Cost of same to be borne by the respective applicants.

Name	Address	Position of Pump
Messrs Rodgers & Wilkin	Carrigans	Outside their premises at Carrigans
Mr. Baird & Son	Main Road, Merville	Outside their premises at Merville
O'Sherry & Magee	Ballybogy	Lisnam St. Ballybogy



In this connection the County Surveyors were directed to furnish the County Council with a list of all Petrol Pumps erected in the Northern and Southern Divisions of the County respectively, and the places where erected—

County Surveyors' Examination  
 A Circular letter, dated 19.2.24, RS/204 from the Ministry of Local Government, R 39 Roads Department, stating that in order to enable persons who do not already hold the necessary Civil Service qualifications to qualify for posts as County Surveyors in such Counties as vacancies may arise an Examination will be held by the Civil Service Commission, beginning on 3<sup>rd</sup> April 1924, was read.

A letter from the Clerk Buncrana Urban District Council stating that the Council would wish to know if the Co. Council would sell to them a quantity of road metal which they have at Gorey Quarry, Buncrana, and at what price at quarry or delivered on roads? having been read, Mr. Stoddeman County Surveyor said the metal would be required when the work was re-started on the Trunk Road, between Buncrana Urban boundary and Fahan. The acting Secretary was directed to reply to that effect.

re Lighting of Town of Killybegs

A letter from Revd John Doney, manager St. Columba's Marine Industrial School, Killybegs, stating that he had been requested by representative people of the town of Killybegs to take up the scheme of lighting the town by Electricity, and

and asking the County Council to be good enough to give him the necessary authority having been read, permission was granted. Subject to an agreement being entered into with the County Council, and to a yearly rent of 1/- being paid to the latter body, and also paying for agreement which will be prepared by the Secy to County Council —

Transfer to Tircouaill County Board of Health

Arising out of a letter from the acting Secy. Tircouaill County Board of Health it was decided to make a transfer of £13579 — to that body to meet liabilities up to and including 31<sup>st</sup> March, 1924.

A letter from the manager Industrial School, Letterfrack, Galway, stating there is a boy (David Crossan) in this school who is paid for by Tircouaill County Council. He is unable to do anything in learning a trade, having almost lost his eyesight. He was under the care of a specialist in Galway Hospital who reports that he cannot improve. This case is chronic and requesting the Co. Council to kindly get him transferred to the Asylum for the Blind, Drumcondra, having been read, the request was unanimously acceded to —

Re Obstructions on Roads

A report of Mr Caffrey, County Surveyor, referring to the instructions issued by the County Council that Road Contractors were to keep their shovels for repairing the roads clear of the Carriage-way and



and stating that these instructions are not being observed as the Council intended.

The Council adopted the report and resolved that the assistant County Surveyors be directed to have the Council's directions carried out forthwith.

#### Reports of Committees

The Report of the special standing Committee of the County Council, meeting held 13<sup>th</sup> March, 1924, was unanimously adopted as was also the Report of the same Committee, meeting held 22<sup>nd</sup> March 1924, with the exception that the Council decided to delete the maximum age limit in the case of applicants for the position of Secretary to the Council.

The acting Secretary was directed to communicate with the Ministry of Local Government on the matter and at the same time to submit a draft of the proposed advertisement to the Ministry for approval.

#### Standing Special Committee of the Council

On the motion of Councillor Browne, seconded by Councillor Bennett, Councillor McShane was appointed a member of above-named Committee.

#### Withheld Grants for Road Repairs &c.

The County Surveyors were directed to submit to the special Committee of the County Council statements giving particulars of Grants withheld in respect of roads &c. in the County.

— Rates —

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Appointment of Rate Collector, No. 15  
District.

Applications were received from the undermentioned persons for the position of Rate Collector for No. 15 Collection District.

F. J. McHugh, Hillhead, Ardara,

Charles Malloy, Gortnamucklagh, Genties,

Charles McEnty, Railway View, Cloghan,

Councillor Mr. Dermott proposed that

W. McEnty be appointed.

Councillor Mr. Coole seconded.

Councillor Browne proposed that W. McHugh be appointed.

Councillor Mr. Gill seconded.

Mr. Vincent P. McMullin, Solicitor, Ballyrofeey, appeared on behalf of W. McHugh.

— Voting —

For Mr. Enty — Councillors Boyle, Clarke, Gallagher (A), Myles, Mr. Coole, Mr. Dermott, and Mr. Goldrick — 7.

For Mr. Hugh — Councillors Bawry, Bannar, Browne, Cole, Gallagher (W.), Kelly (John), Lynch, Lanigan, Mr. Gill, Mr. Shane, O'Connell (J. F.) and Phelan — 12.

The Chairman declared W. McHugh duly appointed, subject to the sanction of the Ministry of Local Government.

— Collection District No. 13 —

There was no application for the position of Rate Collector for No. 13. Collection District. It was decided to re-advertise the position. Appointment to be made at Council meeting to be held on 29<sup>th</sup> prox. —



### Lists of Uncollected Rates.

The Acting Secretary submitted lists of uncollected rates furnished by ex. Collector Breslin for the Year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 1923. It was decided to refund rates re empty buildings and Tory and other lands. All other claims by Mr. Breslin were disallowed.

### Payment of Poundage Fees.

The Acting Secretary intimated that Collector Dawson had closed his Collection for No. 25 District for the half Year ended the 29<sup>th</sup> September, 1923, on the 14<sup>th</sup> March 1924, and it was decided to allow him ordinary poundage, subject to the sanction of the Ministry of Local Government.

### State of the Collection.

with particular reference to the Case of Collector Mr. Gowan. —

The Acting Secretary submitted Returns showing the State of the Collection of the Rate in the County on 24<sup>th</sup> March, 1924, from which it appeared that £ 3046.19.7 remained uncollected for the two Years ended the 31<sup>st</sup> March 1923, and £ 27466.17.1 and £ 71270.8.9 for the half Years ending the 29<sup>th</sup> Sept. 1923, and 31<sup>st</sup> March 1924 respectively. The acting secretary pointed out that Collector Mr. Gowan had failed to close his accounts for the period ended the 31<sup>st</sup> March 1923, the amount at present outstanding in the district being £ 565.7.1. The acting Secretary read the Local Govt. Ministry's letter of the 5<sup>th</sup> March, 1924, G. 9484/1924 - Tincanville County. in the Case and acquainted the Council that his Personal Sureties were informed of the position by registered letters. Mr. D. P. Mc-mullin, Solicitor, Ballyhofer, - who appeared in behalf of Mr. Mr. Gowan - stated that the latter had made every

every effort to have his accounts for the period in question closed on that date - 25.3.24 - and that his failure to do so was owing to exceptional conditions arising from the non-completion of the collection for the half-year ended the 31<sup>st</sup> March 1922, by his predecessor.

He pointed out that Mr. Mc. Gowan had reduced the amount outstanding at the date of the previous Council meeting from £1,008.5.4 to the present figure, and that if given a month's further extension, from 25<sup>th</sup> March 1924, he would close the accounts.

After considerable discussion it was decided to make this further concession, the same extension to be given to all the other collectors for the lodgments of their warrants for periods ending the 31<sup>st</sup> March 1924, subject to the sanction of Local Government's sanction.

#### Collection District No. 15. Proposed Personal Sureties -

In connection with the proposed appointment of Mr. P. J. Mc. Hugh, as Collector for this District, as already recorded in minutes of this date, the Chairman, on behalf of the Council accepted Mr. Patk. Garvigan of Ardara, and Mr. Charles Mc. Hugh, Hillhead, Ardara, as his Personal sureties in the sum of £126. In assurance of Councilors present, that they were satisfactory, this being in addition to £499. Security to be provided by the Hibernian Insurance Coy. Ltd. Dublin.



Rate Collectors Personal Security under Public Bodies Order 1904. —

The acting Secretary submitted names, addresses, & other particulars of proposed Personal Sureties of Rate Collectors, and these were accepted for amounts stated in the following Cases on assurances of Councillors present that they were solvent and not members of Public Bodies in the County:

Collector	Amount of Personal Security £ s d	Proposed Surety	Addresses of Proposed Personal Sureties.
John Sullepic (1)	325	James Gavigan John Deweeney	Castle St., Ballyshannon Commercial Hotel, Ballyshannon
John Lunnige	121	Martin Keegan N.T. Denis Daly	Creery, Ballyshannon Clymore, Black
Philip Cassidy	284	Mugh Pevier Michael Cassidy	Roghawney, Fingal do do
Joseph Lunnigan	158	Michael Flood Jacob Lunnigan	Fingal Dinghy

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Collector	Amount of Personal Security	Names of Personal Security	Addresses of Personal Security
Denis Callaghan	82	Denis Callaghan	Keachie, Bannamore
		James Mc Manamin	do do
Patrick A. Downey	84	Patrick F. Rice	Brough, Funnahilly
		John Gallagher	do do
Mugh Mc Kuey (11)	120	John Mc Kuey	Munfarghy
		John Mc Geo	Magheramagh, Munfarghy
Patrick Moore	121	J. A. Mc Lorne	Marin, Glenties
		Patrick Mc Hugh	Ballymoakiduff, Clooney, Glenties
Michael O'Donnell	107	Mugh O'Donnell	Meranary, Carrick
		Pat O'Donnell	Carrick Upper, Carrick
John Farnen	93	Quater John Mc Laughlin	Fahan
		James Banner (merchants)	Buncrana
Wm Banner	351	James Banner	Malin Road, Movilla
		Mrs Mary Banner	do do
Wm Gallagher	238	James Gallagher	Babra, Newmills
		James Mc Caswell	Bannacross, Newmills
Charles Dawson	255	John Gallagher	Rathfranny
	(25)	J. P. Spear	do
		Mrs K. Mc Carney	do
		James Mc Kendrick	do



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Collector	Amount of Personal Security	Proposed Personal Security	addresses of proposed Personal Security
Hugh Browne	477	William Boyle William Boyle Michael Byrne Edward McCarroll	Latterkenney do Foskell, Latterkenney Latterkenney
Wm O'Donnell	366	Eugene Mahony James Dwyer	Latterkenney do
Charles Dawson (28)	164	James on for No. 25 District	
Michael Dwyer	80	F. H. Edwards	Killymound, Rathmullon
James H. Mc Aker	52	John Mc Parry	Maun st, do
Hugh Mc Aker (32)	41	Francis G. Free	Fallard, Latterkenney
James Frise	613	John Richardson	Foghtog, do
Tomas O'Keane	488	James on for No. 11 District	
Barnard Browne	283	John Rivers	Drumcree, Warringtonham
Charles Mc Linty	154	Robert O'Leary	Brookburgh, Warringtonham
		Edward O'Keane	Carroll, Killygordan
		James Doyle	do do do
		John Kelly	Edenburgh, Killygordan
		Edward Browne	Quinly, Killygordan
		Wm Mc Linty	Turn New House, Ballyshannon
		Mr. Cecilia McBride	Warringtonham, do

# County Council of Ticonall

Copy Minutes of Proceedings of Meeting  
held on the 29th day of April 1924

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The members present were:

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Councillors Davy, Bower, Boyle, Browne,  
Clarke, Gallagher (a), Gallagher (w), Gallen,  
Kelly (John), Langan, Lynch, Myles, Mr. Daid,  
Mr. Desmond, Mr. Goldrick, O'Donnell (Hugh),  
O'Donnell (J. F.), O'Ruffy and Phelan.

Mr. P. J. Ward, Solicitor representing the  
Solicitor to the County Council was also  
present.

On the motion of Councillor Gallen  
seconded by Councillor Lynch, Councillor  
Clarke was moved to the Chair.

## Minutes

The Minutes of previous Meeting were confirmed.

## Co-Option

In view of the close proximity of County  
Council Elections it was decided not to  
co-opt in the interim a member on the  
Council in place of Mr. Thomas Mac Fadden,  
Letterkenny, who is disqualified through  
non-attendance.

## Vote of Condolence

Councillor Bower said they desired to take  
that opportunity of conveying to Councillor  
Clarke, their worthy Chairman, their sincerest  
sympathy with him in his great bereavement  
caused by the death of his wife.

Councillor Mr. Goldrick seconded  
the motion which was supported by  
Councillor Mr. Desmond and passed in  
silence.



Silence, the members standing.

Councillor Clarke said he appreciated very much the Council's expression of sympathy, and he sincerely thanked the members.

Reconsideration of Notices of Motion  
In accordance with notice of Motion duly given, Councillor Mc Dermott moved:-

"That any motion passed by the County Council be not reconsidered within a period of 6 months unless  $\frac{2}{3}$  of the members of the Council present at Meeting so approve."

Councillor Banner seconded, and the matter was passed unanimously.

Payments to Engine Drivers & Flagmen, and Members of Clerical Staff

In accordance with notice of motion duly given Councillor Mc Dermott moved that all drivers and flagmen employed in connection with Steam Rolling plant; also the Clerical staff of the County Council be paid monthly in future instead of fortnightly as at present.

Councillor Clarke seconded

Councillor Gallen proposed as an amendment a direct negative. Councillor Barry seconded

- Voting -

For the Motion - Councillors Boyle, Browne, Clarke, Gallagher (a), Gallagher (w), Kelly (John), Mc Daid, Mr. Dermott, Mr. Grednick and O'Duffy - 10.

Against - Councillors Barry, Banner, Gallen, Linnigan, Lynch, Myles, O'Connell (J. F.) & Phelan - 8.

The Chairman declared amendment lost and Motion

Motion Carried -

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Arising out of a letter from the Ministry of Local Government, dated 15.2.24, No. P 48503/1924, re insuring disused Workhouse premises which are not required for the purposes of the County Schemes.

Councillor Myers said he understood these premises were insured by the County Board of Health.

The Acting Secretary was directed to communicate with the acting Secretary to the latter body on the matter.

Trunk Road Grant of £3960

The acting secretary intimated that a further advance of £800. from above grant was made by the Ministry of Local Government, Roads Department, on 24.3.24 in respect of Trunk Road No. 18 in Charge of Mr. Caffrey, County Surveyor -

Sale of Food and Drugs acts

A circular letter, dated 6<sup>th</sup> March 1924, No. P.H. 3755/24 miscellaneous, from the Ministry of Local Government, stating that strong representations have been made from many quarters for a more stringent enforcement of the sale of Food and Drugs acts in connection with the sale of whiskey, on the ground that the unfair sale of Scotch under-proof whiskey has not only inflicted serious loss on Irish whiskey manufacturers, but has also encouraged the illegitimate sale of Irish under-proof whiskey, having been read, it was decided to refer the matter to the Officers entrusted with the duty of taking samples under the sale of Food & Drugs acts.

re Mr. Wm. J. Doherty's Remuneration

a letter dated 8<sup>th</sup> April 1924. E/14771/1924, was



was read from the Ministry of Local Government approving of the proposal of Tircouaill County Council to pay a sum of £300 in account of Mr W. J. Doherty's remuneration in connection with the defence of Criminal Injury Claims on behalf of the Council.

#### Adjustment Order

a letter dated 18<sup>th</sup> March 1924, P. 40868/1924, Tircouaill County, was read from the Ministry of Local Government enclosing an adjustment Order dated 31<sup>st</sup> January 1924, in regards to the assets and liabilities of the late Board of Guardians of Kallyshannon Union in which it is ordered by the Minister for Local Government that the Council of the Administrative County of Leitrim shall pay to the Council of the Administrative County of Donegal the sum of £451.17.7, being the proportion of liabilities over assets of the Union properly payable by the said Council.

#### National Health and Unemployment Insurance Contributions -

a letter dated 24<sup>th</sup> March 1924, No. 851/23, was read from the National Health Insurance Commission, Dublin, regarding the arrears of National Health & unemployment Insurance Contributions due by the Tircouaill County Council in respect of their employees, and requesting to be furnished with an undertaking on the part of the Council that all arrears of National Health and Unemployment Insurance Contributions will be made good, and that the cards and books of all persons who have been in the direct employment of the Council since the 1<sup>st</sup> January 1924 will be forthwith stamped, and.

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and adding that as regards the periods previous to that date, the Commission are prepared, for the purpose of assisting the Council in clearing up the arrears of Contributions due, to instruct their Inspector, Mr. Walker, - to arrange for the compilation from the Pay sheet records of particulars showing the arrears due for each employee -

The Council unanimously decided to give the undertaking sought for by the Commission -

County Council's General Council -  
a letter from the Secretary, County Council's General Council stating that the spring Meeting of the Council has been provisionally fixed to take place in Dublin on 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> May next, was read.

James (Amendment) Bill, 1924 -  
a letter, dated 27<sup>th</sup> March, 1924, F. 13263/1924 - miscellaneous, was read from the Ministry of Local Government, transmitting for the Council's information a copy of above Bill, as was also a letter, dated 10.4.24 No. F. 15962/1924 - miscellaneous.

Agricultural Grant -  
a letter dated 28<sup>th</sup> March, 1924, No. 13368, was read from the Ministry of Local Government stating, for the information of Tipperary County Council, that arrangements have been made for the distribution of above grant for the half-year ending 31.3.24 - amount of Grant £10,469. Deducted in respect of arrears due by certain Rural District



District Councils in repayment of advances made by the Irish Land Commission under the Labours (Ireland) Act, gave the 1<sup>st</sup> December 1923, £ 40.10.2. Net amount payable £ 10,428.9.10. The acting Secretary intimated that the latter amount had been lodged with the Treasurer of the County on 31.3.24.

Dog Licences

A letter, dated 3.3.24, was read from the Registrar of District Court Clerks Dept. Dublin, stating that arrangements were being made with the view to payments to the Treasurers or other authorised officers of the Local authorities of the surplus Dog Licence Duty for the Year 1921, which is payable to the Counties, Boroughs, Towns and Townships in accordance with the provisions of the Act.

The acting Secretary stated that £ 733.16.7 was lodged to credit of the County Fund on 31<sup>st</sup> March 1924.

Position of Secretary to Tivonall Committee of Agriculture

A letter dated 2.4.24, A 3351-24 was read from the Department of Agriculture, Dublin, transmitting copy of a communication addressed to each member of the Tivonall Committee of Agriculture, relative to the question of re-instating Mr. Thomas O'Flaherty, as Secretary to the above-named Committee.

It was stated that the matter had been dealt with by the Agricultural Committee at a recent meeting.

Limit of Road Expenditure

A letter dated 4.4.24, R/E/7, was read from the Ministry of Local Government Roads Department, relative to an application

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of the Tircouaille County Council for an extension of the limits of expenditure on roads in the undermentioned Rural Districts for the year ending 31st March, 1925, and enclosing copy of an Order which has been made by the Minister for Local Government in respect thereof.

Rural District	Existing Limit of Expenditure			Increased Limit for Year ending 31.3.25		
	£	s	d	£	s	d
Ballyvaughan	2015			3600		
Fungahall	3472	10		6000		
Fungahally	1648	15		3800		
Castles	4972			6972		
Lisabrown	10763	15		19000		
Letterkenny	3613	15		7600		
Maghera	4058	15		6200		
Stranorlar	7668	15		10000		

also stating that the Order does not authorise expenditure on roads not properly maintainable as "Public roads" nor on houses or Cul-de-sacs

### Loan of £12,000

An Engrossment of Deed of Charge in connection with Deeds supplied Loan of £12,000. was submitted from the Hibernian Bank Ltd, Letterkenny, and on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Councillor Banner, the seal of the Council was ordered to be affixed thereto re Interest on Bank's Overdraft a letter dated 4.4.24 G 14772/1924 Tircouaille County relating to the claim of the Hibernian Bank, Ltd., Letterkenny, for interest on the overdrafts of the Tircouaille County Council to



to the 31<sup>st</sup> December last and stating that on this occasion the Minister will not object to the payment of the Bank's claim, but it should be understood for the future that any accommodation granted by way of overdraft, if to bear interest should first receive the Minister's sanction. amount of Claim £ 777.15.2 - was read.

a letter from the Acting Secretary, Tivonall County Board of Health enclosing statement received from the 200. Clerk of Lishaven Union showing amounts due by military to late Lishaven Board of Guardians having been read, the acting Secretary of the Council was directed to send the statement to the Ministry of Defence -

re Messrs. Daniel Kelly & Patrick Mc Dermott  
a letter dated 9.2.24 R/R S/7, was read from the Ministry of Local Government, Roads Dept., stating that the Minister will raise no objection to Messrs Dan Kelly and Patrick Mc Dermott being appointed temporarily as Clerks in the Co. Surveyors Department till the 30<sup>th</sup> June 1924. at a salary of £ 3. per week each.

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re Claim for Compensation by Mr. Charles  
L. Callaghan, ex. Clerk of Stranorlar Union  
a letter, dated 10.4.24, P 16420/1924, was  
read from the Ministry of Local Government  
in regard to the claim of Mr. Charles L.  
Callaghan to compensation for loss of  
employment as Clerk of Stranorlar Union,  
and pointing out that a gratuity can only  
be granted to an Official of a Board of  
Guardians on removal from office under  
section 8 of the Local Government Act  
1919 if an Officer held office on the  
passing of the act. 3rd June 1919, as an  
Officer of the Guardians.

In this connection Councillor  
Gallen referred to the case of Nurse Marion  
McMenamin, now dead. He pointed out that  
the County Council, at a meeting held on  
12th June 1923, recommended that she be  
paid a gratuity of £175. But up to the  
present the Ministry of Local Government  
had not expressed their sanction to  
payment of the amount. Councillor A.  
Gallagher also referred to the case of  
Nurse Mary C. Langan, who was also  
recommended a gratuity of £228.11.1  
but had not been approved of by  
the Ministry.

It was unanimously decided to  
request the Minister of Local Government  
to have all outstanding claims to  
compensation by ex. Officers of late  
Boards of Guardians in Tircanill dealt  
with as soon as possible.

Outstanding Loans under Labourers Act  
a statement showing particulars of amounts  
remitted to the Commissioners of Public  
Works



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Works in Ireland out of the Exchequer Contribution to be applied by them towards the repayment of outstanding Loans under the Labourers Act. Charged on certain Rural Districts in Tipperary, was submitted.

Proposed slip or Landing Place at Meenaraagh  
A letter, dated 14.4.24 R/R.G/7, was read from the Ministry of Local Government, Roads Dept., relative to the application of the Tipperary County Council for a grant for the purpose of constructing a slip or landing place at Meenaraagh, and stating that such a proposal does not come within the scope of the Roads Department.

Councillor Mr Goldrick said that the Land Commission, as successor to the Congested Districts Board, was the proper body to deal with the matter.

The acting Secretary was directed to send a copy of the Council's application to the Land Commission.

Position of Secretary to County Council  
On the motion of Councillor Barry seconded by Councillor Fallagher (Anthony), Councillors Clarke and Banner were nominated as the representatives of the County Council on the Selection Board in connection with the position of Secretary to the former body.

The draft advertisement inviting applications for the position was submitted and approved of & ordered to be sent to the Ministry of Local Government - appointment of Secretary to be made on 27.5.24.

Claim for a Superannuation allowance  
A claim by Mr. Bernard M. Fadden Coneybroow  
Lifford, for a superannuation allowance  
for services rendered as secretary to Tircouaill  
County Council, was submitted.

Mr. John Tracy, Solicitor, Ferry, appeared  
on behalf of Mr. M. Fadden. After some  
discussion it was decided to refer  
the claim to the special standing committee  
of the County Council for consideration.

Cost of Steam Rolling

The County Surveyors, as directed by the  
County Council at a previous meeting,  
submitted Returns showing annual cost  
of steam rolling in Tircouaill.

Erection of Petrol Pumps

Lists prepared by County Surveyors  
giving particulars of Petrol Pumps erected  
throughout the County were also submitted.

On the motion of the Chairman  
it was decided that where the Council  
in future grant permission to erect  
Petrol Pumps a Levy rate of £1.- be  
charged to each applicant.

Mr. Stedman reported that some  
of those to whom permission had been  
granted by the Council to erect Petrol  
Pumps had not obtained his approval  
to their erection. It was decided that  
unless the County Surveyors' approval be  
brought for and granted the persons  
concerned must remove pumps.

Tuberculosis Institute at Letterkenny

A letter from Mr. Wm. Kelly Solicitor, L. Kenny,  
on behalf of Mrs. Catherine Muehern, with  
reference to the agreement between the  
County Council and her for the letting  
of



of premises at the Port Road, Letterkenny, and the Sub. letting of same by the Council. To this Mrs. Meehan objects, having been read. On the motion of the Chairman seconded by Councillor Mr. Donnell the matter was referred to the Council's solicitor who was directed to interview Mr. Wm. Kelly Esq., on behalf of Mrs. Meehan, with a view to an arrangement being come to.

Claims in respect of Rails and Sleepers supplied -

A letter from the manager Londonderry & Loughswilly Railway Company enclosing a/cs for £2.19.0 and £6.15.0, respectively, in respect of rails and sleepers supplied by the Company in 1921, for the repair of certain bridges in County Tipperary, having been read, it was decided to refuse payment.

re Laying of a Pipe - Proposal No. 66 -

A letter from Messrs Osborne and Company Solicitors, Miford on behalf of Mr. James Boyce, "John", of Tullagh, Carrigart, regarding the laying of a pipe from the Co. road at Tullagh leading into his lands, and stating that their client informs them that if this arrangement is carried through at least two or three acres of his lands would be flooded, as there is no means for carrying the water away, and it therefore must flood through his lands; also cautioning the Council against carrying out such arrangements and if the Council persist in carrying out the work, such action as may be advisable must be taken

taken. Mr. Steadman, County Surveyor, said a proposal to lay said pipe came before the ~~County~~ <sup>County</sup> Rural District Council on 19<sup>th</sup> June, 1923, when an objection was made to the building of the pipe, on behalf of James Boyce of Tullagh.

Mr. Joseph Boyce, I.R.C. appeared before the Council on the latter date in support of the proposal which the Council approved of.

The Council decided to take no action in the matter —

Court Premises at Churchhill  
A letter from Mr. Louis J. Walsh, District Justice, Rathmullan, requesting the County Council to take the necessary steps to terminate their tenancy in the Court premises provided by Mr. Wilkin of Churchhill, having been read, it was decided to terminate the tenancy through the Solicitor to the County Council.

Provision of Pounds

The consideration of a letter from District Justice Walsh, Rathmullan, on the subject of the provision by the County Council of Pounds in the County, was referred to the special standing committee of the Council.

Letting of Workhouse Meadow Ground at Glenties

A letter from the acting Secretary Inconall County Board of Health, Stranorlar, enclosing a letter from Mr. Thady Campbell, auctioneer Glenties, and offer of £15 — made by Mr. J. Breslin, ex-Workhouse master, for workhouse meadow land, having been



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been read, it was decided that the offer  
be not accepted.

Admiralty Pier at Rathmullan  
A letter from Mr. Edward Dewey, Pier Hotel,  
Rathmullan, again asking the County  
Council to take over the Admiralty Pier  
at Rathmullan, having been read, on the  
motion of Councillor Mr. Goldrick, seconded  
by Councillor Bremer, it was decided to  
refer the matter to the Irish Government  
with a view to ascertaining the Council's  
position, and if the County Council have a  
right to the use of the Pier same be  
taken over.

Re Claim for Malicious Injury  
A letter signed "Ratepayers of Arranmore",  
relative to a claim by Mr. Phil n. Boyle  
of Arranmore in respect of a boat  
alleged to have been maliciously damaged,  
was submitted, and no action taken

Wall damaged  
A letter from Mr. Alfred Stubbs, Faubry  
Ballyshannon, relative to portion of a  
wall, his property, which has been thrown  
down, having been read, the matter was  
referred to Mr. Coffey, County Surveyor.

Permission to erect a Building  
An application by Mr. P. F. Mc. Glinchey,  
Kaphoe, for permission to erect a building  
on his premises at the Close & Wm. St.,  
Kaphoe, was considered, and acceded to,  
subject to the approval of the County  
Surveyor.

Appointments of County Surveyors  
Copy resolution passed by the Institution  
of Civil Engineers of Ireland dealing with  
the appointments of County Surveyors  
in the Free State, was read.

## Sewerage

A letter ~~was~~ ~~read~~ from Mr. Charles Mc Laughlin, St. Catherine's Road, Killybegs, regarding an old Sewerage drain convenient to his dwelling house, having been read, the matter was referred to Mr. Caffrey, County Surveyor, for his attention. The acting Secretary said that being of opinion the matter was one for the Sanitary authority to deal with, he referred Mr. Mc Laughlin to the Glenties Rural District Council.

Secretary to Rampton Fever Hospital Committee  
A letter from Mr. Forest Mitchell, Rampton, requesting to be informed if he would be entitled to compensation for acting as secretary to the Rampton Fever Hospital Committee, was read and referred to the Special Standing Committee of the County Council.

Inishowen No 2 Pension Sub-Committee  
On the motion of Councillor Mr. Goldrick, the Revd. Ralph Meredith, Buncrana, was appointed a member of above Committee in room of the Revd. W. G. Murphy, decd.

### Permission to open the Street in town of Killybegs

Subject to the approval of Mr. Caffrey, County Surveyor, permission was granted to Mr. James Murwin, Bridge St., Killybegs, to open the Street (about 20 feet) for the purpose of laying a Sewer to the river from his premises at Bridge St.

### Entrance to Premises

A letter from Messrs. Doherty and Mahaffy, Monaghan, St. Johnston, complaining of the unsafe state in which the County Surveyor left



left the entrance to their place when repairing the main road leading from St. Johnston to Lifford, was read, and the matter referred to the County Surveyor for his attention—

re Building of a Garage

a letter was read from Mr. John Ward, Gortacally, Kerrykeel, stating that he has been notified by Mr. Dawson, assistant surveyor, not to proceed further with the building of his Garage at Kerrykeel by reason of the fact that it has been built within the prescribed distance of the Centre of the County road.

Mr. Steadman, County Surveyor, was directed to furnish the Council with a report on the matter.

Appointment of Sheep Dipping Inspectors

The undermentioned persons were appointed to supervise the dipping of sheep in Tirconnell during the Summer & autumn dipping periods - in current year.

Name	Address	Rate per head
Francis Tuttle	College st., Ballyshannon	$\frac{1}{2}$ d
John Mc. Kerty	Arduabest, Bannamore	1 d
James Doogan	meanderrygamp, Gweedore	2 d
Don O. Donnell	Aughla, Glenties	$\frac{3}{4}$ d
Cornelius Doherty	Boone, Buncrana	$\frac{1}{4}$ d
Denis M. Connelogue	Keelogs, Churchhill	$\frac{3}{4}$ d
Wm. J. O. McArthur	Spennogus, Burt.	$\frac{3}{4}$ d
James Kelly	Kee, Glen, Cresslough	2 d
Felix Boyle	Castlefin	$\frac{1}{2}$ d
Edward Boyle	Castlefin	$\frac{1}{2}$ d

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On the suggestion of the Chairman it was decided to charge a half penny per head to those who used the Council's baths to defray the Council's expenses in providing the Baths

Sheep Dipping Baths  
Tenders for the supply of 10 Sheep Dipping Baths were submitted from

Messrs Wm Thompson & Coy Ltd  
Shipquay St., Ferry.

No. 2725. 5' 9" long. 2' 3" wide. 3' 6" deep.  
Price £12.15.0.

Discount of 15% to be allowed, and Carriage paid to any station in the County.

Messrs Kerr, Lang and Jackson Ltd.  
Strand.  
Ferry

No. 2725. 5' 9" long. 2' 3" wide. and 3' 6" deep. Price £12.15.0. Discount of 20% to be allowed off Catalogue prices

The tender of Messrs Kerr, Lang and Jackson Ltd. was accepted, on condition that they pay Carriage on Baths to any station in the County. Otherwise that the tender of Messrs Wm Thompson & Coy Ltd. be accepted -

Breaches of the Motor Car Act

The Chief Superintendent of the Civic Guard in the County submitted Returns of breaches of the motor car act in the following cases -



Case No	Index Letter and No	Name of Owner	Address	Date of Offense	Remarks
1	UI-952	W. M. M. Bros.	161 Bedford	17.3.24	a carry over for Machinery purposes on 11.3.24
2	IH-1291	James H. Shurtz	Kerry Hill	17.3.24	do
3	UI-808	Joe Gallagher	P. Dunne	17.3.24	do
4	IH-244	James Harten	Winnamoyne Carrs Donagh	25.3.24	License for study was expired on 24.3.24
5	IH-1257	James Fenaham	Wentst expense Carrs Donagh	25.3.24	do
6	IH-792	F. Turk Council	111, Hydruga	27.2.24	License study not paid License expired 31.12.23

with records to Cases 1, 2, and 3, Councillor Bowen proposed that as the offences occurred on 17<sup>th</sup> March no prosecution be taken against the owners of the respective motor Lorrys. Councillor James F. Gallagher, seconded Councillor W. Sedwick proposed as an amendment that a prosecution be ordered Councillor H. G. Lee seconded -

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## - Voting -

For the Motion. Councillors Bomer, Boyle,  
Clarke, Gallen, Lynch, Mc Aid,  
O'Donnell (J.F.), O'Flaherty and  
Phelan - 9

Against — Councillors Barry, Browne,  
Lanigan, Myles, Mr. Goldrick,  
and O'Donnell (Hugh) - 6

Councillor Mr. Pittmatt did not vote

The Chairman declared motion  
Carried and amendment lost

In Cases 4 and 5 it was unani-  
mously decided that a prosecution be  
not ordered.

In Case No 6 a prosecution was  
ordered.

Mr P.J. Ward, Solicitor said that a  
number of prosecutions had been  
brought in the District Courts, but they  
were trivial offences and the District  
Justices were very unwilling to inflict  
the minimum penalty of £20. The Cases  
were adjourned to see if the Council  
would be willing to withdraw the  
prosecutions, on the defendants paying  
their duties and the costs of the  
prosecution.

Councillor Bomer proposed that the  
prosecutions be withdrawn in all Cases  
where the defendants had paid the  
Licence Duty and on the understanding  
that they pay the costs of the  
prosecution.

Councillor Lanigan seconded  
Councillor Myles said it was making a  
fool of the Civic Guard who were doing  
their duty efficiently. They made thirty  
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Seven Reports last year, and there was not a single prosecution

Councillor Clarke proposed as an amendment that the prosecutions be not withdrawn, and that the Council consider any extenuating circumstances in exceptional cases on the recommendation of the District Justice

Councillor Myles seconded.  
Councillor Mr. Gledwick supported the amendment. —

— Voting —

For the Motion — Councillors Barry, Bower, Browne, Galen, Lavin, Lynam, Mr. Daid, Mr. Dermott, O'Donnell (A. F.), O'Flaherty, and Phelan — 11

Against — Councillors Boyle, Clarke, Myles, Mr. Gledwick, and O'Donnell (Hugh) — 5

The Chairman declared motion Carried

Clerical Staff of Co. Council —

a letter dated 11.4.24 C/16508/1924, Tipperary County, was read from the Ministry of Public Administration transmitting copy of a letter addressed to Mr. J. B. O'Donoghue, Solicitor, Fermoy, who had made representations to the Ministry concerning the proposed reductions in remuneration of the administrative staff of the County Council

The letter stated that the Minister was satisfied from the evidence before him that the efforts of the staff had not been applied to the best advantage in the past and that

there had been a considerable lack of energy and discipline among certain of the members. In these circumstances he considered it essential that the services of an efficient administrator as County Secretary should be secured at an early date. After this appointment was made the Secretary should be instructed to organise the staff and their duties, and submit after say, six months, a report to the Council and to the Minister as to the manner in which each Officer had been performing his duties, with a recommendation of his view of an appropriate scale of salary for each. He further stated that the Minister approved of the recommendation made by the Special Committee of the Council at their meeting of the 11<sup>th</sup> December last regarding the supervision of the staff, the office hours, the institution of a Time Book, and the arrangements for leave of absence. As regards the revision of salaries the Minister had considered the Council's further resolution of the 25<sup>th</sup> ultimo, but was of opinion that the salaries should be arranged on basic rates with cost of living bonus from time to time authorised, and accordingly approved of the remuneration shown in the Schedule appended to letter, being paid to the Clerical staff concerned as from the 1<sup>st</sup> inst.

The schedule set out that seven members of the staff had a basic salary



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Salary of £145 which with bonus, as per Current Cost of living, amounting to £104.10.0, gave them a total of £249.10.0

Another member of the staff had a basic salary of £110. a bonus of £89.19.0, being a total of £199.19.0

The ministry's letter, dated 11.4.24, G 16608/1924. Tircouaill County, to Mr Conaghan, stated that the minister was satisfied that the Council were acting properly in their endeavours to secure a co-ordinated and efficient administrative scheme, with salaries proportionate to the work involved. He considered, as at present advised, that salaries as indicated on the schedule would adequately compensate these officers for their services and he has notified his approval of it to the County Council.

Mr Conaghan said the letters which they had just heard read were in reply to an application by him, on behalf of those men affected, for an inquiry into the question of salaries and into the question of the conditions of the working of the County Council.

The basic salary given by the ministry of Local Government corresponded neither with the basic salary agreed upon by the Council in Feb'y. 1922, nor did it correspond with the actual facts as supplied to him in the form of extracts from the Council's minutes. The figures set out in the ministry's scheme were absolutely incorrect.

Mr Conaghan then went into details

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details regarding the basic salary and cost of living, and pointed out that the Council had now three different sets of figures before them. He submitted it was absolutely necessary that an inquiry should be held to find out the salaries these men should be paid.

As to the statement that there had been serious cause for complaint as to the manner in which these officials had been discharging their duties, these were merely allegations. They have no power to make allegations against these officials unless they are prepared to bring them in, charge them face to face, and give them an opportunity of refuting the allegations made against them. He submitted this was a hole and corner business and should not have been carried out in the way it was. The Council should back him up in asking the Ministry for Local Government to have an inquiry into the administrative affairs of the Council for a considerable time past. He was making a reply to that letter. He challenged the figures.

Councillor Mr Golduck said that in the interval, between the appointment of the Secretary and his report regarding the reorganisation of the staff and their duties, there would be an election, and Mr Conaghan, and those whom he represented could make as much capital as they liked during that period. He thought they should not modify their decision until the recommendations of the Secretary came before.



before them. They should stand by what they had done and let Mr. Conaghan and the Ministry stand on the one side pending this report of the Secretary

Councillor Fallon said if it were not for the fact that they were a dying Council he would be in favour of an inquiry being held.

The Chairman said that there would be no person more pleased than he to have an inquiry. He was, and always had been in favour of their business being done openly, & the Council could not be charged with doing anything in a hole and corner way. He agreed with Mr. W. Goldrick that as they were a dying Board it would be much better for them to adhere to their decision until the new Council and new Secretary came into office

after further discussion it was decided to postpone the matter until a new Council and Secretary were in Office —

Overdraft of £40,000

On the motion of Councillor Poyle, seconded by the Chairman it was unanimously decided to request the Ministry for Local Government to sanction an Overdraft of £40,000 to meet transfers to subsidiary Bodies in respect of last financial year and other miscellaneous payments

Lettings of Workhouse Lands and Buildings

Letter, dated 6.4.24, P 9286/1924, miscellaneous was

was read from the Ministry of Local Government enclosing copy of an Order, dated 28<sup>th</sup> March, 1924, made by the Minister empowering the Council of each County to which a County Scheme relates as his Agents to give permission for the use of, and to make short lettings of, workhouse lands and buildings.

### Reports of Committees

The Report of the Special Standing Committee of the Council - meeting held 25<sup>th</sup> March 1924 - was unanimously adopted.

In the submission of the Report of the same Committee for adoption - meeting held 15<sup>th</sup> April 1924 - Councillor Gallen took exception to the recommendation of the Committee regarding

Church Holidays and Working hours to be observed by Eugene Rivers and flagmen employed in connection with the Council's Steam Rolling Plant. He said this matter was settled by arbitration during the year 1920, and could not now be altered in the absence of a notice of Motion. The Chairman agreed and intimated he would lodge a notice of Motion for consideration by the Council at their next meeting. The recommendation referred to was deleted and remainder of Committee's Report unanimously adopted.

Sheep Dipping Committee - Report of Meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> April 1924, was unanimously adopted.



Footpaths in Town of Ballybofey  
Mr. V. P. Mc. Mullin, Solicitor, Ballybofey,  
referred to the bad condition of the  
footpaths in town of Ballybofey,  
and asked Mr. Caffrey, County Surveyor,  
why they had not been repaired.

The latter stated he had put in  
a proposal for £50 - for the purpose  
of having the necessary repairs  
carried out, but the Rural District  
Council reduced this amount to  
£20. He had a difficulty in procuring  
a Contractor.

The matter was referred to  
Mr. Caffrey for his immediate  
attention.

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Changes of Names of Occupiers in  
Rate Books for Year ending 31<sup>st</sup>  
March, 1925.

The Acting Secretary intimated that the revision of the Valuation of the County for the Year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 1925, had been postponed by order of the Finance Ministry, but it was desirable that the changes of names of Occupiers returned last Year by the Council to the Valuation Department be made in the Current Rate Books.

It was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Councillor Bruner, that these changes be made and that the Valuation Office be so informed —

Appointment of Rate Collector for  
No. 13 District.

The Acting Secretary submitted applications for this vacant Collectorship from Messrs John B. O'Donnell Cashman, Kilmacranan, John Gallagher, <sup>and</sup> Shekinbeg, <sup>Gerrybeg.</sup>

Mr John B. O'Donnell not being in attendance the Acting Secretary inquired if he was a member of any Public Body in the County and Councillor Gallagher (Wm) answered in the negative. On the motion of Councillor Gallagher (Anthony), seconded by Councillor Gallagher (Wm), Mr O'Donnell was unanimously appointed, and Messrs John O'Donnell Cashman, Kilmacranan, Farmer and Cattle-Dealer and William O'Donnell of Milltown, Kilmacranan, <sup>Farmer</sup> were accepted as his personal Sureties in the sum of £242 —

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on assurance of members present that they were satisfactory, this being in addition to £1,075. Security to be provided by the Hibernian Insurance Company in this case

### Lists of Uncollected Rates

The acting Secretary submitted lists of uncollected Rates furnished by Collector Charles Dawson (Letterkenny District) for the half-year ended the 30<sup>th</sup> September, 1923, and it was decided to refund the amounts claimed, subject to the sanction of the Ministry of Local Government. This Officer, it was pointed out by the acting Secretary, had closed his accounts for the period mentioned

### State of the Collection with particular reference to the District of Collector Mr. Gowan.

The acting Secretary submitted a Report showing the state of the Collection of the Rate in the County on the 26<sup>th</sup> April, 1924, from which it appeared that £2,959.7.1 remained uncollected for the two years ended the 31<sup>st</sup> March, 1923, and £2,3317.0.6 and £42,847.13.7 for the half-years ended the 29<sup>th</sup> Sept. 1923, and 31<sup>st</sup> March 1924 respectively. In the case of Collector Mr. Gowan it was pointed out that the amount outstanding for the periods ended the 31<sup>st</sup> March 1923, was £565 7.1 this Officer not having received his Collecting books for the year ended the 31<sup>st</sup> March, 1924, which were still in the County Office.

