

Councillors for appointment as Galway Port Sanitary Authority for the Galway District :—Councillors Michael McNeill, J. McDonagh, B. Lydon, J. Coogan, T. Flanagan.

For Gort District :—Councillors P. Lambert T. Murphy.  
For Oughterard District :—Councillors E. A. Sweeney, H. O'Toole.

**Order.**—The nominations made by the Board of Health as above were approved.

3092. **Marconi Buildings** :—Submitted an offer of buildings by Messrs Ward & Company. Messrs Ward suggest that the buildings might be suitable for Hospital or Sanatorium purposes.

Secretary has informed Messrs. Ward that these matters would come under the jurisdiction of the Board of Health.

Dr. O'Beirne states that the buildings would not be suitable for Sanatorium purposes.

**Order.**—No Order.

3093. **Labour** :—Employment of persons in receipt of or about to apply for Home assistance.

Tenants of labourers' cottages, etc.

Submitted Homes & Home Assistance Committee Minute of the 10th July, as follows :—

"That we, the Members of the Loughrea Homes Committee ask the County Surveyors and their deputies again to give work immediately where available, to men who are now in receipt of assistance and those about to become applicants for assistance, as we are of opinion it is a grave injustice to the rate-payers, and an insult to their representatives, as the men in question are willing to work and in some cases were employed by the County Council and put off, and now chargeable to the rate-payers."

Submitted County Surveyor's report.

The Finance Committee have declined to interfere with the discretion of the County Surveyors in view of the responsibility placed upon these Officers by Article 56 of the Public Bodies Order, 1925, and the terms of the Direct Labour schemes. The County Surveyors have always, so far as the Finance Committee are aware, met any representations made to them in favour of individual labourers in a reasonable manner.

The Finance Committee deprecate any action which would lessen the authority of the County Surveyors, or relieve them of their responsibility.

After discussion, Councillor Kennedy gave Notice of Motion for next meeting :—

"That the County Surveyors carry out the instructions

of the County Council in regard to the persons to be employed on roads."

3094. **Woodlands Sanatorium. Proposed Extension** :—Submitted letter No. S.31095 from the Local Government Department stating that a loan will be sanctioned for a sum of £7,900.

Councillor McNeill proposed, Councillor O'Connor seconded :—"That an application be made to the Board of Works for loan of £7,900 for the erection and equipment of pavilion at Woodlands Sanatorium."

Councillor Ronaldson proposed, Councillor Lambert seconded :—"That the application be postponed for two years."

After discussion it was

**Ordered** :—That consideration of the application be adjourned, and that the Secretary obtain and lay before the Council at next Meeting information as to the rate of interest which would be charged for the proposed loan, and whether it will be re-payable by instalments or by annuity.

The number of persons at present suffering from tuberculosis in the Central Hospital.

Whether the proposed Pavilion would accommodate all those persons, and the amount of the saving, if any, which would result to the benefit of the rate-payers by the transfer of these patients from the Central Hospital to the proposed Pavillion. (Councillor S. O'Connor, dissented from this Order).

3095. **Fire Insurances** :—Referred to C.C.M. 3054, and reply of the Irish National Insurance Company that they are prepared to give 25 per cent reduction subject to five years agreement.

Referred to Finance Committee report No. 3410, recommending the County Council to continue with the Irish National Insurance Company for five years on a basis of 25 per cent. reduction.

After discussion,

Councillor Concannon proposed, Councillor Ronaldson seconded :—"That Finance Committee Minute No. 3410 be approved, and Fire Insurance Contract for five years be placed with the National Insurance Company, subject to a 25 per cent. reduction off Tariff Rates."—**Passed.**

3095. **Employers' Liability Insurance** :—Read letter 5254 from the Hibernian Fire and General Insurance Company, and Finance Committee Minute No. 3433.

**Order.**—Finance Committee to make the best arrangement for this risk that they can.

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3096. **Accountant** :—Read Ministry's letter, No. G.31921 sanctioning the appointment of Mr. P. Crowe as Accountant and Chief Clerk.—**Noted.**

3096. **Salary of Accountant** :—Referred to Finance Committee Minute No. 3416, with Mr. Crowe's application for payment of Accountant's salary for the period during which the late Accountant was Acting Secretary.

Matter referred to County Council by Finance Committee Read Finance Committee Minute No. 2494.

**Order** :—That Mr. Crowe be paid £30 subject to the sanction of the Local Government Department.

3097. **Tourist Development** :—Read circular 5209, submitting the following scheme for the expenditure of £500 advertising rate :—

Photographic Survey	...	...	£ 50
Administration	...	...	£ 50.
Bureaux	...	...	£ 75
Editorial work	...	...	£ 50
Local publicity	...	...	£150
National publicity	...	...	£125

Referred to Minute No. 2892 in which the County Council agreed to contribute for publicity purposes a sum of £1 for each £1 contributed locally up to a limit of ¼d. in the £. or £500.

Councillor Kennedy proposed, Councillor Nestor seconded :—"That the attention of the Irish Tourist Association be called to the conditional nature of the County Council grant, and that information be requested as to whether the condition as to local contribution has been complied with, and if so, that particulars be given."

3098. **Suck Drainage** :—Read letter No. 15740 from the Office of Public Works. The Board of Works have no power to hold audit of the accounts of the Suck Drainage Board. The Drainage Board can only be controlled by their constituents.

**Order.**—Send copy of this letter to the Roscommon County Council and to the press.

All the County Council can apparently do is to express the hope that the Drainage Rate-payers of the District will exercise the power of control which the Board of Works state these Rate-payers possess.

3099. **Drainage Engineers' Fees** :—Submitted Ministry's letter No. RS/11 (392).

**Order.**—Pay all fees at £2 2s. 0d., per case.

3100. **Annagh Drainage** :—The Commissioners of Public Works announce that they propose to carry out a general restoration scheme at an estimated cost of £1,410 of which the Government will contribute 25 per cent. The work will involve an annual charge of about 3s. 1d., per acre in ten years, and ask if the County Council will make any contribution towards the cost.

**Order.**—Reply that the County Council will not make any contribution from County-at-large charges, and also state that the Council protest against the delay in announcing decisions in regard to the petitions for Drainage Works. The Council understand that, so far as drainage is concerned, the northern portion of the County of Galway is being ignored.

3101. **Encroachments** :—Submitted application from Mr. Joseph Canavan of Headford, for permission to encroach on footpath. County Surveyor sees no objection.

**Order.**—The County Council grant permission subject to compliance by Mr. Canavan with any requirements of the County Surveyor.

3102. **Tuam Roads** :—Read letter (5292), from the Tuam Traders' Protective Association.

**Order.**—Refer to County Surveyor.

3103. **Sealed Orders** :—Sewerage and Water supply. Read sealed Orders No. 26914 and 28912 fixing areas of charge, which were noted.

3104. **Housing Act, 1926** :—Submitted Housing Act, 1926, and circular No. H. 501/21443, from Housing Department of the Ministry.

The Finance Committee report that allocations have been made to the full amount of the £10,000 placed at their disposal by the County Council.—**No Order.**

3105. **Resolutions** :—Waterford Urban Council—re Home Assistance and Mental Hospital charges.

Roscommon County Council—re Defaulting Land Purchase Annuitants.

Bullaun Branch of Cumann-na-Gaedheal—re Land Purchase Defaulters who have paid since 1st December, 1925, and Loan to farmers in respect of loss of stock.

3105a **Law Costs** :—Submitted Taxing Master's certificate for payment of £2,362 19s 8d., and County Solicitor's application for paying order for this amount.

**Order.**—Pay.

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3106. Local Authorities (Officers and Employees Act, 1926) :-Submitted circular No. 37067. Local Authorities required, before making an appointment to an Office, to request the Local Appointments Commissioners to recommend to them a person for appointment to such office, and to appoint to such office the person recommended by the Commissioners.

Order.—The County Council protest against the procedure outlined in the circular in regard to future appointments.

3107. Prospect Hill Hospital :-Read letter from Bro. Columba Thompson asking for the use, as temporary School, of rooms, No. 2, 5, 8, and 9, and the theatre in the old County Hospital, Prospect Hill, until the contemplated improvements to the Patrician Brothers School at Nuns' Island are completed.

The Secretary pointed out that in view of proposed changes some of these rooms might be required for offices for the Agricultural, Technical Instruction, and Education Committees, and that in any event the sanction of the Ministry would be required to any letting

Order.—The application of the Patrician Brothers is referred to the Finance Committee with instructions that the Council's requirements are to have preference, and that any letting to the Patrician Brothers requires the sanction of the Ministry.

3108. Leave of Absence—Secretary :-Secretary applied for one months annual leave of absence as from the 13th September.

Order.—Application granted.

3109. Burial Grounds, Clifden and Oughterard :-Read letter from Board of Health asking for sanction of the County Council to the obtaining of a loan of £3,500 to be charged on the Rural Districts of Clifden and Oughterard for additions to and fencing of Burial Grounds in Connemara.

Councillor Bartley gave Notice that he would Move at the next Meeting :-

"That the County Council apply for a loan of £3,500, to be charged on the Rural Districts of Clifden and Oughterard for additions to, and fencing of, Burial Grounds in Connemara."