Mr. J. P. Mc-Mullan Solicitor Ballyvaughan who appeared on behalf of Mr. Gowan, said that he was instructed the latter had discovered on the preceding night that sums amounting

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to about £400. had been charged to him for Collection for the half year ended the 31<sup>st</sup> March, 1922, for which Official Receipts were not in the books when the latter were issued from the Council Office in March 1923. Mr Cannon, of the Rates Department, informed the Council that the Clerk of the Stranorlar Rural District Council, who was the Officer appointed to check this Collector's account, under the "Public Bodies Order 1904", Certified Rates outstanding in the District at the time of the Surrender of the Warrant of the former Collector - Francis Dunne - as amounting to £31.0.3 and furnished a return of unissued Official Receipts for that sum. Mr Cannon also stated that he made a careful examination of Mr. Dunne's books on their receipt in the County Office and found the particulars furnished by Mr. Callaghan to be correct. These receipts, he added, were in the books when delivered by him to Mr. W. Gowen along with the Warrant for the year ended the 31<sup>st</sup> March, 1923.

Councillor Mr. Goldrick, 7.9, said that this and other matters in connection with the Rate Collection should be referred to the Special Standing Committee of the Council, and be moved accordingly. This proposal was seconded by the Chairman and passed unanimously.

Collector's Claims in respect of Rates on Vacant Houses

The acting Secretary submitted letters from the Ministry of Local Government, dated the

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the 13<sup>th</sup> March 1924 - G 7714/1924, and 11<sup>th</sup> April 1924 - G 11033/1924 - , disallowing under Section 16. Increase of Rent and Mortgage Interest (Restrictions) Act 1923 rates claimed by Certain Collectors on houses declared to have been vacant for the half-Year ended the 30<sup>th</sup> Sept. 1923,

Mr Michael Maguire, Del., Ballyshannon, who appeared on behalf of the Collectors concerned, asked the Council to treat rates on such premises as irrecoverable for the Year ended the 31<sup>st</sup> March, 1924; meanwhile to recommend the Local Government Ministry to sanction repayment of amounts claimed under this head for the half-year ended the 30<sup>th</sup> Sept. 1923. He pointed out that the Rates for the Year ended the 31<sup>st</sup> March 1924 had been made before the Act referred to was passed, and that no Official Notification of its enactment had been issued to the Collectors.

It was mentioned during the discussion which followed that many, if not all of the houses <sup>mentioned</sup> as "Vacant" were in reality either waste or in ruins, especially those rated on farms, and that the Collectors in many instances inserted "Vacant" on the lists on the assumption that it covered dismantled and derelict buildings.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Councillor Bower, it was unanimously decided to recommend the Ministry to sanction refund of the amounts claimed in these cases for the half-Year ended the 30<sup>th</sup> Sept. 1923,

1923, and that the terms of the Act be not enforced in the County until after the completion of the collection for the year ended the 31st March, 1924.

Re. Valuation of Property in Collector Mc Aless's District

The acting Secretary submitted letter with enclosure, from the Local Govt. Ministry respecting the alleged non-return of certain cases for valuation in Collector Mc Aless's District, and letters of explanation, and it was decided to refer the matter to the special standing committee of the Council.

Local Government (Collection of Rates) Bill, 1923.

The acting secretary submitted circular letter from the Local Govt. Ministry, dated 15th April, 1924, G 17451/1924 enclosing copy of Local Government (Collection of Rates) Bill, 1923, and Mr. P. J. Ward, T. P. Solicitor (on behalf of the Council's solicitor), stated that drastic powers were given under this measure for the collection of local Rates.

It was decided to refer the matter to the special standing committee of the Council and meanwhile that no outstanding Rates be carried forwards in the Rate Books for the year ending 31st March, 1925.

Roudon and Lancashire Insurance Company's application for loan of Ex-Collector Boyle's Guarantee Bond

The acting secretary submitted letter from the manager Roudon and Lancashire Insurance Coy. Ltd., "Fitzgall square west



West Belfast, requesting loan of their Bond in the Case of ex-Collector Boyle, Armagh Rural District, in Connection with certain proceedings which their Solicitors are taking against his Counter Switters.

The acting Secretary explained that this Company had paid the Council sums amounting to £125.15.6 under this Deed, in respect of ex-Collector Boyle's default as Collector.

It was decided to accede to the Company's request through the Council's Solicitor.

### Loan under Deed Supply Scheme

The acting Secretary informed the Council that under the terms of the Local Government Ministry's letter of the 5<sup>th</sup> March 1924 it was necessary for the Council to determine at that meeting whether the cost of Deed, including Interest on Loan and administration expenses, should be collected in three equal instalments added to the Poor Rate for the second moiety of 1924-25, and each moiety in the following Year, or by two equal instalments in the Year 1925-26.

On the motion of Councillor Mr. Goldrick, seconded by Councillor Mr. Bennett, it was unanimously decided that the cost of Deed, including interest and expenses above mentioned be collected in two equal instalments added to the Poor Rate in the Year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March, 1926.

Checking of State Collectors' Accounts -  
Punjabwally Rural District -

The Council passed Gostabork as the  
Centre at which the Deputy Checker  
Messrs Poojan is to check the State  
Collectors' accounts for Punjabwally  
Rural District.



# Tironeaill County Council

Copy Minutes of Proceedings of Quarterly Meeting  
held on 27<sup>th</sup> May, 1924,

## Attendance

The Members present were:

Councillors Gaven, Kelly (Kewy J.), Lynch, Hyles,  
Mr. Daid, Mr. Permeth, Mr. Goldbuck, O'Donnell (Hugh),  
O'Connell (J. F.), O'Duffy, O'Flaherty, P. Lelan, and  
Quigley

Mr. Sean O'Farrell, Local Government Inspector,  
Mr. P. J. Paffery, Engineering Inspector, and Mr.  
P. J. Ward, Solicitor, representing the Solicitor  
to the County Council were also in attendance.

Mr. Quigley signed his Declaration of  
acceptance of Office on taking his Seat as  
County Councillor.

On the motion of Councillor Mr. Permeth,  
seconded by Councillor O'Donnell (Hugh), Councillor  
Mr. Goldbuck was moved to the Chair.

## Minutes

The Minutes of previous Meeting were confirmed.

## Reports of Committees

The Reports of the Finance and Proposed  
Committees respectively. - Meetings held on  
27<sup>th</sup> May, 1924, were adopted.

The Report of special standing  
Committee of the County Council - meeting held  
on 20<sup>th</sup> May 1924, was submitted.

Councillor O'Duffy took exception  
to the Pension of £900. recommended by  
the Committee to be paid Mr. Bernard Mr. Fadden  
Corneybrow Lifford, for services rendered  
as Secretary to the County Council.

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He protested against the proposal and as an amendment he proposed that they reduce the pension to the lowest figure they possibly could give.

The Chairman said they were bound to pay Mr Mc Fadden a pension of not less than £764, and they had the option of paying him £1,200. All other Officials that were pensioned before him had years added to their service on account of having carried out their duties efficiently. They felt that it might be regarded as an insult against Mr Mc Fadden if they did not add years to his in recognition of his good service. They gave him something more than they were bound to give him but not all that they should have given him.

Mr John Tracy, Solicitor, Trowy, appeared for Mr Mc Fadden and referred to the pensions granted to other County Officials he asked the Council not to be misled by Councillor O'Puffy but to give Mr Mc Fadden the pension recommended by the Committee.

Councillor Kelly (Henry J.), in seconding said he would be inclined to reduce it further if he could.

A Note was then taken

For the Committee's Recommendation } Councillors Gallen Lynch, Byles, Mc Geruati, Mc Isobick, O'Donnell (Hugh), O'Donnell (J.F.) & O'Leagherly - 8.

Against - Councillors Kelly (Henry J.), Mc Daid O'Puffy, Phelan and Quigley - 5.

The Chairman declared the recommendation of the Special Committee adopted.

Proposals for Payment  
Proposals for payment in respect of Salaries



90. Quarter ended 31st March 1924. Was sanctioned for payment.

A Paying Order for £6.10.0, issued in favour of Councillor Clarke, being travelling expenses attending meeting of Irish Co. Council's General Council in Dublin, on 16th May, 1924, was directed to be withheld pending the receipt of Report of meeting.

Treasurer's advice notes

Treasurer's advice notes were submitted and signed

Outstanding a/c's - Strabane and Stranorlar Boards of Guardians  
In accordance with notice of Motion duly given, Councillor Mr. Pennefather proposed that the Council take into consideration the question of the settling of outstanding accounts with the Strabane and Stranorlar (late) Boards of Guardians respectively. He pointed out that the Strabane Board owed the Stranorlar Board a very large sum. There was the claim by Mr. Ingram too. He thought the County Council should instruct their Salt to have a settlement of the amount due by them.

Mr. O'Farrell, Local Government Inspector, said in regard to the Strabane Board's liability the responsibility for collecting it now fell on the County Council. With regard to Mr. Ingram's claim, his advice to the Stranorlar Council was to pay it and look pleasant.

Councillor Mr. Pennefather's motion was agreed to.

Local Government Inspector -

A letter from the Ministry of Local Government stating that Mr. W. G. Walsh had been appointed Inspector to the area which included

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Incidence from the 1<sup>st</sup> June 1924 was made.

The Chairman said that meant the transfer of Mr O'Farrell, who had done admirable work in the County. They wished him success in the new sphere to which he had been promoted.

Councillor Mr Desmond endorsed these remarks and regretted they were losing Mr O'Farrell at a time when his work was showing signs of bearing good fruit.

Mr O'Farrell returned thanks.

### Trunk Road Grant of £31960

Councillor Myles said that last week he called at the Office of the Roads Dept., Ministry of Local Government, with regards to the Trunk Road Grant of £31960, and learned that although the Council thought the Department and the Council were at cross purposes they really were not, and that there had simply been a misapprehension regarding the Council's Scheme.

Mr Rafferty of the Roads Department had come to the Council meeting, and he moved that Mr Rafferty and the two County Surveyors consult with each other and submit a Scheme to that meeting regarding the allocation of the Grant on the basis laid down by the Council, viz: in proportion that the mileage of Trunk Roads in any Rural District bore to the total mileage of Trunk Roads in the County.

Councillor Mr Desmond seconded the matter which was unanimously agreed to.

Councillor Myles also raised the question of the Council bearing the charge for



for the necessary machinery in connection with the Scheme. He pointed out that the machinery would be a valuable asset of the Council, and if the Council bore the cost the sum of £6440 would be available out of the Grant in question for improving the roads.

Councillor Fallon drew attention to the fact that the Council had already decided to pay only the extra amount required for the machinery above the sum of £6440. author-ised under the Scheme, and this could not be altered without a rescinding notice of Motion.

Councillor Boyles withdrew his suggestion.

Proposed Loan of £6440

On the motion of Councillor Boyles, seconded by Councillor Kelly (Henry J.), it was unanimously resolved, subject to the sanction of the Ministry of Local Government to obtain a Loan of £6440 from the Treasurer of the County for the purpose of purchasing road machinery. Such loan to be repayable, with interest, in half-yearly instalments within a period of 10 years.

Councillor O'Connell (J. F.) inquired if in the expenditure of this Grant they were going to start in the rich or in the poor districts where unemployment was rife. Thousands were unemployed on the Western seaboard and were going out of the Country in hundreds.

Councillor O'Duffy agreed that the Council should begin where poverty and distress were rife.

The Chairman said that matter could be considered by the Council when they had the Scheme before them.

Mr. Rafferty

Mr Raftery subsequently submitted the following Scheme which was unanimously adopted

In this connection Councillor O'Sullivan (J.F.) said that the allocation of £5,160- to the Glenties District was inadequate.

The majority of the residents in the district were migratory labourers. He also referred to the disgraceful condition of Lonsay Bridge which was a shame to the Council

Mr. Caffrey, County Surveyor, said that bridges did not come under the Scheme

### Allocation of Grant to Roads in the respective Rural Districts -

The following members of the Council were appointed a Committee to meet at 4 o'clock p.m. that Evening, in conjunction with Mr. Raftery and the two County Surveyors for the purpose of formulating a Scheme in connection with the allocation of the Grant to roads in the respective Rural Districts -

Messrs J.S. Myles, Hugh O'Duffy, J.F. O'Sullivan, P.J. Mc. Goldrick, Edward Lynch, John Mc. Bennett, and John W. Flaherty.

The Committee went into the matter and submitted the following Scheme which was adopted.



TIRCONAILL COUNTY COUNCIL.

COUNTY COUNCIL QUOTA OF GRANT. £38,400

MACHINERY. 6,440

AVAILABLE FOR ROAD WORK - - - - - £31,960

Allocated in accordance with spirit of County Council's Resolution

NORTHERN DIVISION.

SOUTHERN DIVISION

Mr. J. H. Steadman.

Mr. J. Caffrey.

RURAL AREA.

QUOTA.

RURAL AREA.

QUOTA

Dunfanaghy

£3578.

Ballyshannon

£1540

Inishowen

£7155.

Donegal

£5160

Letterkenny.

£2862.

Glenties

£5160

Milford.

£2385.

Stranorlar.

£1120

TOTAL

£15,930.

TOTAL

£15,980

(Signed) P. J. Raftery. Engineering Inspector.

,, J. Steadman, County Surveyor, N. D.

,, John Caffrey, County Surveyor, S. D.

Date - 27th, May, 1924.

ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY  
BY COUNTY COUNCIL.

(Signed) P. S. Maguailgaing

Chairman.



COUNTY OF TIRCONNELL.

ALLOCATION OF TRUNK ROAD GRANT OF £31,960.

RURAL DISTRICTS.	PARTICULARS OF ROADS.	ALLOCATION OF GRANT.	TOTALS.
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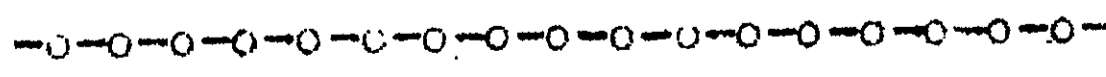
NORTHERN DIVISION.

DUNFANAGHY.	Crolly to Dore	£896.	£3578.
	Derrybeg.	£394.	
	Gortahork.	894.	
	Doe.	894.	
INISHOWEN.	Ballyliffin towards Carndonagh	£1400	£7155.
	Carn to Drumaville	£1400	
	Burnfoot towards Buncrana	£1400	
	Letterkenny meaning to Sharon Bridge	£1555	
	Buncrana to Clonmany - (Drum to Drumfries)	£1400	
LETTERKENNY.	Trinragh Bridge to Keenaghan Bridge.	£2862.	£2862.
MILFORD.	Carriart to Lackagh Bridge	£1200	£2385
	Milford to Ramelton	£1185.	

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SOUTHERN DIVISION.

BALLYSHANNON	Road from Railway Station to second milestone	£1540	£1540
DOONEGAL	Pettigo Area	£2000	£5160
	Donogal - Laghey	£1300	
	Keadue Bridge towards Donegal	£1000	
	Drumconner.	£860	
GLenties.	Largy (both ways)	£1032	£5160
	Ardara (Pearson's corner)	£1032	
	Acres to Dunglea	£1032	
	Kincasslagh	£1032	
	Crolly - Loughanure	£1032.	
Stranorlar	Lifford to Letterkenny	£1700	£4120
	Clady towards Lifford.	£800	
	Barnes Bridge to Ballybofey	£320	
	Killygordon (both ways)	£800	





Surveyors Travelling Expenses

On presentation of Form R.I. in connection with the Surveyors Travelling Expenses during month of April last, the Chairman commented on the fact that the expenses of one man from 14.5.23 to 30.4.24 was £346 - He said that when the Council decided on paying Vouched expenses the intention was only to give whatever extra expenditure was incurred in supervising the special Grants Schemes but the Surveyors were claiming all their expenses.

The Assistant Secretary said the claims were made in accordance with the scale of the Ministry of Local Government, Roads Department.

Councillor Kelly (Kewy J.) said he would be in favour of payment of the Surveyors travelling expenses being deferred until the views of the Ministry of Local Government, Roads Department, had been ascertained.

The acting secretary said that the question of paying the Surveyors travelling expenses on a percentage basis or by Vouched Expenses in Form R.I. was considered by the County Council and the latter agreed to pay Vouched expenses in accordance with the scale prescribed by the Local Govt. Ministry.

Councillor Golden said this was only another illustration of the state of affairs cropping up at every meeting. There were two very crucial questions that could be raised at several boards in the County but had not been.

Mr Sean O'Farrell said that the arrangement was that Surveyors were to get

get vouchers expenses in respect of all their work, and when the Ministry, in a recent Circular inquired the views of the Council as to the system of Touching the mileage travelled by Surveyors, the Council adhered to it.

It was decided to refer the matter to the special standing Committee of the Council, the expenses for months of April not to be paid in the meantime -

Trunk Road Grant of £ 3960.-

The acting Secretary mentioned that a further sum of £ 184. had been received from the Ministry of Local Government, Roads Dept., in respect of road I 18. Works No. A. 189. (Barnes Road)

Unoccupied Workhouses. Insurance of  
With reference to a Circular letter from the Ministry of Local Government enclosing an order requiring the Council of the administrative County in which unoccupied Workhouses are situated and which are not required for the purposes of the County Scheme to uphold, maintain, and insure the disused premises, and appoint a fit person to act as caretaker a statement of Insurance of Board of Health was submitted from which it appeared that these premises were insured by the Boards. As the Workhouse buildings are now vested in the County Council it was decided to have the insurances thereon effected in the name of the Council.

Repair of Roads to East Side of  
Lough Swilly.-

A letter dated 23rd April 1924 I.R. 1/4 was received from the Ministry of Local Government stating



Noting that with reference to the Grant of £2,500- promised by the British War Dept. for the repair of roads to East Side of Lough Swilly the minister has recently been in communication with Mr Steadman, Co. Surveyor, and the British War Department and that it was hoped the matter would be satisfactorily adjusted.

Caretaker of Workhouse at Milford - a letter, dated 26<sup>th</sup> April, 1924, from the Ministry of Local Government in regard to the claim of the Ex-master of the Workhouse at Milford for acting as caretaker of the Institution from 28<sup>th</sup> Oct, 1922, to 1<sup>st</sup> Nov, 1923, and pointing out that Mr. Blaney occupied apartments free of rent in the workhouse buildings for the period for which it is proposed to allow him remuneration for acting as caretaker, and the Minister considers that that perquisite should be regarded as sufficient to meet Mr. Blaney's claim for caretaking the premises.

Mr. J. E. Conaghan, Solicitor, Perry, appeared on behalf of Mr. Blaney and pointed out that the latter was a whole-time official, and was entitled to be paid at the rate per week fixed by the late Milford Board of Guardians on 28<sup>th</sup> October, 1922.

On the motion of Councillor O'Donnell (J.F.), seconded by Councillor Lynch, it was unanimously resolved that he be paid at the rate of 10/- per week in respect of the period set out in claim subject to the sanction of the Ministry of Local Government. The question of the appointment of a caretaker by the Council for the buildings in question was referred to the Special Standing Committee of the Council.

re Mr Michael Mc. Nelis, Glenties  
 a letter dated 29.4.24 G 17609/24. Glenties P. 9.  
 from the Ministry of Local Government, stating  
 that the Minister has had before him Reports  
 from the Auditor on his recent Audit of a/c  
 of the Glenties Rural District Council, the National  
 Benefit Committee, and the District Hospital  
 Committee set up under the Audalgan Scheme  
 Scheme in Tirconnell County, and in view of the  
 disclosures made the Minister has directed  
 that Mr Michael Mc. Nelis, Clerk R. D. Council,  
 be immediately removed from Office, and an  
 Order to that effect is being prepared, was  
 read.

In this Connection a letter, dated 28.4.24,  
 was read from Mr J. O'Keefe, Auditor,  
District Hospital Carradragh. - Letting of a Plot of Ground  
 a letter from the Ministry of Local Government,  
 dated 29.4.24, relative to the letting of a  
 plot of ground at the District Hospital,  
 Carradragh, to a Tennis Club, and pointing  
 out that the Council's powers are limited to  
 the lettings for a period less than six years  
 under the Workhouse Lands & Buildings  
 (Short Lettings) Order, 1924, having been read,  
 it was decided to let the plot of ground  
 referred to to the Tennis Club for a  
 period of 11 months at a rent of £1-  
 subject to the approval of the Minister  
 of Local Government.

#### Overdraft of £ 30,000

a letter, dated 17<sup>th</sup> May 1924, G 21645/1924.  
 Tirconnell County, was read from the Ministry  
 of Local Government stating that the Minister  
 has sanctioned an Overdraft not exceeding  
 £ 30,000, to the 30<sup>th</sup> provision, to the Tirconnell  
 County Council and adding that interest may  
 be



be paid at a rate not in excess of  $\frac{1}{2}$  % under Irish Bank rate, with a minimum of  $\frac{1}{4}$  %.

Letterkenny District Nursing Association -  
A letter, dated 19<sup>th</sup> May 1924, P.H. 22701/1924, Tipperary County, was read from the Ministry of Local Government stating that it is desirable that an arrangement should be arrived at with the Letterkenny District Nursing Association for securing the part-time services of their Nurse in connection with the County Tuberculosis Scheme. Consideration of the matter was deferred until next meeting. —

Housing (Building Facilities) Act 1924 -  
A letter from the Ministry of Local Government Housing Department, enclosing a copy of above act which passes into Law on the 20<sup>th</sup> April 1924; also copies of the Housing (New Houses) Order 1924, relating to new Houses, and the Housing (Reconstructed Houses) Order 1924, and consideration of the matter referred to the Special Standing Committee of the County Council.

#### Old Age Pensions -

A Circular letter dated 30<sup>th</sup> April 1924, from the Ministry of Local Government (Old Age Pensions Branch) on the subject of the difficulties experienced by applicants in proving age where the old Registers of Baptisms of their parishes are not now in existence, or the Registers have become injured or illegible, or are incomplete or otherwise defective, and setting out the procedure to be adopted in such cases, having been read, it was unanimously resolved on the motion of Councillor Gullen, seconded by Councillor O'Puffy, "that this Council expresses complete dissatisfaction with

with the administration of the Old Age Pension act and demands from the Pension authorities in the Local Government Department that inability to provide records of age and technically qualified affidavits shall not be allowed to delay poor persons from rightful access to the Pension Register—

Court accommodation

A Circular letter, dated 6<sup>th</sup> May 1924, was read from the Ministry of Local Government transmitting for the information and guidance of the County Council, Copy of the provision of District Courts Order, 1924, specifying the places where the Council are under obligation to provide and maintain suitable accommodation, &c, for the conduct of Court business.

Consideration was deferred until next meeting.

Conveyance of inmates from Bileford Workhouse to Central Home, Stranorlar

A letter dated 9<sup>th</sup> May 1924, was read from the Ministry of Local Government stating that the Minister has received from P. H. M. Dowell, Milford, an application for an extension of time for the payment of an account for the hire of a motor car for the conveyance of inmates from Bileford workhouse to Stranorlar Central Home on 21<sup>st</sup> Sept, and 6<sup>th</sup> November 1922, respectively, and requesting that the Minister may be furnished with the observations of the Tinnahill County Council in the matter. It was decided to recommend the Minister of Local Government to accede to Mr W. Dowell's application

A letter, dated 13.5.24, was read from the Ministry of Local Government intimating that a proposal to afford relief to agriculturists is under consideration which may bear on the amount of Rates to be levied



levied this year on agricultural land, and stating that it would be well to defer the completion of the Demand Notes and receipts for about two weeks pending the introduction of the proposal in the Dail. It was decided to comply with the instruction.

Mrs. Langan - Payment of Gratuity -

a letter, dated 13<sup>th</sup> May, 1924, from the Ministry of Local Government, addressed to Mrs. Langan Letterkeny, relative to her claim to Compensation for loss of employment as Nurse in Midford Workhouse, and stating that the Minister has no function in regard to the payment of the gratuity in her case, unless the right to or the amount thereof is disputed, and adding that in the absence of a dispute the question of payment is one for the Fingonagh County Council - amount of gratuity recommended by the County Council on 26.2.24 £225.11.1. It was decided to pay this sum.

Glenies District Hospital and Glenies National Benefit Committee -

A letter dated 13<sup>th</sup> May, 1924, from the Ministry of Local Government enclosing copy of a letter received from the Bank of Ireland in regard to an amount due by the late Board of Guardians of Glenies Union to the Bank, having been read, Councillor Galen stated that there were sums due by that Bank on foot of the accounts of the Glenies District Hospital and Glenies National Benefit and these should be transferred immediately to the Fingonagh County Board of Health. He moved that the matter be placed in the hands of the Council's Solicitor with a view to having the matter settled. When that had been done the Council will consider

Consider the question of the payment to the  
 masons and Plaster Bands of the amount  
 (£92.19.2), plus accrued interest, due on foot  
 of the late Gleenters Poor Law Union account.

Tuberculosis Institute at Letterkenny—  
 a letter from Mr William Kelly, Solicitor, Letterkenny,  
 on behalf of Mrs Catherine Muehlem, with  
 reference to the letting of the premises above the  
 Tuberculosis Institute at Letterkenny to the  
 District Nurses engaged by the Letterkenny District  
 Nursing Association, having been read, Mr P. J.  
 Ward, Solicitor stated that, as directed by  
 the Council at their previous meeting, he  
 interviewed Mr William Kelly, Solicitor on the  
 matter. The latter told him that Mrs Muehlem  
 was opposed to the letting of the premises but  
 that a settlement could be come to if the  
 County Council would agree to an increase  
 in the rent of the premises. The Council  
 decided not to take any action.

Balsane Road

a letter from the Irish Land Commission,  
 Dublin, respecting the offer of the (late)  
 Congested Districts Board of a contribution  
 of £50 towards the cost of the Balsane  
 road improvements and requesting to be  
 informed how the matter now stands,  
 as the (late) Board's offer cannot be held  
 in suspense indefinitely, was read.  
 The acting Secretary stated that the County  
 Council in December last entered into a  
 contract for the making of this road,  
 subject to the sanction of the Ministry  
 of Local Government, Roads Dept, but  
 that the ministry's sanction had not  
 been received. The acting Secretary was  
 directed to communicate with the ministry



of Local Government, Roads Department, and request approval to the making of said road.

County Infirmaries at Lifford - Transfer of In Connection with Credit Balance -

The question of the transfer of the Credit balance and interest in connection with the account of the late Committee of Management of County Infirmaries at Lifford, the acting Secretary said he understood the amount had been transferred by the Treasurer to the Committee to the Treasurer of the County

re Release of Political Prisoners

Copy resolution passed by the Municipal Council of the City of Dublin, demanding that all political prisoners, whether sentenced or interned, should at once be released, was adopted, on the motion of Councillor Galen, seconded by Councillor Phelan.

— Voting —

For adoption - Councillors Galen, Lynch, Mr. Reid, Mr. Germain, O'Donnell (High), O'Donnell (J.F.), O'Duffy, O'Flaherty, and Phelan - 9 -

against - Councillor Mr. Gadduck - 1.

Relief of Distress Grant -

A letter from Revd John Mac Groarty, C.C., Kincaulagh, Letterkenny, relating to the balance of wages due to certain workmen, who worked on the road from Railway station to Kincaulagh under the Relief of Distress Scheme, having been read, Mr. Gaffrey, County Surveyor, said that the County Council, at a previous meeting, gave directions that the workmen concerned be paid, but there was no money to credit of the Scheme, out of which to pay the amount. On the motion of Councillor O'Donnell (J.F.), the acting

acting Secretary was directed to write the Ministry of Local Government (Roads Department) to restore to the County the balance of the Grant withheld.

The following copy of a resolution passed by Lishrowen Rural District Council, was read, and no action taken.

"That in view of the immense interests involved and the vast extent of this County, and in order to ensure efficient financial administration at the minimum of expense, we call on the Local Government Ministry to divide the County, Tinscoil, into two Fiscal Units - Constituting Lishrowen with the ~~former~~ former Perry No. 2 Rural District as one of the units

#### re Erection of a Garage

a letter from Mr John Ward, Gortally, Kerrykeel, stating that he has been notified by Mr Dawson, assistant Surveyor not to proceed further with the building of his garage at Kerrykeel, having been read, the matter was referred to the County Surveyor for a report -

#### District Court at Moville

The consideration of an application by Mr Patrick Mc Growty, Foyle st. Moville, for payment, at the rate of £2.10.0 per annum, for cleaning and lighting, &c., the District Court at Moville, was deferred, in the absence of Councillor Baines.

#### re Contract, No. 43, April 1922. Glenties R. &

a letter from Mr Jim O'Donnell, Kibraine, Glenties, stating that two years ago C. Mc Neilis of Kibraine was accepted as Contractor for above Contract and that he (O'Donnell) entered into an agreement with C. Mc Neilis to perform portions of the work, but that lately the Contract had been transferred



to Mr James Gallagher, The mines, Glenties, was read as was also a Report on the matter from the County Surveyor -

The Council decided that <sup>the</sup> arrangement being a private one they could not take any action.

Permission to lay a crocker pipe subject to the approval of the County Surveyor permission was granted to Mr W J. Riprett, Rossnewlough, to have a 6-inch crocker pipe laid across the public road at his premises at Rossnewlough.

Children act 1908.

a notice dated 2.5.14, was submitted from Sgt M J. Cullen, Rosgal, re proposed ~~commitment~~ commitment of a little girl to Fungah Industrial School.

Re Limiting Speed of Motor Cars

Copy of a resolution passed by Ballyshannon Town Commissioners requiring the Tirconnell County Council to limit the speeds on motor cars on the public highways within the town of Ballyshannon, to 10 miles per hour, as any greater speed is in their opinion, a danger to the public, was adopted.

Malin-Head Pier

a letter from the Harbour master at Malin Head reporting that some large stones were lying in the berth at Malin Head Pier, was read. Mr Sheahan stated that he had the stones removed -

Permission to lay a Pipe -

subject to the approval of the County Surveyor permission was granted to Mr Francis J. McLoone, Glenties, to lay a 1-inch water pipe along ~~County~~ County road, between Postman's Hotel and his residence. The Post office ~~was~~

Subject

subject to the approval of the County Surveyor permission was also given to Mr. W. Shorlin, Portnoo Hotel, Navan, to bring a  $1\frac{1}{2}$  pipe across the County road for the purpose of conveying the water to a house he has erected at Larkagh.

National Health and Unemployment  
Insurances —

a letter from Mr. W. Walker, Inspector National Health Insurance Commission, Clones, claiming for £17.11.0 arrears of insurance of Mr. John P. Gallagher, Local Taxation Officer, and Messrs. Dan Kelly, and Patrick H. W. Bennett, Clerks in County Surveyor's Department; also letter from the National Health Insurance Commission regarding the arrears of National Health and Unemployment Insurance Contributions due by the County Council of Tivernacle for persons employed under (a) the Road Boards Scheme (£57.11.1) and (b) Direct Labour Schemes where contracts fell through £88.19.0, and for three temporary clerks employed: two in the County Surveyor's Office, and one in the County Council Office (Local Taxation Officer) £17.11.0, having been read, it was decided to pay the respective amounts.

Re Mr. Wm. J. Doherty's Remuneration

a letter from Mr. Wm. J. Doherty, C.E., 12 Castle St. Derry, enclosing a statement showing how his account stands in connection with Valuations in the defence of Criminal Injury Claims on behalf of the Tivernacle County Council, having been read, it was unanimously decided, on the motion of Councillor Hyles, seconded by Councillor O'Suffly to pay the amount due

Mr. Doherty



The Society, subject to the sanction of the  
Ministry of Local Government.

Copy of Statement

1924.

February 19. To amount of a/c, provided £694.13.4  
Credit

May 5. By Cash ... .. 300.0.0  
Balance ... £394.13.4

Engine Drivers and Wagmen

A letter was read from Engine Drivers and  
Wagmen employed in connection with the Road  
machinery of the County Council protesting  
against the action of the Council regarding  
the payment of their wages and the  
interference with the arrangements as to  
Church holidays.

Councillor Gallem said that on the 28<sup>th</sup>  
August, 1920, these matters were settled by  
arbitration, and he considered no change  
could now be made in the absence  
of a rescinding motion. He moved that the  
matter be referred to the Council's solicitor  
with a view to ascertaining their present  
situation.

Appointment of County Secretary -

Proposed by Councillor Mc Dermott, seconded  
by Councillor O'Donnell (Hugh) and  
unanimously resolved that it be a condition  
attaching to the appointment of County Secretary  
that he reside convenient to the Council  
Offices, and within the area of control  
of the State.

Resignation of Mr. O'Callaghan - Assistant Surveyor  
Mr. Michael O'Callaghan, Letterberry, tendered his  
resignation as assistant County Surveyor in  
the County, accompanied by a medical certificate.

On the motion of Councillor Lynch, seconded  
by

By Councillor O'Donnell (Hugh), the resignation was unanimously accepted, subject to the sanction of the Ministry of Local Government.  
Resignation of Mr. Edward O'Callaghan, Assistant Surveyor.

Mr. Edward O'Callaghan, Victoria Park, Buncrana, has tendered his resignation as Assistant County Surveyor in the County, accompanied by a medical certificate, which was unanimously accepted on the motion of Councillor Lynch, seconded by Councillor O'Donnell (Hugh), subject to the approval of the Ministry of Local Government.

Revision of the Salaries of the Council's Survey Staff and Re-arrangement of their Districts—

A letter dated 23<sup>rd</sup> May 1924, R/R.S./17, was submitted from the Ministry of Local Government on above subject. The Acting Secretary was directed to send a copy of the letter to each County and Assistant Surveyor, and place the matter on agenda for consideration by the Council at next meeting.

The consideration of a letter from Revd. Joseph Sheridan P.P., St. Mary's, Killyward, Buncrana, requesting to know if the Council would dispose of an old zinc tank in the old Castle at Buncrana which came out of the burned down Court-house there, was referred to the special standing Committee of the Council.

Permission to Erect Petrol Pumps

Permission was given to the undermentioned persons to erect Petrol Pumps, subject to the approval of the County Surveyor which is to be obtained, before pumps are erected. Each person to enter into an agreement with the County Council that the said pumps will



will be removed when required by the Council and paying to the latter body the sum of £1. per annum. the agreement to be prepared by the Collector to the Council. Cost of Dams. to be paid by the respective applicants.

Name	Address	Position of Pump
James Keenan	Manorcunningham	Outside his premises at Manorcunningham
Surrender water Coy.	Surrender	On the private ground of the Surrender Hotel
road Shanky	Cresalough	In the stone opposite his house at Cresalough

Tullin Courtward Station

A letter from the Office of Public Works, Dublin, stating that the Commissioners were advised that owing to the manner in which the Breconville County Council have raised the level of the County road on which the above named property abuts, the boundary wall does not now afford adequate protection from trespass. As this causes serious inconvenience to their tenant, Mr. John Boyle, et al, the Commissioners have to request that the County Council will be good enough to raise the boundary wall to as great a height above the road level as was formerly the case, having been read, Mr. Coffey, County Surveyor, was directed to attend to the matter.

Pier Road at Oranmore

A letter was read from Messrs Edward W. Fadden and Company, Solicitors, Rathvenny, stating that Captain Hugh O'Donnell, Oranmore, had been with them in reference to the obstructions on the Pier road, Oranmore, although instructions were

were given by the County Council to have the obstruction removed. The acting Secretary was directed to write the Harbour Master on the matter.

Tuberculosis Officer

Copy of a resolution passed by Lushower Rural District Council calling upon the Lincashire County Council to abolish the Office of Tuberculosis Officer for the County as the payment of the salary appears to be an expenditure from which the ratepayers derive no benefit was read.

Contracts Nos. 559 and 573. Lushower R. D.  
(Formerly Perry St. area)

Mr. W. W. Magee, Road Contractor, Castletown, Churchtown, P.O. appeared before the Council in reference to monies deferred by the County Surveyor on foot of above Contracts, owing to the road metal not being broken. Mr. Magee stated he had the road material piled on roadside for the past six months and complained that the County Surveyor took away the Stone Breaker with the result that he (Magee) could not get material broken.

Mr. Steadman said he was obliged to take away the Stone Breaker at the time work started on the Trunk Road between Buncrana and Urban Boundary and Fahan.

The Council were under no obligation to give their Stone Breakers to Contractors, however, he would lend the breaker to Magee's Contractors when in a position to do so.

The Council suggested that Mr. Steadman make arrangements for breaking the stones as soon as possible.



Re Collector Mc. Gowan -

arising out of the recommendations of the Special Standing Committee on the 20th May 1924. The acting Secretary informed the Council that the balance of rates in the district of Collector Mc. Gowan for the period ended the 31st March, 1923, was lodged with the County Treasurer by Mr. Vincent P. McMullin, D.D., on behalf of that Officer. Mr. McMullin, who was in attendance, stated that the Personal Sureties would accept no further responsibility in the case, but the Council refused to relieve them from their Bond unless Collector Mc. Gowan could provide a equally satisfactory Personal Security under the Public Bodies Order 1904 in the amount of the existing bond. Thus Mr. McMullin stated the Collector was not in a position to do up to the present, and he asked the Council to grant him a fortnight within which to obtain such Security.

On the motion of Councillor Mr. Donnelly, seconded by Councillor O'Connell (Kings) it was unanimously decided to extend the time for this purpose by one week from 27th May 1924. The Warrant for Year ended the 31st March, 1924, not to be issued to him in the meantime.

Rate Collectors Personal Sureties -

The acting Secretary informed the Council that Collectors Michael Peery and Edward J. Doherty, had not as yet furnished the names of their proposed Personal Sureties, and that Collector Dawson had not named a substitute for one of his proposed Sureties who was disqualified.

The acting Secretary was directed to call on these Officers to attend to this matter without further delay -

Payment of Poundage Fees

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Councillor Mr. Bennett, it was decided to pay, subject to the sanction of the Local Government Ministry, ordinary poundage fees to Collector Wm. Gallagher on his warrant for the half-year ended the 31st March 1924 which he had closed since date of last Council meeting.

The Council also recommended that like remuneration be allowed to any Collector in the County who closed his accounts for that period on or before the 31st May, 1924. —

Re Meenagh Boatlip

Mr. Steadman, County Surveyor, reported as follows: —

Gentlemen,

The Ministry of Fisheries has asked that the County Council take over the road leading from the County road to Fanny's Bay, they undertaking to do any necessary repairs to bring the roads up to the County standard. As a great deal has been done by the Fanny's Bay District Board at Fanny's Bay to aid the Rossquill fishermen I would recommend their request being acceded to.

The County Council agreed to take over the roads, provided the repairs recommended by the County Surveyor were carried <sup>out</sup> to the roads by the Ministry of Fisheries —

Erection of Customs shed at Bridge-End

Mr. Steadman, County Surveyor, reported that the Ministry of Local Government desire to erect a Customs shed at Bridge-End,

attending



extending across the County road, according to a plan submitted, and request the approval of the County Council.

Mr Steadman submitted the plan of proposed sheds to the Council, and it was agreed not to offer any objection to the sheds being erected.

re Erection of a Hall -

Mr Steadman County Surveyor reported that a Hall was being erected within the 30ft limit from Centre of road at Porrybeg.

re Widow Bridget Bawn, magheraclogher, Gweedore  
A Memorial was submitted on behalf of Widow Bridget Bawn, magheraclogher, Gweedore, showing that she accidentally lost her son - Peter Bawn - at Diver's Quarry, magheraclogher on the 21<sup>st</sup> July, 1923, where he had been engaged with other workmen in quarrying operations in connection with the Road Grant allocated to Finaculla County Council. That she is in dire distress, and was wholly dependent on his earning power and is now bereft of any visible means of support, and adding that the Memorialists beg to suggest that she be compensated to some extent by the County Council from a share of the Road Grant.

Mr P. J. Ward, V. O. Solicitor said that some time ago a claim for compensation was submitted to the County Council but they decided to deny liability. Subsequently Mrs Bawn, through her Solicitor, took an action against the Co. Council but was defeated, the County Court Judge holding the Council were not legally liable.

Councillor O'Duffy said he was acquainted with the circumstances of the case. Mrs Bawn was in very straitened circumstances, having to maintain a feeble family on the bare

have necessities of life, and the fact of her  
son's death would leave her monetarily  
crippled for an indefinite future

After due Consideration

Councillor Mr Perrett proposed,  
Councillor O'Duffy seconded, and it was  
unanimously resolved that she be  
granted an est. gratia grant of £75.,  
subject to the sanction of the Ministry of  
Local Government -



# Tironeall County Council.

Copy Minutes of Proceedings of Half-Yearly Meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> June, 1924.

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## Attendance

The members present were:

Councillors Baines, Boyle, Browne, Clarke, Gall, Gallagher (Wm.), Gallen, Kelly (H. J.), Kelly (J.), Pungam, Lynch, Byles, Mr. Coak, Mr. Faid, Mr. Derrett, Mr. Goldrick, Mr. Hally, Mr. Shane, O'Donnell (Hugh), O'Donnell (J. F.), O'Duffy, O'Flaherty, Phelan, and Dringley.

Mr. Dean O'Farrell, Local Government Inspector and Mr. P. J. Ward, Solicitor representing the Solicitor to the County Council, were also in attendance.

On the motion of Councillor Mr. Faid, seconded by Councillor Mr. Derrett, Councillor Mr. Goldrick was moved to the Chair.

## Minutes

On the minutes of previous meeting of the Council being submitted for confirmation, Councillor Gallen took exception to the Report of the Special Committee appended at that meeting and incorporated in the Minutes, in connection with the allocation of the Trunk Road Grant of £31960 to certain Trunk Roads in the County. He said it was understood that £1000 was to be allocated to the Trunk Road "Clady towards Lifford", but according to the Committee's Report only £800 had been allocated to this road. He did not mind if the difference (£200) was to be spent in a district where unemployment was rife.

The matter was referred to Mr. O'Duffy, County Surveyor, with a view to

to having the latter amount restored to the road in question. Subsequently it was unanimously decided that £1500 instead of £1700 be expended on the road "Lifford to Littlebury", and £1000 on the road "Glady towards Lifford".

In other respects the Committee's Report was adopted and Minutes confirmed.

Trunk Road Grant £31960.

A letter dated 13<sup>th</sup> June, 1924, S.G.A./7, was read from the Ministry of Local Government, Roads Department, stating that the Minister for Local Government and Public Health has approved of the Scheme for the improvement of Trunk Roads proposed to be carried out by the Tinsacill County Council under the terms of the Minister's letter (S.G.A./201), dated 18<sup>th</sup> February, 1924 in the northern Division of Tinsacill County.