Order.—(1) Put on Agenda for next Meeting.

(2) Obtain statement of the case from the Board of Health and submit same to the Ministry of Local Government and ask whether the Loan referred to would be sanctioned for issue from the Local Loans funds, and if so, what rate of interest would be charged.

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3110. H. C. L. Bonus :-Submitted circular No. 38034 altering scale of Bonus from the basic figure 90 to B.F. 85, and directing corresponding reductions in bonuses.

Order.—Noted.

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*Done See J.C.M. 3467*

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*Confirmed by County Council  
this 6th day of November 1926.*

*Martin M. Ryan Chairman*

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COUNTY GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE,

COURTHOUSE, GALWAY,

18TH OCTOBER, 1926.

STATUTORY NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that on the 20th November, 1926, the County Council will take into consideration the recommendation of the Technical Instruction Committee re gratuity to be granted to Mr. Wm. Emerson, Manual Instructor, on his resignation owing to ill health.

W. G. FOGARTY,

Secretary.

To each Member of the County Council.

To the Secretary, Ministry of Education, (T.I.B.)

To the Secretary, Ministry of Local Government and Public Health.

CO. OF GALWAY COMMITTEE OF AGRICULTURE.  
(Galway County Council.)

Secretary's Office,  
Courthouse, Galway,  
October, 26th, 1926.

Dear Sir,

Referring to County Council Minute No. 3087 instructing the Committee of Agriculture to require Mr. Cotter to discharge the duties of Secretary and Senior Instructor in Agriculture, at his existing salary, I am directed by the Committee to forward to the County Council the attached copy of Department's letter No. E. 15572 refusing to sanction this arrangement.

The Committee in view of the conflicting instructions issued by the Council and the Department, cannot proceed to the appointment of a Secretary unless and until the two controlling bodies reach an agreement as to the nature and terms of the appointment to be made, and I am directed to place this difficulty before the Council and the Department for attention.

Yours faithfully,  
W. G. FOGARTY,  
Secretary.

To each Member of the County Council.  
To the Secretary, Department of Lands and Agriculture.  
To each Member of the Committee.

CO. OF GALWAY COMMITTEE OF AGRICULTURE.  
(Galway County Council.)

Secretary's Office,  
Courthouse, Galway,  
8th September, 1926.

Sir,

I am directed by the County Committee of Agriculture to inform you that they have had under consideration the

COUNTY OF GALWAY (JOINT) TECHNICAL  
INSTRUCTION COMMITTEE.

(Galway County Council)

Secretary's Office,  
Courthouse, Galway,  
October 26th 1926.

Dear Sir,

I am directed by the Technical Instruction Committee to transmit to the Galway County Council the attached copies of correspondence with the Technical Instruction Department, and to state that the Committee hope to be informed at an early date of an agreement between the County Council and the Department, which will end the present deadlock and enable the Committee to proceed to the appointment of a Secretary.

Yours faithfully,  
W. G. FOGARTY,  
Secretary.

To each Member of the Galway County Council.

To each Member of the Committee.

and for information to

The Minister for Education Dublin.

The Secretary, Ministry of Education (Technical Instruction Branch).

COMHAIRLE CONNDAE NA GAILLIMHE.

Secretary's Office,  
Courthouse,  
Galway,  
25th October, 1926.

County Medical Officer of Health.

Sir,

I send herewith copies of the Ministry's circulars Nos. P.H. 49701 and P.H. 39176, relating to the appointment of a County Medical Officer of Health, consideration of which will be on the agenda for the next meeting of the County Council.

I am, Sir,  
Your obedient servant,  
W. G. FOGARTY,  
Secretary.

To each Member of the County Council.

P.H. 39176/1926.  
Miscellaneous.

Roinn Rialtais Aitiula agus Slainte Puibli,

(Department of Local Government and Public Health)  
Sráid Mhuirbhtean Uach,  
(Upper Merrion Street)  
Baile Atha Cliath.  
21st October, 1926.

County Medical Officers of Health.

A Chara,

With reference to his Circular Letter of the 22nd October, 1925, relative to the procedure in connection with the appointment of a County Medical Officer of Health, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that the Executive Council of Saorstát Eireann have appointed Local Appointments Commissioners in pursuance of Section 3 (1) of the Local Authorities (Officers and Employees) Act, 1926.

The Minister has decided for the reasons set forth in the above-mentioned Circular not to consent to any appointment

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instruction contained in Minute No. 3087 of the Galway County Council, and also the Department's letter E. 15572 of the 6th instant.

As it was obvious to the Committee that there was no way in which they could obey the instruction of their appointing Council in regard to Mr. T. Cotter, and at the same time give effect to the views of the Department in regard to the appointment of a whole-time Secretary, the Committee decided to adjourn consideration of the matter until the Department and the County Council reach an agreement as to what is to be done. This decision was taken upon the advice of the County Solicitor who was present at the meeting.

A copy of this letter is being laid before the County Council.

I am, Sir,  
Your obedient servant,  
W. G. FOGARTY,  
Secretary.

The Secretary,  
Department of Agriculture,  
Upper Merrion Street, Dublin.

An Roinn Talmhaíochta,  
(Department of Agriculture),

Tighthe an Rialtais  
(Government Buildings),

Baile Atha Cliath  
(Dublin),

6th September, 1926.

Sir,

With further reference to the Department's letter (No. E. 10249/26) addressed to you on 14th ultimo regarding the question of appointing a new Secretary to the Galway County Committee of Agriculture, I have to state that the Department note from Minute No. 3087 of the Galway County Council that the Committee are instructed to require Mr. Cotter, Senior Agricultural Instructor for the County, to undertake the duties of Secretary to the Committee in addi-

An Roinn Oideachais  
(Department of Education),

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(Technical Instruction Branch),

64 & 65, Cearnóg Mhuirbheann,  
(64 & 65, Merrion Square, S.),

Baile Atha Cliath,  
(Dublin).

25th September, 1926.

Sir,

With reference to the minutes of proceedings at the special meeting of your Committee held on the 8th instant and your letter of the same date, I have to point out that the Galway County Council is only one of the Local authorities by which the Joint Technical Instruction Committee is constituted and that the Committee in its administration of the Technical Instruction Scheme is independent of the appointing bodies. Furthermore, the Department's contributions towards the funds of the Scheme considerably exceed the total of the two local contributory bodies. The application of the joint funds is legally subject to the approval of the Department, on which is also cast by statute the corresponding duty of seeing that all proposals for expenditure are carefully considered with a view to securing, by means of the funds available, the maximum degree of educational efficiency. I have accordingly to inform you that after considering very carefully the question of the future arrangements to be made for the organisation and direction of the operations of the Scheme, the Department is satisfied that the appointment of a Principal and Secretary with technical qualifications, academic training and a satisfactory record of teaching experience as suggested in previous communications from these offices is the best course to be followed in the circumstances. For the reasons intimated in the second last paragraph of the Department's letter of the 30th ultimo, the appointment of a Secretary with merely clerical qualifications would not, it is considered, be a satisfactory arrangement, and the Department would therefore not be prepared to approve of the expenditure involved by this proposal.

It is therefore hoped that the members of the County Council who are on the Technical Instruction Committee will represent the matter to the former body in this sense, and that the County Council on further consideration, will find them-

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tion to his duties as Agricultural Instructor as from the 1st proximo.

In this connection, I have to inform you that the Department are not prepared to sanction an appointment of this nature, as they consider that, in view of their extent and importance, the Agricultural and Live Stock Schemes in County Galway require for their efficient administration the services of a whole-time Secretary.

The Department understand that the Department of Education desire the appointment of a separate Principal and Secretary in respect of the Technical Instruction Schemes. In the circumstances the Committee should, at their next meeting, consider the question of appointing a separate whole-time Secretary in respect of the Agricultural Schemes. In this connection the Committee should be guided by the instructions contained in the circular from the Local Government Department (No. 37067/26), forwarded to you through this Department on the 18th ultimo, which contains a summary of the procedure to be followed under the Local Authorities (Officers and Employees) Act, 1926, in making appointments of the nature now in question.

I am, Sir,  
Your obedient servant,  
H. P. SMITH,  
Assistant Secretary.

The Acting Secretary,  
Galway County Committee of Agriculture,  
Courthouse, Galway.

selves able to instruct their representatives to fall into line with the Department's views on the matter.

I am, Sir,  
Your obedient servant  
G. FLETCHER,  
Assistant Secretary.

W. G. Fogarty, Esq., Acting Secretary,  
County Galway Joint Technical Instruction Committee,  
Courthouse, Galway.

T.C.M. 303.

21st October, 1926.

Re Secretaryship.

Sir,

I am directed by the County Committee to state that they have had under consideration the Department's letter No. 7436 of the 25th ultimo. The Committee cannot adopt the view that the Committee is independent of the County Council, which body finds sixteen-seventeenths of the rate aid and appoints fifteen-seventeenths of the number of members of the Committee, and which has the power to stop the rate aid. The Committee must respectfully decline to raise this issue with the County Council as they consider that it would inevitably lead to friction, and probably injure technical instruction in the County.

The Committee consider that the policy offering the best hope of agreement is a frank recognition of the fact that the County Council, equally with the Department, have a right of approval of the County Scheme, and the Committee propose to adopt this policy in their relations with the County Council.