A letter, dated 14<sup>th</sup> June 1924, S.G.A./7, was also read from the Ministry of Local Government, Roads Department, intimating that the Minister for Local Government and Public Health has approved of the Scheme for the improvement of Trunk Roads in the southern division of Tinsacill County proposed to be carried out by Tinsacill County Council under the terms of the Minister's letter S.G.A./201, dated 18<sup>th</sup> February, 1924, and pointing out that the specification of a section of road T 72 has been amended to extend to a point near Lough Anolia, and that the specification in respect of road M 75 has also been amended to extend to across National School.



### Report of Committee

The Report of Proposal Committee meeting held on morning of meeting was unanimously adopted.

### Proposals for Payment

The Proposals for Payment formulated by the various Rural District Councils in respect of Half Year ended 31st March 1924, were ordered to be paid - amount £ 27,709. 1. 9.

### Limit of Road Expenditure.

#### Stranorlar Rural District

Copy of a resolution of Stranorlar Rural District Council requesting the Trianall County Council to make application to the Minister of Local Government for sanction to an extension of the present Limit of Road Expenditure by £ 2,500, thereby making a total of £ 12,500, as the District Council find it will take the latter amount to discharge their existing liabilities, having been so advised. Mr. Caffrey, County Surveyor, said this was necessary as the expenditure had been incurred.

It was unanimously decided to accede to the District Council's request.

#### Gwabbarra Bridge

Copy resolution passed by Glebe Rural District Council - that a sum of £ 500. be allocated for the repair of the Gwabbarra bridge, and that the work be placed in the County Surveyor's hands to carry out the work under a sudden Breach Order., was unanimously adopted. -

#### Maintenance of Approaches to Railway Bridges

On the motion of Councillor Galvin, seconded by Councillor Mr. Cool, the County Surveyor were directed to furnish the County Council with a report of the number

of approaches to Railway bridges main-  
tained by the Council for the Railway  
Companies in the County, the length of roadway  
maintained and the amount received by the  
Council in respect thereof. —

Treasurer's advice notes

Treasurer's advice notes were submitted and  
duly signed —

Court accommodation

A circular letter, dated 6th May, 1924, on the  
subject of Court accommodation, was referred  
to the special standing Committee of the County  
Council.

Councillor Hayes again called attention  
to the necessity of rebuilding Danganoo Courthouse.

A resolution on the subject had been  
previously passed but nothing had been done.

Seeing the new Judiciary Act had been  
passed he brought the time opportunity for raising  
the subject again. Councillor Mc Gredrick said

all the Courthouses in the County which had  
been destroyed should be rebuilt. Councillor

Hayes agreed, and moved that the Council  
request the Ministry of Home Affairs to have

said Courthouses put in order. Councillor  
Mc Gredrick seconded, and the matter was

unanimously agreed to. —

Balances due by date Boards of Guardians

The following statement showing balances due  
by certain date Boards of Guardians in Tipperary  
to their respective Treasurers, was submitted.

Boards of Guardians	Treasurers	amount		
		£	s	d
Dunfanaghy Genties Stranorlar	Ulsterman Bank, Letterkenny	126	15	4
	Monster & Leinster, Quoge	92	19	2
	Northern Bank, Ballyvafering	557	3	8



Councillor Mr Bennett said he signed a cheque for £1000 which he thought covered the amount. The Council decided to inquire how the latter amount was due.

County Tuberculosis Scheme. A letter dated 19th May 1924, was read from the Ministry of Local Government stating that it is desirable that an arrangement should be arrived at with the Letterkenny District Nursing Association for securing the part-time services of their nurse in connection with the County Tuberculosis Scheme. It was decided to refer the matter to the special standing committee of the Council.

Survey Staff - Financial Co. Council. A letter dated 23rd May 1924, R/R.S.17 from the Ministry of Local Government regarding the revision of the salaries of the Financial County Council Survey staff, and the re-arrangement of the assistant surveyors districts, having been read, the matter was referred to the special standing committee of the Co. Council. Councillor Clarke said he wished to protest against the Department's interference with the Council in this matter.

Applications for a Transfer. An application by Mr M.F. Cunningham, assistant surveyor, Clew, Donegal, for a transfer from his present Ballyshannon District to Inveragh District - that lately worked by Mr Michael O'Callaghan was submitted, and consideration deferred as the Ministry's sanction to the resignation of Mr Michael O'Callaghan had not been received.

Mr John Caffrey's District. A letter from Mr John Caffrey, County Surveyor, relative to the operation in his district was

was referred to the Special Standing Committee of the Council.

Proposal No. 202, Milford R. D.

A letter from Mr. Bertram Barton, Solicitor, Portobello, on behalf of Mr. Dan Connors of Rosabreany, Milford Rural District with regard to the proposed new road through the lands of the latter, and the making of a pipe across the road to connect with existing field drains, was read, and no action deemed necessary as the proposal had been rejected.

Payment of Pensions or Gratuities

A letter dated 23rd May, 1924 was read from the Ministry of Local Government in regard to the payment of Pensions or Gratuities to ex-Union Officials.

With reference to the question of a gratuity in respect of the loss of Office of Nurse Mimmannin, since dead, the acting Secretary said that she did not hold office on the passing of the Local Government Act 1919, namely 3rd June 1919, and according to the Minister's letter was not entitled to a gratuity.

Councillor Gallen said they could sanction gratuities in respect of an Hospital that was closed one day, and as the result of wire pulling was opened the next, and which, in fact, was never closed at all.

Mr. Sean O'Farrell, Local Government Inspector said there was a great deal of loose talk about these gratuities. These statements were the result of ignorance. When gratuities were legally granted the Department had no right to interfere.

Councillor Gallen said that in Ballyphannon they sanctioned gratuities when it was known the



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the hospital was to be kept open. It was a scandalous piece of jabsy. Of course, he was not connecting Mr O'Farrell with it.

The Acting Secretary said the gratuity fixed by the (late) Stranorlar Board of Guardians was £223.13.4 and the County Council recommended £175.

On the motion of Councillor Galley, seconded by Councillor Boyle, it was unanimously resolved, on the suggestion of the Chairman, to recommend to the Minister of Local Govt. the payment of an ex-gratia grant of £175 to the representatives of nurse McMenamin.

#### - Tax Spraying Compounds -

A circular letter dated 23<sup>rd</sup> May 1924, was read from the Ministry of Local Govt. Trade Department on the subject of the purchase and use of Tax spraying compounds.

The County Surveyors stated they had received a copy of the circular.

#### Balbrance Road

A letter from the Irish Land Commission, Dublin, relative to the offer of a contribution of £50 by the (late) Congested District Boards towards the cost of Balbrance road improvements and stating that this offer was made in December, 1922, and the work was having yet been started, it must now be withdrawn as the Congested District Board is dissolved having been roads, the Acting Secretary said this was one of the roads approved of by the County Council at half-yearly meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> December, 1922, subject to the sanction of the Ministry of Local Govt. Roads Department, but that the Ministry's sanction had not yet been received.

Mr Sean O'Farrell, Local Government Inspector said the Department's sanction was not necessary.

necessary. It was a matter solely for the County Council to deal with

The County Surveyors were directed to issue instructions to have the work on roads above referred to commenced immediately, and with regard to the Ballinacree road the acting Secretary was directed to request the Irish Land Commission to have the grant of £50 towards its improvements restored.

Proposed Bridge at Marross Ferry

a letter dated 29<sup>th</sup> May 1924, was read from the Irish Land Commission stating that they did not propose to undertake the erection of a bridge at Marross Ferry as their Inspector estimates the cost at between £10,000 and £20,000.

Local Elections

a Circular letter, dated 5<sup>th</sup> June 1924, was read from the Ministry of Local Govt on the subject of the further postponement of the Local Elections until a day later than 30<sup>th</sup> September, 1924.

Local Government (Rates on Agricultural Land) Bill, 1924.

In connection with the Local Government (Rates on agricultural lands) Bill, 1924, recently introduced in the Dail, the Council decided, on the suggestion of the Chairman, to abate by two-thirds the rates to be raised off agricultural land in the financial year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March, 1925, leaving the previous rates to pay a third, the remaining two-thirds to be met by a loan, repayable with interest within seven years.

re Custom Hut.

Mr. Steadman, County Surveyor, reported that  
the



The Office of Public Works desire to make an opening in the parapet wall of Buff Bridge so as to obtain access to a new Customs Hut that is being built there, and wish to know if the County Council offer any objection, and added that the request is a reasonable one. The Council decided to offer no objection.

Engine Drivers and Flagmen  
 a letter of protest from Engine Drivers and Flagmen employed in connection with the County Council's Steam Road Rolling Plant, against the action of the County Council, re payment of wages monthly instead of fortnightly, and Church Holidays, having been read, Mr. J. J. Ward, Esq., on behalf of the Solicitor to the County Council, to whom the matter had been referred by the County Council at their previous meeting, with a view to ascertaining the present status of the Engine Drivers and Flagmen, having regard to the arrangement entered into with them by the Council in August 1920.

~~Mr. Ward~~ advised that that arrangement was not affected by the recent decision of the County Council. If it was proposed to alter same a rescinding motion, duly signed by at least six members of the Council, would require to be lodged and passed.

The acting Secretary said Engine Drivers and Flagmen were at present being paid monthly instead of fortnightly. It was decided to continue paying monthly until the Council had an opportunity of coming to a decision on the matter.

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 a letter from the Secretary Dresh Co. Council's General

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Dish County Council's General Council  
 a letter from the Secretary Dish Co. Council's General



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General Council appending copies of resolutions passed at the special meeting of the Council held on the 4<sup>th</sup> June for the purpose of considering the Local Government Bill, also enclosing copy minutes of Proceedings at meeting of County Council's General Council held on 15<sup>th</sup> May 1924, having been read,

Councillor Mr. Dermott took exception to the expenditure involved in sending representatives to meetings of the General Council, and the payment of an affiliation fee of £20. per annum. He considered the results achieved not ~~worth~~ worth the cost.

It was decided to consider the question when the payment of affiliation fee came before the Council —

Conveyance of Patients to Central Home, Stranorlar  
A letter from the acting Secretary, Tipperary County Board of Health enclosing copies of correspondence relating to an account received from Messrs W. Mahon, Bros., Milford, relative to the conveyance by motor of patients from Workhouse Milford, to the Central Home at Stranorlar on 21<sup>st</sup> Sept. and 6<sup>th</sup> Nov. 1922, respectively, amount of account £8, having been read, it was decided to pay the amount.

Re Erection of a Garage. —

A letter from Mr. John Wards, Gortcally, Kerrykeel, stating that he has been notified by Mr. Dawson, assistant Surveyor, not to proceed further with the building of his Garage at Kerrykeel as it is within the 30 feet from Centre of County roads, having been read, the acting Secretary was directed to write Mr. Wards stating that if he erects the Garage it will be on his

own

own responsibility to face any opposition that might be raised elsewhere.

#### District Court at Rosville

An application was considered from Mr. Patrick Mc Groarty, Foyle St., Rosville, for payment at the rate of £2.10.0 per annum, for cleaning and lighting of the District Court at Rosville. On the motion of Councillor Banner, seconded by the Chairman, it was unanimously decided to accede to the application. Payment to be retrospective from 4<sup>th</sup> January, 1923.

#### Overdraft of £30,000

A letter from the manager Hibernian Bank, Ltd. Letterkenny, intimating that his Directors have sanctioned an Overdraft not exceeding £30,000 in the County Council General account until 30<sup>th</sup> June 1924, was read.

#### Children's Act 1908

Notices dated respectively, 31<sup>st</sup> May and 13<sup>th</sup> June 1924, under above Act, received from the District Court Clerk at Glenties, re Committee of two Children. One to a Reformatory and the other to an Industrial School. were submitted.

#### re Erection of Guard Rails

A letter was read from Messrs. George Mc Farland and Coy, Grain Merchants, Bally, requesting permission to put up Guard Rails at their farmyards wall at Cloughfin Carrigans.

Permission was granted, subject to the approval of the County Surveyor. Guard Rails to be erected so as not to encroach on the County roads. —

#### Sheep Dipping Baths

An account for £102 was submitted from Messrs. Kerr, Lang and Jackson, Ltd. Bally, being for



for sheep dipping baths supplied, as per quotation. Payment was ordered.

Permission to Erect a Petrol Pump

Permission was granted, on the usual conditions to Mr. Daniel J. Flood, merchant, Pettigo, to erect a Petrol Pump outside his premises, at Pettigo

re Ardara Bridge -

a letter was read from Mr. Charles Dunleavy, Ardara Electric, stating that he has built a new house just beside Ardara bridge, and finds now that he has some alterations to do to bridge which he will have carried out to the entire satisfaction of the County Surveyor.

Claims for Compensation

Applications by Mr. John Mc Gee, and Mr. Leo W. Muehlen, Secretary and School attendance Officer respectively, Strabane No. 2 Rural District School attendance Committee, for compensation for services rendered, were submitted. The acting Secretary was directed to ascertain from the Local Government Ministry if these are pensionable Officers. Consideration of their applications in the meantime to be deferred -

Lecture on Road Construction

a letter was read from the Registrar Royal Dublin Society, re delivery of a Lecture on Road Construction, in Dublin on 26<sup>th</sup> June 1924. at 3 p.m.

Appointment of Sheep Dipping Inspector

Mr. Wm. Roberts, Glabe, Carradough, was appointed Sheep Dipping Inspector for Louthdown Rural District (excluding District formerly known as Derry No. 2). He to charge  $\frac{3}{4}$  per head for supervising the dipping.

Seeds Supplies Scheme -

Payments as under were ordered to be made to  
Contractors who supplied seeds under the  
above Scheme:

Name	address	Payment					
		on acc		in full			
		£	s	d	£	s	d
Mr. Bannigan	Strabane	7	00				
Kerr Lang and Jackson Ltd.	Otrand, Derry	1	50				
Wm. Harpur & Sons	Strabane	3	00				
John Quinn	Carrickmagrath, Ballybofey				4	4	10
Charles Kelly	Littleshenny				4	7	10
Thos. Baldwin	Lisafort, Buncrana				4	6	10
Joseph Quinn	Strabane	4	00				
A. O'Rourke	Ittoville				1	6	19
Daniel Roberts	Ballybofey, Carrickmagrath				7	5	15
Wm. Porterfield	Farranmore, Littleshenny	7	0				
Hugh Mc Clafferty	Churchhill, Littleshenny	1	60				
Totals		8	0	80	14	8	4

In this connection, in the motion of the Chairman  
in 1911, the Acting Secretary was instructed to  
submit particulars of how much seeds was  
supplied under the Scheme, the various prices,  
and the total cost, together with the adminis-  
trative expenses, and the total amount of the  
Loan, plus interest on same, so that the Council  
could see whether it was economic & efficient or  
otherwise -

County Scholarships.

Rev. Father Mc Lough, President St. Eunan's College,  
Littleshenny, in a letter to the Council regarding  
the scholarship scheme which he and <sup>certain</sup> other  
members of the Scholarships Committee were  
deputed to formulate, said that the Council  
were aware the Minister of Education favoured  
the Senior Grade Examinations as the test  
for



for County Council Scholarships. Up to the present the Council had awarded all their scholarships on such a test. It would be a mistake to depart from their present practice. He had discussed the scholarship test with many and he was inclined to think owing to the radical changes that were contemplated in intermediate education it would be wise to leave their present scheme as it was for this year, and to award scholarships accordingly.

On the motion of Councillor Bunn, seconded by Councillor Gallen it was decided to summon the Scholarships Committee at an early date for the purpose of drawing up a scheme.—

re Grant from British War Dept.

The Chairman submitted a letter from Mr. Pats Lynch, Bishop, Clonmany, stating that the ratepayers of Clonmany desire that a request be made to the British War Dept for a grant towards much needed improvements on the roads between Clonmany and the Forts at Lecran Head, and in a less degree for the roads between Clonmany and Buncrana and Fawcree Fort and Clonmany owing to the fact that so much use is made of these roads in connection with the supply of rifles and the still more extensive use made during the years of the great war.

It was unanimously resolved on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Councillor Lanyon, that the County Council agree that when the £2500. due by the British War Department in respect of  
damages

damages to roads on the East side of Lough Swilly are available, the money be suspended between Comauy and Leanan and Buncrana and Furrye.

### Revision of Valuation

The acting Secretary said that immediately after last meeting of the County Council Councillor Mr. Deane wrote him to defer payment of £115. payable in respect of the annual Revision of the County for half Year ended 31st March last.

Councillor Mr. Deane inquired if the revision for that period had been carried out, and having received a reply from the acting Secretary in the affirmative it was decided to release the Paying Order.

### Payment of Poundage Fees

It was unanimously decided to make payment of Poundage fees to Collectors who closed their accounts since date of last County Council meeting.

Personal Security of Collector Mr. Gowran  
Mr. Vincent P. McMullen, Esq., Ballybofey, appeared on behalf of Collector Mr. Gowran, and submitted as Personal Sureties: Mr. Henry Mc Gowran, Knock, Ballybofey, and Collector Mr. Gowran's wife - a School-Teacher. Which the Council unanimously accepted.

### No. 13 Collection District

Mr. Vincent P. McMullen, Esq., Ballybofey, appeared on behalf of Mr. John B. O'Donnell, Cashman, Kilmacrenan, who was appointed Rate Collector for No. 13 Collection District, at the County Council meeting held on 29th April last, and stated that O'Donnell could not accept responsibility for the Collection for the 1923. Rates, especially



in the Gweedore District. After some discussion it was decided to re-advertise the position. Appointment to be made at next meeting of County Council. —

re. Ex Collector J. M. W. Crawford

Mr. Vincent J. Mc-Mullin, Solicitor, Ballybofey, appeared on behalf of ex. Collector J. M. W. Crawford of Tullintinn, Bunclass, and made application for payment of poundage fees due to him in respect of the period ending 30<sup>th</sup> September, 1921.

Mr. Mc-Mullin said his client's Warrant for the period in question was £1345. out of which he collected £1245.

He also collected £54. for the half-year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March, 1922, making a total of £1299. In addition to this Mr. Crawford furnished the demands for the Decade society of the rates for this year (1922), and performed other work including the furnishing to his successor of the list of defaulters for the purpose of prosecution.

Mr. Mc-Mullin added that Collector Crawford was a good collector, but owing to the trouble which started in his district he was unable to close his collection when the County Council appointed a new Collector.

On the motion of Councillor Bomer, seconded by Councillor Mr. Shone, it was unanimously resolved to recommend payment of poundage fees on the amount collected by Crawford, provided the arrears of £100. were taken over by his successor otherwise that he (Crawford) lodge the latter amount to credit of the County Fund, when he will get an opportunity of recovering same from the defaulters concerned.

re Collector Mr. Ginty -

Mr Vincent P. McMullin, Solicitor, Ballybragey, also appeared on behalf of Collector Charles Mr. Ginty to renew his application to the Council for an increase of the poundage rate payable to him on his warrant. It was decided to defer consideration of the matter until next meeting.

County Analyst -

a letter, dated 11<sup>th</sup> June 1924, P.H. 2<sup>nd</sup>, 281/24 Tircoumshill County stating that the qualifications of Mr J. F. O'Leary, do not appear to comply with the requirements as he has produced no evidence of experience in the Laboratory of a Public Analyst, and adding that the County Council should proceed to make permanent arrangements by inviting applications from persons possessing satisfactory proof of competent skill in and knowledge of analytical Chemistry, Therapeutics, and microscopy, having been read, the acting Secretary was directed to issue and advertisement inviting applications for the position. The appointment to be made at next meeting of the County Council

Payment of Motor Licence Duty - Prosecution arising out of a Report, dated 31.3.24, from the Civic Guard a prosecution was ordered to be instituted against Mr John Harkin, of Cashel, Carndonagh, for non-payment of Licence Duty on a Ford's tax Lorry IH-1241. Date of Offence 29.3.24. Duty not paid on 17.6.24.

Road Machinery -

The acting Secretary was directed to issue an advertisement for the positions of Engine Drivers and Flagmen required in connection with



with the Road machinery being purchased by the County Council, appointments to be made at next meeting of the Council. County Surveyors to be notified not to make any appointments.

### Limits of Expenditure on Roads

A letter dated 13<sup>th</sup> May 1924, R/R.E/7/1 from the Ministry of Local Government with reference to previous correspondence on the above subject, and stating that his attention has been drawn to the large number of new works passed at the recent Quarterly meetings of the Rural District Councils in the Southern Division of County Donegal, and pointing out that the Order made by the Minister on the 1<sup>st</sup> inst. extending the limits of expenditure on roads in the County, does not permit of the execution of such new works, and they should therefore, be rejected or referred back to the Rural District Councils concerned, having been made, it was decided to consider each proposal on its merits.

### List of Proposals for Maintenance Works, &c.

#### Ballyshannon P.D.

Nos 151, 152, 153, and 156, were rejected, No. 150 was placed in charge of the County Surveyor.

In regard to proposal No. 159, Mr. Caffrey, County Surveyor, reported that this was not a County road. Councillor Myles said it was a County road, and to his own knowledge had been repaired by the County some years ago.

It was decided to approve of the proposal.

Proposal No. 9. To make 120 perches of new road from Ballintra to the sea at

at Lower Rossnowlagh between the Contract road and strand at Lower Rossnowlagh, was entered in list as a Provisional one. Councillor Byles said this proposal came before the County Council as a Provisional Proposal at their half-yearly meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> June, 1923, and was Contracted for at the subsequent half-yearly meeting of Ballyshannon Rural District Council, when the person tendering refused to sign the Bonds.

It was a most important road and he moved that the proposal be referred back to the latter body with a view to having a notice issued inviting tenders for the execution of the work, meanwhile, that a map showing the proposed new line of road, accompanied by a Consent, signed by the owners and occupiers of the land to be taken, be lodged with the Clerk to Rural District Council.

Councillor Kelly (Henry J.) seconded, and the matter was unanimously agreed to.

Remaining Proposals on List were approved

Baneagal P. D.

Nos 11 and 40 were rejected, Nos 6 and 10 were placed in charge of the County Surveyor for 12 months. Nos 26 and 27 were also placed in charge of the County Surveyor

Nos 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, and 39, being Provisional Proposals, were read.

Remaining Proposals on List were approved.

Lishowen P. D.

Nos 1388, 1397, 1404, 1405, 1437, 1449, 1465, and 1502, were rejected. Nos 1494 and 1497 were placed in charge of the County Surveyor for

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for 9 months. Nos 1420 and 1508 were also placed in Charge of the County Surveyor, Nos 1430 and 1459, being Provisional Proposals were read. Remaining Proposals on List were approved.—

Letterkenny P. D.

No. 251 was placed in Charge of the County Surveyor for 9 months. Nos. 277 and 308 were also placed in Charge of the County Surveyor. Mr. Steadman reported that proposal No. 284, was not passed by the Rural District Council at their last. Yearly meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> May last. Councillor Lynch said it was approved of.

It was decided to place same in Charge of the County Surveyor. No. 303 was rejected. No. 307, a Provisional Proposal was read.

Before approving of Proposals Nos 248, 249, 250, 254, 255, 256, 257, 258, it was decided to break the former Contracts in group 1<sup>st</sup> April, 1924, as from 1<sup>st</sup> July 1924, the numbers being 57, 58, 59, 71, 73, 81, 84, 86.

Remaining Proposals on List were approved.

Mellford P. D.

Nos 133, 134, 135, 138, 146, 202, and 207 were rejected. No. 147 was placed in Charge of the County Surveyor. Before approving of Nos. 132, 136, and 137 it was decided to break the former Contracts in group 1<sup>st</sup> April 1924. The numbers being 78, 82, and 83.

Before approving of No. 195, it was decided to break the former Contract No. 106, December 1923.

Remaining Proposals on List were approved.

Increase of Rent and Mortgage Interest  
(Restrictions) Act, 1923, -

Mr P. J. Ward, Solicitor, on behalf of the Council's Solicitor, advised that the above act applies to vacant houses and Collectors will have to collect the Rates from the Landlords in respect of the Year 1923-24.

The acting Secretary said that the Ministry of Local Government declined to treat as irrecoverable the rates on vacant houses for the half Year ended the 30<sup>th</sup> September, 1923, having regard to Section 16 of above act, but agreed to sanction a refund of the items on the understanding that they be carried forward for subsequent collection. It was decided to comply with the Ministry's requirements in the matter.

Preparation of Electors Lists

Reference was made to the delay in payment of remuneration to Collectors and others engaged in the preparation of Electors Lists 1924-1925.

The acting Secretary said he understood from the Registration Officer that he had written to the Ministry of Local Government for the prescribed forms on which to make application for payment, but up to the present he had not received them.

Mr O'Farrell, Local Govt. Inspector, said he would take the matter up with the Ministry with a view to hastening payment.

Workhouse Grounds at Glenties

Arising out of a letter from the Ministry of Local Government, dated 23<sup>rd</sup> May, 1924, forwarding extract from minutes of Proceedings of



of the Ticondore County Board of Health on the 22<sup>nd</sup> April last, relative to a Complaint from Mr. John Boyle, re Conduct of the ex-Master of Gentles' Workhouse in fencing the workhouse grounds. Councillor Boyle said he was informed that the ex-master and ex-Porter and the family of the latter were occupying rooms in the workhouse premises. These ex-Officials of the late Board of Guardians of Gentles Union had been pensioned and they had no right to be occupying any portion of the workhouse buildings, he therefore moves that the Solicitor to the County Council be instructed to take immediate steps with a view to compelling the ex-Officials referred to to vacate the workhouse premises.

Councillor Gallen seconded.

The motion was unanimously agreed to. Mr. P. J. Ward, Solicitor, on behalf of the Council's Solicitor, said that according to the Council's previous instructions proceedings were being taken against the ex-master for occupying the workhouse buildings, and immediate action would also be taken against the ex-Porter.

#### Appointment of County Secretary -

The acting Secretary read the report of the Selection Boards set up by the Civil Service Commissioners to review the applications of candidates for the Secretaryship to the Ticondore County Council which states that there were nineteen candidates for the position, and after a preliminary examination of their paper qualifications the Boards decided that twelve might be eliminated.

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and that as regards the remaining Seven a personal interview would be desirable and necessary. The Seven Candidates were interviewed by the Board in due course and as a result the Board reached the conclusion that the following gentlemen were best qualified for the position under consideration. The names were given in order of merit.

- (1) John Ryan, Technical School, Carlow,
- (2) John Mc Laughlin, Magee's Hotel, Ballyrofe,
- (3) Francis Gallagher, Dougal.

The Report was signed by Messrs Henry O'Friel, Michael Bomer, and James Clarke, Councillor Keely (Henry J.) proposed that Mr Gallagher be appointed

Councillor Mc Gaid Decided.

Councillor Bomer proposed the appointment of Mr Mc Laughlin.

Councillor Mc Coal Decided.

Councillor Galen said he could not allow that opportunity to pass without protesting against the transaction of which the series of panegyrics they had heard read was the result.

This business of calling up all the Candidates to a back room in the Museum in Merrion St. was done for the purpose of excluding certain people from applying and it had had that effect. He thought the Council in so far as they were accomplices or accessories to that transaction, did not do themselves much services, and did not reflect on themselves as an administrative body. Because the Local Government Department had in effect said - "You are not fit to be trusted to make a selection out of the various applications".



applications". He considered the Council were abdicated their functions and he believed the action of headquarters was not only arbitrary, but gauged by their own standards, illegal.

Councillor Bomer considered it was hardly good taste on Councillor Gallen's part to bring these vague accusations. He assured the Council, as a member of the Selection Committee, he did not for a moment consider he was lending himself to any underhand work. The actions of all concerned were entirely above-board, and the decision of the Selection Board was quite impartial.

Mr. Sean O'Farrell, Local Govt. Inspector, said he was sorry Councillor Gallen made such statements. Having made them he should prove them.

Councillor Gallen said that of nineteen applicants the Council were only allowed to consider three. The assyrian of old was not in it.

Councillor Clarke said he went to Dublin with the object of assisting the Council in coming to a decision as to who should be appointed. From beginning to end not one of the ministry's representatives tried to influence the Selection Board in any way.

The Chairman said he felt very keenly that an appointment of such great responsibility should be made with due regards to the qualifications of the Candidates and where the Council were not in a position to estimate the capabilities and capacity of Candidates for the special demands to be made upon them that the Council should receive assistance in the matter. There was one thing he did not agree with and that was that the Candidates were labelled one, two, or

or three. They should come before the Council without any such distinction.

The fact that the duty of the Selection Committee had been discharged when they submitted the list of those qualified, leaving to the Council to appoint whichever of those they thought right.

Mr. Wm. Kelly, Solicitor, Letterkenny and Mr. James Dunlevy, Solicitor, Fomegal, appeared for Mr. McLaughlin and Mr. Gallagher respectively, but were not permitted to speak. The Chairman said the Council had made up their minds and would vote accordingly.

A vote was then taken.

For Mr. McLaughlin - Councillors Browne, Boyle, Clarke, Call, Gallagher (Wm), Kelly (John), Laminigan, Mc. Cool, Mr. Perrott, Mr. Goldrick, Mr. Wally, O'Donnell (Hugh), O'Flaherty, Phelan, and Quigley - 15.

For Mr. Gallagher - Councillors Browne, Kelly (H. J.), Lynch, Myles, Mc. Laird, Mc. Shane, O'Donnell (J. F.), and O'Suffly - 8.

Councillor Galen did not vote.

Mr. McLaughlin was declared appointed, and he returned thanks to the Council.

Mr. Gallagher said that he wished to thank those who supported him, against those who did not vote for him he had no complaint, but he did desire to say that there was no written examination, nor were the candidates called up for any examination. It was merely an interview.

Councillor Clarke proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Black for the efficient manner in which he had discharged the duties of acting Secretary, and at the next meeting the



The Council consider the question of remunerating him for the extra duties he had discharged.

Councillor Galen said it afforded him great pleasure in seconding the resolution.

Councillor Bower supporting, bore personal testimony to Mr. Black's good work.

The Chairman also associated himself with the vote of thanks

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE TIRCONAILL COUNTY COUNCIL

HELD ON THE 22nd DAY OF JULY, 1924.

ATTENDANCE. The members present were :- Councillors Bonner, Boyle, Clarke, Coll, Gallagher (Anthony) Gallen, Kelly (John) Lanigan, Lynch, Myles, MacCool, MacDermott, MacGoldrick, MacNally, O'Donnell, (Hugh) O'Donnell (J.F.) and O'Flaherty. Councillor Clarke was moved to the Chair.

MINUTES. The Minutes of previous meeting were confirmed.

VOLE OF CONDOLENCE. The Chairman proposed :- That we, the members of Tirconail County Council desire to convey to Mr. Bernard MacFadden, late Secretary, and other members of the family our sincere sympathy in their recent bereavement caused by the death of their brother Thomas MacFadden.

Councillor Boyle seconded.

Councillors MacGoldrick and Bonner associated themselves with the resolution which was passed in silence.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE. The report of the Special Standing Committee meeting, held 8th July, 1924, was unanimously adopted.

RE RESIGNATION OF MESSRS MICHAEL & EDWARD O'CALLAGHAN. A letter dated 23rd June, 1924 R/R. S/7 was read from the Ministry of Local Government, Roads Dept., stating that the Minister for Local Government and Public Health will raise no objection to the Tirconail County Council accepting the resignation of Messrs. M. O'Callaghan, and E. O'Callaghan, Assistant County Surveyors, but such consent is not to be taken as consent under Section 8 of the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1919.

PROPOSED EX-GRATIA GRANT TO MRS. BRIDGET BARR. A letter dated 23rd June, 1924, R/R M/7 was received from the Ministry of Local Government, Roads Dept., stating that the Minister has no power to sanction the proposed payment of a grant of £75 by the Tirconail County Council to Mrs. Bridget Barr, of Magheraclogher, Cweedore, in respect of her son, Peter Barr, who was killed at Diver's Quarry on 21st July last. Councillor MacDermott said it was a very deserving case. He thought Mrs. Barr should appeal to the Tirconail County Board of Health because they could not deprive her of some National Benefit under the circumstances. He had been congratulated by very poor ratepayers in urging that she get a grant of £75, and they said they would not object to paying their share. Councillor Myles, and other members of the County Board of Health present said they would bring the matter before the Board at next meeting.

BALBANE ROAD. A Letter dated 24th June 1924, addressed by the Irish Land Commission to the Very Rev. John Canon Sweeney P.P., Parochial House, Killybegs, intimating that they have agreed to extend the period for completion of the Balbane Road up to the 31st Dec. next, towards which the late Congested Districts Board agreed to contribute £50, was read.

ROAD DERRY TO NEWTOWNCUNNINGHAM. A letter dated 25th January 1924, was read from the Office of the Revenue Commissioners, Dublin Castle, stating that the road from Derry to Newtowncunningham, via Killea, has been approved of for the importation and exportation of (a) Goods not liable to any duty or to any prohibition or restriction on importation or exportation. (b) Motor vehicles travelling on their own wheels, and either empty or carrying only goods above specified, provided that the person in charge of such Motor vehicle carries with him a Customs Pass or a valid Pass Sheet showing that no duty is payable on such vehicle on entering Saorstát Éireann.

RE CLERKS IN COUNTY SURVEYOR'S DEPARTMENT. The Secretary said that the Ministry of Local Government, Roads Dept. in a letter dated 9th April, 1924, sanctioned the appointment temporarily till the 30th June, 1924 of Messrs. Daniel Kelly, and Patrick MacDermott as Clerks in the County Surveyors' Department at a salary of £3 per week each, and if it was intended to continue their services for a further period it would be necessary to obtain the Ministry's sanction. It was decided to ask the Local Government Ministry to sanction the continuance of their services from the first of July to 31st of August, 1924, prior to the latter date the Council would have an opportunity of considering their positions.

THE HEAVY MOTOR CAR (AMENDMENT) ORDER, 1924. A circular letter dated 27th June, 1924 was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, Roads Dept., enclosing copy of above order, which has been made under the Motor Car Acts, 1896 and 1903, prescribing the use of reflecting mirrors on heavy Motor cars. The Secretary was directed to issue an advertisement drawing the attention of owners of such cars to the above regulation.

~~Extract from Minutes of Proceedings of meeting of Tirconail County Council held on the 22nd. day of July, 1924.~~

A letter, dated 14th. June, 1924, No. G26206 /1924, Tirconail County, was read from the Ministry of Local Government, relative to the proposal adopted by the Tirconail County Council to grant a pension of £900 per annum to Mr. Bernard McFadden, late Secretary, and stating that the Minister is not disposed to object to 28/60 ths. of Mr. McFadden's average emoluments being granted by way of pension, but he would draw attention to the fact that only the net emoluments should be taken into account.

A return dated 2nd. January, 1924, was furnished by Mr. McFadden, giving particulars of his salary and emoluments in which he showed that out of the Franchise and Jurors Fees he paid £200 in the year for additional assistance employed and remunerated by him in connection with such work. Accordingly the gross average remuneration of £1912:9:11 on which the pension has been calculated should, in the Minister's opinion, be reduced to £1712:9:11, and 28/60 ths. of this (Viz:-£800) would be an equitable amount to award, and adding that on receipt of a resolution adopting that figure the Minister will be prepared to issue his formal Sanction thereto.

Mr. John Tracy, Solr. Derry, on behalf of Mr. McFadden, submitted that according to the Act an Official was entitled to an allowance not exceeding two-thirds of his salary, fees and emoluments. It did not say the net amount nor was that the basis on which previous pensions had been granted by the Council. Mr. Tracy said that at the outset he asked the Council to add eight years to Mr. McFadden's service in order that the maximum pension be granted as in the case of other Officials. If that had been done Mr. McFadden would have been entitled to £1020 a year. He (Mr. Tracy) asked the Council to adhere to the resolution they had already passed fixing Mr. McFadden's pension at £900 per annum.

Councillor Anthony Gallagher said he thought the Council should not stultify themselves by going back on their decision.

Councillor McGoldrick said the maximum they could have paid Mr. McFadden was £1030. He had been in favour of £800 but on account of the strong feeling he agreed to £900. He now found they had not the correct figures before them for estimating the pension. They were now before them, and the Ministry, and on the basis of those figures, were prepared to sanction a pension of £800. He thought it was a reasonable proposal that the Local Govt. Department had made, and the Council should fix the pension on the basis suggested.

Councillor Gallen said that by carrying out the Ministry's instructions they might be acting illegally, and thought the Council should refer the legal question first to their Solicitor.

Councillor Gallagher proposed that the Council adhere to their original proposal granting a pension of £900 a year.

Councillor Boyle seconded.

Councillor McGoldrick proposed as an amendment, that we approve of the Ministry's suggestion.

Councillor McNally seconded.

V O T I N G :-

For the Motion:- Councillors Bonner, Boyle, Clarke, Gallagher (Anthony) Gallen, Kelly (John), Lannigan, Lynch; Myles, McCool, McDermott, O'Donnell (Hugh), O'Donnell (J.F.) & O'Flaherty. - 14.

Against:- - - - Councillors Coll, McGoldrick, & McNally. - 3.

The Chairman declared motion carried.



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**SCHOOL ATTENDANCE OFFICERS.** A letter dated 10th July, 1924, was received from the Ministry of Local Government with reference to the claim by Messrs. John MacGee, Secretary, and Leo W. Mulhern, School Attendance Officer, for compensation for loss of office under the Education (Ireland) Act, 1892, in Strabane No. 2 Rural District stating that officers under School Attendance Committees are not pensionable was read

**RE PROVISION OF A 3-TON ROLLER.** A letter from the Clerk, Glenties Rural District Council, stating that at Body request the County Council to provide a 3-ton Roller for the roads in the Glenties district, having been read, on the motion of Councillor Bonner, seconded by Councillor Myles, it was unanimously resolved to accede to the request. Mr. Caffrey, County Surveyor, was authorised to invite tenders, he to submit same to the Council in due course. Councillor Myles said Mr. Caffrey should enquire as to the suitability of the Fordson Roller, the only Irish roller manufactured.

**RE TERENCE QUINN, JUNR. FLAGMAN, ROLLER NO. 4.** An application by Terence Quinn, Junr. Flagman, Roller No. 4, for an increase in his present wages (£1. 10/-) per week was submitted. On the motion of Councillor O'Donnell, (J.F.) seconded by Councillor Bonner it was decided to pay him £1. 15/- per week from the 22nd July, 1924 until he attains 21 years of age.

**UPPER CUMRICK WOODEN BRIDGE.** A letter from Mr. James MacGlynn, Cumrick, Cloghan, drawing the County Council's attention to the dangerous condition of above bridge having been read, consideration of the matter was postponed for the present.

**ERECTION OF A PETROL PUMP.** On the usual condition permission was granted to Mr. Michael Sweeney, Draper, Falcarragh, to erect a petrol pump in front of his premises there.

**LIABILITIES OF STRANORLAR LATE BOARD OF GUARDIANS.** Copy of a resolution adopted by Stranorlar Rural District Council at a meeting held on the first July, 1924:- "That the balance (£557. 3. 8.) due to the Northern Bank, Ballybofey, by the late Board of Guardians of Stranorlar Union be paid" having been read it was decided to pay the amount subject to the sanction of the Ministry of Local Government.

**CHILDREN'S ACT, 1908.** A notice dated 24th July, 1924 under above Act, and received from Sergeant Thomas Devally, Civic Guard Station, Glenties, re proposed committal of children to Killybegs Industrial School was read.

**PUBLIC SEWER IN CHAPEL STREET, CARNDONAGH.** A letter from Sergeant P. Meehan, Civic Guard Station, Carndonagh, directing the County Council's attention to the condition of the public sewer which is opened in Chapel Street, Carndonagh, having been read, the Secretary was directed to write Mr. John White, T.D., stating that before taking any action in the matter the Council would desire to be informed by what authority he caused the public street to be opened.

**CONDITION OF THE BOG ROAD AT TULLYARD.** A letter was received from Mr. Daniel Mulhern, Glenties, relative to the condition of above road. Horses will not be able to work on it in the course of a few months, and the people will have difficulty in getting home their turf. The matter was referred to Mr. Caffrey, County Surveyor.

**MALICIOUS INJURIES ACT.** Copy resolution passed by Arklow Urban District Council :- "That as the Malicious Injuries Act was originally introduced for the purpose of oppressing the Irish people, and is law in no other country we demand its withdrawal from the Statute Book." was, on the motion of Councillor Lynch, seconded by Councillor Lanigan, unanimously adopted.

**PERMISSION TO ERECT A PETROL PUMP.** Permission was granted on the usual conditions to Mr. Alex, Neeley, Convey, to erect a petrol pump outside his premises there.

**NOTICE RE ABATEMENT OF NUISANCE.** A Notice, dated 25th July, 1924, received from the Stranorlar Rural District Council, acting as a Rural Sanitary Authority under the Public Health (Ireland) Act, 1878, requiring the abatement of a nuisance at the Court-house, Lifford, arising from <sup>the</sup> insanitary state of the closets, was submitted, and the matter referred to Mr. Steadman, County Surveyor, for his immediate attention.

**ANCIENT MONUMENTS.** A letter dated 16th July, 1924, was read from the Irish Land Commission, stating that proceedings for the sale of the estate of the Hon. G. L. Cochrane Co. Donegal, have been instituted before them, and that situated in the townland of Gransha, Electoral Division of Buncrana, and Barony of Inishowen West, are ancient monuments marked "Standing Stones" and "Giant's Den" which appear to be worthy of preservation. The Commissioners of Public Works are unable to accept the custody of

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these monuments, and the Irish Land Commission request to be informed if the Tirconaill County Council will agree to take charge of them, and to have them vested in the Council under Section 14 of the Irish Land Act, 1903, It was unanimously decided to take charge of the monuments referred to.

RE ERECTION OF A PORTABLE LOCKUP SHOP. A Letter was read from Miss Annie O'Boyle, Sea View, Killybegs, requesting the County Council's permission to put up a portable lock-up shop, temporary, opposite the Post Office, Killybegs. The request was <sup>not</sup> acceded to ~~subject to the approval of Mr. Caffrey, County Surveyor.~~

OLD AGE PENSIONS. A letter dated 11th June, 1924, was read from the Ministry of Local Government, Old Age Pensions Branch, relative to the resolution adopted by Tirconaill County Council on the 27th ultimo regarding the administration of the Old Age Pensions Acts, and stating that while the Ministry shared with the County Council the desire that all legally qualified persons should enjoy pensions under the Acts, it must be pointed out that the onus of proof lies upon the individual applicant. The Secretary was directed to state in reply that the Council are not satisfied with answer to request contained in their resolution above referred to.

TEACHING OF IRISH. Copy of Resolution passed at meeting of the Ard-Fheis of the Gaelic League in Cork on 22-29 June, 1924, dealing with :-

(1) Irish in the Universities. (2) Irish in public appointments, and (3) Rate in aid of Irish teaching in Technical schools, was unanimously adopted.

REMUNERATION TO CARETAKER OF MILFORD WORKHOUSE BUILDINGS. A further letter dated 27th June, 1924, was read from the Ministry of Local Government in regard to the claim of the ex-Master of Milford workhouse buildings, and pointing out that Mr. Blaney received a superannuation allowance during the time he acted as Caretaker, in calculating which the value of his apartments was taken into account, he enjoyed the occupation of apartments free of rent while acting as Caretaker, and in the circumstances the Minister considers that payment of remuneration at the rate of 10/- a week to him as Caretaker could not be justified.

A letter was also read from Mr. Blaney requesting the Council to pass a strong resolution asking the Minister for Local Government to assent to the Council's action in the matter. No action was taken.

APPOINTMENT OF CARETAKER. On the motion of Councillor Gallagher (Anthony) seconded by Councillor Kelly (John) Joseph Cullen of Milford was unanimously appointed Caretaker of Milford Workhouse premises, subject to entering into an agreement with the Council. Remuneration £10 per annum with free apartments. The appointment to be determined by either party giving one month's notice. Agreement to be prepared by the Council's Solicitor.

WORKHOUSE AT GLENTIES. Councillor Myles referred to the occupation by certain ex-Union officials of the Workhouse premises at Glenties. He moved that the <sup>persons</sup> be not paid by the County Council until they vacate the Workhouse buildings. Councillor MacGoldrick seconded and the matter was unanimously agreed to.

MIDWIVES' (IRELAND) ACT, 1918 A letter dated 9th July, 1924, from the Acting Secretary, Tirconaill County Board of Health requesting the County Council to put into force, without further delay, the above Act, also letter from the Ministry of Local Government, and Secretary, The Irish Nurses' and Midwives union, (the latter enclosing a list of untrained women practising as midwives in Tirconaill) on the matter, having been read, it was unanimously decided to put said Act in force forthwith.

The Secretary was directed to write each of the women named in list furnished by the Irish Nurses' and Midwives' Union not to attend any maternity cases in future.

The Tirconaill County Board of Health also to be written to on the matter requesting that their Medical Officers be asked to make a note of any cases in which untrained women act as midwives in the county and forward their names ~~XX~~ and addresses for submission to the County Council with a view to the necessary action being taken against them.

INNISBOFFIN PIER. A letter dated the 15th July 1924, was read from the Irish Land Commission, stating that the work of repair to Innisboffin pier has been completed and enclosing a detailed statement of the expenditure (£220.) for the Council's information. It was decided to pay the amount.

DESTROYED COURTHOUSES IN TIRCONAILL A letter dated the 5th July, 1924, was read from the Investigator, Compensation (Ireland) Commission, 5, Ely Place, Dublin, stating that he has been asked to deal with the claims in connection with the destroyed Courthouses in Donegal, Bunrana, and Carndough, and requesting to be informed to whom he is to communicate as to settlement. The Secretary said claims were lodged by the Under-Sheriff, and the matter was referred to the latter for attention.



STRANORLAR R.D. LIMIT OF EXPENDITURE ON ROADS

A letter, dated 7th. July, 1924, was read from the Ministry of Local Government, Roads Dept., in reference to the application of the Tirconail County Council, dated the 30th. ultimo, for a new limit of Expenditure on roads in Stranorlar Rural District, and stating that the latter body were not empowered to propose works in excess of the limit authorised for the year. The case of each Rural District was fully considered and the full amount applied for by the Council was included in the Order made under Section 27(2) of the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898, on 1st. April last, The matter cannot now be re-opened.

LOAN OF £6440 FOR ROAD MACHINERY

A letter, dated 7th. July, 1924, was read from the Ministry of Local Government, Roads Dept., sanctioning above loan.

In this connection the Deed of Charge received from the Hibernian Bank, Ltd., from which said loan is being obtained, was submitted for execution.

The Seal of the Council was ordered to be affixed thereto.

LETTING OF PLOT OF GROUND TO A TENNIS CLUB

A letter, dated 10th. July, 1924, was read from the Ministry of Local Government, regarding the letting of a plot of ground at the District Hospital, Carrdonagh, to a Tennis Club for a period of 11 months at a rent of £1, and requesting that the Minister may be furnished with the letting agreement.

The Secretary said the Club had agreed to the Council's conditions which included the payment of cost of preparation of agreement.

It was decided to have the latter document prepared by the Council's Solicitor.

MEENLARAGH-- PROPOSED LANDING PLACE

A letter, dated 10th. July, 1924, from the Ministry of Local Government and Public Health transmitting copy of a communication received from the Department of Fisheries regarding the proposed landing place at Meenlaragh. In which it is stated that there is a considerable amount of fishing done in the district, and a landing place and Slip provided at public expense, exists at Nagheracarty, which is quite close to Meenlaragh. Under these circumstances the Minister is unable to recommend the proposal as one which should be carried out in the interests of the fishery development, was read.

EX-GRATIA GRANT TO REPS. OF NURSE MC.MENAMIN

A letter, dated 14th. July, 1924, was read from the Ministry of Local Government stating that there would be no legal authority for an ex-gratia grant to the representatives of Miss Mc.Menamin in respect of the termination of her employment as nurse in Stranorlar Workhouse, Councillors Myles and Mc.Goldrick, T.D.s, promised to take the matter up with the Minister of Local Government and see what could be done.

AUDITORS REPORT ON COUNTY A/c.s.

the Auditors Report on the County Council's a/c.s. in respect of 1/2 year ended 30th. Sept. 1923, was submitted.

With reference to the Surcharge against the Signatories to the Treasurer's Advice Notes of the 15th. May, 1923, and the 21st. August, 1923, for authorising illegal payments to the amount of £243-14-2, being superannuation paid to Mr. Patk. Doherty for his services as Rate Collector which payment was made without the sanction of the Ministry of Local Government, the Secretary said sanction to Mr. Doherty's superannuation allowance had since been obtained.

THE Secretary was directed to write the Ministry inquiring whether it is the Signatories to the Treasurer's Advice Notes or the County Council as a body who are responsible in case of a surcharge.

An account for £5-3-8 in respect of goods supplied by Messrs Fanning & Coy. Dublin to (late) Inishowen Board of Guardians, was submitted. The Secretary said he was in communication with the Acting Secretary Tirconail County Board of Health on the matter. If the Account was found to be in order the Secretary was authorised to pay same, having previously obtained the Ministry's sanction.



PROPOSED OVERDRAFT FOR £30,000

On the motion of Councillor Mc. Goldrick, seconded by Councillor Boyle, it was unanimously decided to request the Ministry of Local Government to sanction the obtaining of an overdraft of £ 30,000, by the County Council from their Treasurer, to date from 1st. July, 1924.

APPOINTMENT OF ENGINE DRIVERS & FLAGMEN

ON the motion of Councillor Gallen, seconded by Councillor Mc. Goldrick. applications for the positions of Engine Drivers and Flagmen respectively, were referred for consideration to the Special Standing Committee of the Council.

APPLICATIONS FOR TRANSFERS

Applications for transfers from the present Steam Road Rolling Plant to the New Road Machinery, were submitted from Thos. Doherty, Driver No. 1; Roller, John Mulhern, Driver Roller No. 2. and Tom Mc. Glinchey, Driver No. 3. It was decided to refer applications for transfers to County Surveyors to deal with after the Co. Council had made appointments of Engine Drivers and Flagmen.

PAYMENT TO ENGINE DRIVERS & FLAGMEN

It was ordered that Engine Drivers and Flagmen be paid fortnightly, having regard to the arrangement entered into with them by the Council in August, 1920, which still remains in force.

HIRING OF A STONE BREAKER

The question of the desirability of hiring a stone breaker pending the delivery of new road machinery was then taken into consideration. The County Surveyor was authorised to hire a Breaker, if necessary.

SURVEYORS TRAVELLING EXPENSES

On the motion of Councillor O. Donnell (J.F.), seconded by Councillor Bonner, the recommendations of the Special Standing Committee of the County Council meeting held 8th. July, 1924, were unanimously adopted. Councillor Mc. Dermott asked that particulars of the Salaries of the County and Assistant Surveyors and travelling expenses be submitted for the next meeting.

"re" PAYMENT OF MALICIOUS INJURY DECREES

The Council then took into consideration the question of the payment of amounts awarded on foot of Malicious Injury Decrees. The Secretary said the matter came before the Council on 25th. March last, when it was decided to defer consideration for six months. The Secretary was directed to bring the matter up again after the expiration of the latter period.

COURTHOUSE ACCOMODATION AT DONEGAL

A letter from Mr. Hugh O. Cochrane, Under-Sheriff Lifford, enclosing copy of communication he received from Mr. Francis Gallagher, Solr. Donegal, relative to the pressing need there is for the provision of a suitable Courthouse in Donegal, while the old Courthouse is left unrepaired, and suggesting that the Eske Hall, the property of Mr. John Mac Intyre of Donegal be taken over as temporary premises, having been read, Councillor Myles said there was no such need. There were three buildings available, and no complaint had been received from the District Justice. If the Council took over temporary premises it would only delay the day when they would start rebuilding the old Courthouse. He suggested that no action be taken. this was agreed to.

"re" OPENING OF THE SHELL HOSPITAL

A letter from Mr. Wm. Ward, Hon. Secty. Ballyshannon Branch of the Ratepayer's Association on the above subject was read. Councillor Myles suggested that the matter be referred to Tiroonaill County Board of Health. This was agreed to.

INCH ISLAND DISPENSARY

A letter from Father O'Mullin, P.P. Shanah, relative to the retention by the County Council of the Inch Island Dispensary, and pointing out that it would be a great inconvenience to the people of Inch if they were deprived of the Dispensary on the Island, owing to the distance to

to either Fahan or Burt, was read.

A letter was also read from the Acting Secretary, Tírconail County Board of Health, stating that this matter came before the Board at their meeting on 21st. inst. when it was decided to ask the Minister of Local Government and Public Health, if the Board have power to purchase from the owner the premises that were previously used as a Dispensary. On the motion of Councillor Myles, seconded by Councillor Clarke, it was unanimously resolved that whatever steps are necessary be taken to purchase the premises.

#### CARETAKER OF LIFFORD COURTHOUSE

Norman Argue wrote tendering his resignation as Caretaker of Court-house and County Council Offices at Lifford from the 22nd. July, 1924; His resignation was accepted, and the question of appointing a successor was left to the Secretary to arrange with the Under-Sheriff.

#### LIMITING SPEED OF MOTOR CARS -- BUNDORAN URBAN AREA

Copy Resolution passed by Bundoran Urban District Council requesting the Tírconail County Council to make application to the Minister of Local Government for an Order under Section 9 of the Motor Car Act, 1903, limiting the speed of Motor Vehicles to 10 miles per hour within the limits of the Urban Area; was, on the motion of Councillor Myles, seconded by Councillor Bonner, unanimously adopted.

#### COURT ACCOMODATION

With reference to Court accomodation at Carrick, Carndonagh, and Bunbeg, the Secretary said he wrote to the District Clerks at Killybegs and Carndonagh; also Councillor O'Duffy on the matter. He had received replies from the District Clerks that there is Court Accomodation at Carrick and Carndonagh, but had not heard from Councillor O'Duffy.

#### COURTHOUSE AT CHURCHHILL

Councillor Gallagher (Anthony) said he understood it was contemplated having the Court business which is at present transacted at Churchhill, dealt with at Letterkenny. If this proposal were carried into effect it would cause much inconvenience to those resident in the Churchhill district; He was of opinion no such change should be made and he moved a resolution to that effect which was seconded by Councillor Kelly (John) and passed unanimously.

#### NURSE ON TORY ISLAND

It was unanimously decided on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Councillor Myles, to contribute the sum of £30. towards the upkeep of a nurse on Tory Island whose services could be utilised in connection with the County Tuberculosis Scheme, subject to the approval of the Ministry of Local Government.

#### DISTRICT HOSPITAL AT LETTERKENNY

A recommendation from Tírconail County Board of Health that the sum of £1000 be spent on urgent alterations and repairs to the District Hospital at Letterkenny, according to architects plan and Specification, was unanimously adopted on the motion of Councillor Gallagher (Anthony) seconded by Councillor Bonner.

#### DISPOSAL OF A WATER-TANK.

On the recommendation of the County Surveyor it was decided to dispose of to Father Joseph Sheridan, P.P. St. Mary's, Killymard, Donegal, for the sum of £1 an old zinc water-tank in the old Castle at Donegal, which came out of the burned down Courthouse there.



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POSITION OF COUNTY ANALYST

A letter was read from Mr. J.F. O'Leary, c/o The Municipal Laboratory, 143, Regent Road, Salford, Manchester, referring to his appointment as County Analyst for Tirconnell, in January last, which was not sanctioned by Ministry of Local Government, and stating that he is undergoing a course under one of the greatest authorities in the North of England, and requesting the Council to defer making a new appointment until October when he hopes to be qualified for the position.

In deference to Mr. O'Leary's wish the Council agreed to postpone, for a period of three months, the making of appointment.

APPLICATION FOR A TRANSFER

The consideration of an application by Mr. A. W. M. Laughlin, Assistant Surveyor, for a transfer to the district lately worked by Mr. Edward O'Callaghan, Buncrana, resigned, was adjourned.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The Secretary said with a view to re-arranging the work of his Office he intended visiting Meath County Council Offices, in order to get a general knowledge of the office administration there, and asked for leave of absence for one week from 28th. inst. which was granted.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT BILL, 1924.

A letter, dated 18th. July, 1924, was read from the Secretary, Irish County Council's General Council stating that a Special meeting of the Council will be held on 24th. Sept. next, to consider the Local Government Bill, 1924, and requesting the Tirconnell County Council to take the Bill into early consideration.

It was decided to summon a meeting of the Special Standing Committee of the Council for Wednesday 13th. August next, the recommendation of the Committee to be submitted to Co. Council on 19th. of same month.

The Secretary was directed to obtain copies of above Bill for distribution to each member of the Council.

It was decided to appoint Councillor Lynch an additional member of the Special Standing Committee.

SUPERANNUATION ALLOWANCE

The Secretary was directed to summon meeting of Special Standing Committee for 11.30 O'C.A.M. on morning of next County Council meeting to consider claims for Superannuation allowances by Messrs Michael and Edward O'Callaghan, Ex-Assistant Surveyors, and Mr. Frank Mc. Glinchey late Rate Collector.

TRUNK ROAD GRANT 38,400

The Secretary said £700. of above grant had been received from the Ministry of Local Govt. Roads Department, Councillor Mc. Goldrick inquired how matters stood in regard to the Grant. He saw no sign of any work going on.

Councillor O'Donnell (J.F.), said in his district there was a cry out about the danger of the money reverting back to the Treasury, as the work seemed to be held up all round, work should be started forthwith as this was the time when it was most required, he should like the public to understand at least that the County Council were not to blame for any delay.

Councillor Mc. Goldrick said the money would not be sent on until there was work shown for it. In Galway the grant had been nearly all expended. In Donegal practically nothing had been done. The agencies at fault were those who had charge of the roads.

Mr. Caffrey, Co. Surveyor, said he started works six weeks ago on a certain road, other work was going on, on different jobs in his division.

Mr. Steadman, Co. Surveyor, detailed what he had done in his district in connection with the putting of the Council's Scheme in operation.

Councillor O'Donnell (J.F.), said that in the Gweedore district they objected to the Contract system and wanted day labour. Poor men had not the means of getting road material.

Mr. Steadman said if any man had any difficulty about getting into a quarry he could get a Court Order to enable him to enter.



Mr. Caffrey said the Surveyors instructions were to get the work done by piece-work by small farmers and labourers.

Mr. Steadman, in reply to Councillor Mc. Goldrick, said one of the causes of delay was the lack of Explosives and the difficulty in getting sufficient quantities of them.

Letters were read complaining of the delay and the method proposed of putting the Schemes into operation, so far as the Contract system was concerned.

In reply to Councillor Bonner Mr. Steadman said that stones were to be broke by contract and the other work done by Direct Labour.

After further discussion the Surveyors were asked to expedite the work as much as possible.

PAYMENT OF MOTOR LICENCE DUTY

On the motion of Councillor Wyles the Secretary was directed to inquire if Large Vehicles driven by Steam are liable to pay Licence Duty.

LETTING OF LANDS AT LETTERKENNY DISTRICT HOSPITAL

A letter, dated 9th. July, 1924, was read from the ministry of Local Government & Public Health forwarding Extracts from the minutes of Proceedings of the Tircornall County Board of Health on the 18th. March and 19th. May last, regarding the letting of land at Letterkenny District Hospital and requesting that the minister may be furnished with the observations of the Council thereon.

The Secretary said that in a letter dated 3rd. January, 1924, from the Secretary County Board of Health the County Council were asked for permission to let the lands at Letterkenny District Hospital, which had not been taken over by Messrs Watt & Coy. The Co. Council, at a meeting held on 15th. of same month approved of the letting of the lands.

The Secretary pointed out that Workhouse Land and Buildings (short lettings) Order, 1924, to which the Minister for Local Government and Public Health has called the Council's attention, is dated 28th. March, 1924.

Councillor Gallen referred to the fact that portion of the Letterkenny Workhouse premises had been let to Messrs A.A. Watt & Co., Derry, for the purpose of a Brewery at a yearly rent of £100. He considered that as workhouse buildings were now vested in the County Council the rent should be paid to the latter body. Councillor Bonner agreed.

The Secretary was directed to communicate with the Minister for Local Government & Public Health on the matter.

SHEEP DIPPING

Arising out of the recommendation of the Special Standing Committee of the County Council at meeting held on 8th. inst. that in future Sheep Dipping Forms should not be issued by the Civic Guard but by

the Inspectors appointed by the County Council, so as to prevent Sheep Owners from filling up Declaration Forms when their flocks had not been dipped, the Secretary said the Chief Superintendent Civic Guard had been written to on the matter.

The names of a number of Sheep Owners who had not complied with the regulations were submitted with a view to prosecutions, and it was stated that the Inspector for Dunfanaghy Rural District had attended a number of Centres, but no one came to have their sheep dipped. Councillor Bonner said he thought they should not prosecute in the case of those whose names had been submitted, but it should be made clear that in the case of those who in future exhibited sheep for sale, and did not produce a certificate that the sheep had been dipped, prosecutions would be instituted. He knew of men who defied the Inspector and said they would neither dip the sheep nor pay his fee. This was unanimously agreed to.

Councillor James F. O'Donnell referred to the way in which the Sheep Dipping was being carried out in the Glenties Rural District and moved that the Inspector be directed to attend at a given centre in each parish, Arranmore Island being made a separate centre.

Councillor Bonner seconded and the matter was unanimously agreed to. (It was directed that Centres be arranged by Inspectors)



## R A T E S

## STATE OF THE COLLECTION

The Secretary submitted returns showing the condition of the Collection of the rate in the County on the 19th. July, 1924, from which it appeared that £ 2126-II-6 remained uncollected for the two years ended the 31st. March, 1923, and £ 1667-9-7 and £ 23694-7-9 for the half-years ended the 29th. Sept. 1923, & 31st. March, 1924, respectively.

## POUNDRAGE FEES TO COLLECTOR CALLAGHAN

The Secretary intimated that Collector Callaghan had closed his collection for the half-year ended the 29th. Sept. 1923, on the 26th. June, 1924, and it was decided to pay him ordinary poundage fees, subject to the sanction of the Local Government Ministry.

## LIST OF UNCOLLECTED RATES

The Secretary submitted lists of uncollected rates furnished by Collector Callaghan for the half-year ended the 29th. Sept. 1923 and by Collectors Wm. Gallagher, Wm. O'Donnell, Jas. Friel, Denis O'Kane, Bernard Brown and Charles Mc. Ginty, for the half-year ended the 31st. March, 1924, and it was decided to strike off as irrecoverable and refund to the Collectors the rates on derelict buildings and on ruins, the remaining items to be refunded and carried forward for subsequent collection, subject to the sanction of the Local Government Ministry.

These Officers, the Secretary stated, had closed their accounts for the periods mentioned.

## COLLECTORS APPLICATION FOR ADDITIONAL POUNDAGE ON THEIR WARRANTS

The Secretary submitted an application from Collector Bernard Brown for an additional penny poundage on his warrant for the year ended the 31st. March 1924, and it was decided on the motion of Councillor Bonner seconded by Councillor Boyle to allow, subject to the sanction of the Local Government Ministry, this extra remuneration to Mr. Browne, and to all other Collectors in the County who shall have closed their accounts for the period in question by the 31st. March, 1924, similar remuneration, it was pointed out by the Secretary, had been allowed certain Collectors in the County in the years ended the 31st. March, 1922, and 31st. March, 1923, with the sanction of the Local Government Ministry.

## PERSONAL SECURITY )---)----

## COLLECTORS MC. ATEER, E. J. DOHERTY, &amp; MICHAEL DEERY

The Secretary read a letter from Messrs Osborne & Coy. Solicitors, Milford, submitting the names of Messrs Anthony Mc. Elwee, Milford, Merchant, and Timothy O'Sullivan, Milford, National Teacher, as Personal Sureties for Collector James J. Mc. Ateer, in substitution for the persons originally proposed and accepted by the Council, and it was decided to accept the new Sureties in this case for the amount already fixed. The Council also decided to accept Messrs John Doherty, Ballyloskey, Farmer, and Stephen Butler, Bank Place, Carndonagh, Merchant, as Personal Sureties for Collector Edward J. Doherty, Ballyloskey, Carndonagh, in the sum of £ 223; and Messrs Wm. Deery, Backmountain, Ballygorman, P.O. Farmer, and John Mc. Laughlin (Chas.) Carrowmore, Malin, Farmer, as Personal Sureties for Collector Michael Deery, Ballagh, Malin, in the sum of £ 137.

## "re" EX-COLLECTOR MC. COLE

The Secretary submitted letter from Mr. Jas. Mc. Cole, ex- Rate Collector, claiming poundage in respect of rates lodged with the County Treasurer for the half-year ended the 31st. March, 1923, and amounting to £ 1589-4-6, and refund of uncollected rates lodged for the half-year ended the 30th. Sept. 1921, as set out on the prescribed returns furnished.

It was decided to refer these claims to the Special Standing Committee of the Council.



COLLECTOR MC. GINTY . . . . INCREASE OF POUNDAGE

The Secretary submitted a renewed application from Mr. Vincent P. Mo. Mullin, Solr., Ballybofey, on behalf of Collector Mc. Ginty, Stranorlar Rural District, for an increase in the present poundage rate of 10d payable on his Warrant, and after some discussion, it was, subject to the sanction of the Local Government Ministry, unanimously decided on the motion of Councillor Boyle, seconded by Councillor Gallagher (Anthony), to increase the rate to 1/- in the 2 1 in recognition of Mr. Mc. Ginty's exceedingly satisfactory record as a Collector from the date of the coming into operation of the Local Government (I) Act, 1898, to the present time. The proposed increased remuneration to take effect as from 1st. April, 1925.

"re" MR. JOHN B. O'DONNELL

With reference to the appointment of Mr. John B. O'Donnell, Casaleenan, Kilmacrenan, who was appointed by the County Council Rate Collector for No. 13 Collection District, a letter was read from Mr. O'Donnell wishing to be informed if he collected all the arrears he possibly could get and lodged same to the County Council's credit, and returned Rate Books with the receipt of all uncollected rates, would he or his personal Sureties be liable for the balance of uncollected Rates or for closing his A/cs.

The Secretary was directed to reply stating that the late Collector Mr. Cormac Breslin, closed his Accounts for the year ended the 31st. March, 1923, and that no arrears from that or any previous period are included in the Warrant for the Year ended the 31st. March, 1924, which it is proposed to issue to him, subject to the completion of both his Personal and Guarantee Society Bonds, and pointing out that the rates at present in process of collection in several districts of the County cover the latter year, and that in no district has the Collection for the Year ending the 31st. March, 1925, been put into operation; also requesting Mr. O'Donnell to furnish the Council with a reply immediately as to the course he proposes taking in the matter.

In this connection Councillor Lynch, expressed the view that Mr. O'Donnell was under a misapprehension regarding the arrears and that if he clearly understood the position he would immediately provide the required Security and enter upon his duties.

RATES ON GLENVEIGH CASTLE

A letter was read from Rate Collector Dawson stating that he had received a communication from Colonel Baillie refusing to pay rates on Glenveigh Castle for the half-year ended 31st. March, 1924, as the Building was vacant, and the Demand for Rates therefore illegal, and adding that Section 16 of the Rent Restrictions Act does not apply. The matter was referred to the Council's Solicitor for his opinion.

THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (RATES ON AGRICULTURAL LAND) ACT, 1924

Councillor Bonner referred to the proposal of the County Council under above Act to abate by two-thirds the rates to be raised off Agricultural Land in the current Financial Year, and said he felt that it would be better for the finances of the county and generally if the rebate were made a half, and he gave Notice that at the next meeting of Council he would move accordingly.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT (COLLECTION OF RATES) ACT, 1924

The Secretary submitted an Order dated the 28th. June, 1924, applying the provisions of Section I of the Local Government (Collection of Rates) Act, 1924, to the Tironaill County Council. Councillor Gallen said if the goods of persons in very poor circumstances were seized by the Sheriff under this measure the result would be that the people would have to go to the County Home, and thus become a charge on the County Rates. Councillor Bonner pointed out that it was intended to apply the Act to persistent defaulters only, and he proposed that the returns already received from the Rate Collectors be referred to the Special Standing Committee for the purpose of preparing a specially selected list for submission to the Local Government Inspector, this was seconded by Councillor *Clarke* and passed unanimously. Councillor Gallen suggested that "Belleek Battery" which was occupied by British Military Forces and on which the rates had not been paid, should be included in the Standing Committee's return.

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MINUTES OF QUARTERLY MEETING OF THE TIRCONAILL CO. COUNCIL  
HELD ON THE 19th. DAY OF AUGUST, 1924.

A Quarterly Meeting of Tirconaille Co. Council was held on the 19th. day of August, 1924.

ATTENDANCE

The Members present were-

Councillors Bonner, Boyle, Clarke, Gallen, Lynch, Myles, Mc.Dermott, Mc. Goldrick, O'Donnell, (J.F.), Phelan, ~~and~~ Quigley, and O'Donnell (Hugh)

On the motion of Councillor Bonner, seconded by Councillor Gallen, Councillor Boyle was moved to the Chair.

CO-OPTION

On the motion of Councillor Lynch, seconded by Councillor O'Donnell (J.F.) Mr. Eugene Mahoney, Letterkenny, was co-opted a member of the County Council in place of the late Mr. Thos. Mc. Fadden.

M I N U T E S

The minutes of previous Meeting were confirmed.

LETTER OF THANKS

A letter was read from Mr. Bernard Mc. Fadden, Coneyburrow, Lifford, thanking the County Council for resolution of sympathy on the death of his brother Thomas Mc. Fadden.

WEIGHTS & MEASURES SUB-STANDARDS

A letter dated 17th. July, 1924, from the Ministry of Industry and Commerce, Dublin, on the subject of the provision of storage at Buncrana for Weights and Measures Sub-Standards, was read.

The Secretary said he wrote to the Superintendent Civic Guard, Buncrana, on the matter, and he received a reply stating that the Managing Committee of St. Mary's Hall there have agreed to give necessary storage, if terms are favourable, and adding that the Standards could be stored in a small locked room for about £5 per annum.

These terms were considered reasonable and were accepted.

OCCUPATION OF WORKHOUSE PREMISES---GLENTIES

In accordance with Notice of Motion duly given, Councillor Clarke moved "That Mr. P. J. Ward, Letterkenny, be authorised to demand on behalf of the County Council, possession of the workhouse premises at Glenties, from Messrs James Breslin, and Patrick Kennedy ex-Master and ex-Porter respectively, Councillor Gallen seconded, and the motion was unanimously passed"

TRUNK ROAD GRANT

Notifications dated 26th. July, and 7th. August, 1924, from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, Roads Dept., that the sums of £700 and £1600 respectively, have been ordered to be made out of Trunk Grant (Roads) of £38,400, to Tirconaille County, in respect of roads in Tirconaille; also letter from Mr. Thos. G. Llewellyn, Main St. Rathmullan, protesting against contracts being given out without any competition whatever were submitted, Councillor Gallen said he understood the Ministry of Local Government, Roads Dept., had not sanctioned the proposed expenditure of £1000 instead of £800 on the road Clady towards Lifford, as agreed to by the Co. Council on 17th. June, 1924, It was decided to ask the Ministry to reconsider their decision. Regarding Mr. Llewellyn's complaint Mr. Steadman said contractors got every opportunity to tender for works, and that the complaint was unfounded.

LABOURER'S ACTS

An Order dated 25th. July, 1924, made by the Minister of Finance directing that there shall be deducted from sums payable from the Local Taxation (Ireland) Account directly or indirectly to the County Council of Tirconaille, the sum of £139-12-6, in respect of the provision of cottages and allotments under the Labourers Acts, and debited by the County Council against Glenties R.D. Council, was submitted.

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OVERDRAFT OF £30,000

A letter dated 29th. July, 1924, from the ministry of Local Government, stating that the Minister has sanctioned the continuance of the Overdraft, not exceeding £30,000, in the case of Tirconaille County Council from the 1st. inst. up to the 30th. Sept. next, with interest at the rate already agreed to, was read.

SUPPLEMENTAL OVERDRAFT OF £23,000

A letter, dated 16th. August, 1924, was read from the Manager, Hibernian Bank Ltd. Letterkenny, stating that the present debit balance in the General A/c is £53,379-13-0, being £23,379-13-0 in excess of the overdraft of £30,000, sanctioned by the Ministry of Local Government in their letter dated 29th, July, 1924, and if there was no immediate likelihood of these figures being reduced to the latter amount his Directors would wish a further letter of sanction from the Ministry of Local Govt. to cover the total amount. This was unanimously agreed to on the motion of Councillor Mc. Goldrick seconded by Councillor Bonner, the supplemental Overdraft to be £23,000.

SURCHARGE

A letter, dated 30th. July, 1924, was read from the Ministry of Local Government, relative to the Surcharge of £243-14-2 made by the Auditor at the Audit of the Accounts of Tirconaille County for the period ended the 30th. Sept. 1923, and stating that the persons liable in the case of a Surcharge at Audit are those specifically mentioned in the Surcharge by the Auditor, and that in the present instance it would appear that the Councillors concerned are those who signed the Treasurer's Advice Notes of the 15th. May, 1923, and 21st. August, 1923, and adding that copies of the Surcharges, as entered by the Auditor at foot of the Accounts, should accompany the appeal made by the persons aggrieved. The period covered by the payment of the amount Surcharged, viz-£243-14-2, should be stated. The Secretary said he would attend to the matter.

CLERKS IN SURVEYOR'S DEPARTMENT

A letter, dated 31st. July, 1924, from the Ministry of Local Government stating that the Minister for Local Government and Public Health will raise no objection to the appointment of Messrs Daniel Kelly and P.H. Mc. Dermott, as clerks in the Surveyor's Dept. Tirconaille County, temporarily till the 31st. prox, at a salary of £3 each per week, was read, it was decided to ask the Ministry of Local Government, (Roads Dept.) to continue their services for a further period of 6 months from the letter date, at the same rate of salary per week.

LETTERKENNY DISTRICT NURSING ASSOCIATION

A letter, dated 1st. August, 1924, from the Ministry of Local Government, approving of the proposed contribution by Tirconaille Co. Council of £25 per annum to above association for the part-time services of Nurse G.N. Egan, for attendance on Tuberculous patients in connection with the County Tuberculosis Scheme on the understanding that Nurse Egan will carry out this work under the general direction and supervision of the Tuberculosis Officer, and furnish the Tuberculosis Committee with a monthly report as to the number of Tuberculous patients visited by her, and the number of visits paid to such patients, was read.

COLLECTOR MC. GINTY

RE-APPLICATION FOR INCREASED POUNDAGE FEES

A letter, dated 1st. August, 1924, was read from the Ministry of Local Government stating that the Minister is unable to accede to the proposal of the Tirconaille County Council to increase the poundage fees payable to Collector Mc. Ginty to 1/- in the £. Mr. Mc. Ginty, who was present suggested that the Ministry be asked to reconsider their decision in the matter. No action was taken.



STATEMENT RE CONDITION OF CERTAIN ANIMALS

A letter from the Secretary, Tirconail Committee of Agriculture, enclosing copy of a letter received by him from Mr. T. W. Grier, Aughnish, Ramelton, containing statements made by the latter regarding cows belonging to Mr. J. W. Fullerton, Shellfield, which he (Mr. Grier) believes are affected with abortion, and stating that the Committee request the Co. Council to have Mr. Grier's statements verified by their Veterinary Surgeon, having been read, it was decided to ask the Council's Local Veterinary Inspector to inspect the animals referred to and report to County Council in due course.

COURTKEEPER--COURTHOUSE LIFFORD

A letter, dated 26th. July, 1924, from Mr. Hugh C. Cochrane, Under-Sheriff, Lifford, informing the Co. Council that Norman Argue, the Courtkeeper, resigned on 22nd. inst. and that the former has appointed Wm. Arthur of Drumoghill, Manorcunningham, (Court Clerk) as Courtkeeper of the Courthouse and the County House as from the 28th. July, 1924, was read, and appointment approved.

TRUNK ROAD GRANT -- REMUNERATION FOR ASSISTANT SURVEYORS

A circular letter, dated 30th. July, 1924, from the Hon. Secty. Irish Assistant County Surveyors' Association, stating that the Association has decided to apply to each County Council in Saorstát Éireann for remuneration for the Assistant Co. Surveyors for the extra work incurred under the present Trunk Grant (Roads), and adding that the association have unanimously decided that  $2\frac{1}{2}\%$  would be a fair percentage for Assistant Surveyors, having been read, no action was taken.

CONDITION OF TWO SIDE--ROADS

A letter from Mr. Con O'Donnell, Knockastolar, Bunbeg, on behalf of a number of ratepayers in the townland of Knockastolar, protesting against the way in which two side-roads, the repairs of which have been undertaken by John and Dan Boyle, of Middle Dore, are being carried out, was read, The matter was referred to the County and Assistant Surveyors for their attention.

DIRECTION SIGNS

A letter, dated 6th. August, 1924, was read from the Irish Secretary, The Automobile Association, Dublin, stating that recently when touring through Tirconail he noticed a great shortage of Direction Signs pointing out the way to the beauty spots in the County, and that he would be pleased to supply direction signs for erection on the conditions that the Tirconail County Council will erect and maintain them. It was decided to accept the direction signs and erect and maintain them. Messrs Steadman & Caffrey were directed to furnish the County Council with estimates of the cost of erection.

On the motion of Councillor Myles the Surveyor's were directed to request the Automobile Association to supply a number of signs for dangerous corners

CONDITION OF W. C. on Buncrana Pier

A letter, dated 7th. August, 1924, was read from the Town Clerk, Buncrana, relative to the unsanitary condition of the W. C. on Buncrana Pier, and requesting, on behalf of the Urban District Council, that this closet be put in order, and opened for the convenience of men working at the pier. Mr. Steadman was directed to have the closet put in order.

WORKHOUSE PREMISES AT MILFORD

A letter, dated 7th. August, 1924, was read from Mr. J. Cullen, Caretaker, of Workhouse premises at Milford, requesting to be supplied with the undermentioned requisites to enable him to keep the premises in order.

I spade, I shovel, street brush, I rake, I pair hedge-clippers, I hook, I scrubbing brush, and some soap.

It was decided to authorise the caretaker to purchase the foregoing requisites and send account to Secretary Co. Council.

"RE" RELEASE OF ALL POLITICAL PRISONERS

Copy resolution received by the Laoighis County Board of Health from the Secretary of a combined meeting of the Land Club, Sinn Fein Club, Gaelic League and other local bodies, Killeslin, Carlow, calling for the release of all Republican Prisoners now interned or undergoing sentence, and which has been unanimously adopted by the above Board of Health, was submitted.

It was unanimously decided to adopt the resolution with the following amendment "Political Prisoners" to be substituted for "Republican Prisoners".

COUNTY COUNCIL SCHOLARSHIPS

In accordance with Notice of Motion duly given, Councillor Bonner moved-"That Students from Tirconail pursuing their Studies in Loreto Convent, Omagh, be eligible for Tirconail Co. Council Scholarships", In deference to the wishes of Councillor Myles Councillor Bonner agreed to include Intermediate Schools in Enniskillen- Councillor Myles seconded the motion which was passed unanimously.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The Secretary applied for and was granted two weeks leave of absence.

"RE" QUARRY IN LETTERKENNY R.D.

Copy resolution passed by Letterkenny Rural District Council requesting the Co. Council to give instructions to the County Surveyor to have a quarry opened in the Letterkenny Rural District, either in the townland of Pluck, Drumoghill, or Magherenan, having been read, Mr. Steadman County Surveyor said he could have stones brought from Buncrana and delivered in the Letterkenny District at a cheaper rate than they could be supplied in this district, moreover, the stone at Buncrana was superior. Councillor Clarke said the matter should be left in the County Surveyor's Hands. Councillor Mc. Goldrick said if there was a quarry available, in either of the places named in the foregoing resolution, and the stone a good quality it should be purchased by the Co. Council.

LEASE OF BALLYSHANNON TECHNICAL SCHOOL

A letter, dated 11th. August, 1924, was read from the Secretary Co. Donegal Joint Technical Instruction Committee, stating that the Committee, at a meeting held on 29th. ultimo, unanimously decided to renew, for a period of fifteen years, the lease of above Technical school on the following terms & conditions:-

- (1) Term of 15 years, with the option of surrender at the end of five or ten years.
- (2) All repairs in future to be executed by the County Council or County Technical Committee.
- (3) All rates to be paid or refunded by the County Council or County Technical Committee.
- (4) Rent £ 40 per annum.

The foregoing terms and conditions were unanimously agreed to on the motion of Councillor Gallen seconded by Councillor Clarke.

ADOPTION OF REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The reports of the following Committees were adopted:-  
Special Standing Committee of Co. Council-Meeting held 13th. August, 1924,  
Finance Committee-Meeting held 19th. August, 1924,  
Proposal Committee-Meeting held 19th. August, 1924,

ERECTION OF A PETROL PUMP

An application by Mr. C. Mc. Fadden, Errigal Hotel, Falcarragh, for permission to erect a Petrol Pump outside his premises and excavate for tank to supply same, at Falcarragh, was acceded to on the usual conditions.

CHILDREN ACT 1908. SEC. 74 (6)

A Notice, dated 14th. August, 1924, under above Act, and received from Mr. Daniel Mulhern, District Court Clerk, Glenties, "re" proposed committal of a child or young person, named Condy Mc. Devitt, Junr. Cloghernagore, to an Industrial School, was submitted.



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**JOHN MC. LAUGHLIN ESQ. COUNTY SECRETARY,**  
**WITH TIRCONAILL COUNTY COUNCIL**

Memorandum of agreement between John Mc. Laughlin, Esq. County Secretary, with the Tirconail County Council, setting out the duties of the former to said Council, was submitted, and the Seal of the Council ordered to be affixed thereto.

**NURSE SWEENEY TORY ISLAND**

A letter, dated 14th. August, 1924, from the Ministry of Local Government, stating that the Minister approves of the proposed payment of a Subsidy of £ 30. per annum to the County Board of Health towards the Salary of Nurse Sweeney, Tory Island, for her part-time services under the County Tuberculosis Scheme, and the County Board of Health should accordingly be approached in the matter.

If the County Board of Health agree to the proposal Nurse Sweeney should act under the direction of the County Tuberculosis Committee, and furnish such return and reports as may be required by the Committee, was read. The Secretary said he had forwarded a copy of the letter to the Tirconail County Board of Health.

**Mr. BERNARD MC. FADDEN --- PENSION**

A letter, dated 11th. August, 1924, G.34427/24, Tirconail County, from the Ministry of Local Government, relative to the pension of the late Secretary and Stating that the Minister considers that a pension of £ 800 is reasonable, and requests that in order to comply with Statuary requirements the Council would be so good as to pass a resolution adopting this figure, when formal assent will be given, having been read, it was unanimously resolved, on the motion of Councillor Mc. Dermott, seconded by Councillor Mc. Goldrick, that the Tirconail County Council adopt the sum of £ 800, as pension per annum to their late Secretary.

**ILLNESS OF MR. E. J. CUNNINGHAM, ASSISTANT SURVEYOR**

Mr. Caffrey, County Surveyor, reported as follows:-

Gentlemen, I regret to have to report that Mr. E. J. Cunningham of Carrick, Assistant Surveyor is very seriously ill. It is suspected he is suffering from sleeping sickness, and from a conversation I have had with one of the Doctors attending him about three months may elapse before he will be able to resume duties, as the annual measurements are about to begin it is imperative that a qualified substitute be engaged at once and until Mr. Cunningham is in a position to take over his duties again. The appointment of a substitute for such time as Mr. Cunningham may be incapacitated from duties was left in Mr. Caffrey's hands, on the motion of Councillor Clarke, Seconded by Councillor Boyle.

**R E P O R T S O F C I V I C G U A R D**

Case No.	"RE" BREACHES OF THE MOTOR CAR ACTS	Name of Owner	Address	Date of Offence	REmarks
	letter and No			1924	
1	I.H. 1067	Hugh Hunter	Kerrykeel	Aug. 7	Duty not paid
2	I.H. 546	Hugh Dorrian	Rosnakill	" 7	do
3	R.I. 308	John Smith	Letterkenny	" 9	do
4	R.I. 5059	Denis Houston	do	" 12	do
5	R.I. 5059	Same	do	" 8	do
6	I.H. 508	Same	do	" 13	do

The Secretary stated that the first mentioned in above list paid the Motor Licence Duty on 8th. August, 1924, It was decided not to institute proceedings in this case, as the remaining three motor owners on list had not paid the Licence Duty it was decided to have prosecutions taken out.

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COUNTY COUNCIL V BRESLIN

With reference to the occupation of the Workhouse premises at Glenties by Mr. James Breslin, ex-Master, and the subsequent action by the Co. Council to have him removed, a telegram dated 19-8-24, was read from Mr. P. J. Ward, Solr. Letterkenny, intimating that a Decree had been granted against the defendant in this case.

THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (RATES ON AGRICULTURAL LAND) ACT, 1924,

In accordance with Notice of Motion duly given Councillor Bonner moved that the resolution passed by the County Council on 17th. June last, agreeing to rebate by  $\frac{2}{3}$  the rate to be raised off Agricultural Land in the current Financial Year be amended by the substitution of  $\frac{1}{2}$  for  $\frac{2}{3}$ , Councillor Clarke seconded, Councillor Mc. Goldrick proposed as an amendment that the original Resolution be adhered to, Councillor Mc. Dermott seconded.