The Department's letter is referred to the County Council for consideration at their meeting which will be held on the 6th November.

I am, Sir,  
Your obedient servant,  
W. G. FOGARTY,  
Secretary.

The Secretary,  
Department of Education,  
(Technical Instruction Branch),  
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of a County Medical Officer of Health proposed to be made under Section 5 (1) of the Act of 1926. It now devolves on the County Council in conformity with the terms of Section 6 (1) of that Act to request the Local Appointments Commissioners to recommend to them a person for appointment as County Medical Officer of Health.

Having regard to the urgent necessity for making these appointments, the County Council should at the earliest possible moment take the whole question into consideration as recommended in the Circular Letter above mentioned and should fix a suitable salary for the position. An application should at the same time be addressed by them to the Local Appointments Commissioners to recommend a person or persons for appointment as County Medical Officer of Health.

I am to request that you will give this Department at least one week's notice of the date of the County Council meeting at which the matter is to be considered so that a Medical Inspector may attend at the meeting and advise the County Council on any points on which they may require information.

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E. P. McCARRÉN,  
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The Secretary of the County Council.

Roinn Rialtais Aitiula Agus Slainte Puibli  
(Department of Local Government and Public Health)  
Sraid Mhuirbhthean Uach  
(Upper Merrion Street)  
Baile Atha Cliath.  
22nd October, 1925.

Reference No. P.H. 49701/25.  
Miscellaneous.

Appointment of County Medical Officer of Health.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to draw attention to the Provisions of Section 21 (1) of the Local Government Act, 1925, which lay down that "the Council of every County shall appoint, with the approval of the Minister, for every county health district in such County a medical practitioner duly qualified as such and with such other qualifications as may be prescribed to

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be the superintendent medical officer of health of such county health district and of every urban district in such county situate in or adjoining such county health district and such officer shall be known as the County Medical Officer of Health with the addition of the distinguishing name of such county health district."

The Minister is satisfied that the success of the new system of Public Health administration will largely depend on the proficiency and energy of the persons chosen to fill the position of County Medical Officer of Health. The possession of the Diploma of Public Health or equivalent degree will be an essential qualification and should be supplemented by practical experience of administrative functions. With a view to promoting the training of candidates with specialised knowledge the International Health Board of the Rockefeller Foundation made a generous offer to send three medical men, selected by an independent Selection Committee on account of distinguished records of service, to the United States to familiarise themselves with the latest developments of Public Health procedure. Furthermore it is recognised that the position of the existing Tuberculosis Officers possessing the D.P.H. is entitled to special consideration and arrangements have accordingly been made with the Society of Medical Officers of Health to enable such officers seeking appointment as County Medical Officer of Health to acquire further administrative experience and a more intimate knowledge of the manifold activities of Public Health work. These measures are calculated to ensure for the senior positions of the Health services of the country a supply of highly qualified competitors.

In the circumstances the Minister has decided that as a condition precedent to his approval the principle of a Selection Committee, which has already been found satisfactory in connection with Dispensary posts, shall apply to all appointments as County Medical Officer of Health. A bill will shortly be introduced to regulate the future procedure concerning appointments of officers of local authorities.

The work in some of the smaller Counties will not be such as to afford whole-time employment and in these cases recourse will be had to a joint appointment with a neighbouring County, accompanied by an equitable adjustment of the cost. On the other hand in a County of extensive area it will rest with the County Council to consider the question of subdivision.

The preliminary negotiations will necessarily require time for completion, and in conjunction with the absence of financial provision in the current County Estimates and the possible

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effects of the pending report of the Boundary Commission, will render it improbable that the appointment of County Medical Officer of Health can become affective before the 1st April next.

Due notice will be given to the County Council as to when the preliminaries with a view to an appointment should be undertaken, but in the meantime it should be borne in mind that all existing Medical Officers of Health in Rural Districts have been transferred to the new County Sanitary Authority and that consequently the administrative organisation for the protection of the health of the community remains intact.

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E. P. McCARRON,  
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The Secretary of the County Council.

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COMHAIRLE CONNDAE NA GAILLIMHE.

Secretary's Office,  
Courthouse, Galway,  
30th October, 1926.

Sir,—You are hereby summoned to attend a Quarterly Meetings of the Finance Committee and of the County Council to be held at the Council Chamber, Galway, on SATURDAY, the 6th NOVEMBER, 1926, at the hour of 11-30 o'clock, a.m.

By Order of the Council,  
W. G. FOGARTY,  
Secretary.

To each Member.

BUSINESS.

- 1.—Consideration of Applications for Payment. ✓  
2.—Consideration of Proposals for Works. ✓

A MEETING OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL  
will be held at the conclusion of the business of  
the Finance Committee.

- 1.—Minutes. ✓  
2.—Rate Collection :—(a) State of Collection.  
(b) Marconi Station, Clifden :—Rates.  
(c) Aran Rate Collectorship :—Poundage.  
(d) Rate Inspections :—Accommodation.  
3.—County Medical Officer of Health :—Re Appointment.  
(See Circulars from L.G.D., herewith.)  
4.—National Road Grant :—(a) Correspondence.  
(b) Galway Urban Roads :—Steamrolling, consideration of Tenders.  
(c) Ballinasloe Urban Roads :—Steamrolling, consideration of Tenders.

- 5.—Arterial Drainage Act, 1925 :—  
(a) Drainage Schemes. ✓  
(b) Notice of Motion :—  
I, or some Member on my behalf, will move at the next meeting of the County Council, that at least two drainage Schemes be put up in North Galway (Tuam Area).

JAMES NESTOR.

- 6.—Vicar Street, Tuam :—  
"I, or some Member on my behalf, will move that the application of the Munster and Leinster Bank, for permission to encroach on site acquired by the Council, to the extent of a few feet at one end, so as to have frontage of proposed new Bank in line with the other buildings, be considered and granted."  
C. J. KENNEDY. ✓

- 7.—Free Clinic for School Children :—Correspondence.  
8.—Secretaryship Agricultural Committee :—Correspondence. ✓  
9.—Secretaryship Technical Instruction Committee :—Correspondence.  
10.—Weigh Bridge at Oughterard :—Correspondence.  
11.—Tuam Bridewell :—Disposal of.

- 12.—Board of Health—Tuberculosis Branch :—  
✓ (a) Temporary appointment of Nurse Margaret McDermott.  
✓ (b) Appointment of H. McCullagh to take stock at Woodlands.  
✓ (c) Pavilion at Woodlands Sanatorium.  
(d) Proposed agreement with Insurance Committee.

- 13.—Labour :—(a) Application from Ganger M. Fitzpatrick for increase of wages.  
(b) "I will move that the County Surveyors carry out the instructions of the County Council in regard to the persons to be employed on roads."  
C. J. KENNEDY.

- 14.—Workhouses :—(a) Disposal of  
(b) Ballinasloe Workhouse—Repairs.

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15.—Notices of Motion :—

(a) "Take notice that I, or some Member on my behalf, will move at next meeting of the County Council, that all officials of the County Council, and of the various Committees appointed by the County Council, who are in receipt of £300 or upwards shall not, in future, get refund of Motor Tax."  
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(b) "Take notice that I, or some person on my behalf, will move, at the next Council meeting, an inquiry into the matter of recent seizure of cattle for Rates."  
ANTHONY DERVAN.

(c) "Take notice that I, or someone on my behalf, will move that a superannuation allowance be granted to Mr. Redmond Halloran, late Collector for Inishboffin."  
G. BARTLEY.

(d) "I will move that the Area of Charge fixed by sealed order for the Tuam Sewerage be discussed, and will move a resolution in reference thereto."  
J. W. RONALDSON.

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H. O'TOOLE.

(f) "Take notice that I, or some person on my behalf, will move at next Council meeting, that the Main road from Tuam to Foxhall be scheduled as a Trunk road with a view to same being steamrolled at the earliest opportunity, and that portion of the National Road Grant be earmarked for that deserving and necessary purpose, for reasons to be offered on the hearing of this motion."  
J. W. RONALDSON.

- 16.—Ballymoe Bridge :—Additional cost to complete Bridge.  
17.—Burial Grounds, Connemara :—Correspondence.  
18.—Cinematograph Act.  
19.—County Libraries.

- 20.—Irish Education Act :—School Attendance Committees.  
21.—Irish County Councils' General Council :—Annual Meeting on 10th December, 1926.  
22.—Old Age Pensions—Aran Sub-Committee :—Appointment of Rev. P. Kelly, C.C., Inishere, and Dr. J. J. O'Brien, M.O., Kilronan, on Sub-Committee. ✓  
23.—Technical Instruction Committee :—Re Appointment of Manual Instructor.  
24.—Killimore Courthouse :—Rent.  
25.—Pound at Kilronan :—To sign purchase agreement.  
26.—Weights & Measures, and Food & Drugs :—Purchase of 50 packing boxes and press.  
27.—Railway Bridge at Ardahan.  
28.—Clifden Roads :—Road at Boffin.  
29.—Maam Courthouse :—(Claim.)  
30.—Courthouse :—Claim for Damages.  
31.—Tuam Workhouse :—Claim for Damage.  
32.—Housing Loans :—Instalments unpaid.  
33.—Encroachments :—B. J. Winkle, Kinvara.  
34.—County Accountant :—Remuneration.  
35.—Road Signs and Traffic Signals Regulations, 1926. (Co. Surveyors' Report.)  
36.—Midwives Act :—Maternity Nurses.  
37.—Quarries :—Moneyveen Quarry.  
38.—Minutes of Finance Committee.  
39.—Resolutions received.  
40.—General Correspondence.

3159 Scholarships  
Sec. 193.  
Law.

3160. Transfer of Mr J. Drumm;

3161. Inchiquin Road.  
Road petition

3162. Foxdyke, Usher.

3163. Pehol Pump.  
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COMHAIRLE CONNDAE NA GAILLIMHE.

Secretary's Office,  
Courthouse, Galway,  
November 8th, 1926.

SIR,

I am directed to transmit herewith the attached Copy of Minutes of Proceedings (3111 to 3167) at Meetings of the Finance and General Purposes Committee and Galway County Council, held on the 6th day of November, 1926.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,

W. G. FOGARTY,

Secretary.

To the Ministry for Local Government, Dublin.

To each Member of the Galway County Council.

To each Urban District Council.

To each County Surveyor.

To the Treasurer, National Bank, Galway.

To the Secretary, County Board of Health.

To the R.M.S., Mental Hospital, Ballinasloe.

To the Secretary, H. & H. A. Committee, Loughrea

To the County Solicitor.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS at Meeting of the Finance, Roads and General Purposes Committee of the Galway County Council, held on the 6th November, 1926.

Chair :—Councillor McNeill.

Present :—Councillors Bartley, Cahill, Coogan, Concannon, S. O'Connor, Conroy, Corbett, Crowe, Curley, Dervan, M. M. Egan, Finnerty, Flanagan, Furey, Gilmore, Hallinan, Kennedy, Kenny, T. Kyne, Lambert, Lydon, McDonagh, McKeigue, McLoughlin, Mylotte, Nestor, O'Toole, Donaldson, Sweeney, Taylor.

3111. Applications for Payment :—

Application Lists were submitted and ruled. The Chairman proposed, Councillor Sweeney seconded :— "That the Applications set out on Lists be approved and submitted to the County Council for payment."—Passed.

3112. Proposals for Works :—

There were no proposals for Works submitted by the County Surveyors. The Works ordered by Finance Committee Minutes 3439 to 3616 and contracts entered into were ratified.

On conclusion of the business of the Committee, the House resolved itself into a Meeting of the County Council.

Chair :—Councillor M. M. Egan, and subsequently Councillor C. J. Kennedy in the chair.

3113. Minutes :—

County Council Minutes Nos. 3070a to 3110, having been circulated, were taken as read and were signed. Councillor Nestor proposed, Councillor McLoughlin seconded :— "That Finance Committee Minutes Nos. 3439 to 3616 be confirmed."—Passed.

3114. Rate Collection :—

Submitted state of Rate Collection, and report of Finance Committee thereon, and correspondence with the L. G. Department.

Bank Overdraft on the 29th October, £19,311. Payments approved in Minute No. 3111, £56,012. Existing approval for Overdraft, £40,000. Read letter G. 51126 from Ministry stating that Minister is of opinion that the Council should consider the question of dispensing with the services of Collectors Forde, Manning, Muldoon, P. O'Connor, J. Morris, L. M. Griffin, T. Corbett, Morrissey, O'Flanagan, and advertising the positions. Order :—Send copy to each Collector concerned and put on Agenda for Quarterly Meeting.

3115. Marconi Station :—

Rates on Marconi Station. Submitted File. Order :—Remit Rates on Engine House and Shed, but do not remit Rates on any dwelling house.

3116. Poundage :—

Submitted Finance Committee Minute No. 3609, and letter of the 1st November, to the Ministry. Read G. 51068. Order :—Council approve of the recommendation of the Finance Committee.

3117. Rate Inspections Accommodation :—

Submitted Mr. Bruen's letter of the 28th October, with regard to heating and lighting at a cost of £12 per annum. Order :—Mr. Bruen is authorised to carry out the scheme he suggests and submit bills from time to time within the limit of his estimate.

3118. Complaint of Mr. James Glynn :—

Ballinasloe No. 2 Collection District. Submitted letters from Mr. Glynn, and Finance Committee Minute No. 3600. Order :—The County Council approve of the ruling of the Finance Committee. Rates must be paid direct to the Rate Collector and cannot be remitted to the County Council.

3119. County Medical Officer of Health :—

Submitted circulars Nos. 39176 and 49701 from the Ministry of Local Government. Also letter from Dr. W. S. Berry, intimating that he hoped to be present at the meeting. Read Dr. O'Beirne's letter. Heard Dr. Berry. Councillor Conroy proposed, Councillor Sweeney seconded :— "That consideration be adjourned to the Quarterly Meeting and

that L. G. Department be requested to furnish copies of the Memorandum read by Dr. Berry on the duties of the County Medical Officer of Health for circulation to the Members together with a statement of the estimated cost of the proposed system, technical, clinical, inspectorial, etc."

Councillor Lambert drew attention to the Financial position of the County and the high rates and the state of the Rate Collection, and stated the people could not stand an expensive new department and that the state of the health of the County did not require it, and proposed :—

"That the County Council decline to consider the appointment." Councillor Nestor seconded the amendment. Secretary pointed out that the obligation to appoint was statutory.

The House divided on Councillor Lambert's amendment, when there voted :—For the Amendment, 19 ; against the amendment, 10, and Amendment was declared carried.

3120. National Road Scheme :—

Submitted correspondence. (a) Galway Urban Roads. Submitted Finance Committee Minute No. 3610, accepting tender of the South of Ireland Asphalt Company, for steam-

rolling and spraying of Galway Urban Roads.

Order :—Approved.

(b) Ballinasloe Urban Roads.

Submitted Finance Committee Minute No. 3610 accepting tender of Messrs. G. Gregg & Co. for steam-rolling and spraying roads in the Urban District of Ballinasloe.

Order :—Approved.

3121. Arterial Drainage Act, 1925 :—

Drainage Schemes. Read Board of Works letter, No. 17257 intimating the four schemes selected, and stating that they have not got map for the Killimore District. Order :—Noted.

3122. Drainage :—

Councillor Nestor proposed, Councillor Ronaldson seconded :— "That at least two drainage schemes be put up in North Galway (Tuam Area), i.e., one for Clare River and one for Sinking River."—Passed.

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3123. Vicar Street, Tuam :-

Councillor Kennedy proposed, Councillor Crowe seconded :- "That the application of the Munster and Leinster Bank for permission to encroach on the site acquired by the Council to the extent of a few feet at one end so as to have the frontage of the proposed new Bank in line with the other buildings, be considered and granted. The County Solicitor advises that the alienation of real property by the Council requires the sanction of the Ministry. Secretary pointed out that the County Council have not yet paid for this land, and that if the permission asked for were granted it ought to be subject to a condition that the Bank would pay a proper proportion of the amount payable by the County Council. Councillor Concannon proposed, Councillor Conroy seconded :- "That Concession be not granted," and after discussion, it was ordered :- 1. That consideration be adjourned to Quarterly Meeting ; 2. That Secretary ascertain (a) amount Bank willing to pay ; (b) Views of the Tuam Town Commissioners ; and (c) If Ministry would approve of alienation.

3124. Free Clinic :-

Free Clinic for School Children. Submitted Finance Committee Minute No. 3580., and Ministry's letter No. G. 48663. Order :- The proposal of the Finance Committee is approved on the terms stated in the Ministry's letter.

3125. Agricultural Committee :-

(a) Secretaryship. Submitted C.C.M. 3087, and letter No. E 15572, from the Department. Councillor McKeigue proposed, Councillor Ronaldson seconded :- "That Committee of Agriculture be authorised to advertise for a Secretary at £75 per annum." Councillor Crowe proposed, Councillor Cahill seconded :- "That Committee be authorised to fix salary subject to the ratification of the Council." Councillor Conroy proposed :- "That the position be left as it is in Mr. Fogarty's hands." Mr. Fogarty informed the Council that having resigned in accordance with his agreement he would adhere to his decision as he disliked being made the subject of a dispute between the local and central bodies. The House divided on Mr. Crowe's amendment, when there voted :- For the Amendment, 8 ; Against the Amendment, 21 ; and the Amendment was declared lost, and Councillor McKeigue's motion was put and declared carried.

(b) Agricultural Scheme. Submitted Scheme 1926-1927, providing a County Grant of £2,100 and same was approved.

3126. Technical Instruction Committee :-

(a) Secretaryship. Submitted C.C.M. 3088, and correspondence between the Technical Instruction Department, and the Committee. Read G. 51339 from Ministry. Councillor Conroy proposed, Councillor Cahill seconded :- "That the Department and the Technical Instruction Committee be informed that County Council have no objection to the appointment of one of the existing officers to the post of Principal and Secretary on the terms set out in the Department's letter provided that this course does not involve the appointment of an additional official. Passed. (b) Manual Instructor. Submitted Technical Instruction Committee Minute No. 301, requesting authority to advertise for a Manual Instructor vice Mr. Emerson resigned. Order :- Approve.