A vote was then taken,  
For  $\frac{1}{2}$  -- Councillors Bonner, Boyle, Clarke, Lynch, Myles, O'Donnell, (Hugh) O'Donnell (J.F.) and Phelan --- 8

For  $\frac{2}{3}$  -- Councillors Mc. Dermott, Mc. Goldrick, and Quigley --- 3

The Chairman declared motion for a rebate of  $\frac{1}{2}$  carried. In this connection the Secretary said that the exact proportion of abatement proposed would amount to £40,591-6-9, and that the Treasurer of the County was prepared to advance a loan for this amount on the following terms.

- (1) The County Council to obtain the sanction of the Local Government Department.
- (2) Term of repayment, not exceeding seven years.
- (3) Repayment to be made in equal half-yearly instalments to cover principal and interest.
- (4) Rate of Interest to be 5%.

The foregoing terms were unanimously agreed to, subject to the sanction of the Local Government Ministry.

STATE OF THE COLLECTION

The Secretary submitted a Return showing the condition of the collection of the Rate in the County on the 16th. August, 1924, from which it appeared that £2157-14-7 remained uncollected for the two years ended the 31st. March, 1923, and £14,180-3-6 and £19,821-12-5 for the half-years ended the 29th. Sept. 1923, and 31st. March, 1924, respectively.

POUNDRAGE FEES --- ADDITIONAL REMUNERATION

The Secretary submitted letter from the Local Government Ministry declining to sanction, in addition to ordinary fees, poundage of one penny to collectors who shall have lodged their full Warrant for the Year ended the 31st. March, 1924, by the 31st. August, 1924, and on the motion of Councillor Clarke, seconded by Councillor Bonner, it was unanimously resolved to recommend the Local Govt. Ministry to re-consider their decision and to authorise payment of this remuneration. It was pointed out by Councillor Bonner that Collectors were unable to comply with the conditions governing the payment of this additional poundage for the period in question, since their collecting books were not issued until after the completion of the previous years' collection, which, owing to abnormal conditions then prevailing, was considerably delayed. The payment of the additional penny poundage would, he mentioned, be an inducement to collectors to close their warrants, even though this necessitated their having to obtain Bank Overdrafts, or drawing on their own personal resources.

LISTS OF UNCOLLECTED RATES

The Secretary submitted list of uncollected Rates furnished by Ex-Collector Mc. Cole for the half-year ended the 30th. Sept. 1921, and approved of the recommendation of the Special Standing Committee of the County Council on the 13th. August, 1924, to strike off as irrecoverable, and refund him sums on vacant buildings only. The Secretary also submitted returns of uncollected rates furnished by Collector Mc. Gowan for the three Half-years ended the 31st. March, 1923, and by ex-Collector Breslin for the year ended the 31st. March, 1923. In the latter case it was decided to strike off



off as irrecoverable and refund to Mr. Breslin the rates on vacant buildings and on certain Islands in respect of which similar refunds were made to his predecessor; and as regards Collector Mc.Gowan it was decided to refer his returns to the Special Standing Committee of the Co.Council for consideration.

COLLECTOR MICHAEL DEENY'S PERSONAL SECURITY

The Secretary submitted letter from the Council's Solr. enclosing a communication from Collector Deeny, Creevary, Rathmullan, intimating that he was not prepared to perfect his Personal Guarantee Bond on account of the state of his health which necessitated the appointment of a deputy under the Public Bodies Order, 1904, for the completion of the collection of the rate in the District for the year ended the 31st. March, 1924, and as the amount outstanding for the period in question was £271-8-11 only, out of a Warrant of £3065-0-2 it was decided to take no action in the matter for the present.

COLLECTOR CALLAGHAN'S APPLICATION FOR CASH ALLEGED TO HAVE BEEN FORCIBLY TAKEN FROM HIM

The Secretary submitted application from Collector Callaghan for payment of £25-10-0 cash alleged to have been forcibly taken from him by armed men when he was engaged in the collection of rates, and it was decided to take no action in the matter.

"RE" COLLECTOR HUGH BROWNE--NO. 26 DISTRICT

The Secretary submitted a letter received on the 18th. August, 1924, from Collector Hugh Browne intimating that in consequence of the unsatisfactory state of his health, he was unable at present to discharge the duties of his office, and requesting the Council to appoint his brother, Collector Bernard Browne, to act as his Deputy under the Public Bodies Order, 1904, for the purpose of completing the collection of the rates in the district for the Year ended the 31st. March, 1924,

The Secretary stated that the latter had closed the Accounts for his own district for the past year and that he would be free to act for his brother in the capacity mentioned.

It was decided to appoint Mr. Bernard Browne, Deputy Collector, for No. 26 District, provided Collector Hugh Browne fully complies with the terms of Article 94 of the Order quoted.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Councillor Mc.Dermott proposed the election of Councillor P. J. Mc.Goldrick, T.D. as Chairman of the Council. The proposal was not seconded. Councillor Mc.Goldrick thereupon proposed the election of Councillor Mc.Dermott, the latter declined the honour, and said he entirely refused to be Chairman or Vice-Chairman, because if he accepted the position it might suggest that he was ambitious, and he was not.

Councillor O'Donnell (J.F.) then proposed that Councillor Clarke be elected for the remainder of the term, this proposal was not seconded.

On the Motion of Councillor Bonner, seconded by Councillor Phelan it was decided that the Council carry on as they had been doing and appoint their Chairman from day to day.

TIRCONAILL COUNTY HOSPITAL AT LIFFORD

Councillor Clarke mentioned that Mr. Wm. Doherty, C.E., Derry, who was present, had on request, prepared plans and specifications in connection with the above Institution, which as they all knew required a great deal of improvement. It was so inadequately equipped that serious operation cases had to be taken to Derry or Omaghat considerable expense. He knew it was a large amount to ask the Council to grant, but nothing short of £2600 would put the Hospital in proper condition. It was decided to put the matter on Agenda for next meeting, when the Council would have a report from the County Board of Health on the subject.



Mr. Malsood said the County Council made an Order appointing Sheep Dipping Inspectors for each Rural District, their remuneration to be paid by the sheep owners, Prior to that Order the Co. Council paid the Inspectors a salary, and supplied them with a Dipping Bath. For all these conveniences the sheep owners paid 2d. for each sheep dipped. Under the present Order sheep owners had to pay 1/2d. per head for the use of the bath and 1 1/2d. per head for the sheep dipped. The bath used was defective, because it was not a wringer, and there was no pen provided for the purpose of drying the sheep. Mr. Malsood thought the Council would be well advised to rescind their Order and re-adopt the old system.

Councillor Gallon said if the Council did not put some practical Scheme into operation the sheep owners would be barred from exporting sheep over the Boundary or out of the County, therefore, there was urgent necessity for consultation and for some practical Scheme being devised. He proposed that the present Regulations be reconsidered by the Special Standing Committee of the County Council and that in the meantime prosecutions be suspended, councillor Pholan seconded the motion which was unanimously passed.

It was arranged that a meeting of the Sub-Committee be summoned by the Secretary before end of present month, and that representatives from the Sheep Owner's Association be asked to attend.

PROPOSED NEW ROAD BETWEEN LACONNELL & KEENTASHESK

A letter from Mr. Patrick O'Donnell, Keentashesk, Ardara, relative to above proposed new road, was read, It appeared from the letter that all the owners of the land through which said road is intended to pass, were not unanimous in giving the necessary land, the Council therefore decided not to take any action in the matter.

COURTHOUSE AT DUNFANAGHY

A letter from the Chief Superintendent, Civic Guard, Letterkenny, enclosing a report received from Sergt. I/C. Dunfanaghy Station, relative to the bad condition of above premises; also letters from the District Court Clerk, and Agent to owner of Courthouse, were read, The Council considered the Owner was responsible for the proper repair of the building.

OUTSTANDING ACCOUNTS WITH THE STRABANE AND STRANORLAR BOARDS OF GUARDIANS

Councillor Mc.Dermott referred to the direction given by the County Council on the 27th. May, last, to their Solicitor to take whatever action he deemed necessary with a view to payment of the amount owing by the Strabane Board of Guardians to the Guardians of Stranorlar Union, and enquired if the Solicitor had reported on the matter. On receiving a reply in the negative the Secretary was directed to communicate with the Co. Council's Solr. on the matter.

SEEDS SUPPLIES SCHEME

Payments as under, were ordered to be made.

NAME	ADDRESS	PARTICULARS	AMOUNT		
			£	S	D
Michael Bannigan	Strabane	On a/c of seeds supplied to Tironaill Co. Council	1000	00	0
James F. O'Donnell	Burtonport	Cash advanced in connection with distribution of seeds	25	7	6

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Regarding the purchase by the Tirconail Co. Council, of a light Road Roller for use on roads in Glenties Rural District, Mr. Michael Flood, Diamond, Donegal, appeared before the Council and stated he could have a Fordson Roller delivered in a week at a cost of £320. The Council referred the matter to Mr. Caffrey, Co. Surveyor, and Mr. Flood, with a view to putting a definite proposal before the Council at conclusion of business. on Agenda Paper. The following proposal was subsequently submitted to the Council by Mr. Caffrey, and accepted.

Fordson Roller, plus freight £320. Hood £12.



6-OCT Recd

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF THE TIRCONAILL CO. COUNCIL  
HELD ON THE 23rd. DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 1924.

A T T E N D A N C E

The Members present were:-  
Councillors Bonner, Clarke, Gallen, Lynch, Mahoney, Myles, Mc. Cool,  
Mc. Dermott, Mc. Goldrick, Mc. Nally, O'Donnell, (Hugh), O'Donnell (J.F.),  
O'Duffy, Phelan, Mc. Fadden, and Quigley.  
Mr. P. J. Ward, Solr., representing the Solicitor to the County  
Council, was also present.

Messrs Chas. Mc. Fadden, and Eugene Mahoney signed Declarations  
of acceptance of Office, on taking their seats as County Councillors,  
Councillor Mahoney thanked the Council for co-opting him a member.

C H A I R M A N

Councillor Clarke was moved to the Chair.

S H E E P D I P P I N G S C H E M E

A Notice of Motion by six members of the County Council-"That the  
Sheep Dipping Scheme recommended by the Council's Special Standing  
Committee at a meeting held on 15th. April, 1924, and adopted by the  
Co. Council, at a meeting held on 29th. April, 1924, be rescinded"

"That a Special Committee of the County Council be appointed  
to draw up a revised Scheme"

"That the appointments of the present Sheep Dipping Inspectors  
in Tirconail be terminated as early as possible, and that they be  
appointed under the new Scheme"  
was taken into consideration.

A Deputation of Sheep Owners attended, Mr. Daniel Mc. Glinchey,  
Meenbog, Cloghan, acted as spokesman, he pointed out the objections  
which they had to the present Scheme,

- (1) Baths unsatisfactory,
- (2) Inspectors served no purpose,
- (3) Payment of Sheep Dipping Inspectors fees by Sheep Owners,

Several members of the Council expressed the opinion that the Scheme  
should be abandoned for this year, others were in favour of a revised  
Scheme to meet the objections of sheep owners. It was ultimately  
agreed that a meeting of the Council's Special Standing Committee  
be held on Tuesday 30th. Sept. 1924, at the hour of 12 for the purpose  
of drawing up a revised Scheme. Members of Deputation, representing  
sheep owners in Tirconail, to be asked to attend. This was proposed  
by Councillor Mc. Goldrick, seconded by Councillor Lynch.

T R E A S U R E R ' S A D V I C E N O T E S .

Treasurer's Advice Notes were submitted and signed.

S E E D S S U P P L I E S S C H E M E

Payments, as under, were ordered to be made			Amount		
<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>PARTICULARS</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>D</u>
Kerr, Lang & Jackson, Ltd.	Strand, Derry,	Balance of a/c for seeds supplied to County Council	40	6	2
Wm. Harpur & Sons,	Strabane,	Do.	130	9	5
Joseph Quinn,	Main St. Strabane,	Do.	132	15	3
Wm. Porterfield,	Farsetmore, Letterkenny,	Do.	10	9	4
Hugh Mc. Clafferty,	Churchhill,	Do.			
Total			41	15	0
			315	15	0

S U P P L E M E N T A L L O A N O F £ 9 0 0

It was unanimously decided, subject to the sanction of the Ministry of Local Government, to obtain a supplemental Loan of £ 900 from the Treasurer of the County (Hibernian Bank Ltd.) to meet payments under the Council's Seeds Supplies Scheme, to be repaid on or before the 30th. Sept. 1926, with interest at a rate, not exceeding  $\frac{1}{2}\%$  under Irish Bank Rate on the balance from time to time outstanding, with a minimum of 4%.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT BILL, 1924.

The consideration of above Bill was further adjourned.

LOAN OF £4,400.

A letter, dated 8th. August, 1924, was read from the Ministry of Local Government relative to the sum of £4,400 advanced to the Donegal County Council on the 3rd. October, 1921, by way of Loan, bearing Interest at the rate of 5%, and requesting repayment of the Capital Sum together with accrued interest up to the date of repayment.

The Secretary said that of above amount £2,350, was transferred to the Glenties Union for Union purposes, same to be repaid with 5% interest, to the Co. Council within a period of 5 years, and that the balance £2050 was with the Treasurer of the County.

It was decided to pay over the full amount, with interest, to the Ministry.

COUNTY SECRETARY'S APPOINTMENT

A letter, dated 18th. August, 1924, was read from the Ministry of Local Government on the subject of the appointment of Secretary to Tirconail County Council, and stating that the Minister considers that of the inclusive salary of £750 sanctioned for the appointment the sum of £50 per annum should be regarded as assignable for his work as Clerk to the Tuberculosis Committee, and requesting the observations of the Council on the matter.

The Secretary was directed to refer the Minister to the terms of his (the Secretary's) appointment.

TIRCONAILL COUNTY .... SURVEY STAFF

A letter, dated 19th. August, 1924, was read from the Ministry of Local Government, Roads Dept., relative to salaries of the survey staff of Tirconail County Council, re-arrangement of their districts, and travelling expenses, and enclosing tracings on which the Ministry request the Council to indicate the areas proposed to be placed in charge of each of the eight assistant Surveyors under the Council's Scheme for re-adjusting of the districts. Due attention to be given to a fair apportionment of the road mileage between the four districts in each division of the County.

The Chairman referred to the resolution on the books that the areas in charge of the two County Surveyors remain as heretofore.

He moved that the terms of that resolution be adhered to. Councillor Gallen seconded.

Councillor Mc. Goldrick intimated that he would give Notice of Motion, for consideration at next meeting of the Co. Council, that the resolution referred to by the Chairman be rescinded. A discussion arose as to whether the eight assistant Surveyors districts should be indicated on the tracings received from the Ministry until the County Surveyors Districts had been finally arranged by the Council. Ultimately it was decided to ask the Co. Surveyors to submit a Scheme to the latter body at next meeting, *on the basis of four assistant Surveyors for each County Surveyor's area*

M I N U T E S

The Minutes of previous Meeting were confirmed.

CLERKS IN SURVEYORS DEPARTMENT

A letter, dated 28th. August, 1924, was read from the Ministry of Local Govt., Roads Dept., stating that the Minister sanctions the temporary appointments, till the 30th. Novr. 1924, at a salary of £3 per week, of Messrs Kelly and Mc. Dermott, as clerks in the County Surveyors Department.



LOAN OF £40,600

A letter, dated 9th. Sepr. 1924, from the Manager, Hibernian Bank, Letterkenny, intimating that the Directors have sanctioned above Loan in connection with the Local Govt. (Rates on Agricultural Land) Act, 1924, was read.

ROAD CLADY TOWARDS LIFFORD

A letter, dated 28th. August, 1924, from the Ministry of Local Govt. (Roads Dept.) relative to the expenditure of £800 on above road, instead of £1000, as originally proposed, and stating that as the Schemes have been approved and Works Nos. allocation of Grants, etc. assigned thereto, no alterations in the arrangements can now be made.

FEVER HOSPITAL BUILDING AT GLENTIES

A letter was read from the office of Public Works, Dublin, stating that it has been suggested that the Fever Hospital building at Glenties, Co. Tirconaill, might be suitable as permanent quarters for the Civic Guard at that Centre, and requesting to be informed whether the County Council would let the premises for that purpose, and if so, on what terms? On the motion of Councillor Clarke, seconded by Councillor Myles, the matter was referred for consideration to the Special Standing Committee of the County Council.

FOOD AND DRUGS ACTS

A list of articles required for Food and Drugs Inspectors in the County, made out by the Chief Superintendent Civic Guard, was submitted. The Secretary was authorised to procure the articles through the Trade Dept., Ministry of Local Govt.

OLD AGE PENSIONS

A letter, dated 3rd. Sepr. 1924, was read from the Ministry of Local Govt., Old Age Pensions Branch, requesting to be furnished with a list of, say ten or twelve typical cases in which the County Council dissent from the decision on age given upon the appeals. A detailed statement of the evidence in proof of age put forward by each claimant should also be supplied.

The Secretary was directed to write and request each Pension Sub-Committee in Tirconaill to submit to him a typical case accompanied by a detailed statement of evidence in proof of age.

"re" MR. M. J. CUNNINGHAM, ASSISTANT CO. SURVEYOR

A letter, dated 4th. Sepr. 1924, was read from the Roads Dept., Ministry of Local Govt, in connection with the appointment of a substitute for Mr. M. J. Cunningham, Assistant Co. Surveyor, and enclosing a list of queries to be completed by Secretary.

The Secretary said that Mr. Cunningham died on the 30th. Augt. 1924.

It was decided not to appoint a successor until the Assistant Surveyors districts had been re-arranged. In the meantime Mr. Caffrey, County Surveyor, was authorised to arrange for the carrying out of the work in the district.

DESTROYED AND DAMAGED BRIDGES

A letter, dated 4th. September, 1924, was read from the Ministry of Local Government, Roads Department, enclosing a map and requesting that the location of Bridges damaged in the County prior to 20th. March, 1923, be marked thereon.

The Secretary said that he had sent the map to County Surveyors with a view to having the Ministry's request acceded to.

SUPERANNUATION ALLOWANCE TO MR. BERNARD MC. FADDEN

A letter, dated 9th. Sepr. 1924, G.40806/ 1924, Tirconaill County, was read from the Ministry of Local Government, stating that the Minister for Local Government and Public Health consents to the Superannuation allowance of £800 per annum granted by the Tirconaill County Council to Mr. Bernard Mc. Fadden, late County Secretary.

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WORKHOUSE PREMISES AT CARNDONAGH...OCCUPATION BY FREE STATE MILITARY

A letter, dated 9th. Sepr. 1924, was read from the Office of Public Works, Dublin, enclosing an Order for £215. 4. 6 in full discharge and final satisfaction of all claims, incidental to or arising out of the use of, or interference with the Workhouse premises at Carndonagh, by the Military of the Free State during the period of such occupation. It was decided to accept the amount.

OVERDRAFT OF £53,000

A letter, dated 10th. Sepr. 1924, from the Ministry of Local Government, consenting to the limit of Overdraft in the case of Tirconail County Council being increased to £53,000 for the quarter ended 30th. sepr. 1924, bearing interest at rate already arranged, was read.

NATIONAL HEALTH AND UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE CONTRIBUTIONS

A letter, dated 10th. Sepr. 1924, was read from the National Health Insurance Commission, Dublin, requesting payment of £164- 1- 1 in respect of arrears of National Health and Unemployment Insurance contributions due in respect of men under the Road Board Scheme, Direct Labour Scheme, &c. It was unanimously decided to pay the amount.

CONTRIBUTION TO TIRCONAILL CO. BOARD OF HEALTH IN RESPECT OF THE SERVICES OF A NURSE

A letter, dated 12th. Sepr. 1924, was read from the Ministry of Local Govt. stating that the Minister for Local Government & Public Health has approved of the proposed contribution of £30 per annum by the Co. Council to the County Board of Health towards the payment of Nurse Agnes Sweeney's yearly salary of £100 as District Nurse, etc. in Crossroads Dispensary District, in consideration of her attendance on Tuberculous patients in Tory Island. Her duties in regard to such patients to be carried out under the direction & supervision of the County Tuberculosis Officer, and that she will send a written report each month to the County Tuberculosis Committee as to the number of Tuberculous patients visited by her, and the number of visits paid to such patients.

PAYMENT OF MALICIOUS INJURY DECREES

It was unanimously resolved on the motion of Councillor Myles, seconded by Councillor Mc. Goldrick, that amounts granted on foot of Criminal Injury Decrees in respect of injuries committed subsequent to the 12th. May, 1923, be paid, provided the persons to whom Decrees have been granted have paid their Rates to Tirconail Co. Council.

The Secretary intimated that the total amount of Decrees granted from 12th. May, 1923 to 22nd. Sepr. 1924, was £2342 : 2 : 1.

OLD GAOL GROUND AT LIFFORD

The fencing in of Old Gaol ground at Lifford was placed in Mr. Steadman's hands to have work carried out.

KITCHEN IN COUNTY HOUSE, LIFFORD, &C.

Mr. Steadman, County Surveyor, was authorised to invite tenders for the repair of the Caretaker's kitchen in County House, Lifford, and the large wooden gate at entrance to yard at rere of those premises, and to have repairs carried out.

Mr. Steadman estimated that a sum of £35 would be required for the purpose.

SEEDS SUPPLIES LOAN

An application by the Hibernian Bank, Ltd. Letterkenny, for payment of £3226 . 0 . 6, being the first half-yearly instalment, plus interest, due on 30th. Sepr. 1924, on above loan, was submitted. The Secretary said that the amount due to the Co. Council for seeds supplied would be collected with the Rates to be levied in respect of the Financial Year 1925-26, so that in the meantime it would be necessary to repay instalments and interest to Bank out of Revenue. A refund of the amount paid under this head could be made to the General County Fund account when the Seed Rate had been collected. This arrangement was agreed to.

REPAIRS TO POUND AT MILFORD

A letter from the Under-Sheriff for Tirconail requesting the County Council to have the Pound at Milford put in proper repair was read, and the County Surveyor directed to have the repairs carried out.



Streets in and around BALLYSHANNON  
A letter was read from the Town Clerk, Ballyshannon, stating that the Town Commissioners desire to draw the County Council's attention to the bad state of the Streets in and around Ballyshannon.

Mr. Caffrey, County Surveyor, reported as follows:-  
"With regard to complaint of the Ballyshannon Town Commissioners I beg to state that this body strike a Rate for the cleaning and lighting of the streets of Ballyshannon Town. Ten years ago a man was kept constantly employed sweeping the streets but for a number of years the Commissioners have contributed nothing towards keeping these clean. There are about 6 miles of streets in Ballyshannon, and as these are maintained under the ordinary County Specification much difficulty is experienced in getting the contractors to pay extra Special attention in keeping the streets of the town clean.

There is enough work to keep a man constantly employed and I would suggest that the Commissioners be asked to pay over to the County Council a sum of about £80. per annum to enable a man to be kept constantly employed in keeping the streets clean."

The Report was adopted, and the Secretary directed to communicate with the Ballyshannon Town Commissioners on the matter.

DISINTERMENT OF IRISHMEN FROM THEIR GRAVES

The following copy of a resolution passed by County Galway Hospital and Dispensaries Committee (omitting the Wards "at Tuam" was unanimously adopted on the motion of Councillor Gallen, seconded by Councillor Phelan,

"That we, the members of the Hospital & Dispensaries Committee, view with horror the desecration of our dead, which the disinterment and removal of patriot Irishmen from their graves at Tuam entailed."

PRE-TRUCE PERSONAL INJURY CLAIMANTS

Copy resolution passed by Roscommon County Council expressing thorough sympathy with the pre-truce personal injury claimants in their endeavour to expedite the hearing of their claims that have been lodged (by direction of the Local Govt. Dept.) with the Secretary of the County Council, and the Secretaries of the other County Councils in the Free State, for a period extending over two years, was unanimously adopted.

GLENTIES WORKHOUSE PREMISES

A letter, dated 22nd. Sept. 1924, was read from Mr. P. J. Ward, Solicitor, Letterkenny, reporting that the Order of the District Justice for possession against James Breslin, ex-workhouse master, was executed on the 13th. inst. Mr. Patrick Kennedy, Porter, vacated the premises in accordance with his undertaking. Therefore the premises of the Workhouse, Glenties, are now in the undisputed possession of the Council.

It was decided to release the Paying Orders for Pensions issued in favour of Messrs Breslin and Kennedy on 19th. August, 1924.

VOTE OF CONDOLENCE

Councillor Mc. Dermott proposed that we, the members of Tirone County Council, having learned with deep regret of the death of Mr. Edward Gallagher, Landsdowne House, Strabane, beg to tender to the Widow and members of his family our sincerest sympathy in their great bereavement; Councillor Mahoney seconded the Motion with which Councillor Gallen, Phelan, and the Chairman associated themselves.

The Motion was passed in Silence, the Members standing.

PROPOSED NEW ROAD IN TOWNLAND OF GORTNATRAW SOUTH

A statement urging the need for a new road to that portion of the townland of Gortnatraw South, locally known as "Gortnaglen" in the District Division of Fanad West, was submitted and read.

It was unanimously resolved, on the motion of Councillor Mc. Goldrick, seconded by Councillor Gallen, to request the Irish Land Commission, as successor to the Congested districts Board, to give a grant towards the making of said road.

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RESCINDING OF ROAD CONTRACTS

Applications by the undermentioned Contractors to be relieved of their Contracts, having been considered, it was unanimously resolved on the motion of Councillor Lynch, seconded by Councillor Mc. Goldrick, to accede to their applications, provided they keep contracts in proper repair until fresh Contractors have been obtained.

Contractors Name	Address	Contract No.	In group commencing
Michael Gallagher	Kerrykeel	10	April 1, 1923,
Patrick Ferry	Do.	17	" " "
Bernard Kelly	Do.	36	" " "
Edward Mc. Ateer	Do.	37	" " "
James Friel	Drumlurgagh, Termon	15	" " "
Hugh Mc. Dermott	Barnes, Termon	16	" " "
Neil Mc. Ilwaine	Prucklish, Kilmacrenan	27	July 1 "
G. D. Greene	Drumfad, Ballynashanagh	22	
P. Mc. Ginley		4	

A letter was read from Mr. James Mc. Glynn, Cumrick, Cloghan, relative to the necessity of re-erecting the above bridge. The County Surveyor was authorised to have the bridge rebuilt, cost not to exceed £100.

" re " REMOVAL OF FENCE  
 A letter was read from Mr. Joseph Gallagher, Carn, Ballybofey, relative to a fence which he has erected at his premises and which the County Surveyor has ordered him to remove. No action was taken.

" re " TRESPASS ON LANDS  
 A letter was read from Mrs. John Begley, Main St. Donegal, relative to men employed by Tironeill County Council on roads in Donegal Rural District, entering her lands, without permission, for the purpose of quarrying stones. Mr. Caffrey, County Surveyor, stated that he enquired into this matter and he gave no authority to any one to trespass, and that his ganger has so informed Mrs. Begley.

" re " ROAD PLANT  
 Mr. Steadman, County Surveyor, submitted the following Report regarding the Road Plant so far received by him.

Gentlemen, " The various portions of the new Plant have been arriving singly on different dates so that it takes time to get a complete set together ready for work.

I desire to mention that I now have the Breaker Set complete, viz: - Tractor, Stonebreaker, and Van.  
 Two Rollers have been delivered but as neither the Vans or Water-Carts to accompany them have yet arrived their use is limited.

I have received the attached a/cs. re Plant, as the Plant was ordered through the Trade Dept. I would suggest that approval for payment be given by the County Council, subject to the Trade Dept. intimating to the Secretary that the a/cs. are in order. This course will avoid delay.

I have gone over the a/cs., but there is a question re freights, that I cannot pronounce upon."

The Council approved of payment of the a/cs., subject to the sanction of the Ministry of Local Government.

COURTHOUSE AT LETTERKENNY

A letter was read from the Courtkeeper of the Courthouse at Letterkenny, re chairs and locks &c. required. The matter was referred to Mr. Steadman, County Surveyor.

On the usual conditions, permission was given to the undermentioned persons to erect Petrol Pumps:-

NAME	ADDRESS
Patk. F. Mc. Glinchey	Raphoe
E. Gillen	Noville

POSITION OF PUMP  
 On the side-walk opposite his premises at Wm. St. Raphoe. Outside his premises in Main St. Noville.



STORAGE FOR WEIGHTS & MEASURES ... SUB-STANDARDS

A letter from the Hon. Secty., St. Mary's Hall, Buncrana, stating that his Committee are willing to accept £5 as yearly rent for the storage of the Weights and Measures Sub-Standards, was read.

SHEEP DIPPING SCHEME

A Report from Supt. J. Galligan, Buncrana, re persons exposing Sheep for sale at Carndonagh Fair on 24th. August, last, without the necessary Declaration of Dipping, was submitted. The Council, at a previous meeting having decided to suspend prosecutions pending the drawing up of a revised Sheep Dipping Scheme, No action was taken.

Application for Permission to erect Poles

An application by Mr. Denis Mc. Cauley, Moville, for permission to erect Poles on the streets of Moville for the purpose of carrying wires for Electric Lighting purposes, was submitted. On the suggestion of Councillor Bonner the matter was referred to Mr. Steadman and himself for consultation re proposed lighting scheme. A Report to be furnished to the County Council.

Permission to open a County Road.

subject to the approval of Mr. Steadman, County Surveyor, permission was granted to Mr. James Weir, Tamnawood, Ballindrait, to open the County road at Murleog to lay a sewer pipe in connection with the erection of the Presbyterian Manse at the latter place.

HIRE OF COUNTY COUNCIL'S BREAKER AND ROLLER.

An application by Mr. William Holmes, Mondooey, Manorcunningham, for the use of County Councils Breaker and Roller for use on a contract in Letterkenny Urban District, was submitted and acceded to.

POSITION OF CORONER - DISTRICT OF RAPHOE.

A letter from Guard Patrick Heeran, (for Sergt. on leave), Lifford, reporting that Mr. Edward Gallagher, Coroner for the District of Raphoe, died on 21st. Sept. 1924, was read. It was decided to make arrangements for the appointment of a successor at next meeting of the County Council.

PERMISSION TO USE AN AMBULANCE.

Councillor Mahoney said he had been asked by the Revd. John O' Doherty, Adm., Letterkenny, to request the County Council to grant the use of the Ambulance at Letterkenny District Hospital to convey a Pilgrim to Dublin, on his way to Lourdes. It was unanimously decided on the Motion of Councillor Clarke, Seconded by Councillor Gallen, to accede to the request.

Re PURCHASE OF A QUARRY.

A letter was read from Messrs. Hugh O' Doherty and Son, Solrs., Derry, on behalf of Mr. Patrick Doherty, Heenagee, Buncrana, relative to the payment by the Tironeaill County Council of £50. for land taken for Quarrying purposes. The Secretary said that he understood from the Solr. to the County Council that the Agreement had not been completed owing to the Title not being in order.

BLACKSOD BAY HARBOUR AND RAILWAYS.

A letter was read from Mr. P. J. Mc. Andrew, th Secretariat, Dublin, forwarding particulars of the proposed development of Blacksod Bay, Harbour and Railways, in connection with an Irish Transatlantic express service which, he pointed out, would benefit not only the districts immediately affected but the whole country and give much needed employment. He asked for the Council's support of the Scheme. Councillor Lyles proposed that they express approval of the Scheme which, he said, would greatly benefit Tironeaill, particularly the Southern Division of the County, which would be linked up with the Midland and Great Western giving a clean run through from Donegal to Dublin.

Councillor Mc. Goldrick said they would certainly give the Scheme their support,

Councillor Gallen said this is going to have an important bearing on this County when a question arises in regard to the matter of Gauge.

Councillor

Councillor Mc. Goldrick said the County Council would leave themselves free on the question of Gauge.

The Motion was agreed to.

#### ROAD AT BALLYLIFFIN.

Messrs. John M. Doherty and Maurice Maloney of Ballyliffin appeared as a deputation from the Ballyliffin Development Committee in connection with the road running from the village to the shore. They pointed out that it was taken out for contract but £60 proposed to be spent on it was quite inadequate for the traffic on it. Councillor Bonner said £300 or £400 would be required to put the road in order. Councillor Mc. Goldrick said with reference to the application from Ballyliffin, he thought that the Land Commission, which had succeeded the old Congested Districts Board, should come to their assistance, and he moved that they request the Land Commission to place £200 at the disposal of Ballyliffin for the purpose of improving the road. Councillor Gallen seconded the motion which was unanimously passed.

#### CHILDRENS ACT: 1908, SEC. 74. (6)

Notice, dated 6th. Sept. 1924, from the District Court Clerk, Glenties, under above Act and a similar Notice from Sgt. Thos. Dewally, Ballybofey, dated 9th. Sept. 1924, were submitted.

#### TENDERS FOR COAL.

Tenders for Coal for use in Courthouse and County Council Offices, Lifford, were submitted from:-

<u>Name.</u>	<u>Address.</u>	<u>Price per Ton.</u>
Messrs. John Kelly, Ltd,	50 Foyles St. Derry,	45/6
" Wm. Harpur, and Sons,	Strabane,	46/-
" Henry Lane, and Coy.	Derry,	46/-
Mr. Robert J. Smith,	Strabane,	47/6
Mr. James Bryson,	Lifford,	48/6
Messrs. J. & T. Mc. Laughlin,	Strabane,	49/-

The Tender of Messrs John Kelly, Ltd. (being the lowest) was accepted.

#### COURT ACCOMMODATION.

A letter from District Justice Walsh, Rathmullan, re Resolution passed by Tironeill County Council on 22nd. July last, relative to the restoration of the sitting of the District Court at Churchhill, also regarding Court accommodation generally, was read.

On the motion of Councillor Mc. Goldrick, seconded by Councillor Quigley, it was decided to send a copy of Mr. Walsh's letter to the Board of Works with a recommendation that they take action with a view to providing proper accommodation in Tironeill.

#### STONES LYING ON THE ROAD-SIDES IN GLENTIES R.D.

Mr. Caffrey, County Surveyor, reported as follows:-

Gentlemen,

In the Glenties Rural District there are almost 3000 tons of stones on the road sides on important Main Roads for which there is no fund whereby the money is available to admit of these stones being rolled on the roads. This state of affairs has been brought about by the withholding of the DISTRESS GRANT some time ago allocated to this County. These stones were got out under Schemes approved of in this Grant, but owing to the Grant being suspended there is no money at present available to carry out this work. At the time these stones were quarried and broken I received instructions from the County Council not to proceed with any work in areas where Rates were not paid. A list of these areas were sent to me from the Rates Office. Work was suspended and meanwhile the grants



grants were suspended. If the rates have been paid in these areas representations should be made to the Ministry of Local Govt. for the balance of this Grant, or at least the balance due on these roads.

The roads referred to are :- Glenties - Dungloe, Dungloe - Burtonport, and Carrick - Malinmore, in reply to Councillor O'Donnell (J.F.), Mr. Caffrey said it was on the instructions of the County Council that work was suspended in districts where the rates were not paid. On the motion of Councillor O'Donnell (J.F.), seconded by Councillor Gallen, it was unanimously decided to ask the Ministry of Local Govt. to release the balance, (approximately £9,000) of the Relief of Distress Grant, now that the Rates have been paid, so that work on the roads before mentioned, can be proceeded with. Councillors Nyles & Mc. Goldrick, T.D.s, were requested to approach the Ministry on the matter. *(and on other roads included in Relief of Distress Scheme*

#### TRUNK ROAD GRANT

A letter was read from Mr. Wm. Logue, Derry, organiser for the National Union of General and Municipal workers, making application on behalf of the men the Tirconall County Council have employed in the quarry at Buncrana, to have their wages brought up to £2. 2. 0 a week.

Councillor O'Donnell (J.F.) inquired what this man had to do with the workers of Tirconall? Wasn't he the same man who went to the Mental Hospital at Letterkenny, and they all knew how he managed things there.

Councillor Gallen said if they probed the Mental Hospital affair to the bottom they would find there was more in it than appeared on the surface.

Councillor Mc. Goldrick said the wages had been fixed, and if the Council raised them now the Trunk Road Grant might be withdrawn.

Mr. Steadman said if the men were left alone they would work alright. There were a few Ex-Soldiers about Buncrana who were giving a lot of trouble.

The letter was marked "read". Mr Steadman said he would like a direction from the Council in regard to districts where the men refused to carry out the work. In such cases was he to withdraw the Plant and proceed with work elsewhere? Councillor Mc. Goldrick said that would be the proper thing to do. If the men refused to do the work when it was there for them to do, there was no alternative but to withdraw the plant. Mr. Steadman was instructed to act accordingly.

Councillor Lynch asked that in the event of the Steam Rolling Plant being withdrawn that it be sent to the Letterkenny District.

#### ROAD BETWEEN DRUM AND DRUMFRIES

Councillor Mc. Goldrick referred to the Trunk Road Scheme, and inquired why no Specification had been put in for portion of the road between Drum and Drumfries, and that the £1400 allocated for it had been transferred for the purpose of expenditure on the Burnfoot to Buncrana road, thus doubling the expenditure originally intended for that road. The Roads Dept. of the Local Government Ministry had no specification so far for the Drum to Drumfries road, and had a double specification for the other one.

Mr. Steadman said he had not ignored the matter. Correspondence was going on in connection with it. Councillor Mc. Goldrick asked who took the responsibility of over-riding the decision of the County Council, re allocation of above amount. Mr. Steadman replied that he had nothing to do with the matter. Councillor Mc. Goldrick said he would have this matter investigated to find out if a County Official was responsible for over-riding a decision of the Council, as the Local Government Dept. denied knowing anything of it.

#### C O M P L A I N T

A letter was read from Mr. Thos Doherty, Ex. National Soldier, keelogs, stating that he has been refused work several times in connection with roads in Buncrana District under the Trunk Roads Scheme. Councillor Mc. Goldrick said Doherty was a good worker and the County Surveyor should see that he gets employment. Mr. Steadman said he would attend to the matter.

C O M P L A I N T

A letter was read from Mr. Thos Doherty, Driver No. I. Roller, Ramelton Road, Milford, complaining that he had not been put on one of the new Rollers, as arranged at a meeting of the Special Standing Committee of the Co. Council held on 13th. August, 1924. Mr. Steadman said he did not intend recommending that Doherty be put on one of the new Rollers and he did not know how the word "new" came to appear in Minutes of Special Committee. However he thought the matter could be arranged. This was left in Mr. Steadman's hands.

HOSPITALS IN TIRCONAILL

A letter from the Secretary, Tirconail County Board of Health submitting abstracts from Minutes of meeting held on 18th. August, re proposed improvements at the County Hospital, Lifford, and the District Hospitals, at Donegal, Glenties, and Carndonagh, and improvements to the drainage system of the County Home at Stranorlar. *was read.*

The proposed expenditure was as follows :-  
County Home, £1000, Lifford Hospital £2500, Donegal District Hospital £650, Glenties £1000, Carndonagh, plans to be referred to the Medical Officer.

Councillor O'Donnell (J.F.) said they would not be acting in the interests of the ratepayers if they incurred an expenditure of £6000 or £7000 on these buildings at present. It would be unreasonable to expend that money under existing conditions. He therefore moved that consideration of the matter be postponed for six months, except in the case of the proposed expenditure on the County Home, which he moved that they approve. He considered the County Infirmary should be at Letterkenny. He did not consider Lifford was central, whereas Letterkenny was, Councillor Mc.Cool seconded, Councillor Gallen supported the motion. Councillor Mc.Goldrick said he thought no expenditure whatever should be incurred as regards Lifford, except what was immediately necessary. They were a dying Council and should not undertake responsibility for expenditure of such large sums. He proposed that the Board of Works, in conjunction with the Local Govt. Board Dept. should be asked to advise and report to the Council as to any improvements immediately necessary at Donegal, Carndonagh, Glenties, and the County Home, Councillor Mc.Nally seconded.

Councillor Mc. Dermott said the Lifford Hospital had done good work, and the repairing of it would be less than 1½d. in the £ on the rates of Donegal. He objected to the County Hospital being removed to Letterkenny, where there was the Asylum, and where they had spent £1000 on the District Hospital there. He thought it was most ungenerous on the part of these County Councillors wanting to take everything to Letterkenny.

The Chairman said the County Hospital was built by voluntary contribution, without the cost of a penny to the ratepayers. He objected to Councillor Mc.Goldrick wanting to transfer the Hospital to Letterkenny. The Lifford Hospital was a splendid institution, and they should put it in a condition that it would be second to none. He appealed to the Council to support the proposed expenditure on it.

Councillor Bonner said it was hardly fair to force the issue at the present time in regard to the site of the County Hospital.

The Chairman proposed that they sanction the proposed expenditure on Lifford Hospital, Councillor Mc.Dermott seconded.

A vote was then taken,  
For the Chairman's proposal :-

Councillors Bonner, Clarke, Hyles,  
Mc.Dermott, O'Donnell (Hugh), and  
Quigley.....6.

Against :- Councillors Gallen, Lynch, Mahoney, O'Donnell (J.F.), Mc.Cool,  
Mc.Goldrick, Mc.Nally, O'Duffy, Mc.Fadden, and Phelan....10.

The Proposal was lost.

For Councillor Mc.Goldrick's Proposal :- Councillors Quigley, Mc.Goldrick,  
and Mc.Nally,.....3

Against:- Councillors Bonner, Clarke, Gallen, Mahoney, Lynch, Mc.Cool, Hyles,  
O'Donnell (Hugh), O'Donnell (J.F.), O'Duffy, Mc.Fadden, Phelan,  
and Mc.Dermott.....13.

Councillor Mc.Goldrick's proposal was declared lost.

Councillor O'Donnell's Motion was adopted, Councillor  
Mc.Dermott did not vote. Councillor



In the case of James O'Donnell, Councillor J.F.O'Donnell asked that he be let off, having paid the Duty on 23rd. August, 1924.  
It was decided to instruct the Solicitor to the County Council to institute proceedings in each of above five cases.

STATE OF COLLECTION

The Secretary submitted a return showing the condition of the Collection of the Rate in the County on the 20th. Sept. 1924, from which it appeared that £2039 . 17 . 1 remained uncollected for the two Year's ended the 31st. March, 1923, and £11538 . 3 . 8 and £14332 . 11 . 1 for the half-year's ended the 29th. Sept. 1923, and 31st. March, 1924, respectively.

The Council, on the motion of Councillor Bonner, seconded by Councillor Myles, directed the Secretary to call on all Collectors who have not as yet closed their accounts for periods ended the 31st. March, 1924, to do so, on or before, the 30th. Sept. 1924, the collection period to be extended to that date, subject to the sanction of the Local Government Ministry. It was also decided to recommend the latter to sanction payment of an additional penny poundage to all Collectors who shall have complied with this requirement.