3127. Weigh Bridge, Oughterard :-

Submitted letter No. 2774 from Department of Agriculture. Owner of Weigh Bridge cannot be required to keep it in order under the Market and Fairs Acts. Councillor O'Toole gave notice that he would move that a weigh bridge be erected in Oughterard.

3128. Tuam Bridewell :-

Submitted Ministry's letter No. G. 26513, County Surveyor's reports and Mr. Sloyan's estimate of £75 as value of fee simple. Order :- Close with offer of the Tuam Gaelic Club for £75 subject to sanction of the Ministry, and to an agreement stipulating that the conditions referred to in Ministry's G. 26513 will be carried out.

3129. Board of Health :-

Tuberculosis Department. (a) Nurse Margaret McDermott. Read P.H. 43730. Order :- Temporary appointment ratified. (b) Appointment of H. McCullagh, Stocktaker. Read P.H. 47064. Order :- Appointment ratified. (c) Pavilion at Woodlands Sanatorium. Read Report of Dr. O'Beirne dated the 25th October, showing the balance in favour of Woodlands as against cost in Central Hospital of £1191.

Bank have withdrawn application

wrote D. O'Malley

wrote D.A.H. Chairman of A.C. H.P.C.

wrote J.B. Cannon Carran & Clee

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wrote L.E.H. Concannon

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Read report of Mr. Gallagher, Secretary to the Board of Health, stating that the nett cost to the ratepayers would range from £170 to £250 per annum if the pavilion is provided.

Read Ministry's letter S. 34448 (period of loan 25 years,—interest 5 1/2 per cent). Secretary asked for instructions as to whether he was to apply for the proposed Loan.

Note.—Dr. O'Beirne puts the extra Staff at £280 per annum. Mr. Gallagher puts it at £340.

Dr. O'Beirne puts the recoupment from the Government at £1253 per annum.

Mr. Gallagher puts it at £560 per annum. Dr. O'Beirne estimates the patients at the Central Hospital at £2 7s. 0d. per week, including overhead charges. Mr. Gallagher estimates the cost per patient for food and medicines at 15s. per week.

Councillor Lambert proposed, Councillor Kennedy seconded :- "That consideration of any scheme of extension of Woodlands be adjourned for two years."

Councillor McNeill proposed, Councillor Lydon seconded :- "That a committee of officials consisting of Mr. J. Gallagher, Dr. O'Beirne and the Secretary, be appointed to examine figures as to cost and report to Quarterly Meeting."

Amendment carried by 19 to 8. (d) Proposed Agreement with Insurance Committee. Read letter P.H. 37967, from Ministry.

Order :- Await the result of the action of the National Health Insurance Commissioners.

3129. Labour :-

Ganger M. Fitzpatrick. (a) Read Ganger's application for an increase of wages. Order :- Leave to Co. Surveyor.

(b) Employment of Labourers. Councillor Kennedy moved, Councillor Nestor seconded :-

"That the County Surveyors carry out the instructions of the County Council in regard to the persons to be employed on roads."

Councillor T. Kyne pointed out that this matter was dealt with by Minute 3823 which was not rescinded.

(c) Mr. Peter Lynskey's complaint. (C.C.M. 3083). Read Mr. Lee's letter of the 6th September. Order :- Refer to County Surveyor for report.

3131. Workhouses :-

Ballinasloe Workhouse. Read Mr. Whyms' report of the damage and Mr. Lee's estimate of £50.

Order :- Adjourned pending decision in Councillor Nestor's notice of motion.

Workhouses—Caretaking and Repairs.

Mr. Lee recommends that the County Council should dispose of all the disused workhouses as the cost of keeping unoccupied buildings in repair is high ; and Councillor Nestor gave notice to consider this recommendation.

3132. Motor Taxes :-

Councillor Nestor proposed, Councillor Dervan seconded :- "That officials of the County Council, and of the various Committees appointed by the County Council, who are in receipt of £300 or upwards shall not, in future, get refund of Motor Tax." (Withdrawn).

Councillor Kyne proposed, Councillor Taylor seconded :- "That matter be left as it is." Passed.

3133. Seizures for Rates :-

Councillor Dervan proposed :- "That an enquiry be held into the matter of recent seizures of cattle for rates by Sheriff."

Order :- This is a matter between the party aggrieved and the Sheriff.

3134. Superannuation Redmond O'Halloran :

Councillor Bartley proposed :- "That a superannuation allowance be granted to Mr. Redmond Halloran, late Collector for Inishboffin."

Referred to C.C.M. 2688. Secretary advised the Council that it would be necessary to rescind Minute No. 2688 before Councillor Bartley's motion could be considered, and also Statutory Notice, and Councillor Bartley gave notice accordingly.

3135. Tuam Sewerage :-

Councillor Ronaldson proposed, Councillor Nestor seconded :- "That the Area of Charge fixed by Sealed Order for the Tuam Sewerage be discussed."

Submitted Sealed Order 26912, naming the Tuam Dispensary District the Area of Charge.

Order :- This is a question for the Board of Health.

3136. Superannuation Allowance Stephen McQuinn :-

Councillor O'Toole proposed :- "That the question of the superannuation allowance to Stephen McQuinn, late H.A.O. Sub-Sanitary Officer and Rent Collector be considered."

The Secretary advised the Council that they had no power in this matter as it is within the jurisdiction of the County Board of Health. No Order.

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**3137. Trunk Roads :-**  
Councillor Ronaldson proposed, Councillor Kennedy seconded :  
" That the main road from Tuam to Foxhall be scheduled as a Trunk Road with a view to same being steamrolled at the earliest opportunity, and that portion of the National Road Grant be earmarked for that deserving and necessary purpose."

The Secretary pointed out that the motion should be put in the form of a request to the Ministry for Local Government as the Council could neither schedule a road nor earmark a grant.

Councillor Ronaldson agreed to this amendment, and the motion was then passed.

**Order :-**The words—" that the Council recommend to the Local Government Department " having been prefixed.

**3138. Ballymoe bridge.**

Submitted application of Mr. Nerney, County Surveyor, Roscommon, asking the Council to contribute 50 per cent. of the additional cost of repairing the Ballymoe Bridge up to a limit of £50. (£200 already approved).

The Finance Committee on the advice of the County Surveyor, recommend the Council to accede to Mr. Nerney's request.

**Order :-**The Council approve of the recommendation of the Finance Committee.

**3139. Burial Grounds, Connemara :-**

Read letter 43752 of the 28th Sept. and 15th Oct.

**Order :-**Await the Chief Engineering Inspector's report.

**3140. Cinematograph Act. :-**Issue of Licences.

Submitted file. The Civic Guards have been instructed not to inspect premises which require to be licensed under the Act. Referred to F.C.M. 3615.—**Adjourn.**

**3141. School Attendance Committees :-**

Submitted letter from Miss Keane, Secretary School Attendance Committee, Loughrea, and enclosure, from which it would appear that the School Attendance Act, 1926, cannot be brought into operation earlier than January 1927.

**Order :-**Ask the Education Department whether the existing Committees are to remain until 31st December next, and if so, the Finance Committee to arrange accordingly.

**3142. County Libraries :-**

Submitted Col. Mitchell's letter of the 7th September, and the Secretary's reply of the 10th September, 1926, also Col. Mitchell's letter of the 13th September.

**Order :-**The County Council have nothing to add to their letters of the 3rd September and 10th September, 1926, which correctly set out the attitude of the County Council in this matter.

**3143. Irish County Councils' General Council.**

Submitted Notice of Annual Meeting. County representatives informed.

**Order :-**Approved.

**3144. Old Age Pensions :-**

Aran Sub-Committee.

**Order :-**The persons recommended by the Sub-Committee and Mr. R. Derrane are appointed, and Rev. Fr. Carney is appointed on Clifden Sub-Committee.

**3146. Pound at Kilonan :-**

Submitted Purchase Agreement and C.C.M. 3028. Submitted Caretaker's Agreement and C.C.M. 3363, recommending the Council to continue Mrs. Mary O'Donnell as Caretaker under the Caretaker's Agreement at 1d. per week salary.

Councillor McNeill proposed, Councillor Kennedy seconded :-  
" That Purchase Agreement be sealed and signed, and that the recommendation No. 3363 of the Finance Committee be adopted. County Solicitor to complete the necessary Agreement." **Passed.**

**3145. Killimore Courthouse.**

Rent. Submitted file.

**Order :-**Rent is to be paid in future as advised by the County Solicitor.

**3147. Weights and Measures :-**

(a) Purchase of Press required by Civic Guards.

Particulars of cost asked by Finance Committee not yet supplied.

**Order :-**The Finance Committee to deal with the matter when particulars are obtained.

Food and Drugs Acts :-

(b) Packing Boxes required. 50 boxes required at a cost of 30s. Submitted Superintendent's application.

**Order :-**Approved.

**3148. Ardahan Railway Bridge :-**

Submitted File. Railway Company repudiate liability to re-

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construct this Bridge. Mr. Lee, County Surveyor, advises that there is not sufficient head room under the bridge.

Matter is in hands of Co. Solicitor for advice since April 1925, and is the subject of correspondence with the Railway Company and the Government. The Secretary asked the County Council to give him some instructions that will close this matter either by completing the raising of the Bridge or withdrawing the Council's request.

**Order :-**County Solicitor to bring this matter to a head.

**3149. Clifden Roads :-**

Closing of Boffin Road. County Solicitor is again instructed to take the necessary legal steps to abandon this road.

**Order :-**Publish advertisement as advised by County Solicitor.

**3150. Maam Courthouse.**

Re Claim. Submitted File.

**Order :-**County Surveyor to issue certificate to enable the Council to claim amount of recoupment from the Government.

**3151. County Courthouse, Galway :-**

Claim for damages. Military Occupation, £1,043 17s. 4d. Claim with Government since February, 1924.

Engineering Officers of the Board of Works and County Council agreed on a sum.

Board of Works letter No. 1867 of the 27th August. Sanction not received from the Finance Department.

Written to on the 7th Sept. and 1st Oct. Read Mr. O'Dea's letter, No. 6892.

**Order :-**Ask County Solicitor if there is any way of expediting payment of the many sums due by the Government to the County Council, as the Council's Bank Account is heavily overdrawn, and money is urgently required to carry on the County Services, and to take such steps as may be possible to this end.

**3152. Tuam Workhouse :-**

Claim for damages, £552 17s. 0d. Claimed in March, 1925. No satisfaction can be got from the Board of Works. Same Order as in No. 3151.

**3153. Housing Loans :-**

Instalments due on 1st May, 1926, and outstanding :-  
T. J. Kyne, £5 1s. 6d. ; T. J. Kyne, £5 12s. 6d. ; J. C. Mannion, £3 11s. 0d. ; J. Moloney, £5 3s. 3d.

Instructions sent to County Solicitor to proceed on the 14th August, 1926, after several applications had been made to the borrowers.

Money still outstanding. Another instalment now due in each of those cases.

**Order :-**The Council will not tolerate any delay in acting upon instructions to proceed against persons in default of payment of instalments of Housing Loans.

**3154. Encroachments :-**

B. J. Winkle, Kinvara. Submitted file. Heard Co. Solicitor.

**Order :-**Mr. Lee to have necessary action taken.

**3155. County Accountant :-**

Submitted letter from Mr. Crowe, dated the 30th August. Referred to C.C.M. 3015. Read Ministry's letter, No. 38447.

**Order :-**Adjourned to Quarterly Meeting.

**3156. Road Signs :-**

Road Signs and Traffic Signals Regulations. Submitted Regulations. Co. Surveyors' reports read.

**Order :-**Council agree with Co. Surveyors.

**3157. Midwives Act :-**

Read letter dated the 22nd October, from the Board of Health with regard to registration of Maternity Nurses, and to the fact that unqualified persons are practising. Read Miss P. O'Sullivan's letter 6884.

**Order :-**The County Council consider that this is a matter which should be dealt with in the first instance by the Board of Health. If, owing to existing legislation, the Board of Health require the co-operation of the Council in proceedings the County Solicitor is hereby authorised to join the County Council in such proceedings.

**3158. Moneyveen Quarry :-**

Submitted offer of the Irish Land Commission. Quarry and 4 acres of land, £65.

Submitted Mr. Lee's letter No. 6684 recommending purchase. Submitted Finance Committee Minute 3591.

**Order :-**The County Council approve of the suggestion of the Finance Committee that quarries in the County which come into the ownership of the Irish Land Commission should be handed over to the County Council free of cost.

**3159. Scholarships :-**

(a) Secondary. Submitted Minute No. 193 of the Education Committee, asking the County Council to provide £61 so that full

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scholarships may be awarded to Redington, Kilboy and Flaherty.  
Councillor Cahill proposed, Councillor Lydon seconded :—  
"That additional sum of £81 be granted for purpose stated."  
Councillor McNeill proposed, Councillor Conroy seconded :—  
"That £200 limit be adhered to."  
On a division there voted :—Against the Amendment, 20 ; For,  
8 ; and the Amendment was declared lost, and Councillor Cahill's  
motion was declared carried.  
(b) University. Submitted application from I. J. Carpenter  
for extension of scholarship.  
Secretary advised that this application could be granted under  
the Scheme.  
Councillor Lydon proposed, Councillor Cahill seconded :—  
"That One Year's Extension be authorised."—Passed.

**3160. Transfer of Officers :—**  
J. Dunne, Ballinasloe. Heard Messrs Connolly and O'Carroll.  
Referred to Finance Committee Minute 3435.  
**Order :—**Await Agreement of Urban Council.

**3161. Road at Inchiquin :—**Read Petition.  
**Order :—**Refer to County Surveyor.

**3162. Forestry :—**Ussher Estate.  
Read letter No. 26034 from the Land Commission, and Mr.  
Cotter's Report.  
**Order :—**Ask the Land Commission to annul the Sale as the  
County Council do not intend to spend any money on this Plan-  
tation.

**3163. Petrol Pump :—**  
Read Mr. P. J. Dwyer's letter No. 6726.  
Grant permission subject to Agreement and Insurance.

**3164. Resolutions :—**  
Portumna Town Improvements Committee re Sheep Fairs at  
Killimore and Woodford roads leading into Portumna.  
Tirconnail County Council re Report of the Gaeltacht Commis-  
sion.  
Carrickmacross Urban District Council re demand Repeal of  
Section 6 of the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1902.  
Tipperary County Council re Land Purchase Annuities.  
Bullaun Branch of the Cumann na nGaedheal re Land Purchase  
Annuities.

**3165. Ballinasloe Urban District Roads :—**  
Submitted letter of the 3rd Nov. from Mr. Joseph Kenny,  
Ballinasloe Ratepayers' Association.  
Heard deputation, Messrs. O'Carroll, Conway, Cahill, and Flynn.  
**Order :—**Demand cannot be amended at this time.

**3166. Tuam-Dunmore Road. Great Southern Railways  
Motor Services :—**  
Read County Surveyor's letter, No. 6867.  
**Order :—**County Solicitor to advise at the Quarterly Meeting  
and to take Counsel's opinion if he considers it necessary.

**3167. Union Buildings, Gort :—**  
Read report of Michael J. Lynch, S.S.O., and John Nelly.  
**Order :—**Refer the correspondence to the Board of Health for  
their suggestions.

*Confirmed by County Council  
this 20<sup>th</sup> day of November 1926  
of Kennedy  
Chairman*

GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL.

Secretary's Office,  
Courthouse, Galway,  
9th November, 1926.

RATE COLLECTION.

Sir,  
I append, for your information, copy of letter from the Ministry of  
Local Government regarding, inter alia, the state of your collection, and  
to inform you that the matter will be laid before the County Council for  
consideration at Quarterly Meeting on the 20th instant.

I am, Sir,  
Your obedient servant,  
W. G. FOGARTY,  
Secretary.

To Collectors named below.

Copy. Ministry of Local Government and Public Health,  
G. 51126. Dublin,  
4th November, 1926.

A Chara,  
I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public  
Health to acknowledge receipt of the Rate Collection Chart showing the  
position to the 30th ulto. and to state that he is of opinion that the  
County Council should consider the question of dispensing with the services  
of Collectors Forde, Manning, Muldoon, P. J. O'Connor, J. Morris  
(Galway), L. M. Griffin, T. Corbett, Morrissey, O'Flanagan and J. Morris  
(Tuam), and advertising the positions.

Payment of 75 per cent. poundage fees may be paid to those Col-  
lectors who have lodged 50 per cent. of their warrants.

Mise, le meas,  
M. DE LASAIGH,  
Leas Runaidhe.

The Secretary, Galway County Council.

GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE,  
GALWAY,  
10th November, 1926.

DEAR SIR,

I enclose herewith Copy of letters, dated 8th December, to

- (a) The Ministry of Local Government; and
- (b) The County Solicitor; and
- (c) Letter from Local Government Ministry

in reference to the Agreement submitted by my Solicitors to the County Solicitor for approval which will be considered by the County Council at the Quarterly Meeting.

Yours faithfully,

W. G. FOGARTY,  
Secretary.

To each Member of the County Council.  
To the Secretary, Ministry of Local Government.

Galway County Council,  
8th November, 1926.

L. E. O'DEA, Esqr.,  
Solicitor, Galway.

DEAR SIR,

I return herewith file with Mr. Woods' opinion.

The opinion deals only with the question of the fines, but does not deal at all with the question of my expenses, or with the proposal to deprive me of the Statutory fees fixed by Statutory rules published in the Dublin Gazette of February 29th, 1924, (which see). I also have obtained legal advice on the whole position and, although this is a confidential document as between me and my Solicitors, I do not desire to take up the position of holding my own Council or the Local Government Department at arm's length, and I therefore send you herewith copy of a letter addressed by me to the Local Government Department to-day.

Will you please refer the matter back to your Counsel, and ask him to advise the County Council on the matter. I am giving you this instruction as Secretary to the County Council, and the whole case should be examined from the County Council's point of view, and as strictly against me as it is possible to do it.

Yours faithfully,

W. G. FOGARTY,  
Secretary.

8th November, 1926.

The Secretary,  
Local Government Department,  
Dublin.