LISTS OF UNCOLLECTED RATES

The Secretary submitted lists of uncollected Rates furnished by Collectors Cassidy, Gorman, Farren, Deery, and Chas. Dawson (Nos. 25 and 28 Districts) for periods ended the 31st. March, 1924, and it was decided to strike off as irrecoverable, and refund to Collectors the rates on derelict buildings and on ruins, and such other items as appeared from the evidence furnished to warrant the adoption of that course, the remaining sums to be refunded and carried forward for subsequent collection, subject to the sanction of the Local Government Ministry. As regards Collector Mc.Gowan's claims for the 1 1/2 years ended the 31st. March, 1923, the Special Standing Committee's recommendations in the case were approved.

COLLECTORS PERSONAL SECURITY

The Secretary submitted letter from the Council's Solr. intimating that Collectors Gillespie, Callaghan, Hugh Browne, Michael Deeny, E. J. Doherty, & Dawson, had not completed Personal Security Bonds, Collector Dawson, it was intimated, was having a fresh set of Bonds prepared as two of his proposed sureties had refused to sign the originals, and Collector Gillespie, it was stated, was making arrangements for the completion of his Security.

Both these officers had closed their accounts to date and it was decided to direct the Council's Solicitor to urge them to have their Bonds perfected without further delay. In the cases of Collectors Callaghan, Hugh Browne, & E. J. Doherty, who have persistently failed to comply with the Council's requirements, and who have not as yet lodged their Warrants for the Year ended the 31st. March last, the Council's Solicitor was instructed to inform them that unless their Security was perfected forthwith steps would be taken to suspend them from Office under the terms of the "Public Bodies Order, 1904;"

In the remaining case, of Collector Deeny, whose past year's Collection was completed by Deputy appointed under the Public Bodies Order, 1904, action was deferred until next Council meeting in view of the unsatisfactory state of his health.

COLLECTORS POUNDAGE

A letter was read from the Local Govt. Ministry sanctioning payment of poundage (including an additional penny remuneration) to all Collectors who had closed their account for the Year ended the 31st. March, 1924, by 30th. August, 1924.

AMENDMENT OF RATE BOOK - SECTION 4 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT

(COLLECTION OF RATES) ACT, 1924.

The Secretary submitted letters from Collectors Logue and Mc. Ateer requiring changes of names to be made in the Rate Books in respect of holdings in their respective districts, and at present rated in the names of James and Hugh Cannon of Doocy to Anthony Bonner, respectively, and it was decided to authorise the Council's Solicitor to make the necessary application on behalf of the Council in these cases under the terms of Section 4 of the above Act. This also to apply to all similar cases in the County that may arise during the period mentioned in the Act.

*Reps. of Catherine Doherty in Townland of Ballinacrick and Ballynabrocky to P. Mc. Conroy as their occupier.*



CHECKING OF COLLECTORS ACCOUNTS...DUNFANAGHY RURAL DISTRICT  
 The Secretary submitted letter and report from Miss Kathleen Doogan, Lower Keeldrum, Gortahork, Deputy Checker, for above Rural District under the Public Bodies Order, 1904, stating that Collector Mc.Nulty had failed to attend at Gortahork-the Centre previously fixed by the Council- for the fortnightly examination of his accounts, for Nos. II and I2 districts, and it was decided that the Secretary inform Mc.Nulty that unless he conforms forthwith with the prescribed procedure in this respect steps shall be taken to suspend him from Office under the terms of the Public Bodies Order, 1904.

OVER - LODGMENT BY COLLECTOR GILLESPIE  
 The Secretary submitted an application by Collector Gillespie for refund of a sum of £119 . 6 . 9 overlodged by him in respect of rates for the half - year ended the 31st. March, 1924,  
 The amount the Secretary stated, appeared to have been a duplicate lodgment, and the matter could be adjusted by crediting the sum to his current collection. The Council approved the adoption of this course.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES  
SCHOLARSHIPS :- Report of Meeting held on 12th. Septr. 1924, was unanimously adopted.

With regard to Francis Brogan to whom a Scholarship was awarded in 1923, the Secretary said a letter had been received from the President of the National University intimating that no unfavourable report had been received regarding his industry, and his marks in Irish were quite good. The President recommended that the Scholarship be continued in his case for another Session, on condition of his passing the First Arts Examination next Summer. This was agreed to on the motion of Councillor Mc. Dermott, Councillor Gallen said it should be clearly understood that there would be no precedent in this case. This was agreed to.

SPECIAL STANDING COMMITTEE :- Report of meeting held on 27th. August, 1924, was adopted.

SPECIAL STANDING COMMITTEE :- Report of meeting held on 19th. August, 1924. The recommendations of the Committee, re the claims for Superannuation allowances by Messrs Michael and Edward O'Callaghan, Assistant Surveyors were not adopted. The claims were referred back to the Special Standing Committee of the County Council for reconsideration.

The recommendation of the Special Standing Committee that a Superannuation allowance of £54 . 3 . 3 per annum be granted to Mr. Frank Mc. Glinchey for services rendered as Rate Collector in No. I4 District, was unanimously adopted subject to the approval of the Ministry of Local Government.

EXTRACTS FROM AUDITORS REPORT OF THE 12TH. FEBY. 1924  
 The following suggestions of the Auditor were unanimously adopted:-

- (1) That in future Assistant Surveyors should receive all their Stationery from the County Surveyor's Office, thus discontinuing the Stationery allowance of £10 per annum given to them. Postage accounts should be kept by the Assistant Surveyors and paid quarterly.
- (2) Material required for Steam Rolling or other purposes should not be ordered by the Gangers. The invoices should be written in the County Surveyors Office and duly signed and checked by him. Prices of coal in different parts of the County varied from £2 . 5 . 0 per ton to £3 . 5 . 0 per ton, and I consider this difference of prices to be in a great measure due to the irregular custom of allowing the Gangers to order supplies.



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MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF THE TIRCONAILL COUNTY COUNCIL  
HELD ON THE 21st. DAY OF OCTOBER, 1924.

A special Meeting of the County Council was held on the 21st. day of October, 1924.

A T T E N D A N C E

The Members present were:-

Councillors Bonner, Boyle, Clarke, Gallen, Kelly (H. J.), Mahony, Lyles, Mc. Dermott, Mc. Fadden, Mc. Goldrick, O'Duffy, O'Flaherty, and Quigley. Mr. P. J. Ward, Solr., representing the Solicitor to the County Council, was also present.

On the motion of Councillor Boyle, seconded by Councillor Mc. Goldrick, Councillor Clarke was moved to the Chair.

M I N U T E S

The Secretary, in submitting Minutes of previous Meeting for confirmation, mentioned that on the motion of Councillor Lynch, Councillor Mahony had been appointed a member of the Committee of Management of Tirconaill County Board of Health, and Letterkenny Pension Sub-Committee; also that Councillor Lynch had been appointed a member of Tirconaill Mental Hospital, and that a Minute to that effect was not included in copy of Minutes sent to each Member of the County Council. The Minutes were unanimously confirmed.

TIRCONAILL COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

Councillor O'Duffy was appointed a member of above Board to represent the Dunfanaghy Rural District.

TIRCONAILL INSURANCE AND TUBERCULOSIS COMMITTEES

Rev. Hugh Gallagher, P.P., Tamney, was appointed a Member of each of above Committees.

REVISION OF BONUSSES

A Circular Letter, G. 57943/1924, Office, dated 5th. Septr., 1924, was read from the Ministry of Local Government, adverting to the Minister's Circular of the 20th. Septr. 1923, regarding Officers of Local Authorities in receipt of Bonuses to compensate for the high cost of living in addition to their basic rates of remuneration.

OLD AGE PENSIONS ACT, 1924, SECTION 3(3) AND 4(3)

A Circular Letter, dated 10th. Septr., 1924, No. 5876. P. Miscellaneous, was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, Old Age Pensions Branch, relative to the procedure with regard to appeals under above Act, and referred to the Special Standing Committee of the County Council.

DISTRICT COURT AT CHURCHHILL

A letter, dated 26th. Septr., 1924, H. /54/213, was read from the Department of Justice, Dublin, relative to the letter and enclosures received from the Secretary, Tirconaill County Council, on the subject of the establishment of a District Court at Churchhill, and stating that the Minister is not satisfied, on the information at his disposal, that there exists a real need for a Court at the latter place, or that there is sufficient justification for the expenditure on a Clerk's salary which the creation of such a Court would entail. The Minister will, however, be glad to consider the matter in six month's time.

ROAD WIDENING BETWEEN GORTAHORK AND FALCARRAGE

A letter, dated 29th. Septr., 1924, C/34., was read from the Engineer in Chief, Post Office Engineering Dept., Dublin, requesting to be informed if the proposed road widening, between Gortahork and Falcarragh, which will necessitate an alteration to the telegraphs, will be done under the general powers of the County Council, or whether the work in question is included amongst those carried out by means of a Grant out of the Road Fund.

A letter was also read from Mr. Steadman, County Surveyor, stating that during his 25 years service as County Surveyor in the County, whenever it became necessary to improve a dangerous bend in a road, as was done recently at Gortahork, the Engineering Dept. of the Post Office was notified and they invariably and promptly responded by moving the pole or poles at the expense of the Post Office.

Councillor O'Duffy said that the Post Office authorities had moved the pole. It was decided to ask the Post Office authorities to bear the expense.

FORDSON ROLLER AND HOOD

A letter, dated 29th. September, 1924, R/S.G.A./7/ Plant, was read from the Ministry of Local Government, Roads Department, stating that he will raise no objection to the purchase, by the Council, of the Fordson Roller and Hood referred to in the Secretary's letter of the 24th. idem.

ALLOCATION OF PART OF COUNTY SECRETARY'S SALARY

A letter, dated 1st. October, 1924, P.M. 44407/24, Tirconnaill County, was read from the Minister, of Local Government, referring to their letter of 18th. August last, and explaining that the remuneration of the Clerk to the Tirconnaill County Tuberculosis Committee is recoupable to the extent of one - half from the National Tuberculosis Grant administered by the Ministry of Local Government, and it is therefore necessary for the purposes of recoupment to assign a definite portion of the County Secretary's total salary for his work in the capacity of Clerk to the Committee. It was agreed that £50 be regarded as assignable for above purpose.

On the suggestion of the Secretary it was decided that, of his inclusive salary, the sum of £75 be allocated in respect of the supervision by him of the duties carried out by the Local Taxation Officer, subject to the sanction of the Ministry of Local Government.

It was also decided, subject to the sanction of the Ministry of Local Government, to make a claim for the sum of £25 in respect of the rent of the Office of the latter official, heating and lighting, and salary of Caretaker.

DAMAGE TO PROPERTY COMPENSATION ACT, 1923.

A letter, dated 3rd. October, 1924, 746/16, was read from the Ministry of Finance, referring to Circular No. W.B. 202 of the Ministry of Local Govt. dated 17th. October last, and pointing out that the first moiety of the amount payable to the Exchequer for the current financial year under the provisions of above Act, is due for payment by 15th. inst. amount £4020:5:1. It was decided to pay the amount.

Councillor Myles here referred to the Council's decision at previous meeting to pay amounts granted on foot of Criminal Injury Decrees, in respect of injuries committed subsequent to the 12th. May, 1923, and inquired when payment would be made.

The Secretary said he hoped to be in a position to submit Decrees to the County Council for payment at their meeting to be held on 25th. Novr. next.

"re" GRANT OF £2500 FROM BRITISH WAR DEPT. FOR REPAIR OF ROADS EAST OF LOUGH SWILLY

A letter, dated 7th. October, 1924, Irish 8/1774 (D.L.2) was read from the War Office, London, enclosing a draft for £725 in respect of alleged damage to various roads by traffic in connection with War Department establishments between Lough Swilly and Lough Foyle. It was decided to request the Ministry of Local Government to approach the British War Office with a view to having the balance (£1775) of above Grant paid to the Tirconnaill County Council without further delay.

On the motion of Councillor Quigley, seconded by Councillor Bonner, it was resolved that the above sum of £725 be expended in repairing the road between Urris and Clonmany. Mr. Steadman to be consulted by Councillors Bonner and Quigley on the matter.

"re" MR. JOHN P. GALLAGHER ---- LOCAL TAXATION OFFICER

A letter, dated 11th. October, 1924, R/M.T./209/7. was read from the Ministry of Local Government, Roads Dept., stating that the Minister for Local Govt. and Public Health has approved of the proposal of the Tirconnaill Co. Council to pay a sum of £4 per week to Mr. John P. Gallagher for the carrying out of the clerical duties in connection with motor registration and licensing during the twelve months ended 30th. ultimo.

CLAIM BY MR. WM. J. DOHERTY, C.E. DERRY

A claim by Mr. William J. Doherty, C.E. 12 Castle St., Derry, requesting payment of balance of his Account for work done in connection with Malicious Injury Claims to the 29th. Septr., 1923, was submitted, and referred to the Special Standing Committee of the County Council for consideration.

FLOODING OF LANDS

A letter from Mr. Philip N. Boyle, Leabgarrow, Arranmore, again drawing attention to the three pipes on the Light House and Pullawaddy Roads which are stopped up, with the result that his lands are flooded, was read.



INTEREST DUE ON GENERAL ACCOUNT

A letter from the Manager, Hibernian Bank, Letterkenny, requesting payment of Interest due on the General Account for half-year ended 30th. Sept. last, was read, and payment ordered. Amount £ 717 ; 12 : 9

SEED SUPPLIES LOAN...COST OF PREPARATION OF DEED OF MORTGAGE

A letter from the Manager, Hibernian Bank, Letterkenny, enclosing Bill of Costs, amounting to £19 ; 7 : 6 in connection with preparation of the Deed of Mortgage in above, was read. It was decided to pay the amount.

BOATSLIP AT FALCORRIB

A letter from the Harbour Master, Falcorrib Boatslip, reporting that repairs are necessary, and large boulders are lying in the Berth, in consequence of which boats will not come alongside the Boatslip, having been read, the matter was referred to Mr. Caffrey, County Surveyor, for his attention.

SUGGESTED SCHEME OF RESEARCH LECTURESHIPS

The following copy of a Resolution passed by Dublin County Council, was unanimously adopted :- "That the authorities of the National University, now that they are taking over control of the College of Science, should endeavour to devote special attention to the very pressing industrial needs of the Country especially owing to the depression in Agriculture of the Country, by some scheme of research lectureships, and library facilities, &c."

APPOINTMENT OF A CORONER

On the motion of Councillor Clarke, seconded by Councillor Mc. Goldrick, it was decided to direct the Secretary to issue an advertisement inviting applications for the position of Coroner for the District of Raphoe, at a salary of £60 per annum. In this connection Councillor Mc. Dermott suggested that it should be an honorary position.

APPOINTMENT OF COUNTY ANALYST

Applications were received from the undermentioned persons for the position of Analyst for the entire County of Tirconail.

No	NAME	ADDRESS
1	Bernard G. Fagan	City Laboratory, Chatam Row, Dublin,
2	Phyllis Ryan	91 St. Stephen's Green, Dublin,
3	J.F. O'Leary	The Chemical Laboratory, 4 Ringsend Road, Dublin,
4	Charles Mc. Mullan	7 William St. South, Belfast,

Councillor Mc. Dermott proposed that Mr. O'Leary be appointed, Councillor Bonner seconded.

The Chairman proposed that Mr. Fagan be appointed, Councillor Boyle seconded.

V O T I N G

For Mr. O'Leary--Councillors Bonner, Gallen, Kelly (Henry J.), Mahony, Mc. Dermott, Mc. Fadden, O'Duffy, O'Flaherty, and Quigley.--9

For Mr. Fagan--Councillors Boyle, Clarke, & Mc. Goldrick.--3

The Chairman declared Mr. O'Leary duly appointed, subject to the sanction of the Ministry of Local Government.

APPOINTMENT OF FOOD & DRUGS INSPECTORS

On the recommendation of the Chief Superintendent, Civic Guard, the undermentioned members of the Force were appointed Inspectors under the sale of Food and Drugs Act.

DISTRICTS	INSPECTORS NAMES & ADDRESSES
Buncrana	Sergt. P. Meehan, Carndonagh,
Raphoe	Sergt. T. Cunnane, Raphoe,
Letterkenny	Sergt. T. Robinson, Letterkenny;
Dungloe	Sergt. M. Connolly, Dunfanaghy,
Donegal	Sergt. Healy, Bundoran,

Forms of appointment were submitted and signed by the Chairman and Secretary, and the Seal of the County Council ordered to be affixed thereto.

APPLICATION FOR USE OF BOARD - ROOM AT GLENTIES

A letter from the Clerk Glenties No. 1 Pension Sub-Committee intimating that the Committee request the Tirconaille County Council to grant them the use of the Board-room at Glenties for their meetings, as heretofore, having been read, the request was not acceded to.

APPLICATION FOR A TRANSFER

A letter from Mr. Wm. Mc. Fadden, Driver No. 16 Steam Roller, Donegal, applying to be transferred to the Northern Division of Tirconaille, having been read, Councillor Mc. Goldrick said Mc. Fadden was married and his wife and family resided in the Northern Division of the County and inquired of the County Surveyors if a transfer could be made. Mr. Steadman said that the Drivers had been appointed to their respective Rollers and Breakers, and it would be a difficult matter to arrange. Possibly the Drivers could come to some arrangement among themselves.

EXHUMATION AND REMOVAL OF THE REMAINS OF REPUBLICAN SOLDIERS

Copy Resolution passed by the Standing Committee of Sinn Fein, Dublin, protesting against the reported exhumation and removal to unknown destinations by the Free State Military, of the remains of Republican Soldiers, and demanding that the remains in each case be handed over to the relatives of the deceased for christian burial, was submitted. Councillor Gallen said a similar Resolution had been unanimously adopted by the County Council at their previous meeting.

ADJUSTMENTS OF TOWNLANDS FOR ELECTORAL PURPOSES

Proposed by Councillor Mc. Goldrick, seconded by Councillor Bonner, and unanimously resolved. "That the Sheriff of County Tirconaille be directed to make the following adjustments of townlands for Electoral purposes, viz:-  
Fallask and Owenbuoy transferred from Illies to Meentiahs Electoral Division.

Umricam transferred from Meentiahs to Buncrana Electoral Division.

Ballygan and Cleenagh from Illies to Buncrana Electoral Division."

MOTOR LICENCE DUTY PROSECUTION  
REPORT OF CIVIC GUARD

Index Mark & Number	NAME	ADDRESS	Date of Offence	Particulars of Offence
U.I. 862	Josh. Gallagher	Church St. Ramelton	16; 10:24	Motor Lorry being used as a charabanc conveying 16 passengers to Milford races the said Lorry was licensed as a Goods Van.

The Council ordered a prosecution.

ERECTION OF A PETROL PUMP

Subject to the usual conditions permission was granted to Mr. Joseph Carr, Motor & Cycle agent, Gortaherk, to erect a Petrol Pump and Tank outside his premises at Gortaherk.

" re " FLOORING OF BUNCRANA PIER

Councillor Mc. Goldrick referred to the dangerous condition of the wooden flooring of above pier and moved that the County Surveyor be directed to have it refloored. This was seconded by Councillor Bonner and passed unanimously.

RETURN "re" EXPENDITURE ON ROADS, RATES, &c.

A letter was read from Mr. John White, T.D. Carndonagh, requesting to be furnished with a Return giving particulars of Rates levied and collected; also Road Expenditure in respect of the Financial Years ended 31st. March, 1921, 1922, 1923, and 1924, &c. It was decided to accede to the request, similar information to be furnished to each of the other T.D. in Tirconaille

BRIDGE AT THE RAMPART, DUNGLOE

A letter was read from Mr. Daniel Sweeney, Cruckamore, Dunglee, re necessity for a proper bridge at the Rampart, Dunglee. The matter was referred to Mr. John Caffrey, County Surveyor.



USE OF DINING HALL IN WORKHOUSE, DONEGAL.

A letter from the Clerk, Donegal Rural District Council requesting the County Council to grant the use of the large Dining Hall in Workhouse, Donegal, for the next half-yearly meeting of the District Council in order to accommodate the large number of contractors who are expected to be present. Permission was granted, subject to the Dining Hall being left in the same condition as when granted.

STREETS OF BALLYSHANNON

A letter from the Town Clerk, Ballyshannon, referring to the County Surveyor's report, on above subject, and stating that the Commissioners did not refer so much to the cleaning as to the upkeep of the streets, and that the ordinary specification for County work be carried out, was read.

PROPOSED NEW ROAD

A proposal to make 120 perches of New Road from Ballintra to sea at Lower Rosnowlagh, between contract road and the strand at Lower Rosnowlagh, as formulated by Ballyshannon Rural District Council on 18th. August, 1924, was submitted and approved subject to Consent being witnessed.

"re" ADJUSTMENT OF ASSISTANT SURVEYORS' DISTRICTS

A letter, dated 19th. August, 1924; R/R.S./7, was read from the Ministry of Local Government, Roads Department, with reference to an entry in the Minutes of Proceedings of Tirone County Council on the 22nd. ultimo relative to the Survey staff and stating that as already pointed out the Minister considers it essential for the better road administration of the County that the County Surveyors' Districts be fixed as set out in the Ministry's letter of the 23rd. May last. The decision then conveyed in regard to the salaries of these officers had in view the re-arrangement of their districts which had been more than once suggested by the Roads Dept., Ministry of Local Government. Sanction cannot now be given to the proposal to allow the County Surveyors' districts to remain unaltered; also referring to the question of travelling expenses, and enclosing tracings on which the Ministry request the County Council to indicate the areas proposed to be placed in charge of each of the eight Assistant Surveyors under the Council's Scheme for re-adjustment of the Districts. Due attention to be given to a fair apportionment of the road mileage between the four districts in each division of the County. Councillor Mc. Goldrick said it was absolutely necessary in the interest of the County and the Scheme, as outlined by the Ministry of Roads Department, should be carried out, in his opinion there should be no opposition from the Surveyors in the County; the new Scheme would make for efficiency, and in that respect the Surveyors must accommodate themselves to the reforms.

Mr. Steadman, County Surveyor, referring to statements made, said he was not opposing the Scheme. It was said that the work was overlapping and led to confusion, but he denied that absolutely. Whatever the Council is going to do let it be done in a fair and straight way.

Councillor Myles said if the Government were not satisfied with the way the Co. Council were conducting their business let them send some one down to run the place for them.

The Chairman said he objected to the Local Government Dept. overriding everything the Tirone County Council does. The feeling of the County Council is that we are being rushed in the matter. The Secretary should be directed to communicate with the Department directly, saying the consensus of opinion of the Council is that we will not be overridden, and that we consider the original Scheme of the divisions of the County is more easily worked than the Scheme they wish to put in operation.

Councillor Mc. Goldrick moved that the Council adhere to the original Resolution as to the allocation of the districts between the two County surveyors of the 22nd. August, 1922, and that the Council direct that the re-adjustments necessary as between the Assistant Surveyors, where each County Surveyor shall have four assistants, a distinct staff, and an undivided responsibility shall be made by the Special Standing Committee to the County Council.

Councillor Mc. Fadden seconded.

The Chairman moved as an amendment that the County surveyors divisions remain unaltered, and that they stand as they always stood in the past.

Councillor Myles seconded.

Voting

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V O T I N G

For the Motion:- Councillors Boyle, Kelly (H. J.), Lynch, Mc. Padden, Mc. Goldrick, O'Duffy, and Quigley.....7.  
Against:- Councillors Clarke, Gallen, Myles, and O'Flaherty.... 4.

The Chairman declared Motion carried.

Councillors Bonner and Mc. Dermott did not vote.  
The Chairman said he would have a rescinding motion lodged for consideration by the County Council at their next meeting.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT BILL, 1924,

Arising out of the provisions of the above Bill, Councillor Kelly (Henry J.) said a clause giving power to County Councils to appoint a Managing Director should be inserted in the Bill. The Managing Director would control the entire affairs of the County Council. There was not sufficient direct contact with the various Departments of the Council, and the Managing Director would be responsible for the control of these and also to the Council.

Councillor Mc. Goldrick suggested a clause in the Bill giving power to the County Council to appoint an Executive Committee which would consider all questions pertaining to business of the Council, and to report to the General Council. That would make for efficiency in the administration of the affairs of the Council.

Councillor Bonner said they had a Standing Committee which fulfilled these duties.

BUNDROWES BRIDGE

Councillor Kelly (Henry J.) inquired if the necessary repairs had been carried out to Bundrowes bridge. Mr. Caffrey, Co. Surveyor, said the work was started on Monday 20th. inst.

COUNTY COUNCIL SCHOLARSHIPS FROM PRIMARY SCHOOLS

Rules made by the Minister of Education, by virtue of the powers conferred upon him by Section 17 Sub-Section (3) of the Local Government (Temporary Provisions) Act, 1923, relative to the awarding by the County Council of scholarships from Primary Schools, were submitted, and the Secretary directed to have a copy sent to each member of the County Council and Scholarships Committee respectively.

BOUNDARY COMMISSION....TIRCONAILL & NORTHERN AREA

A letter, dated 11th. October, 1924, from Mr. John Tracey, Solicitor, Derry, referring to his appointment by the Tirconaill County Council to represent the interests of Donegal at the Boundary Commission and pointing out that it might be well if the Council appointed a Committee to confer and assist him generally in the case which the County Council must put before the Commission; also a letter, dated 20th. October, 1924, from Mr. Tracey stating that in view of information he received since the date of his last letter to the Secretary, Tirconaill Co. Council, there is not even the possibility of any part of Donegal being transferred to the Northern Area, and in such circumstances the Committee he asked the Co. Council to appoint will be unnecessary, were read. Mr. James Boyle, Solr. Stranorlar, said that he appeared before the Council as a ratepayer in this connection to oppose any suggestion as to any representation of County Tirconaill before the Boundary Commission. He submitted the County Council had no right to go into the Boundary Commission, for the simple reason that it would be an invitation to the Commission to take in some part of Tirconaill.

The Chairman agreed with Mr. Boyle that it was not the function of the County Council to deal with this matter, and he did not think they had any right to direct any person to appear before the Boundary Commission.

Councillor Bonner said that the deputation from Derry which appeared before the County Council in December, 1922, requested to be furnished with evidence from the Tirconaill Co. Council with regard to the question of transport, railways, and the volume of trade between the City of Derry and Tirconaill. The only question that arose at that time was whether Derry City would be retained in the Northern Area or transferred, when the Boundary Commission functioned, to the Free State. He had made inquiries from what he regarded as authoritative sources, and the question of any part of Tirconaill going into the Northern Area had not been entertained, nor had any such suggestion been made.

Councillor Gallen inquired who made the maps?

Councillor Bonner asked if these maps were in existence?

Councillor Gallen said there are those here who have seen them.

Councillor



Councillor Mc. Goldrick said that Tirconail was at present disinterested in the Boundary Commission, except to the extent that it would be a large benefactor in case the boundary remained between it and Derry, because of the distributing profits now being made in Tirconail, and which was keeping Derry City in its present trade position.

Councillor Gallen said there was no need to worry. He would like to know the legal opinion regarding the power of the Boundary Commission to summon evidence or walk along the Tyrone bank of the river without the permission of Sir James Craig. The Commission was in the air, and the whole thing was in the air. Tirconail had been in question. The whole nine Counties were offered to Craig, and he refused them, and it was submitted to a very important number of men on the Free State side, and they approved of it.

TREASURER'S ADVICE NOTES

Treasurers Advice Notes, for making payments out of the Co. Council's Accounts, were submitted and duly signed.

STEAM ROLLING

On the Motion of Councillor Duffy Mr. Steadman, County Surveyor, was directed to have a Steam Roller sent to the Dunfanaghy area for the purpose of rolling the roads between Creeslough & Gweedore.

SPECIAL STANDING COMMITTEES' REPORT

Arising out of the Report of the Special Standing Committee of the County Council meeting held on 30th. September, 1924, Mr. Daniel Mc. Glinchey, Cloghan, appeared on behalf of sheep owners and protested against the recommendation of the Committee that the Original Sheep - Dipping Scheme remains in force until the expiration of the Sheep - Dipping periods in current year. He said the sheep owners would not pay for sheep - dipping.

A lengthened discussion took place.

Councillor Bonner said the most the Co. Council asked of the sheep owners was to allow the Council to continue the Scheme for three weeks. The sheep owners who had accepted certificates should pay the Inspectors, and at a later stage assist the Council in formulating a scheme for next year.

An undertaking being given to Mr. Mc. Glinchey that the Council would not prosecute defaulting sheep owners pending the formation of a new scheme, he expressed himself satisfied.

A letter was here read from the Sheep Dipping Inspector for Donegal Rural District, stating that Sir John Leslie who had 2735 sheep refused to pay for Dipping.

The Council considered this was a matter for the Sheep - Dipping Inspector to take whatever action he deems necessary.

SUPERANNUATION ALLOWANCES

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Councillor Mc. Goldrick said that Tirconail was at present disinterested in the Boundary Commission, except to the extent that it would be a large benefactor in case the boundary remained between it and Derry, because of the distributing profits now being made in Tirconail, and which was keeping Derry City in its present trade position.

Councillor Gallen said there was no need to worry. He would like to know the legal opinion regarding the power of the Boundary Commission to summon evidence or walk along the Tyrone bank of the river without the permission of Sir James Craig. The Commission was in the air, and the whole thing was in the air. Tirconail had been in question. The whole nine Counties were offered to Craig, and he refused them, and it was submitted to a very important number of men on the Free State side, and they approved of it.

#### TREASURER'S ADVICE NOTES

Treasurers Advice Notes, for making payments out of the Co. Council's Accounts, were submitted and duly signed.

#### STEAM ROLLING

On the Motion of Councillor Duffy Mr. Steadman, County Surveyor, was directed to have a Steam Roller sent to the Dunfanaghy area for the purpose of rolling the roads between Creeslough & Gweedore.

#### SPECIAL STANDING COMMITTEES' REPORT

Arising out of the Report of the Special Standing Committee of the County Council meeting held on 30th. September, 1924, Mr. Daniel Mc. Glinchey, Cloghan, appeared on behalf of sheep owners and protested against the recommendation of the Committee that the Original Sheep - Dipping Scheme remains in force until the expiration of the Sheep - Dipping periods in current year. He said the sheep owners would not pay for sheep - dipping.

A lengthened discussion took place.

Councillor Bonner said the most the Co. Council asked of the sheep owners was to allow the Council to continue the Scheme for three weeks. The sheep owners who had accepted certificates should pay the Inspectors, and at a later stage assist the Council in formulating a scheme for next year.

An undertaking being given to Mr. Mc. Glinchey that the Council would not prosecute defaulting sheep owners pending the formation of a new scheme, he expressed himself satisfied.

A letter was here read from the Sheep Dipping Inspector for Donegal Rural District, stating that Sir John Leslie who had 2735 sheep refused to pay for Dipping.

The Council considered this was a matter for the Sheep - Dipping Inspector to take whatever action he deems necessary.

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Councillor Bonner proposed and Councillor O'Duffy seconded that the matter be postponed for a month, meanwhile, the Secretary write to the Local Govt. Ministry on the matter.

Councillor Mahony withdrew his motion and the Chairman then proposed the Adoption of the Committee's Report, but this was not seconded, and his motion was dropped. A vote was then taken.  
For the Motion :- Councillors Kelly (H.J.), Myles, Mc.Fadden, and Mc.Goldrick, 4.  
Against :- Councillors Bonner, Boyle, Mahony, Mc.Dermott, O'Duffy, O'Flaherty and Quigley...7.

Councillors Clarke and Gallen did not vote.

The Chairman declared Councillor Bonner's Amendment carried.

#### SEED SUPPLIES SCHEME ... COST OF MOTOR CARS

With reference to the recommendation of the Committee that 9d. be the rate per mile to be allowed for hire of motor cars employed in connection with above scheme, Councillor Mc.Goldrick said he considered 9d. per mile excessive, and that 8d. would be sufficient. He moved accordingly, Councillor Quigley seconded.

Councillor Mc.Fadden moved as an amendment the adoption of the Committee's recommendation, Councillor Bonner seconded.

#### V O T I N G

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Against :- Councillors Bonner, Boyle, Clarke, Myles, Mc.Dermott, Mc.Fadden, and O'Duffy..... 7.

The Chairman declared amendment carried

#### LIGHTS ON VEHICLES ACT, 1907.

The recommendation of the Committee, re exemption from the operation of above Act, vehicles carrying in the course of harvesting operations any farm produce to stack or barn throughout the entire County during the period between 1st. October and 15th. November in present year, was unanimously adopted.

" re " GRANTING OF A SPECIAL CO. COUNCIL SCHOLARSHIP TO

#### MISS MARY CROSSAN

The Report of the Committee regarding an application by the above-named for a Special Co. Council Scholarship, was adopted.

#### I N S U R A N C E S

Regarding the recommendation of the Special Standing Committee that the amount of Insurance on Workhouse Buildings be double the sum on which the present Insurance is paid, it was unanimously resolved, on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Councillor Bonner, that the word "treble" be substituted for double. It was further resolved on the motion of Councillor Bonner, seconded by Councillor Mahony, that the Secretary act as Agent for all the Insurances for which the County Council are responsible.

#### ALLOCATION OF UNEMPLOYMENT & RELIEF OF DISTRESS GRANTS

A resolution was read from Gortahork Branch Cumann na-Gaedheal, which was also sent to Mr. Patrick Mc.Fadden, T.D., demanding an explanation as to what Scheme, if any, had been formulated by the County Council in regard to the allocation of the unemployment and Relief of Distress Grants.

Councillor O'Duffy said no Scheme for Gortahork under the Grant had been formulated by the County Council, and asked could anything be done?

Mr. Steadman, County Surveyor, said the Grant referred to for use in Gortahork was in the hands of the Land Commission, as successors of the Congested Districts Board, and he had nothing to do with it.

#### S U R V E Y S T A F F

As the County and Assistant Surveyors districts had not yet been re-arranged by the County Council or their Salaries revised it was decided that these officials be paid at the old rate of salary and bonus in respect of quarter ended 30th. September last.

Messrs Michael O'Callaghan, and Edward O'Callaghan, respectively, having carried out the duties of Assistant Surveyors in their former districts from the date on which their resignations were accepted as Assistant Surveyors up to and including the 30th. September last, it was decided that these ex-officials be remunerated at the rate of salary and bonus they were in receipt of on the date of their resignation in respect of the period above mentioned.  
Condition

#### CONDITION OF THE ROAD BETWEEN CLADY AND LIFFORD

Councillor Gallen referred to the unsatisfactory condition of the road between Clady and Lifford which he stated was caused by all the traffic being carried over this section.

Prior to the establishing of the Customs Barrier by far the greater portion of this traffic was on the Co. Tyrone road, between Clady and Strabane which is now closed under the existing Customs Regulations. He suggested that the road over Clady bridge be made an authorised one. This would lessen the traffic on the former road, as well as the mileage for those desiring to go from Clady and district to Strabane.

#### C R O L L Y   B R I D G E

The following Telegram was read from Councillor James F. O'Donnell.

Falcarragh 21 ; 10 : '24.

"Regret impossible reach meeting due to accident Crollly Bridge. Why delay rebuilding. Scandalous state. Gallagher desires compensation for his attending to it past three years!"

The Secretary said that the County Council, at a meeting held on 18th. December last, decided to postpone consideration of a letter from Mr. Patrick Gallagher, General Merchant, Crollly Bridge, requesting the County Council to make him a grant to recompense him for the expenses incurred in connection with repairs to above bridge. Mr. Steadman, County Surveyor, stated that it would be injudicious to pay any money for a structure of the kind until the County Council were in a position to rebuild the bridge.

#### BROKEN DOWN BRIDGES AND ROAD GRANTS

A letter was read from Mr. John Sweeney, Burtonport, stating that the ratepayers and owners of motor cars wish to be informed of the cause of three bridges on three routes which are broken down and left for two years unrepaired, viz :- The Crollly, Cummin road, and Letterbrick; also referring to the sums allocated out of the Road Grants which are unexpended. Mr. Caffrey, County Surveyor, said the Letterbrick bridge had been completed, and the reason for Relief of Distress Grant not being expended was that the balance unexpended reverted to the Government.

#### COUNTY COUNCIL'S SOLICITOR'S BILL OF COSTS

Mr. P. J. Ward, Solr., Letterkenny, representing the Solicitor to the Co. Council appeared before the latter body and said the Bill of Costs of the Solicitor to the County Council had recently been taxed in Dublin and that the Taxing Master's Certificate would be issued in a few days when it was hoped the Council would pay the amount. It was decided to issue a Paying Order on receipt of Taxing Master's Certificate. *one to Mr. Hattery and the other to Mr. Ward.*

#### STATE OF THE COLLECTION AND LETTER FROM LOCAL GOVT. MINISTRY ON THE SUBJECT

The Secretary submitted a return showing the state of the Collection of the rate in the County on the 18th. October, 1924, from which it appeared that £1876 : 1 : 6 remained uncollected for the two years ended the 31st. March, 1923, and £9606 : 6 : 6 and £11937 : 2 : 11 for the half-years ended the 30th. September, 1923, and 31st. March, 1924, respectively. In this connection a communication received from the Local Govt. Ministry was read calling attention to the unsatisfactory condition of the collection in the County, especially in the districts of Collectors Moore, Hugh Browne, Manus J. O'Donnell, and Mc. Nulty, (No. 32 District), and recommending that drastic action be taken in these cases unless the full warrants be lodged forthwith. After hearing explanations from Collectors present it was decided, on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Councillor Bonner, to extend the time for the completion of the collection of all Rates outstanding to the 31st. March, 1924, to the 25th. November, 1924, - the date fixed for next Council meeting, - subject to the sanction of the Local Government Ministry.

#### LISTS OF UNCOLLECTED RATES

The Secretary submitted lists of uncollected rates furnished by Collectors Gillespie (Nos. 1 and 3 Districts) and Deeny, both of whom had closed their A/Cs., to the 31st. March, 1924, and it was decided to strike off as irrecoverable and refund to these officers the rates on derelict buildings, and on ruins, and such other items as appeared from the evidence furnished to warrant the adoption of that course the remaining sums to be refunded & carried



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carried forward for subsequent collection, subject to the sanction of the Local Government Ministry.

Consideration of similar returns furnished by both ex-Collector Michael Mulhern & Collector R. Mulhern, for No. 2 District was postponed, pending the completion of the collection of the rate in that area to the 31st. March, 1924.

#### COLLECTORS' PERSONAL SECURITY

The Council's Acting Solicitor intimated that Collectors Gillespie, Callaghan, Hugh Browne, Michael Deeny, E. J. Doherty, and Dawson had not completed Personal Security Bonds. In the cases of Collectors Dawson and Gillespie, however, it was stated by him that new names were submitted for those originally proposed, and that the bonds in these cases could now be perfected, the new Sureties for these two Collectors being in his opinion, satisfactory. It was decided to accept the new Sureties in these two cases, and to inform the other Collectors named that unless their bonds be completed before the 25th. prox., the date fixed for next Council meeting, their suspension from office on that date would be moved by the Council under the terms of the Public Bodies Order, 1904.

#### CHECKING OF COLLECTORS ACCOUNTS ... DUNFANAGHY R. D.

The Secretary submitted further correspondence from Miss Kathleen Doogan and Collector Mc. Nulty relative to the failure of the latter to attend at Gortahork for the fortnightly checking of his accounts for Nos. 11 and 12 Districts for the year ended the 31st. March, 1924. Mr. Wm. Kelly, Solr., Letterkenny, who appeared for Mr. Mc. Nulty, complained of the great inconvenience to the latter to have to attend at Gortahork fortnightly, especially in view of the fact that he had also to make fortnightly attendances at Milford, both of which places were considerable distances from his residence. The Secretary pointed out that Gortahork was the centre already fixed for Dunfanaghy Rural District by the County Council, and that the present arrangement could not be altered until the Council's resolution in the matter had been rescinded. Councillor O'Duffy and other Councillors present intimated that a rescinding motion would be handed in for consideration at next Council Meeting, Collector Mc. Nulty meanwhile to be instructed to carry out the arrangement at present in force.

#### INCREASED POUNDAGE ... COLLECTORS GILLESPIE, GONIGLE, GORMAN, & Mc. NULTY

The Secretary submitted letter, dated the 26th. Sept., 1924, from the Local Government Ministry intimating that no objection would be raised to the terms of the Ministry's previous communication being extended to the Collectors who closed their warrants on the 1st. September, 1924, if the Council agreed thereto. In Collector Mc. Nulty's case the Council, it was suggested, would no doubt have due regard to the position of his collection in No. 32 district before submitting a further proposal. The Council expressed concurrence with the payment of increased poundage to the Collectors in question, including Collector Mc. Nulty for Nos. 11 and 12 Districts, conditional on the latter lodging the full Warrant for No. 32 District by the 25th. prox.

#### COLLECTOR, HUGH BROWNE'S DISTRICT DEPUTY COLLECTOR, BERNARD BROWNE

Deputy Collector Bernard Browne appeared before the Council and intimated that he was experiencing considerable difficulty in collecting outstanding rates in the above district, and if obliged to lodge the full warrant he would have to advance considerable sums out of his own resources.

The Warrant amounted to £12118 : 7 : 8 of which £10770 : 16 : 1 had been lodged to date, leaving £1347 : 11 : 7 outstanding. The Council considered the work performed by Mr. Bernard Browne satisfactory since his appointment as Deputy and through the Chairman intimated that favourable consideration would be given to an application from him for the Collectorship in the event of the position becoming vacant, provided he lodged the full amount outstanding forthwith.

#### RATES OUTSTANDING IN TIRCONAILL..... CONTRADICTION

Councillor Myles contradicted a statement which appeared in certain Belfast and Dublin newspapers, which stated that the rates outstanding in Tirconaill amounted to £270,000. That statement, which was totally incorrect, had been thrown at him in Dublin, and he understood the Collectors in the County had also been criticised in the matter. It was essential to make it clear that the total amount of outstanding Rates in Tirconaill was £25000.

SUPPLIES OF COAL?ETC. IN CONNECTION WITH THE  
WORKING OF STEAM ROLLERS, ETC.

Mr. Steadman, County Surveyor, reported as follows:-

Gentlemen,

In the Minutes of County Council Meeting held on 23rd. September, 1924, a reference is made to a comment by the Auditor on the question of ordering supplies of coal, etc. in connection with the working of Steam Rollers, etc.

It would seem that the variation in prices was assumed to arise through the method of ordering. Any such assumption is of course erroneous and difference in prices for similar goods readily accounted for by the location in which the Roller might be working. Where Coal has to be hauled by a Merchant considerable distances it is easy to account for a much higher price than prevails at centres more favourably situated.

From the time we started with Rolling Plant, now some twenty years, I directed our Drivers to make inquiries from all available Traders in the locality they were in, and to order where they could get the best terms consistent with quality.