Sir,

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter F. 50635 stating that the Minister is not agreeable to the proposal outlined in my letter of the 18th ultimo for the provision of Clerical Assistance for the preparation of the Fifth Register, and making stipulations as to number of Clerks engaged, rate of overtime, hours worked, etc., to which I regret I cannot agree.

The Ministry after consideration of draft agreements submitted by my Solicitor and by the County Solicitor wrote on the 22nd October that the draft of Messrs. Blake & Kenny was preferable and suggesting certain additional recitals to which I agreed.

This draft provided that "the said W. G. Fogarty shall be entitled to such Clerical Assistance as he may require for the discharge of Registration work provided that the cost thereof and any necessary travelling or other expenses shall not in any year exceed the fees prescribed by the Minister for such work," also that I was to be indemnified against fines under the Act.

The requisition made in my letter of the 28th ultimo was for £500, which is at least £400 less than the fees prescribed by the Minister for Registration work.

I am responsible for this work; and I respectively submit that the attempt made in F. 50635 to put me under tutelage in this matter is not justified on any ground.

When a few years ago the whole Register was in danger there was no question of tutelage of this sort although all the work, including that of the Registration Officer was put in my hands unconditionally. I have agreed because I was helpless, and under relentless pressure, to limitation upon limitation; the resigning of positions held for 27 years; the reduction of salary (sanctioned by the Ministry) after my application was made at the sanctioned salary; the lodgment of fees and the signing of an agreement approved by the Ministry.

The further limitation suggested in F. 50635 has, I fear, brought matters to a crucial point.

I am now advised as follows:—

(Opinion begins)—"The terms of the advertisement for the Secretaryship to the County Council are set out as follows:—'a total inclusive salary of £700 per annum will attach to the position. This salary will cover and include the entire remuneration payable to the Secretary in respect of all duties now or in the future assigned to him by the Council with the consent or by the direction of the Minister.' The words of this are quite specific and shew that the inclusive salary covers the entire remuneration payable to you in respect of all duties now or in the future assigned to you by the Council with the consent or by the direction of the Minister.

"Your duties in connection with Registration of Voters are not, have not been, and cannot be assigned to you by the Council with the consent or by the direction of the Minister. They are assigned to you by the Registration Officer with whom in this work your Council have nothing whatever to do and to whom neither your Council nor the Minister can give any directions in reference to your employment by the Registration Officer.

"The succeeding paragraph of the advertisement states:—'The person appointed shall be required to enter into a formal agreement with the Council undertaking to lodge forthwith to the credit of the Council's funds all fees and monies received by him by virtue of his position.' This paragraph, in our opinion, must be read with the preceding one and it is only binding upon you, in our opinion, to enter into such a formal agreement with your Council as will compel you to lodge forthwith to the credit of your Council's funds all fees and monies received by you by virtue of your position as Secretary in respect of all duties now or in the future assigned to you by the Council with the consent or by the direction of the Minister.

"Our view is that the agreement put forward for signature by you is contrary to the terms of the advertisement upon which the appointment was made as it would compel you to lodge monies received by you for remuneration and expenses by virtue of your position as Overseer appointed by the Registration Officer, in addition to the fees and monies received by you in connection with duties assigned to you by your Council with the approval or direction of the Minister.

"It is our considered view that newly appointed Secretaries to County Councils are debarred from obtaining remuneration for their work under the Juries Acts but are entitled to receive and keep the fees paid to them by the Registration Officer for Registration work. The reason is quite clear because the duty of the Secretary to the County Council as successor to the Clerk of the Union in connection with Jurors work is set out in the Jury (Ireland) Act 1871, as amended by the Local Government (Ireland, Act, 1898, and under both these Statutes there is a clear Statutory duty on the Secretary of the County Council, qua, Secretary to perform these duties. Further the Jury Act of 1923 provides that you are not to get these fees for Jury work. On the other hand under the Representation of the People Act, 1918, there is no such Statutory duty cast upon the Secretary of the County Council and it is not portion of his duties as such Secretary to do the work. It is the duty of the Registration Officer to do the work and it is mandatory upon him to ask you to assist him in the preparation of the Lists. This state of affairs is continued by the Electoral Act, 1923.

"The Statute and the Rules make it clear that your expenses are to be paid by the Registration Officer and not by the County Council. The latter are under no obligation whatever to pay your expenses and in our opinion if you lodge all the monies and your County Council refused to pay your expenses you would have no right in law to recover such expenses from them.

"Accordingly we are of opinion that neither you nor the County Council are entitled to contract out of the Electoral Act, 1923, either in regard to your right to fees or your liability to fines on the grounds that,

Such agreement is contrary to the terms of the advertisement upon which the appointment was made.

That it is not portion of your duties as set out in draft agreement to prepare the Voters' Lists, and

That from the foregoing you are entitled to receive and retain any fees received by you from the Registration Officer.

That such fees include your expenses which must be paid by the Registration Officer and not by the County Council.

Agreement is contrary to Sec. 12 (3) Electoral Act, 1923, and Statutory Order of the 21st February, 1924, and therefore not binding and illegal." (Opinion ends).

I am now formally advised that it is not within the competence of the Ministry to require, or, of either the County Council or myself, to perfect, a binding agreement contracting out of the Electoral Act

either in regard to fees, expenses, or fines. As Secretary I cannot advise the County Council to enter into an agreement to undertake liabilities for which there is no Statutory Authority, and on the other hand I cannot be a party to an agreement which I could not enforce at law.

I have requisitioned the Registration Officer for £500. As the preparation of the Register is more important than any individual interest, I have made arrangements, pending the receipt of this sum, to meet the commitments shewn in my letter of the 28th ultimo, so that the work may go on.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

W. G. FOGARTY,  
Secretary to the County Council, and  
Overseer under the Electoral Act, 1923.

Department of Local Government and Public Health,  
Copy. Upper Merrion Street,  
G. 52309/1926. Dublin,  
Galway County 12th November, 1926.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 8th instant, and to request that he may be informed immediately whether it is to be understood that you now definitely refuse to perfect an Agreement on the lines laid down in my letter of the 23rd February last (No. 5248), notwithstanding your acceptance of these terms in your letter of the 23rd February and subsequent correspondence.

As regards the provision of clerical assistance for the preparation of the draft Electors' Lists, the Minister cannot agree to the remuneration of the persons employed to assist you except on the basis of the time necessarily so occupied.

So long as the total sum ultimately payable to you under the scales of registration expenses is lodged in full to the credit of the County Council there would appear to be no objection to the payment for clerical assistance being made directly out of the County Council's Funds in the same way as to Members of the Staff. Accordingly there would seem to be no necessity for the issue of any immediate advance to you by the Registration Officer as suggested in your letter of the 4th instant.

In case it is not already clear from the draft Agreement furnished in reference to your remuneration as Secretary to the County Council and the reply on the subject already issued, I am to state that the Agreement should be so worded as to secure that the amount of your expenses incurred by you in the execution of your statutory duties regarding the Register of Electors and to the preparation of Lists of Jurors will be subject to the limits prescribed or otherwise sanctioned by the Minister.

The Department are not prepared to engage in a protracted discussion on the legal merits of the conditions laid down in my letter of the 23rd February last. Suffice it that notwithstanding your present contentions the Minister is satisfied that there is no legal obstacle in the way of the conditions alluded to.

Mise, le meas,

E. P. McCARRON,  
Runaidhe.

The Secretary, Galway County Council,  
Courthouse, Galway.

COMHAIRLE CONNDAE NA GAILLIMHE.

Secretary's Office,

Courthouse, Galway,

13th November, 1926.

SIR,

You are hereby summoned to attend a Quarterly Meeting of the Council to be held at the Council Chamber, Galway, on **SATURDAY, 20th NOVEMBER, 1926**, at the hour of 11.30 o'clock, a.m.

By Order of the Council,

W. G. FOGARTY, Secretary.

To each Member.

- ✓ 3168 1.—Minutes.
- ✓ 3169 2.—Payments as per Quarterly Statement.
- ✓ 3170 3.—Public Works : Correspondence re Roads, County Surveyors Reports, etc.
- ✓ 3171 4.—Rate Collection.
- ✓ 3172 5.—Superannuation Allowances :
- (a) To consider Superannuation Allowances to Messrs. J. Egan, B. Murray, and P. Stack, Ex Diseases of Animals Inspectors. ✓
- (b) To consider application from Mr. P. Hogan, Solicitor to late Loughrea District Council, for Superannuation Allowance. ✓
- (c) To consider application from Mr. L. Conroy, Solicitor to late Ballinasloe Rural District Council, for Superannuation Allowance.
- (d) To consider Superannuation Allowance to Mr. Wm. Emerson Manual Instructor. ✓
- (e) Take Notice, that I, or someone on my behalf, will move that the resolution refusing to grant a Superannuation Allowance to Mr. Redmond Halloran, late Collector, Inishboffin, be rescinded, and Statutory Notice of re-consideration be given.—G. Bartley.
- ✓ 3177 6.—Notices of Motion :—
- a) **Trunk Roads :**  
I will move that we, the Members of the Galway County Council, protest against the system adopted by the Local Government Department in the allocation of Road Grants to the County, and that the Trunk Road system as arranged leaves out very important main roads throughout the County particularly in North Galway : That we respectfully suggest that those roads should be the first concern of the Ministry in the allocation of future grants to the County.—J. Nestor.
- ✓ 3178 (b) **Drainage Acts :**  
Take Notice that I will move, at next Meeting of the County Council, that the Kilchreest and Rafor rivers be included in the New Drainage Scheme.—P. Cahill.