Occasionally where it appeared to me probable an improvement might be effected I have even tried sending to a locality a few tons, but when everything was taken into consideration, risk of loss by theft, and high freights, it was manifest that there was nothing to be gained.

I would like to have had an opportunity of discussing the matter with the Auditor.

THE COUNTY COUNCIL DIRECTED THE COUNTY SURVEYOR TO  
CARRY ON AS HE HAD BEEN DOING IN THE PAST.

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MINUTES OF QUARTERLY MEETING OF THE TIRCONNELL CO. COUNCIL  
HELD ON THE 25th. DAY OF NOVEMBER, 1924.

A T T E N D A N C E.

The Members present were:-

Councillors Bonner, Browne, Clarke, Ccoll, Gallagher (Anthony),  
Gallen, Kelly (John), Lanigan, Lynch, Mahony, Hyles, Mc. Coel,  
Mc. Dermott, Mc. Fadden, Mc. Gill, Mc. Goldrick, Mc. Nally, McShane,  
C'Donnell (Hugh), C'Duffy, O'Flaherty, Phelan, and Quigley.

A telegram from Mr. F.J.Ward, Solr., Letterkenny stating that  
he was unable to attend meeting through illness, was read.

C H A I R M A N.

Councillor Clarke was moved to the chair.

M I N U T E S.

The Minutes of previous Meeting were confirmed.

V O T E   O F   C O N D O L E N C E.

The Chairman said :-

Since our last meeting a great Donegal man has crossed the bourne  
from whence no traveller returneth. You all know I refer to his  
Eminence Cardinal Logue, Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of the  
Roman Catholic Church in Ireland, and it is only right and proper  
that we should register on our Minutes our deep regret at his death.  
He was a man not only beloved by his own people but respected by the  
whole Christian World, He was a man who, while deeply devoted to the  
members of his Communion, respected others who were not of it. He  
was a man who, no doubt, held strong political views, but he never  
forced those views on those who thought differently. He was a Christ-  
ain of the purest type who acted up to the great Christian Virtues of  
Peace, Love, and Charity. In fact, "he was a man, take him for all in  
all we shall not look on his like again." The Catholic Church of  
Ireland, and indeed the entire population of Ireland, has suffered, I  
might say, an irreparable loss. He has left his footprints on the  
sands of time - footprints that perhaps another sailing o'er life's  
stormy main - a falorn and weary brother seeing way take heart again.  
His successor is also a great Donegal man, and I would wish that this  
resolution be forwarded to him, and hope that he may be long spared to  
follow in the footsteps of his great predecessor. Gentlemen, I lay  
this wreath on the grave of a truly great man.

Councillor Mc. Goldrick T.D. who seconded, said there was general  
and deep bereavement on the death of his Eminence among all people in  
this his Native County. There was one consoling thought that the  
Cardinal had gone only in the fullness of years, and loaded with all the  
honour and dignity the Church could bestow. They could badly afford  
to lose him in the national or ecclesiastical sphere. His wise guid-  
ance, his unflinching tact and urbanity, his untiring energy on behalf of  
fraternity, purity, and goodwill among every section of the Community,  
in combination with his true Irish homeliness, gave him a position in  
the feelings and hearts of the people, peculiarly his own. They could  
only in the chastened mood that such a loss imposed convey on behalf of  
the County Council of his native County, their most sincere condolence  
to his relatives and to the Church.

The resolution was passed in silence, all members standing.

A letter, dated 1st, Novr., 1924, P.H.49690/24, Tirconnell County, was  
read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, stating,  
for the information of the Tirconnell County Council, that for the pur-  
poses of recoupmnt from the National Tuberculosis Grant, the Minister

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has assigned the sum of £50 per <sup>(2)</sup> annum out of the total remuneration of the Secretary of the County Council in respect of the work carried out by that Officer as Secretary of the County Tuberculosis Committee.

SESSIONS COURTS.

A letter, dated 11th. October, 1924, G.4958/1924, Tirconail County, was read from the Ministry of Local Government regarding the duty of the County Council in providing and maintaining Sessions Courts.

DONEGAL COURTHOUSE.

In accordance with notice of Motion duly given, Councillor Myles moved. "That the Donegal Courthouse be immediately placed in the hands of Contractors for rebuilding." Councillor Mc. Shane seconded. Councillor Mc. Goldrick asked Councillor Myles to include in his motion the rebuilding of the Courthouses at Buncrana and Carndonagh. The latter acquiesced.

The Secretary stated there was a letter from the Ministry of Local Government forwarding a letter from Mr. Sean O'Hanrahan D.J., pointing out the great hardship caused to the people, particularly the poor resident in South Donegal, who had to attend at Lifford owing to the Courthouse at Donegal not being rebuilt.

The Secretary submitted awards made by the Compensation (Ireland) Commission regarding the claim for compensation in respect of the above named Courthouses.

| Courthouse at | Compensation awarded. £ | Conditions attached.                         | interest (if any) | Costs and expenses. £ : s : d |
|---------------|-------------------------|----------------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------------|
| Donegal       | 3,000                   | to be expended on reinstatement of structure | 5% from 27-1-'21  | 47 : 3 : 8                    |
| Buncrana      | 2,200                   | do.                                          | 5% from 17-6-'21  | 50 : 5 : 11                   |
| Carndonagh    | 2,600                   | do.                                          | do.               | 50 : 5 : 11                   |

Mr James Dunlevy, Solr., Donegal, who appeared on behalf of the people of Donegal, said that heretofore all criminal business from Buncrana to Glenhead, a distance of 70 miles, had been carried on in Donegal Courthouse, and the Jurors attended there, but now the unfortunate Jurors were brought to Lifford, a distance of 60 miles and they were obliged to take motor cars from their various districts. Some of them had to start in the middle of the night to be present at Lifford at the Sessions. They were all ratepayers and he considered it was unfair to them. The matter deserved immediate consideration.

It was unanimously decided to instruct the County Surveyor to prepare plans and specifications for the Courthouses in question, with a view to rebuilding. Councillor Myles moved that so far as the Courthouse at Donegal was concerned, a small committee composed of the County Councillors for the District, in conjunction with Dr. H.T. Warnock and Mr. James Dunlevy, Solr., be appointed to go into plans etc.. This was agreed to.

MILFORD WORKHOUSE PREMISES.

A letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health forwarding, for the consideration of the Tirconail County Council, an extract from the Medical Inspector's Report consequent on his recent inspection of the Tirconail Institutions.

"The Milford Workhouse premises and Fever Hospital are in fair order. The roof and eave spouting need attention and a slater should be employed," was read, and the matter referred to the County Surveyor for his attention.



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LANDS AT ROOSKEY.

An application by the Irish Land<sup>2</sup> Commission for payment of £21:10:10 being instalments due by Tirconail County Council in respect of the period from 1st. June, 1922, and 1st. December, 1924, on lands at Ruskey was submitted, and acceded to.

LOCAL TAXATION OFFICER - FIDELITY BOND.

A letter, dated 12th. Novr., 1924, R/M.T. 209/7, was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, stating that a Fidelity Bond should be taken out with some recognised society or company in respect of the above named officer who is engaged on Cash duties in connection with the work of Motor Registration and Licensing.

The matter was placed in the Secretary's hands for attention.

COUNTY COUNCIL'S GENERAL COUNCIL - ANNUAL MEETING.

A letter from the Secretary County Council's General Council enclosing copy of Minutes of Proceedings at a Special Meeting of the Council held on 24th. Sept., 1924, and stating that the annual meeting will be held on 11th. Dec. next. Notice of any matter to be included on the Agenda should reach the Secretary on or before 27th. Novr., was read.

In this connection the Council took into consideration the question of continuing the payment of affiliation fee of £20 per annum to the County Council's General Council.

Councillor Mc. Dermott said he considered it a waste of money and that payment should be discontinued. After some discussion it was decided to leave the matter to the new Council.

ROAD MACHINERY.

Mr. Steadman, County Surveyor, submitted accounts in connection with road machinery recently purchased by the County Council. It was decided to pay the respective amounts, provided the Ministry of Local Government, Roads Department, express their approval.

TREASURER'S ADVICE NOTES.

Treasurer's Advice Notes in connection with payments out of the Council's Accounts, were submitted by the Secretary and duly signed.

HOUSING (BUILDING FACILITIES) ACT, 1924.

The consideration of applications for Loans from the County Council under the above act was adjourned until next meeting when the Secretary hoped to be in a position to submit applications from all those in Tirconail desirous of availing themselves of the Provisions of said act.

BURIAL EXPENSES.

An application by Mr. Frank Gallagher, Loughanora n, Annagry, for a refund of the burial expenses incurred in connection with the death of his son, Denis Gallagher, -who died in Peamount Sanatorium whilst undergoing treatment for Tuberculosis, -on the recommendation of the Insurance Committee for County Tircomill, was considered, and payment refused.

PAYMENT OF DEBIT INTEREST.

A letter from the Manager Hibernian Bank Ltd., Letterkenny, making application for payment of £34:3:5 interest accrued on balance due the Bank by the late Guardians of Dunfanaghy Union, was read and application acceded to, subject to the sanction of the Local Government Ministry.

DISTRICT COURT CLERK, LETTERKENNY, - LIGHTING OF OFFICE, etc..

A letter from the District Court Clerk, Letterkenny, relative to the lighting of his Office in the Courthouse there, also stating that locks are required for the Office door and press where public documents are kept, having been read, the matter was referred to the County Surveyor for his attention.

CARETAKER OF COURTHOUSE AT RAPHOE.

An application by Mr. John Woods, District Court Clerk, Raphoe, for the position of Caretaker of the Courthouse there, having been considered, it was decided to accede to the application. Salary £4 per annum, to take effect from 25th. Novr., 1924, he to provide fire and light for this amount.

FLOODING OF LANDS ON ARRANMORE ISLAND.

A further letter from Mr. Philip N. Boyle P.C., Leabgarrow, Arranmore, complaining that Mr. Frank Kearney, Assistant Surveyor, when recently on the Island, did not call with him to see the damage done to the property of the former by flooding, occasioned by defective pipes on the Lighthouse and Pullawaddy roads, was read; Co. Surveyor said the County Council were not liable.

MOTOR LICENCE DUTY: PROSECUTIONS.

Reports were submitted from the Civic Guards, and on the motion of Councillor Myles, seconded by the Chairman, prosecutions were ordered in the following cases:-

| Index<br>mark | No.  | Name                            | Address                                                                                     | Date of<br>Offence<br>1924 | Remarks.                                          |
|---------------|------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|
| IR.           | 2002 | Matthew Gallagher               | Church St, Ramelton                                                                         | Oct. 28                    | Licence                                           |
| IR.           | 1503 | Culdaff Steam Trawling<br>Coy.. | (Licence for previous<br>quarter issued in<br>the name of Richard<br>M. Flemming, Culdaff.) | Novr. 10                   | duty<br>should<br>have been<br>paid on<br>1:10:24 |

MATERNITY CASES: UNTRAINED WOMEN.

A letter from the Secretary, The Irish Nurses' and Midwives' Union, requesting the Tircenail County Council to institute prosecutions against three untrained women who are practising in maternity cases was read. Councillor Mc. Dermott said he would be against instituting prosecutions in every case, as in the absence of the maternity nurse it might be necessary to call in an untrained woman. The Secretary was directed to write the three women concerned not to practise in maternity cases in future, otherwise the County Council will be compelled to take drastic action in the matter.

GLENTIES SUB-PENSION COMMITTEE, No. 1

A letter from the Clerk, Glenties Sub-Pension Committee, No. 1 drawing the County Council's attention to article 22 of the Old Age Pensions Consolidated Regulations, 1922, which provide for the use by a Pension Sub-Committee of any Offices of any Local Authority situate in the area of the Council in which the Committee is appointed, and renewing application of above Committee for the use of the Boardroom at Glenties for meetings of the Sub-Committee, as heretofore, was read, and application refused. It was, however, decided to refer the Clerk to the District Court Clerk at Glenties.



APPLICATION FOR USE OF A ROOM IN DONEGAL DISTRICT HOSPITAL.

A letter from Miss K.M.Mills, Main Street, Donegal, stating that she has been instructed by the Board of Education to ask for use of a room in Donegal District Hospital for Domestic Science Classes, having been read, the Secretary was directed to state in reply that the Council will be prepared to consider any application that may be submitted by the Board of Education, and arrange terms.

COUNTY DONEGAL INFIRMARY. BANK STOCK IN NAME OF GOVERNESS AND GOVERNESSES.

A letter from the Manager, Hibernian Bank, Letterkenny, enclosing Request for transmission of Dividend Warrants payable on £392:11:0 Stock in the name of the Governors and Governesses of the County Donegal Infirmary, received from the Accountant-General, Bank of Ireland, Dublin, and requesting to be favoured with the County Council's instructions in the matter, having been read, it was unanimously resolved, on the motion of Councillor Myles, seconded by Councillor Mc. Goldrick, to accept payment of dividends, the amount to be lodged with the Treasurer of the County Council, and earmarked with a view to being allocated later.

Re USE OF SCHOOL ROOM IN WORKHOUSE DONEGAL.

An application by the Secretary Donegal Amateur Dramatic Club, Donegal, asking permission for the use of the School Room in local Workhouse for above Club for the purpose of rehearsals on two nights in the week, or possibly three, was considered and refused.

MALICIOUS INJURY APPLICATION:-  
APPLICANT SOLOMON HARRIS OF GLENCAR, LETTERKENNY.

The Letterkenny Rural District Council having suggested that a valuation be made, at the instance of the County Council, in above malicious Injury Case, it was decided, on the motion of Councillor Lynch, to direct Mr. P.J.Ward, Solr., Letterkenny, to ask Mr. Wm. J. Boyce, Vice-Chairman, of the Farmers' Union, Bohurric, to give evidence when the case is being heard. It was also decided to allow the latter 10/- expenses.

ERECTION OF A PETROL PUMP.

An application by Mr. John Gallen, Donegal, for permission to erect a Petrol Pump on the street opposite his own premises in the Diamond, Donegal, having been considered, it was decided to accede to the application on the usual conditions.

Re CONTRACT IN DERRY No. 2 AREA.

Councillor Mc. Nally referred to the contract specified on the Schedule of Contracts in the Derry No. 2 area, as "the leading road from Three Trees N.S. to Meedinmore", and asked that it be altered to the leading road from Three Trees N.S. direct to Carndonagh," as it was heretofore. It was decided to postpone consideration of the matter until the next half-yearly meeting of the Council when the foregoing contract would be before them.

Re BRIDGE IN TOWNLAND OF THREE TREES.

Councillor Mc. Nally also referred to the condition of a bridge, in the Townland of Three Trees.

Mr. Steadman, County Surveyor, was directed to prepare a report for submission to the Council at their next meeting.

CHILDRE ACT 1908 - SECTION 74-6.

A notice dated, 4th. Novr., 1924, from Clerk of the District Court, Ballyshannon, under above act, was read.

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A letter from Mr. Joseph Kerr, Cycle Agent, Gortahork, referring to his application for permission to erect a Petrol Pump outside his premises at Gortahork, and stating that he now finds, owing to the nature of the ground, he will have to keep his pump clear off County road and erect it on his own ground, having been read, the matter was referred to the County Surveyor, and he was directed to see that the Pump does not interfere with County Property.

VERIFICATION OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

An application by Sergt. P.J. Dolan, Ballyshannon, Ex-Officio, Inspector of Weights and Measures, for permission to occupy part of the Courthouse at Ballyshannon for the purpose of Verification etc., of Weights and Measures, and stating he considers the Office occupied by the District Court Clerk would suit, was considered and permission sought for granted.

LIMITS OF ROAD EXPENDITURE - PROPOSED EXTENSIONS.

Resolutions passed by the several Rural District Councils under-mentioned, requesting the County Council to apply to the Ministry of Local Govt., Roads Dept., for extensions of the present Limits of Road Expenditure, were considered, and requests acceded to, subject to the sanction of the Local Govt. Ministry, Roads Department.

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anything for the widow it would be very much appreciated by her. On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Councillor Browne, it was unanimously resolved to recommend to the Ministry of Local Govt. that she be allowed, as Compensation, a sum of £200.

Re Mr. EDWARD BOYLE - EX SHEEP DIPPING INSPECTOR.

A letter from Mr. Edward Boyle, Castlefin, Ex Sheep Dipping Inspector for Stranoblar Rural District, making application for Compensation for loss of time and employment for five months under the Sheep Dipping Scheme; also requesting the County Council to have his Insurance Cards stamped, having been read, the consideration of application for Compensation was adjourned until a new Sheep Dipping Scheme had been formulated for Sheep Dipping periods in ensuing years. It was possible the applicant might be appointed an Inspector under the latter Scheme. With regard to the stamping of his Insurance Cards, in respect of the period he was acting as Sheep Dipping Inspector, the Secretary stated he was in communication with the National Health Insurance Authorities with a view to ascertaining the Council's position in the matter.

APPOINTMENT OF A TYPIST.

The Secretary applied for a Typist, as he was desirous of bringing the work of his Office up to date. It was mentioned that this would create a new appointment. The Secretary said he hoped, when presenting his Report later on, to be able to make recommendations which would considerably reduce the present Office expenditure.

The Secretary was authorised to make a temporary appointment, pending the submission of his Report to the Council. Remuneration £2:10:0 per week.

Re TRUNK ROAD PASSING THROUGH CARRIGART.

Councillor Kelly (John) referred to amount allocated <sup>out</sup> and of the Trunk Roads Grant towards repair of above road, and said certain people in the district were opposed to the work being carried out. He suggested that the sum authorised to be expended on this road under the Trunk Roads Scheme be re-allocated to other portions of it, so that the money might not revert to the Government.

Mr. Steadman, County Surveyor, said he was acquainted with the present position, and suggested that he be allowed to write the Local Govt, Ministry, Roads Dept., pointing out the existing difficulties with a view to the Ministry agreeing to the money being expended on portions of above road, other than those originally included in Scheme. The Council agreed to this course.

ROAD BETWEEN URRIS AND CLONMANY.

Councillor Quigley referred to the sum of £725 received recently from the British War Dept., and which the County Council, at a meeting held on 21st. Oct. last, resolved should be expended in repairing the road between Urris and Clonmany. The people of this district were in great need of work, and he desired to know when the County Surveyor would be in a position to have the repairs carried out. Mr. Steadman said the amount of Grant promised by the British War Dept. was £2,500 and was given on condition that the County Council put up a similar sum. He hoped, very soon, to be able to start work.

Re LOAN OF £4,400 ADVANCED TO TIRCONAILL COUNTY COUNCIL OUT OF DAIL FUNDS.

A letter, dated 22nd. Novr., 1924, S.52252/24, was read from the Dept. of Local Government and Public Health in regard to the repayment of a sum of £4,400 advanced to Tirconaille County Council by way of loan out of Dail Funds on the 3rd. Oct., 1921, and stating that the Minutes approves of the County Council re-borrowing a sum of £1134:7:1 for a period of two years to enable them, with the money already on hand, to discharge the loan of £4,400 in full, with interest accrued to date of repayment as proposed, viz:-



Viz:- 16th. December, 1924, also adding that the Minister requests that payment of the loan, with accrued interest, may be made by the 16th. Proximo.

On the motion of Councillor Bonner, seconded by the Chairman, it was decided to obtain a loan of £1,134:7:1 from the Hibernian Bank Ltd. for the above purpose. To be repaid, with interest, within a period of two years. Security:- Rates of the County.

CONDITION OF ROAD LEADING INTO ALTASHONE BOG.

A Memorial was submitted from the Ratepayers of Altashone, Rashenny, Tornabratley, and Isle of Dough, relative to the lamentable state of the bog road leading into Altashone Bog.

Mr. Steadman, County Surveyor, said he would ascertain the amount of money "struck off" Road Contracts in Innishowen R.D., and if sufficient money were available he would have the above repaired under a "Sudden Breach Order."

It was decided to leave the matter in Mr. Steadman's hands.

W. C. AND URINAL ON RATHMULLAN PIER.

Arising out of a letter from the Hon. Secretary, Rathmullan Pier Committee, it was decided to pay the sum of £1 to Mr. Thomas Ewing of Rathmullan for cleaning W.C. and urinal on Pier.

CONDITION OF ROAD BETWEEN MULLANMORE AND CARRICK.

Councillor Browne referred to the amount allocated out of the Relief and Distress Grant towards the repair of the road between Mullanmore and Carrick, and said this road was in such a bad condition that owners of motor cars were unable to use it, and in consequence had to use another road which meant a round about of 5 miles.

The County Surveyor said there was no money now available out of the Relief of Distress Grant, the balance unexpended having reverted to the Government.

SUPERANNUATION ALLOWANCES.

A claim by Mr. Michael O'Callaghan, Letterkenny, for a superannuation allowance for services rendered as Assistant County Surveyor in Tirconail, was submitted. His average salary and pensionable emoluments for the three years terminating on the Quarter next preceding the date of his resignation, was £270. Length of service  $35\frac{1}{2}$  years, to which the Council added  $4\frac{3}{4}$  years -- 40 years, and decided to grant him an allowance equal to  $\frac{2}{3}$  of the latter amount.

On the motion of Councillor Gallagher (Anthony), seconded by Councillor Lynch, it was unanimously Resolved:- That Mr. Michael O'Callaghan, who has devoted his whole time to the service of the Tirconail County Council, and who was at the date of his resignation incapable of discharging the duties of his Office with efficiency by reason of permanent infirmity of body, be granted an annual allowance of £180, subject to the consent of the Minister for Local Government.

A claim was also submitted from Mr. Edward O'Callaghan, Buncrana, for a superannuation allowance for services rendered as Assistant County Surveyor in Tirconail. His salary and pensionable emoluments for the three years terminating on the Quarter next preceding the date of his resignation, was £220. Length of service  $23\frac{1}{4}$  years. The Council unanimously decided, owing to Mr. O'Callaghan having been rendered incapable of performing any work in future, to specially recommend that  $16\frac{3}{4}$  years be added to his length of service, thereby entitling him to an allowance equal to  $\frac{2}{3}$  of the latter amount.-

On the motion of Councillor Mc. Goldrick, seconded by Councillor Bonner, it was unanimously resolved:- That Mr. Edward O'Callaghan, who has devoted his whole time to the service of the Tirconail County Council, and who was at the date of his resignation incapable of discharging the duties of his Office with efficiency by reason of permanent infirmity of body, be granted an annual allowance of £146:13:4, subject to the consent of the Minister for Local Government.

A claim by Mr. Frank Mc. Glinchey, Sandfield, Ardara, for a superannuation allowance for services rendered as Collector of Poor Rate for No. 14 District, was also submitted. His average fees and pensionable emoluments for the three years terminating on the Quarter next preceding the date of his resignation, was £108:6:6. Length of service 23 completed years, to which the Council decided to add 7 years -- 30 years, entitling him to an annual allowance equal to one half of the latter amount.

On the motion of Councillor Bonner, seconded by the Chairman, it was unanimously resolved:-- That Mr. Frank Mc. Glinchey, who has devoted his whole time to the service of Tirconnaill County Council and who was at the date of his resignation incapable of discharging the duties of his Office with efficiency, by reason of permanent infirmity of body, be granted an annual allowance of £54:3:3, subject to the consent of the Minister for Local Government.

In this connection a letter, dated 31st. Octr., 1924, R/RS/7 was read from the Ministry of Local Government, Roads Dept., stating that the superannuation allowance should be based on the average of the actual salary and emoluments for the last three years service.

#### POSITION OF SOLICITOR TO THE COUNTY COUNCIL:

The Secretary read a letter from Mr. P.J. Ward, Solr., Letterkenny, with reference to the position of Solicitor to the County Council in which the name of Mr. C.A. Flattery is still nominally retained, and informing the Council that as Mr. Flattery has been appointed a permanent District Justice the position of Solicitor is automatically vacant, and therefore the Council should consider the question of filling the position at their next meeting on 25th. Novr., 1924.

The Chairman proposed that Mr. James Dunlevy, Donegal, be appointed Solicitor temporary until a permanent appointment was made. Councillor O'Duffy proposed the appointment of Mr. Kelly, Solr., Letterkenny.

The Secretary intimated that Mr. Ward had agreed to act in a temporary capacity until the new appointment was made.

The Chairman and Councillor O'Duffy then withdrew their motions. Councillor Gallen said the position was an extraordinary one. Mr. Flattery had not yet resigned.

The Chairman ruled that Mr. Flattery, by accepting the position above referred to (District Justice), rendered the position of Solicitor to the County Council automatically vacant.

It was unanimously decided to authorise Mr. Ward to act as Solr. to the County Council until the new Solicitor was appointed to the position. The Secretary was directed to issue an advertisement inviting applications for the position, the appointment to be made at meeting of the County Council to be held on 16th. December next.

#### APPOINTMENT OF CORONER.

The Council then proceeded to consider applications for the position of Coroner for the District of Raphoe, in room of the late Mr. Edward Gallagher.

The applicants were:--

Dr. John Gormley, The Glebe, Cloghan, Dr. S. Kerrigan, Killygordan, and Mr. Michael Mc. Nelis, Letterilly House, Glenties.

Councillor Mc. Goldrick T.D., moved that no appointment be made pending a suggested revision of Coroners areas as might make three Coroners sufficient for the County, and so save the salary of a fourth Coroner. He suggested the Special Standing Committee should take the matter up at their first meeting and report to the Council.

Councillor Bonner seconded.

Councillor Mahoney proposed as an amendment that the election of Coroner be proceeded with. The Chairman seconded.

#### VOTING.



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FOR THE MOTION - Councillors Bonner, Gallagher (A), Lynch, Mc.Dermott, Mc. Fadden (Chas.), Mc. Goldrick, & Mc. Nally. -- 7.

AGAINST -- Councillors Browne, Clarke, Coll, Gallen, Kelly (John), Lanigan, Mahoney, Myles, Mc. Cool, Mc. Shane, O'Donnell (Hugh), O'Flaherty, Phelan, and Quigley. -- 14.  
Councillor O'Duffy did not vote.

The Chairman declared amendment carried.  
Councillor Mahoney proposed that Dr. Gormley be appointed. Councillor Mc. Cool seconded.  
Councillor O'Duffy proposed that Mr. Mc. Nelis be appointed.  
Councillor Mc. Fadden seconded.  
Councillor O'Donnell (Hugh) proposed that Dr. Kerrigan be appointed.  
Councillor O'Flaherty seconded.

VOTING.

For Dr. Gormley --- Councillors Browne, Coll, Lynch, Mahoney, Mc. Cool, Phelan, & Quigley. -- 7.

For Mc. Nelis. --- Councillors Gallagher (A), Mc. Fadden (Chas.), and O'Duffy. -- 3.

For Dr. Kerrigan --- Councillors Clarke, Gallen, Kelly (John), Lanigan, Myles, Mc. Goldrick, Mc. Nally, Mc. Shane, O'Donnell (Hugh), and O'Flaherty. -- 10.  
Councillors Bonner and Mc. Dermott did not vote.

A vote was then taken as between Dr. Gormley and Dr. Kerrigan.  
For Dr. Gormley --- Councillors Browne, Coll, Lynch, Mahoney, Mc. Cool, Mc. Fadden, O'Duffy, Phelan, and Quigley. -- 9.

For Dr. Kerrigan --- Councillors Clarke, Gallagher (A), Gallen, Kelly (John), Lanigan, Myles, Mc. Goldrick, Mc. Nally, Mc. Shane O'Donnell (Hugh), and O'Flaherty. -- 11.  
Councillors Bonner and Mc. Dermott did not vote.

The Chairman declared Dr. Kerrigan duly appointed. Dr. Kerrigan returned thanks.

POLLING DISTRICT SCHEME.

A letter, dated 6th. Novr., 1924, F.48951/1924, Tirrennaill County, was read from the Ministry of Local Govt., and Public Health, with reference to the resolution passed by the Tirconail County Council in regard to above Scheme, and stating that the functions of the Returning Officer in the matter are confined to the provision of Polling Stations at the Polling Places fixed to the Council under the Scheme was read.

REVISION OF POLLING DISTRICTS.

The Council then took into consideration the question of the revision of the Polling Districts in Tirconail.

Councillor Mc. Goldrick T.D., said the Polling Districts were a great inconvenience, and the County Council was responsible for having them revised, and made more accessible. At present the expense was enormous to bring Voters five or six miles to the Poll. Some arrangement should be made to enable people to conveniently express their views at the Poll. He suggested a Sub-Committee should go into the whole question and report to the Council. Several members gave instances of the difficulties experienced by Voters who had to go long distances to vote. Councillor Bonner said a special meeting of the County Council should be convened at an early date to deal with the question. It would be absurd to delegate it to a Sub-Committee.

On the motion of Councillor Gallen, seconded by Councillor Bonner it was unanimously decided that the question of the arrangement of Polling Stations be dealt with by the Council at their Half-Yearly Meeting to be held on 16th. prox., the Rate Collectors to be asked to attend. That the revision of the present Polling Districts be gone into later.

In accordance with Notice of Motion duly given and signed by six members, the Chairman moved that the following resolution passed by the County Council, at a meeting held on 26th. February, 1924, be rescinded. That Deputy Checker Miss Doogan attend at Gortahork for the purpose of Checking the books of Collectors in her area.

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Councillor Mahony seconded the motion which was passed unanimously.  
Mr. Wm. Kelly, Solr., Letterkenny, appeared on behalf of Collector  
Mc. Nulty, and said it would be a hardship to ask Mr. Mc. Nulty to attend  
at Gortahork. To go to Dunfanaghy he was obliged to travel four miles,  
and to go to Gortahork he would have to travel eight miles. He asked  
that Dunfanaghy be substituted for Gortahork.

A letter was read from Mr. Michael Doogan, on the subject of check-  
ing Collector Mc. Nulty's Books.

Councillor Anthony Gallagher proposed that Falcarragh be the centre  
at which the Collecting Books are to be checked by Miss Doogan.

Councillor Lynch seconded.

Councillor O'Duffy proposed, as an amendment, that Dunfanaghy be  
fixed as the centre. Councillor Mc. Fadden seconded.

#### VOTING.

For the Motion

Councillors Browne, Gallagher (A), Gallen, Kelly (John),  
Lanigan, Lynch, Myles, Mc. Dermott, Mc. Goldrick,  
Mc. Shane, O'Donnell (Hugh), O'Flaherty, & Phelan - 13.  
Councillors Bonner, Clarke, Coll, Mahony, Mc. Cool  
Mc. Fadden, O'Duffy, and Quigley. - 8.  
Councillor Mc. Nally did not vote.  
The Chairman declared motion carried.

Against

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

The Reports of the undermentioned Committees were unanimously adopted.

FINANCE. --- Meeting held on 11th. day of November, 1924.

PROPOSAL. --- Meeting held on same date.

Arising out of the Report of the Special Standing Committee of the  
County Council held on 11th. Novr., 1924, Councillor Mc. Goldrick said he  
would oppose the recommendation of the Committee regarding the re-arrange-  
ment of the Surveyors Districts.

In the first place he said it was outside the scope of the Committee  
to consider the question on any other basis except that decided on by  
the County Council in accordance with their resolution, and that  
resolution confined the County Surveyors to the newly revised areas.  
They were not newly revised because they had been revised for the past  
two years. That resolution was not rescinded, and the Committee had  
no right to go outside the resolution confirmed at the last meeting of  
the County Council. The revised areas were found necessary in order  
that there would be no overlapping, and in order that there would be  
more efficiency in the County Surveyorships, more ability to supervise  
and control the duties of Surveyorships.

The appointment of eight Surveyors, - four under each County Surveyor,  
was quite feasible under the revised areas. He proposed the rejection  
of the Standing Committee's recommendation.

Councillor Gallen said the Standing Committee could not get away  
from the fact that a resolution was passed authorising a certain division  
of labour between the County Surveyors. If the present division of  
labour was allowed to stand they would have four Surveyors in one area  
covering 400 miles more than the other four Surveyors would have.

Councillor Mc. Goldrick admitted there was a slight difference in the  
mileage, but was very slight. The expenditure would be much the same in  
both areas.

Councillor Gallen said it would not be a fair division of labour.  
Councillor Mc. Goldrick asked did the new revision equalise the mileage.  
Mr. Steadman, County Surveyor, said it makes a difference of between

180 to 200 miles.

The Chairman pointed out that that Council unanimously decided to  
remain as they were in regard to the districts, but there was no rescind-  
ing motion, and now Councillor Mc. Goldrick has unearthed an old resolution  
from the books.

The Committees recommendation was ruled out of order. The remaining  
recommendations of the Standing Committee were adopted.



SURVEYORS TRAVELLING EXPENSES.

Mr. T.E. Connaghan, Solr., Derry, appeared on behalf of the Assistants in regard to the rate per mile allowed for Travelling Expenses. At present 6d. per mile was allowed, and that was considered quite inadequate. The Chairman said the matter was one for the Ministry of Local Govt., Roads Dept., and ruled that the Council were not in order in discussing it.

SURVEYORS DISTRICTS.

In accordance with Notice of Motion duly given and signed by six members, Councillor Clarke moved "that anything that appears in the County Council's Minutes to be in conflict with the practically unanimous resolve of the Council that the County Surveyors Divisions of the County remain unaltered. That the Northern Division of the County be divided into five Assistant Surveyors districts, and the Southern Division into four". Continuing the Chairman said that the revision of the districts was done behind the backs of the County Council, and the Council would be stultifying themselves if they agreed to the revision. Councillor Mc. Goldrick had been holding up a bogey that if they did not fall in with the arrangement they would get no Grant from the Govt.. That was all "bāafum". It would not interfere with the question of the Grant at all. He had a strong feeling they had been over-ridden, and they were not consulted, but a gentleman came from Dublin with a map in his hand and dictated how the areas should be placed. It was a very high action of the Dept. to send a man there to dictate to them, who knew as much about Donegal as he (the Chairman) knew about Cork. The resolution that had been passed was passed with the single object of getting the Distress Grant from the Government, and they were not bound by the revised scheme at all. Councillor Mc. Goldrick at the last meeting said there would be no increase of salary, but if the Council took Mr. Caffrey from the South to the North the Council would be bound to give him increased pay, he therefore had pleasure in proposing his motion. Councillor Myles seconded.

Councillor Mc. Dermott said all the Officers who were paid by the County Council should be made reside in Tirconail, and the money expended there. The Chairman ruled the matter out of order. Councillor Mc. Goldrick moved as an amendment a direct negative to the Chairman's motion, adding that the Council would understand that he had no interest except from the point of view of efficiency and economy. He believed the revised scheme was a good one, and if not adopted it would lead to substitution of one Surveyor alone, and if they continued to follow on the same lines a Commissioner would be sent down to administer the affairs of the County on efficient lines.

Councillor Bonner asked who was the authority that could pronounce the change would make for efficiency against the scheme which was in existence for the last one hundred years. He took it that the Council should be the authority.

Councillor Gallen said they could not control the Controllers of the Council, but they could control the Surveyors. Councillor O'Duffy in seconding the amendment said he believed the division was a fair one.. They wanted to reduce the rates.

A VOTE WAS THEN TAKEN.

For the motion. ----- Councillors Bommer, Browne, Clarke, Coll, Gallagher (Anthony), Gallen, Lanigan, Lynch, Mahony, Myles, Mc. Cool, Mc. Shane, O'Donnell (Hugh), O'Flaherty, Phelan, and Quigley. - 16.

Against --- Councillors Mc. Goldrick and O'Duffy - 2.  
Councillors Kelly (John), Mc. Dermott, Mc. Fadden, and Mc. Nally did not vote.

The Chairman declared motion carried and amendment lost.

Re OFFICE FOR CLERKS IN RATE DEPARTMENT.

Councillor Mc. Dermott inquired when would the suggested alterations in the large room in County House, -with a view to providing an Office for the Clerks in the Rate Department - be carried out? He said it was a shame keeping these Officers in the room in which they are at present performing their duties. No answer was given.

STATE OF RATE COLLECTION, AND LETTER FROM LOCAL GOVERNMENT MINISTRY ON THE SUBJECT.

The Secretary submitted a Return showing the conditions of the Collection of the Rate in the County on the 22nd. Novr., 1924, from which it appeared that £1801:2:11 remained uncollected for the two years ended the 31st. March, 1923, and £7426:14:11 and £9407:5:7 for the half-years ended 30th. Septr., 1923, and 31st. March, 1924 respectively. A communication on the same matter was read from the Local Govt. Ministry advising that certain Collectors should be suspended if they failed to lodge their full Warrants by the 30th. Novr., 1924, and that certain other Collectors should be called on to proceed energetically with the recovery of the Rates outstanding so that the Collections for the current year might be taken up. After a detailed reference of the amount outstanding in each case, it was decided to call on all the Collectors concerned to close their accounts forthwith. Prior to coming to this decision, several members of the Council expressed the view that there would be difficulty at the present time in satisfactorily replacing the existing Officers, whose accounts for the periods ended the 31st. March, 1924, had not been closed.

LISTS OF UNCOLLECTED RATES.

The Secretary submitted lists of uncollected rates furnished by ex-Collector Mulhern and Collector O'Kane for periods ended the 31st. March, 1923, and 30th. Septr., 1924, respectively. It was decided to strike off as irrecoverable and refund to both Mr. Mulhern and Collector O'Kane the amounts claimed, except rates on land in the district formerly held by Mr. Mulhern, subject to the sanction of the Local Government Ministry.

COLLECTORS PERSONAL SECURITY.

The Secretary submitted a letter from the Council's Acting Solicitor intimating that Collectors Gillespie, Callaghan, Hugh Browne, Michael Deeny, E.J. Doherty and Dawson had not completed Personal Security Bonds. Two of these Officers had tendered their resignations which were accepted at the meeting, viz:-, Messrs Hugh Browne, and Michael Deeny, and Collectors Gillespie, Callaghan, and Dawson were, it was stated, arranging to have their bonds perfected. Mr. E.J. Doherty had persistently failed to provide this Security, but the Council decided, after full consideration, that he be given a final opportunity of completing his bonds forthwith, his warrant for the current year to be issued when this has been done. The Council, in arriving at this decision, were influenced by a letter from the Clerk of the Rural District Council in the matter.

POUNDAGE FEES TO EX-COLLECTOR MULHERN.

The Council decided to allow poundage fees to ex-Collector Michael Mulhern, Bundoran, amounting to £59:19:11, less £26:7:2 in respect of Bank Interest and Legal Costs, as per particulars furnished by County Treasurer, and Council's Solicitor, in accordance with the terms of the Local Govt. Ministry's letter of the 4th. April, 1924, No. G.14260/1924, Tirconail County. General Mr. Joseph Carr, Ardnawark, Farmer, was approved of as one of Collector Callaghans Personal Sureties in place of Mr. Denis Callaghan of Keadue.



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TEMPORARY ASSISTANT SURVEYOR.

Mr. John Caffrey, County Surveyor, reported that Mr. J.J. Caffrey, B.E. B.S.C., is acting as Temporary Assistant Surveyor in the district of the late Mr. Michael J. Cunningham. The Council approved of this Temporary Appointment at the same rate of remuneration as the late Mr. Michael J. Cunningham was in receipt of.- To take effect from 1st. September last.

LETTING OF CARNDONAGH HOSPITAL GROUNDS.

A letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health forwarding an extract from the Minutes of Proceedings of the Tirconnaill County Board of Health on the 16th. June last, regarding the letting of the Carndonagh Hospital Grounds, and requesting that the Minister may be furnished with the observations of the County Council thereon; also calling attention to the Workhouse Land & Buildings (Short-Lettings) Order 1924, was read. The Council decided to request the Local Govt. Ministry to sanction the letting of land on Hospital Grounds above referred to for a period of 11 months. The Secretary was directed to communicate with the Tirconnaill Board of Health with a view to being furnished with particulars of the letting.

BALLYSHANNON R.D. SUB-PENSION COMMITTEE.

On the motion of Councillor Myles, seconded by Councillor Mahony the Revd. John Timoney, C.C., Ballyshannon, was appointed a member of above Committee, in place of the Revd. J. Traynor, C.C., who has been transferred to Irvinstown

FREE STATE PENSIONERS AND OFFICIALS.  
QUESTION OF RESIDENCE IN NORTHERN AREA.

The consideration of a Resolution passed by Dunfanaghy Rural District Council, at a meeting held on 18th. Octr. last, relative to the above question, was adjourned, pending the decision of the Boundary Commission.

EXTRACTS FROM REPORTS OF MEDICAL INSPECTOR Dr. Mc.CARTHY.

Extract from Reports of Medical Inspector Dr. Mc.Carthy consequent on his recent inspection of the County Home, County Hospital, Donegal, Glenties, Letterkenny, and Carndonagh District Hospitals - Date of Inspection 7th. October, 1924, - were submitted and read.

COUNTY HOSPITAL.

On the motion of Councillor Clarke, seconded by Councillor Mahony, it was unanimously decided to approve of £97 being expended in providing a Boiler etc., for use in the County Hospital at Lifford.

Re-MICHAEL O'DONNELL, RATE COLLECTOR.

A letter, dated 11th. Novr., 1924, was read from the Department of Local Government, and Public Health enclosing, for the information of the Tirconnaill County Council, copy of correspondence received from Mr. Michael O'Donnell, Rate Collector, Meenaneary, Carrick, conveying a threat in connection with Seizure for arrears of Poor Rates carried in his Collection District on 18th. October last.

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COUNTY COUNCIL OF TIRCONAILL.

Copy Minutes of Proceedings of Half-yearly Meeting held on the 16th. December, 1924.

ATTENDANCE.

The members present were:-

Councillors Bonner, Boyle, Browne, Clarke, Coll, Gallagher (Anthony), Gallagher (William), Gallen, Kelly (H.J.), Kelly (John), Lanigan, Lynch, Mahony, Myles, Mc.Daid, Mc.Dermott, Mc.Fadden, Mc.Gill, Mc.Goldrick, Mc.Nally, Mc.Shane, O'Donnell (Hugh), O'Donnell (J.F.), O'Duffy, O'Flaherty, Phelan and Quigley.

Mr. P.J. Ward, Acting Solicitor to the Council, was also present.

CHAIRMAN.

Councillor Clarke was moved to the chair.

MINUTES.

The Minutes of previous Meeting were confirmed.

PROPOSALS FOR PAYMENT.

The Proposals for Payment formulated by the several Rural District Councils in Tirconail, in respect of the half-year ended 30th. Sept., 1924, were sanctioned.

re DEFAULTING CONTRACTORS.

Mr. Caffrey, County Surveyor, reported as follows:-  
Gentlemen,

At the recent half-yearly meetings of the District Councils in the Southern Division of the County, it was pointed out to the road contractors that one of the conditions on which payments were being made was, that the stones measured be at once spread and all outlets and watertables to be opened before the half-yearly meeting of the County Council. Many of the contractors have complied with this condition but there are others who have failed to put their roads into proper order. The Paying Orders of all defaulting contractors should therefore be held over until the Assistant Surveyors certify that the stones have been spread and the surface work completed. If this is done it will have a quicker and greater effect than prosecuting the defaulting contractors.

The Report was unanimously adopted.

PLACING OF ROADS IN Co. SURVEYORS CHARGE.

The following copy of a Resolution passed by Glenties Rural District Council, was read.

"That any road or work on sheets for contract and not tendered for, be adjourned for six months and not to be placed in the County Surveyor's charge without the consent of the District Council."

LIMITS OF ROAD EXPENDITURE - PROPOSED EXTENSIONS.

Resolutions passed by the undermentioned Rural District Councils in the County, requesting the County Council to apply to the Ministry of Local Government, Roads, for extensions of the present Limits of Road Expenditure, were considered and requests acceded to, subject to the Ministry's approval - Period:- Financial Year 1925/1926.



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| Rural District | Existing             | Proposed                                          |
|----------------|----------------------|---------------------------------------------------|
|                | Limits.<br>£ : s : d | Extensions<br>to existing<br>Limits.<br>£ : s : d |
| Dunfanaghy     | 1,648 : 15 : 0       | 2,011 : 5 : 0                                     |
| Letterkenny    | 3,613 : 15 : 0       | 4,886 : 5 : 0                                     |
| Stranorlar     | 7,668 : 15 : 0       | 5,496 : 5 : 0                                     |

TREASURERS ADVICE NOTES.

Treasurers Advice Notes in connection with payments out of the County Council's accounts, were submitted and duly signed.

ROAD MACHINERY.

The following payments in respect of expenses incurred by the Council in connection with the delivery of Road Machinery purchased by the County Council, were ordered to be made - the sanction to payment having first been obtained from the Minister for Local Govt. and Public Health, Roads:-

| NAME.                        | ADDRESS.                             | PARTICULARS.                                                      | AMOUNT.<br>£: s:d. |
|------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Thos. Thompson & Son Limited | Carlow.                              | Co. Council Road Watering Cart                                    | 48:16:0            |
| Same                         | do.                                  | do.                                                               | 48:16:0            |
| G.N. Railway Coy.            | Derry                                | Freight                                                           | 2: 7:5             |
| Same                         | do.                                  | do.                                                               | 2:14:8             |
| Hadfield's Ltd.,             | East Hecla Works, Tinsley, Sheffield | Portable Crushing Plant                                           | 460: 0:0           |
| Aveling & Porter Ltd.,       | Rochester.                           | Driver's services & expenses in connection with Roller No. 10957. | 9: 0:0             |
| Total                        |                                      |                                                                   | 571:14:1           |

OVERDRAFT OF £40,000.

On the motion of Councillor Mc. Goldrick, seconded by Councillor Bonner, it was unanimously decided to request the Ministry of Local Government and Public Health to sanction an overdraft of £40,000 to meet payments to road contractors, etc..

re PROPOSED LOAN OF £1,134:7:1.

Proposed by Councillor Bonner, seconded by Councillor Myles, and unanimously resolved - That the seal of the Council be affixed to Deed of Charge, now submitted, in connection with above proposed Loan to be obtained from the Treasurer of the County - Hibernian Bank Ltd..

ASSISTANT SURVEYORS DISTRICTS.

In accordance with Notice of Motion duly given, Councillor Bonner moved - "That the Resolution passed by the County Council fixing the number of Assistant County Surveyors in the County at eight, be rescinded, and that five Assistants be allocated to the Northern Division, and four to the Southern Division of the County."

Councillor Clarke seconded.

Councillor Mc. Goldrick moved, as an amendment, a direct negative. As the amendment was not seconded the Chairman declared motion carried.

In this connection Mr. Steadman, County Surveyor, was directed to submit a scheme equalising the five Assistant County Surveyors' Districts in his division.

APPOINTMENT OF ASSISTANT Co. SURVEYORS.

In accordance with Notice of Motion duly given, Councillor Bonner moved - "That as it is imperative that the two Assistant County Surveyors Areas, rendered vacant by the resignation of Messrs Edward and Michael O'Callaghan respectively, should be filled without further delay. Mr. Cunningham's transfer, already sanctioned by the County Council, take effect without further delay, and that a new Assistant be at once appointed to fill the remaining vacancy." It was here mentioned that Mr. M.F. Cunningham, Assistant Co. Surveyor, had decided to remain in his present district. Councillor Bonner amended his Motion to read "That two Assistants be appointed."

The Chairman seconded the motion which was passed unanimously.

On the motion of Councillor Bonner, seconded by Councillor Gallagher (Anthony), it was decided that the salary of each Assistant be £175 per annum, plus Bonus, and that the Secretary issue an advertisement inviting applications for the positions, the appointments to be made at the next meeting of the County Council.

EXPLOSIVES.

Councillor O'Donnell (J.F.), referred to the inconvenience experienced by road contractors in procuring Explosives. He read a letter, dated 27th. November, 1924, which he received from the Captain - For Brigade O.M. No. I Brigade, Western Command, Finner Camp, stating that if Mr. O'Donnell would call to the Military Barracks, Buncrana, with a car, Explosives would be issued to him by the Battalion Quarter Master, who would also supply the escort for same, as the destruction must be witnessed by the Military. Councillor O'Donnell said this was a ridiculous proposal. He therefore moved that the Military Authorities be requested to supply the Guards at Donegal, Stranorlar and Letterkenny with Explosives with a view to giving same to road contractors for use in providing road metal.

APPOINTMENT OF SOLICITOR TO THE Co. COUNCIL.

The Council then proceeded to consider applications for the position of Solicitor to the latter body.

Applications were received from :-

Messrs James Dunlevy, Donegal, William Kelly, Letterkenny, and Vincent P. Mc. Mullen, Ballybofey.

Councillor O'Duffy moved that Mr. Wm. Kelly be appointed.

Councillor Mc. Fadden seconded.

Councillor Kelly (H.J.) proposed that Mr. Vincent P. Mc. Mullen be appointed. Councillor Mc. Dermott seconded.

Councillor Mc. Goldrick proposed that Mr. James Dunlevy be appointed. Councillor Myles seconded.

Voting.



VOTING.

For Mr. Kelly

Councillors Coll, Gallagher (A.), Gallagher (Wm.), Kelly (John), Lanigan, Lynch, Mahony, Mc.Fadden, O'Duffy and Quigley - 10.

For Mr. Mullen

Councillors Browne, Gallen, Kelly (H.J.), Mc.Daid, Mc.Dermott, Mc.Nally, O'Donnell (Hugh), O'Flaherty and Phelan - 9.

For Mr. Dunlevy

Councillors Bonner, Boyle, Clarke, Myles, Mc.Gill, Mc.Goldrick, Mc.Shane, and O'Donnell (J.F.) - 8.

Mr. Dunlevy dropped out, and a vote was taken as between Mr. Kelly and Mr. Mc.Mullen.

For Mr. Kelly

Councillors Boyle, Clarke, Coll, Gallagher (A) Gallagher (Wm.), Kelly (John), Lanigan, Lynch, Mahony, Mc.Fadden, O'Donnell (J.F.), O'Duffy and Phelan. - 13.

For Mr. Mc.Mullen

Councillors Bonner, Browne, Gallen, Kelly (H.J.), Myles, Mc.Daid, Mc.Dermott, Mc.Gill, Mc.Goldrick, Mc.Nally, Mc.Shane, O'Donnell (Hugh), O'Flaherty and Phelan. - 14.

The Chairman declared Mr. Mc.Mullen duly appointed, subject to the sanction of the Ministry of Local Government.

It was decided that Mr. P.J.Ward, Letterkenny, continue to act as Solicitor to the County Council until the approval to Mr. Mc. Mullen's appointment has been received.

HOUSING (BUILDING FACILITIES) ACT, 1924.

The consideration of applications for Loans from the County Council, under the above Act was further adjourned until next meeting when the Secretary hoped to be in a position to submit applications from all those in Tirconnaill desirous of availing themselves of the provisions of said Act.

OLD BRITISH ROAD FUND GRANT.

A letter, dated 13th. December, 1924, was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health stating that directions have been given for the payment of £1,544 in respect of the Ministry of Transport Grant, and adding that this amount, together with the sum of £1,760 already paid, equals 80% of the Grant.

SESSIONS COURTS.

A letter from the Local Government Ministry regarding the duty of the County Council in providing and maintaining Sessions Courts, and adding that the Council should instruct their County Surveyor to submit Specifications and Estimates, and have the necessary repairs carried out forthwith to Malin, Merville, and Burnfoot, was submitted and consideration deferred until next meeting.

REFUND OF MOTOR TAX TO SURVEY STAFF.

A letter, dated 2nd. December, 1924, R/RS/7, was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, Roads, stating that the concession regarding the refund of Motor Tax to members of the Survey Staff who use their own motor vehicles for the performance of their duties, still exists, in addition to the rates for travelling expenses set out in the Minister's letter of the 26th. August last, and adding that the refund should be made out of the Council's own funds and is not repayable out of the Road Fund.

RESIGNATION OF SOLICITOR TO THE COUNTY COUNCIL.

A letter, dated 5th. December, 1924, was read from Mr. Charles A. Flattery, District Justice, Rose Hill, Sligo, tendering his resignation to Tirconail County Council of the Office of Solicitor. The resignation was accepted.

BURTONPORT PIER LOAN.

A letter from the Manager, Hibernian Bank Ltd., Letterkenny, requesting payment of £142:1:6, representing Principal (£87:10:0) and Interest from 2:6:'24 to 1:12:'24 (£54:11:6) on Loan, re improvements to Burtonport Pier, was read and payment ordered.

APPOINTMENT OF POOR RATE COLLECTOR FOR No.26 COLLECTION DISTRICT.

Applications were submitted from the undermentioned persons for the position of Poor Rate Collector for No.26 Collection District in place of Mr. Hugh Browne, resigned.

| NAME.                   | ADDRESS.                    |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Bernard Browne          | Mounthall, Killygrdon.      |
| Wm. Holmes (Ex-Captain) | Mondooney, Manorcunningham. |
| Sean Duddy              | Bridge St., Carndonagh.     |
| Michael Gill            | Buncrana.                   |
| W.J.S. Mc.Arthur        | Speenogue, Burt.            |
| Robert J.Kidd           | Ballinahone, Fahan.         |
| Francis Mc.Laughlin     | Ruskey, Convo y.            |
| Charles Mc.Gill         | The Nick, Ardara.           |

| APPLICANT       | PROPOSED BY COUNCILLOR | SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR | REPRESENTED BY SOLICITOR |
|-----------------|------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|
| Bernard Browne  | Flaherty               | Gallagher(A.)          | Mr. J.E. Conaghan        |
| Michael Gill    | Mc.Goldrick            | Bonner                 |                          |
| Charles Mc.Gill | Mc.Gill                |                        | Mr. John Tracey          |
| W.J.S.Mc.Arthur | Myles                  | Bonner                 | Mr.Chas.Mc.Cormick       |
| Wm. Holmes      | O'Donnell (Hugh)       | Lynch                  |                          |
| Sean Duddy      | Quigley                | Lanigan                | Mr. Jas. Dunlevy         |

VOTING.

For Mr. Browne

Councillors Clarke, Gallagher (A.)<sup>†</sup>, Gallagher (W.), Mahony, Myles, McDermott, McGill, Mc.Shane, and O'Flaherty. - 9.

For Mr. M. Gill

Councillors Bonner, Mc.Goldrick, and O'Duffy. - 3.

For Mr. Mc.Arthur  
For Mr. Holmes

Councillor Myles. - I.  
Councillors Boyle, Browne, Coll, Kelly(H.J.), Kelly (J.), Lynch, Mc.Daid, Mc.Fadden, O'Donnell (Hugh), O'Donnell (J.F.), and Phelan. - II.

For Mr.Duddy

Councillors Gallen, Lanigan & Quigley.- 3.

Councillor Mc.Nally did not vote.  
Mr. Mc.Arthur dropped out, and a vote was taken as between Messrs Duddy and Gill.  
For Mr. Duddy

Councillors Boyle, Gallagher (Anthony), Gallagher (W.), Lanigan, Myles, Mc.Daid, Mc.Shane, O'Donnell (J.F.), O'Flaherty, Phelan and Quigley. - II.

For Mr. Gill



For Mr. Gill — Councillors Bonner, Clarke, Coll, Gallen, Kelly (H.J.), Kelly (J.), Mahony, Mc.Dermott, Mc.Fadden, Mc.Gill, Mc.Goldrick, O'Donnell (Hugh), and O'Duffy. - 13.  
 Councillors Browne, Lynch, and Mc.Nally did not vote.  
 A vote was then taken as between Browne, Holmes and Gill.

For Mr. Browne — Councillors Clarke, Gallagher (A) Gallagher (W), Gallen, Mahony, Myles, Mc.Dermott, Mc.Gill, McShane, and O'Flaherty. - 10.

For Mr. Holmes — Councillors Boyle, Browne, Coll, Kelly (H.J.), Kelly (J.), Lynch, Mc.Daid, Mc.Fadden, O'Donnell (Hugh), O'Donnell (J.F.), and Phelan. - 11.

For Mr. Gill — Councillors Bonner, Lanigan, Mc.Goldrick, O'Duffy and Quigley. - 5.

Councillor Mc.Nally did not vote.  
 The Chairman declared Mr. Wm. Holmes duly appointed, subject to the approval of the Ministry of Local Government.

APPOINTMENT OF POOR RATE COLLECTOR FOR No. 29 COLLECTION DISTRICT.

Applications were also submitted from the undermentioned persons for the position of Collector of Poor Rate for No.29 Collection District in room of Mr. Michael Deeny, resigned.

| NAME.                                                            | ADDRESS.                                                                      |
|------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Joseph Mc.Bride<br>Neil Blaney<br>Jeremiah Shiels<br>James Deeny | Rosnakill, Letterkenny.<br>-----do-----<br>Kerrykeel<br>Creevary, Rathmullan. |

| APPLICANT                                                        | PROPOSED BY COUNCILLOR                                       | SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR                                   | REPRESENTED BY SOLICITOR                               |
|------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|
| Neil Blaney<br>Jeremiah Shiels<br>James Deeny<br>Joseph Mc.Bride | Gallagher (Wm)<br>O'Donnell (J.F.)<br>Bonner<br>Mc. Goldrick | Coll<br>Kelly (J.)<br>O'Donnell (Hugh)<br>Gallagher (A.) | John Elliott<br>J.A. Osborne<br>J.E. Conaghan<br>----- |

VOTING.

For Blaney — Councillors Boyle, Browne, Coll, Gallagher (W), Gallen, Lanigan, Mahony, O'Flaherty, Phelan and Quigley. - 10.

For Shiels — Councillors Gallagher (A), Kelly (H.J.), Kelly (J.), Lynch, Myles, Mc.Daid, Mc.Fadden, Mc.Gill, O'Donnell (J.F.) and O'Duffy. - 10.

For Deeny — Councillors Bonner, Clarke, Mc.Dermott, Mc.Shane, O'Donnell (Hugh). - 5.

For Mc.Bride  
 Councillor Mc.Nally did not vote.

Messrs

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Messrs Deeny and Mc.Bride dropped out and a vote was then taken as between Messrs Blaney and Shiels.

for Blaney — Councillors Bonner, Boyle, Browne, Clarke, Coll, Gallagher (Wm.), Gallen, Lanigan, Mahony, Mc.Dermott, O'Donnell (Hugh), O'Flaherty, Phelan and Quigley. - I4.

For Shiels — Councillors Gallagher (A.), Kelly (H.J.), Kelly (J.), Lynch, Myles, Mc.Dauid, Mc.Fadden, Mc.Gill, Mc.Goldrick, Mc.Nally, Mc.Shane O'Donnell (J.F.) and O'Duffy. - I3.

The Chairman declared Mr. Neil Blaney duly appointed, subject to the approval of the Local Government Ministry.

POLLING STATIONS IN TIRCONAILL.

The Council then took into consideration the question of the re-arrangement of Polling Stations in Tirconail. On the motion of Councillor Bonner, seconded by Councillor O'Donnell (J.F.) it was unanimously decided to summon a special meeting of the County Council to deal with the matter. Date of Meeting 15th. January next. The several ~~Ratepayers~~ <sup>collectors</sup> in the County to be asked to attend for the purpose of giving the Council any information that may be sought for.

The Secretary was directed to have an advertisement inserted in newspapers to the effect that any Ratepayer in the County interested in the matter can attend meeting and make representations.

RESTITUTION.

A letter enclosing Postal Order for £0:6:3, being restitution of money wrongfully obtained, was read.

COMPLAINT.

The consideration of a letter from Mrs. Theresa Gallagher, Ramelton, complaining of the treatment her sons are receiving from the County Council in connection with road work, etc., was postponed until next meeting.

MOTOR LICENCE DUTY : PROSECUTIONS.

Reports, as under, were submitted.

| Index Mark. | No.  | Name.           | Address.                 | Date of Offence. 1924. | Remarks.                                   |
|-------------|------|-----------------|--------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| I H         | 1761 | James O'Donnell | Main Street Letterkenny. | Novr.7,                | Licence Duty not paid for Current Quarter. |
| I H         | 1046 | Colum Halferty  | Termon.                  | Novr.24                | Disc. not displayed                        |

The Secretary said that a Licence was issued to Mr. James O'Donnell on 5th. November, 1924, for Quarter ended 31st. December, 1924. It was resolved that a prosecution be ordered in this case.

The Secretary also said that a Licence was issued on 28th. January, 1924 for full year ending 31st. December, 1924. to Colum Halferty. It was decided to bring this case under the notice of the Civic Guard for not having Disc displayed.

CLERICAL STAFF : HOLIDAYS AT XMAS.

The Clerical Staff of the County Council were allowed holidays at Xmas. from Wednesday morning, 24th. inst. to Tuesday mornibg, 30th. inst.



CHILDREN ACT 1908.

A notice, dated 29:11:24 under above Act, and received from Mr. Patrick Dorrian, District Court Clerk, Glen, Cree slough, was read.

MIDWIVES (IRELAND) ACT, 1918.

A letter from the Secretary Tirconnaill County Board of Health, stating that he has been notified by Dr. C.C. Boyle, Rathmullan, that a Mrs. Mc.Garvey, Ballyboe, Rathmullan, though untrained, practises in Maternity Cases was read. The Secretary was directed to communicate with her stating that if she continues to practise in Maternity Cases the County Council will be compelled to take drastic action in the matter.

CROLLY BRIDGE.

A telegram, received on 1st. December, 1924, from the Revd. Williams The Rectory, Bunbeg, reporting Crollly Bridge unsafe, support washed away, was read.

Councillor O'Donnell (J.F.) said he brought the matter under the notice of the County Council on three occasions but nothing appears to have been done with a view to having this bridge rebuilt. It was now in a serious condition with the result that the people were put to great inconvenience, and if an accident occurred the County Council would be held responsible.

Mr. Steadman said the Government had promised to provide the funds for the rebuilding of all the broken down bridges in Tirconnaill, but as yet no money had been received. On the motion of Councillor O'Donnell (J.F.), seconded by Councillor Boyle, it was unanimously decided to request the Ministry of Local Government, Roads Department, to make representations to the proper quarter so that a portion of the amount due to Tirconnaill for the above purpose may be released immediately so that the work of rebuilding Crollly Bridge, as well as the other broken down bridges, can be proceeded with.

re ERECTION OF A PETROL PUMP.

Subject to the usual conditions, permission was granted to Mr. Joseph Doherty, Motor Car Proprietor, Merville, to erect a Petrol Pump opposite his premises at Quay Street, Merville.

ANNUAL MEETING OF Co.COUNCIL'S GENERAL COUNCIL.

A letter from the Secretary County Council's General Council stating that the annual meeting of the Council has been postponed to a date early in the New Year, to be fixed by the Executive Committee, was read.

Copy of a Resolution adopted by Meath County Council on 24th. November, 1924, relative to the Free State Government taking decisive action in its several Departments and combing out the old reactionary Officials who still denominate these Departments, and who are hampering the useful work of the Government and Local Bodies was read.

LIGHTING OF THE PIER AT BUNCRANA AND APPROACHES.

A letter from Mr. William Moore, Fish Merchant, Bunrana, asking the County Council to have the Pier and Approaches adequately lighted in view of the approaching Fishing Season, having been read, on the suggestion of Mr. Steadman the matter was referred to the Bunrana Pier Committee, with the object of their getting an Estimate from Mr. Thomas Swan.

re PAYMENT OF REMUNERATION.

The consideration of a letter from Mr. Edward O'Donnell, District Court Clerk for Malin, relative to the payment of remuneration to the Porter at the District Hospital, Carndonagh, for his services in cleaning up the Board Room in which sittings of the Court

Court are held, was adjourned until next meeting.

re PAYMENT OF RATES.

A letter from Mr. J.A. Walker, Killybegs, Secretary R.P.A., stating that the ratepayers are unable to pay more than half the high rate due last April, the other half to be divided over a number of years, was marked "Read."

DISTRICT HOSPITAL AT GLENTIES.

In accordance with Notice of Motion Councillor Boyle moved "that the County Council take into consideration the question of effecting necessary improvements in the District Hospital at Glenties according to the specification in the hands of the County Council, the cost of which is not to exceed £500."

Councillor Boyle introduced the Revd. Father Mullen, B.A., Fin-town, Dr. Mc.Nelis and Daniel Mulhern, both of Glenties, as members of a deputation appointed for the purpose of putting before the Council an account of the hardships that the Medical Officer and the Nursing Staff underwent for want of better accommodation.

Mr. Mulhern said the present institution was what was known as the old Infirmary, and was built over 80 years ago in the most insanitary spot in the whole County. The building was completely dilapidated. The Medical Officer - Dr. Mc.Nelis - had to spend money out of his own pocket to relieve patients.

A few years ago Mr. Doherty, the Architect, made an estimate of what it would take to improve the Hospital, but owing to the condition of things during the last few years the work could not be carried out. The Hospital should be equipped to care for the rich as well as the poor. They could not expect a person to go into a place where he would be more liable to get pneumonia than to get cured. At present there was much sickness in the district, and there was no way of attending to them.

The County Council voted £1,000 towards improvements to be carried out in the District Hospital at Letterkenny, and he could not see why they should neglect the Glenties Hospital. He asked for £500 and hoped it would be available at once.

Dr. Mc.Nelis said that some time ago the scheme drawn up by Mr. Doherty was passed by the County Board of Health because there was a number of similar applications up at the same time.

Councillor O'Donnell (J.F.) suggested that the District Hospital at Letterkenny should be amalgamated with the County Hospital at Lifford. Having the County Hospital at Lifford should be a thing of the past, considering that they had Hospitals at Ballyshannon, Donegal, Glenties, Letterkenny and Carndonagh. The Hospital at Glenties was quite different. They could not expect patients from the different islands to come long distances to an inland Hospital.

Mr. W.J. Doherty M.R.I.A.I., Derry, said that while £500 would not make the District Hospital at Glenties a desirable one, it would relieve conditions there very much.

Councillor O'Donnell (J.F.) seconded the motion which was passed unanimously.

SURCHARGE OF PAYMENTS.

The consideration of a letter, dated 26th. November, 1924, from the Ministry of Local Government in reply to the County Council's inquiry in regard to surcharge of payments, was deferred until next meeting.



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REPAIR OF CERTAIN ROADS TO THE EAST SIDE OF LOUGH SWILLY.

A letter, dated 29th. November, 1924, R/IRX/7, was read from the Department of Local Government, Roads, regarding the Grant of £2,500 from the British War Department for the repair of certain roads to the East Side of Lough Swilly, and stating that further instalments of the Grant can only be obtained on Requisitions certifying the actual expenditure on the specified road. The sum of £725 already paid, should be placed to the credit of the Council's account for this work, and the work of completion pushed on with all possible speed. Care should be taken that this Grant is only expended on the roads in question.

FORTHCOMING LOCAL BUDGETS : ADMINISTRATIVE ECONOMY.

A circular Letter, dated 3rd. December, 1924, G.55189/'24 Miscellaneous, from the Department of Local Government and Public Health on the above subject, was submitted, but as there was not sufficient time at the Council's disposal to give the matter due consideration it was decided to postpone same until their next meeting.

CONDITION OF A BRIDGE.

Mr. Steadman, County Surveyor, said he was not in a position to submit his report relative to the condition of a bridge in the townland of Three Trees, but hoped to do so at next meeting of the Council.

re PROSECUTIONS AGAINST ROAD CONTRACTORS.

A Resolution passed by Letterkenny Rural District Council requesting the County Council to take action against contractors who entered into contracts for repair of Pipes, Bridges, and other contracts to roads, and who failed to carry out said work, was submitted and consideration adjourned until next meeting.

TREATMENT OF ADVANCED CASES OF TUBERCULOSIS.

The consideration of a recommendation by the Tuberculosis Committee - "That the County Council make provision at the District Hospitals in Tirconail for the treatment of advanced cases of Tuberculosis" - was deferred until next meeting.

re DAMAGE TO A FENCE.

A letter from Mr. P.J. Mc.Nelis, Nesbitt Arms Hotel, Ardara, stating that a fence, his property, was damaged by Contractor Gildea, on road leading to Donegal, and requesting the County Council to have the fence put right, was read, and the matter referred to Mr. Caffrey, County Surveyor, for his attention.

re CONDITION OF A ROAD.

A letter from ratepayers resident in the townlands of Drumaville, Ballyharry, Bootagh, Redford, and Glebe, calling the County Council's attention to the neglected state of the road No. 1432, Innishowen Rural District, was read. Mr. Steadman stated he was taking proceedings against the contractor.

re REMOVAL OF A POLE.

A letter from Mr. Edward Mc.Dermott, Bridge Street, Ballyshannon, relative to a large pole opposite the window of his house, which was erected for the purpose of carrying wires in connection with the lighting of the town of Ballyshannon by Electricity, and requesting the County Council to have the Pole removed as directed by them in or about 1917-18, having been read, the Secretary was directed to state

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state in reply that Mr. Mc.Dermott is under a misapprehension as no such order was made by the County Council, and the latter body do not now propose to take any action in the matter.

APPLICATION TO HAVE A CONTRACT CANCELLED.

A letter from Mr. John Nelson, Ballybeg, Altashane, Carndonagh, with reference to the Altashane bog road for which he is surety for the Contractor who is in Scotland, and stating that he is unable to keep the road in repair owing to increased traffic, and requesting the County Council to cancel the contract, having been read, no action was taken.

BANK STOCK IN NAME OF GOVERNORS AND GOVERNESSES -  
COUNTY DONEGAL INFIRMARY.

On the motion of Councillor Quigley, seconded by Councillor Bonner, the seal of the Council was ordered to be affixed to Request for transmission of Dividend Warrants payable on £392:11:0 Stock in the name of Governors and Governesses County Donegal Infirmary.

SECRETARY'S REPORT re CONDUCT OF TWO MEMBERS OF THE OFFICE STAFF.

In a report dated 16:12:'24, the Secretary brought under the notice of the Council the conduct of two members of the Office Staff - Messrs P.Cannon and P. Mc. Geehan. The former absented himself from duty on Monday the 8th. inst. and had not since resumed duty. He (the Secretary) received no explanation from him of his action.

The latter attended the Office several days, slightly intoxicated. On the 2nd. inst. he was utterly incapable of performing and duties, and he (the Secretary) was obliged to suspend him.

The suspension of Mr. Mc.Geehan was confirmed. It was also decided to suspend Mr. Cannon. Both suspensions to continue until the next meeting of the County Council, meanwhile the salaries of these Officials to be withheld. Letters of explanation regarding their conduct to be submitted at next meeting

re SURCHARGE OF £243:14:2.

A letter, dated 10th. December, 1924, L43929/1924, was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, enclosing a copy of an Order made by the Minister on the 8th. inst. determining and deciding that, according to the merits of the case, the disallowance and surcharge of £243:14:2 made by the Auditor at the audit of the accounts of Tirconail County for the half-year ended 30th. September, 1923, ought to be discharged, and he therefore discharges the same.

re ERECTION OF POLES OR STANDARDS.

An application by Mr. Patrick F. Mc.Glinchey, Raphoe, for permission to erect Poles or Standards in the streets of Raphoe in connection with a proposed Electric Lighting Scheme, having been considered, permission was granted on the following conditions:-

- (1) An agreement to be entered into by Mr. Mc.Glinchey with the County Council.
- (2) A yearly rent of 1/- to be paid to the latter Body.
- (3) Poles or Standards to be erected to the satisfaction of the County Surveyor.
- (4) Mr. Mc.Glinchey to pay the cost of agreement, which is to be prepared by the Solicitor to the County Council.



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re COLLECTOR PATRICK J. Mc.HUGH.

The Secretary reported that he had received from the Deputy Checker for Glenties Rural District a return of Rates collected by Mr. Patrick J. Mc.Hugh in respect of fortnight ended 11th Dec., 1924 but had not lodged the amount (£163: 3 : 8 with the Treasurer of the County. The Secretary was directed to wire Mc.Hugh to lodge the money forthwith otherwise the County Council will place the matter in the hands of their Solicitor.

re COLLECTOR MANUS J. O'DONNELL.

A letter was read from Collector Manus J. O'Donnell, stating that he has been successful at a recent Civil Service Examination, and in view of the fact that he has put up over £600 of his own money to clear his Warrant up to 30th. September, 1923, he would be grateful to the County Council if they would kindly sanction the appointment of a Deputy to 31st. March next in order to give an opportunity to have all outstanding rates collected by that date. It was unanimously decided to recommend to the Local Govt. Ministry that Mr. O'Donnell be permitted to appoint a Deputy for the purpose of collecting all outstanding Rates for the period ended 31st March, 1924.

GOVERNMENT GRANT.

Councillor O'Donnell (J.F.) said he understood the Government were shortly to distribute a large Grant among the various County Councils, etc., He hoped the T.D's for Tirconail would be on the alert with a view to seeing that a large sum is allocated to the County.

RATHMULLAN PIER.

Councillor Mahony referred to the unsatisfactory condition of the Pier at Rathmullan and inquired of the County Surveyor if anything could be done to remedy the existing state of affairs.

Mr. Steadman, in reply, said the sand had silted up with the result that large boats could not get into the pier except at high tides, and then only a small portion of the Pier could be availed of as the remaining portion was almost completely blocked up with sand.

The Chairman suggested that the matter be placed on Agenda Paper for further discussion at their next meeting.

CONDITION OF ROADS IN THE PARISH OF GWEEDORE.

Councillor Gallagher (Anthony) proposed that the roads in the Parish of Gweedore, especially the road from Dore National School to Derrybeg and Knockfold, which were in a bad condition, should be immediately taken in hands by the County Council and even repaired by Sudden Breach Orders, as these roads were at present dangerous to life and limb. The Government Grant allocated to Tirconail had not been proportionately divided.

Mr. Steadman said he had done everything in his power, but could not get the work done except by direct labour.

STATE OF THE MAGHERABEG ROAD - INCH ISLAND.

A Memorial was submitted from the ratepayers of Inch Island asking that the County Council direct the County Surveyor to carry out improvements on the Magherabeg road, which is the main traffic road, and suggested that fifty extra tons of metal should be out. They had refrained from making appeals for seven years, but this forbearance had apparently been interpreted as indifference. Mr. Steadman, County Surveyor, said it was a reasonable request, and on his suggestion, the matter was referred to him for his attention.

GOVERNMENT GRANTS.

Councillor Mc.Dermott said he wished to know if the Government Grant, - for the relief of the rates, - that were promised, were coming forward. 365 cottages had been built in the Strabane No. 2 area, and there was not a penny extra on the rates.

The Secretary explained that he understood, when the Estimates were being prepared, instructions were received from the Local Government Ministry to take credit for Grants as in normal years. It was now found the County Council would not receive near the amount included in Estimates, owing to the fact that the Government had not received the money themselves.

Councillor Mc.Dermott said it was only throwing dust in the people's eyes, adding that the County Council, at the present time, were only working on overdrafts on which large sums of interest had to be paid to their Treasurer. This was a matter which should be remedied.

FLOODING OF HOUSES AT BALLINDRAIT.

A letter signed by Mrs. Catherine Mulrine, and Messrs Nicholas Quinn, Gallagher (Blacksmith), and William Mc.Cool, Ballindrait, drawing the County Council's attention to the flood-gate at Ballindrait (Millsessiagh) which is out of order, and when there is heavy rain the houses convenient to it are flooded, also most of the railway is off the bridge, having been read, Mr. Steadman was directed to furnish the Council with a report on the matter.

MIDWIVES (IRELAND) ACT 1918.

A letter was read from the Secretary, County Tirconnaill Board of Health, Stranorlar, stating that the undermentioned unqualified Midwives are reported by Dr. Mc.Colgan as practising in her district. Mrs. Duncan, Derries, Ballintra, Mrs. Martin, Laghey Bar, Laghey, Mrs. Mc.Ginty, Barnesmore, Donegal, Mrs. John Mc.Grath, Rathnany Bar, Laghey.

The Secretary was directed to write them stating that if they continue to practise in maternity cases the County Council will be compelled to take drastic action in the matter.

FLOODING OF LANDS.

A letter was read from Mr. Wm. Mc.Cool, Millsessiagh, Ballindrait, stating that the pipe across the road at the Pump in Millsessiagh, Ballindrait, is stopped up with the result that the water is flowing into his field of potatoes. Three roods of potatoes have been destroyed this year, and requesting the County Council to have the pipe repaired. The matter was referred to Mr. Steadman for attention.



LIST OF PROPOSALS FRO MAINTENANCE WORKS etc..

Before proceeding to consider List of Proposals for Maintenance Works, and new, special, and miscellaneous Works formulated by the Rural District Councils at their recent half-yearly meetings, the following telegram from the Local Government Ministry, Roads, was read by the Secretary.

"Chief Engineer, Roads Department, reports large number of new roads before the County Council. Making how roads cannot be approved by this Department."

Councillor Gallen said this was very peremptory.

The Chairman said that might be so, but if the County Council, in face of that telegram, passed the proposals for new roads they would not be approved of. Councillor Gallen inquired what right have the Ministry to do so? The Chairman said the County Council had no money to spend on new roads. Councillor Gallen said if the District Councils hadn't the money they would not put the proposals forward.

Councillor Mc.Goldrick proposed that they refer the matter to the Standing Committee of the County Council, pending same arrangement with the Roads Department, whereby it might be possible to get approval of roads that were imperative.

Councillor Lynch said it was most unfair for the Local Government Ministry, Roads Department, to interfere in this matter. People had to convey turf through miles of bog, and some of the roads were urgently needed.

Councillor Mc.Daid proposed, as an amendment, that the New Roads be proceeded with. If the County Council did not make the new roads they would not be able to collect the rates, for the people would not be inclined to pay.

Councillor Lynch seconded, and said the District Councils represented the people and new best whether the new roads should be made or not.

The Chairman suggested that they should adjourn the matter to see what would be done by arrangement.

Councillor Mc.Daid objected to this course being taken. He considered that those who paid should be first consulted.

A vote was then taken.

For Councillor Mc.Daid's Proposal:-

Councillors Boyle, Coyle, Gallagher (Anthony), Gallagher (Wm), Gallen, Kelly (John), Lanigan, Lynch, Mahony, Myles, Mc.Daid, Mc.Dermott, Mc.Gill, Mc.Shane, O'Donnell (J.F.), O'Flaherty, Phelan and Quigley. - 18.

Against:-

Councillors Bonner, Browne, Clarke, Mc.Fadden (Charles), Mc.Goldrick, Mc.Nally and O'Duffy. - 7.

The Chairman declared Councillor Mc.Daid's proposal carried.

Councillor Gallen pointed out that the County Surveyor should be requested to notify the County Council of any instances where they found County Councillors or District Councillors engaged on road contracts. He did not, however, wish to say anything further on the subject at present.

The County Surveyors were directed to carry out Councillor Gallen's request.

ROAD METAL AT LETTERILLY.

Councillor Phelan asked Mr. Caffrey, County Surveyor, when it would be possible to get rid of the large pile of road metal at Litterilly? Mr. Caffrey said these stones were quarried under the Relief of Distress Scheme, and as the balance of this Grant had reverted to the Government there was no money now available.

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LIST OF PROPOSALS.

BALLYSHANNON R. D.

Nos. 18, 25, 54, and 85 were rejected.  
Nos. 10 and 11 were placed in charge of the County Surveyor for 12 months. No. 83 was also placed in the County Surveyor's charge. Remaining Proposals on List were approved. No. 86 was approved of subject to consent of Land Commission being obtained.

DONEGAL R. D..

Nos. 29, 135, 145, 164, 187, 260, 261, 263, 273, 287, 277, 278, 279, 280, 281, 282 and 283 were rejected.  
Nos. 23, 27, 28, 41, 53, 54, 66, 67, 69, 71, 84, 86, 111, 118, 119, 241 were placed in charge of the County Surveyor for 12 months. No. 12 was similarly dealt with for a period of 6 months. No. 257 was also placed in the County Surveyor's charge. Remaining Proposals on List were approved.

DUNFANAGHY.

No. 211 was placed in charge of the County Surveyor for 12 months. Nos. 212, 213, 216, 217, 218, 219, 220, 221, and 222 were also placed in the County Surveyor's charge. Remaining Proposals on List were approved.

GLENTIES R. D..

Nos. 20, 23, 24, 25, 26, 30, 42, 114, 119, 166, 169, 172, 209, 212, 239, 357 were rejected.  
No. 34, 115, 127, 149, 170, 192, 199, 201, 255, 280, 337 were placed in charge of the County Surveyor for 12 months. Remaining Proposals on List were approved.

INNISHOWEN R. D..

Nos. 52, 57, 61, 63, 64, 65, 66, and 261 were rejected.  
Nos. 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 25, 32, 41, 84, 87, 88, 89, 94, 114, 124, 138, 141, 144, 145, 152, 163, 168, 185, 189, 206, 208, 231, 242, 243, were placed in charge of the County Surveyor for 12 months, and Nos. 10 and 11 were similarly dealt with for a period of 6 months.  
Nos. 54, 55, 68, and 263 were also placed in charge of the County Surveyor.

Nos. 68 and 257 - Provisional Proposals - were read.  
In connection with proposal No. 110, a Memorial was submitted from the Ratepayers of Ineh Island praying that the County Council will instruct the County Surveyor to have an additional 50 tons of stones supplied with a view to leaving this road in such a condition that it can be used without danger to top loads.  
The matter was left to the County Surveyor to deal with the request of Memorialists.  
Remaining Proposals on List were approved.

re PROPOSAL No. 100 ON LIST.

DERRY No. 2 AREA.

Councillor Mc.Nally referred to proposal No. 100 on List - "Keeping in repair 700 perches of the road from Carrowkeel to Burnfoot, between Postroad and Three Trees N.S., and end of road to Meedinmore", and asked that the points be altered to "The leading road from Three Trees N.S. direct to Carndonagh" as it was before.

The Council decided they had no power to make the suggested change, but referred the matter to the Rural District Council for that purpose.



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LETTERKENNY R. D..

Nos. III, II2, II3, II4, II5, I250, I25I, I253, I254, I255, I256, I257, I258, I259, I260, I26I, I262, and I263 were rejected.  
No. IO9 was placed in the County Surveyor's charge for 12 months.  
Remaining Proposals on List were approved.

MILFORD R. D..

Nos. 229, 239 and 240 were rejected.  
Nos. 2I7, 23I, 232, 233, and 234 were placed in the County Surveyor's charge for 12 months.  
No. 24I was also placed in the County Surveyor's charge.  
Remaining Proposals on List were approved.  
Before approving of Proposals on List the former contracts were rescinded in the undermentioned cases.

| No. on present List. | Original Contracts |                     | To take effect from | No. on present List. | Original Contracts |                     | To take effect from |
|----------------------|--------------------|---------------------|---------------------|----------------------|--------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
|                      | No.                | In group commencing |                     |                      | No.                | In group commencing |                     |
| 2I2                  | I                  | I923<br>Ist. April  | I925<br>Ist April   | 220                  | 37                 | I923<br>Ist April   | I925<br>Ist April   |
| 2I3                  | 6                  | " "                 | " "                 | 22I                  | 3                  | Ist July            | " "                 |
| 2I4                  | IO                 | " "                 | " "                 | 222                  | 4                  | " "                 | " "                 |
| 2I5                  | I5                 | " "                 | " "                 | 223                  | II8                | Ist April           | " "                 |
| 2I6                  | I6                 | " "                 | " "                 | 224                  | I58                | " "                 | " "                 |
| 2I7                  | I7                 | " "                 | " "                 | 225                  | I72                | " "                 | " "                 |
| 2I8                  | 27                 | " "                 | " "                 | 226                  | I98                | " "                 | " "                 |
| 2I9                  | 36                 | " "                 | " "                 | 227                  | 202                | " "                 | " "                 |

STRANORLAR R. D..

Nos. 268, 269, 270, 27I, 272, 273, 274, 275, 276, 277, 280, 28I, 282, 283, 284, I29, I32, I34, were rejected.  
Nos. I46, I55, I57, I67, I69, I72, I75, I82a, I87, 22I, 248, 255, 8, II, I6, I7, 67, 70, 77, 86, 94, IO0, IO2, IO3, 295, 308, 3II were placed in the County Surveyor's charge for 12 months.  
Nos. IO9, IIO, III, II2, II3, II4, II5, II6, II7 were also placed in the County Surveyor's charge.

Remaining Proposals on List were approved.  
Before placing No. I82a in the County Surveyor's charge it was decided to break the former contract, No. 450 in group commencing Ist April, I923, to operate from Ist April, I925.

Regarding proposal No. 22I, - "keeping in repair 200 perches of the road from Rossgier to Porthall, between Clonleigh graveyard and Edenmore", Councillor Mc.Dermott said this road was not in good order and an additional quantity of stones should be supplied. It was decided to place this road in charge of the County Surveyor for 12 months and at the same time to direct him to bring in a proposal at Half-Yearly Meeting of District Council in May I925, with increased tonnage.

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SEALING OF BONDS.

It was unanimously resolved that the seal of the County Council be affixed to all Bonds in connection with Proposals approved of at this Meeting.

All Proposals on the List were approved of, subject to the Ministry of Local Government and Public Health, Roads, sanctioning the Extensions to the present Limits of Road Expenditure proposed by the various District Councils concerned.

LETTERKENNY TECHNICAL SCHOOL PREMISES.

A letter from the Secretary Tirconail Technical Instruction Committee, stating that the Committee, at a meeting held on 16:12:'24, decided to renew the Lease of above-named premises for a term of 20 years, with the option of surrender at the end of each term of five years, at a rent of £30 per annum. The clauses in the new Lease to be the same in other respects as those in the old one, having been read, the matter was approved of.

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