- 3179 (c) **Drainage Acts :**  
I will move that the Board of Works be asked to carry out the Drainage in connection with the river running through the Town of Gort.—P. Lambert.
- 3180 (d) **Weigh Bridge at Oughterard :**  
Take Notice that I will move at next meeting of the County Council that a Weighbridge be erected in Oughterard.—H. O'Toole.
- 3181 (e) **Loughrea Bridewell :**  
Take notice that I will move that the decision with relation to the Bridewell in Tuam be applied to Loughrea as the Loughrea Town Commissioners consider £15 a year too much, and that the Town Commissioners guarantee not to disturb the business of the Court and that Mr. Gilchreest, Architect, be asked to value the premises.—P. Cahill.
- 3182 (f) **Disused Workhouses :**  
I will move that the Council dispose of all disused Workhouses in the County.—J. Nestor.
- 3183 7.—Secretary : Agreement re Fees Correspondence.
- 3184 8.—Vicar Street, Tuam : Application from Munster and Leinster Bank, for permission to encroach upon site acquired by the Council.
- 3185 9.—County Accountant : Claim for remuneration.
- 3186 10.—Woodlands Pavilion : Report of Official Committee.
- 3187 11.—Cinematograph Acts : Licenses. *Reports to CCW 5740*
- 3188 12.—Tuam-Dunmore Road : G. S. Railways Motor Services. ✓
- 13.—General Correspondence
- 3189 *Improvement of Councilward Roads*
- 3190 *Galway Promenade. Destruction by Storm*
- 3191 *Local Authorities (Officers & Employees) Act, 1926*
- 3192 *County Medical Officer of Health :*
- 3193 *County Library : Committee apply for Sanction to increase of Salary*
- 3194 *Congress of Royal Inst of Public Health*
- 3195 *School Attendance Act :*
- 3196 *Tuam Bridewell : Read Mr O'Hea's letter : conditions cannot be attached to transfer of fee simple*
- 3197 *See note at Laborers Cottages*
- 3198 *Blua Persons ad*

COMHAIRLE CONNDAE NA GAILLIMHE.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE,

COURTHOUSE, GALWAY,

29th November, 1926.

SIR,

Referring to letter from the Ministry No. G. 51126, of which a copy has been sent to you, I am directed to inform you that at their meeting held on the 20th instant, the Council ordered that Collectors be allowed to December 15th to close the First Collection, *i.e.*, to lodge an amount equal to the first moiety of the current rate, plus the arrears carried forward.

The Finance Committee have been authorised to summon a special meeting after that date to deal with unsatisfactory Collectors.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

W. G. FOGARTY,

Secretary.

*Minute 3171*

To :—

Each Poor Rate Collector.

Each Member of the County Council.

Each Checking Officer.

The Secretary, Ministry of Local Government.

COMHAIRLE CONNDAE NA GAILLIMHE.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE,

COURTHOUSE, GALWAY,

25th November, 1926.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN :

"That on the 5th February, 1927, the County Council will take into re-consideration the question of Superannuation Allowance to be granted to MR. R. O'HALLORAN, Ex Poor Rate Collector for Collection District of Inishboffin."

*Minute 3176*

W. G. FOGARTY,

Secretary.

To each Member of the Council,

To the Ministry of Local Government,

To Mr. R. O'Halloran.

COMHAIRLE CONNDAE NA GAILLIMHE.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE,

COURTHOUSE, GALWAY,

30th November, 1926.

SIR,

Referring to my circular of the 8th July last in regard to the re-arrangement of Townlands in the Register of Voters, to enable Voters to attend the Polling Booths most convenient to their homes, I beg to say that I have not received any information, so far, to enable this proposal to be considered.

The arrangement of the County Council was that the Councillors for each area form Committees to draft up Schemes of Voting Areas, but so far as I can see no further interest has been taken in the matter.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

W. G. FOGARTY,

Secretary.

To each Member of the County Council.

COMHAIRLE CONNDAE NA GAILLIMHE.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE,  
COURTHOUSE, GALWAY.

29th November, 1926.

Dear Sir,

I send herewith further correspondence in regard to the proposed Agreement re lodgment of fees ; payment of expenses and indemnity against fines, etc.

Yours faithfully,

W. G. FOGARTY,

Secretary.

To each Member of the County Council.

COMHAIRLE CONNDAE NA GAILLIMHE.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE,  
COUTHOUSE, GALWAY.

November 22nd, 1926.

SIR,

I am directed to transmit herewith the attached Copy of Minutes of Proceedings (3168 to 3200) at Meeting of the Galway County Council, held on the 20th day of November, 1926.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,

W. G. FOGARTY,

Secretary.

To the Ministry for Local Government, Dublin.

To each Member of the Galway County Council.

To each Urban District Council.

To each County Surveyor.

To the Treasurer, National Bank, Galway.

To the Secretary, County Board of Health.

To the R.M.S. Mental Hospital, Ballinasloe.

To the Secretary, H. & H. A. Committee, Loughrea.

To the County Solicitor.

To.....to see Minute No. ....

COMHAIRLE CONNDAE NA GAILLIMHE.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE,  
COURTHOUSE, GALWAY,  
23rd November, 1926.

C.C.M. 3183.  
Copy.  
The Secretary,  
Ministry of Local Government,  
Dublin.

SIR,  
Referring to the Ministry's letter No. G. 52309 of the 12th inst., I beg to state that I thought it well to submit all the correspondence in this matter to the County Council at their meeting held on the 20th instant, together with a statement of which I send a copy herewith.

It is not a question of my refusing to perfect an agreement on the lines laid down in your letter of the 23rd February. The position is that neither my Legal Advisors nor the Council's Legal Advisors are able to draft an agreement which will have the effect which, apparently the Ministry desire, i.e. to avoid the intentions of Parliament as set out in Clauses 12, 63, and 64 of the Electoral Act, 1923, and Rule 7 to the first Schedule to the Act.

The whole situation has arisen from the stipulation of the Ministry that I should lodge fees to credit of the County Council, and the necessary implications of this stipulation as agreed to in the Ministry's letter G. 48564 of the 22nd October.

Parliament has enacted that the Secretary of the County Council shall have these fees, while the Ministry on the other hand have apparently determined that the Secretary of the County Council shall not have the fees. The difficulty is to frame an instrument to enable the desire of the Ministry to over ride the will of Parliament expressed by Statute.

With regard to the question of expenses, I beg to say that the Registration Officer has now made an advance of £500 to me for which I will duly account in accordance with the Provisions of the Electoral Act.

I am, Sir,  
Your obedient servant,  
W. G. FOGARTY,  
Secretary.

GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE,  
COURTHOUSE, GALWAY,  
26th November, 1926.

Copy.  
C.C.M. 3183.  
The Secretary,  
Ministry of Local Government,  
Dublin.

SIR,

With further reference to the Ministry's letter G. 52309 of the 12th instant, and my reply of the 23rd instant, I beg to state that I understand that there is another very serious objection to the Ministry's stipulation arising under the Income Tax Acts. I could not lodge fees received by me until they were first paid to me. When paid to me they become my property, and I could not be compelled at law to give them up. Accordingly if I did give them up to the County Council I would do so as a volunteer, and I would be liable to the Income Tax Authorities for tax on the whole amount.

Again, as the proposal cuts at the whole administration of the Franchise Laws, and would tend to a deterioration in the preparation of the lists, it is more than likely that Parliament might take serious notice of these irregular proposals.

I am old enough to remember the Registration Court conflicts of thirty years ago, when there were only two parties—Parnellites and Anti-Parnellites—in conflict. Many officials were at that time fined, and some otherwise damnified by decisions on difficult points of abstruse electoral law. A recrudescence of these Registration Courts quarrels may easily arise, and become very bitter in the present condition of Parties.

On the whole, therefore, I have decided that I will not take any part in tampering with or evading the law. I will do my work under the law as it stands, and will claim every advantage that the law gives me. This course is, I think, better than to enter into any irregular arrangements which might have serious consequences for everybody concerned.

The extra-legal obligations on my part and on that of the County Council implied in the proposed Agreement must be taken as extinguishing each other. It is much better for us all to keep the law.

I am, Sir,  
Your obedient servant,  
W. G. FOGARTY,  
Secretary.



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT QUARTERLY MEETING  
OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL, HELD ON THE 20TH  
NOVEMBER, 1926.

CHAIR :—Councillor C. J. Kennedy, and subsequently Councillor  
M. M. Egan, in the Chair.

PRESENT :—Councillors Bartly ; Cahill ; Concanon ; Conroy ;  
Corbett ; Crowe ; Curley ; Dervan ; Elder ; Finnerty ; Flanagan ;  
Furey ; Gilmore ; Hallinan ; Jones ; Keaveney ; Kenny ; N. Kyne ;  
T. Kyne ; Lambert ; Lydon ; McDonogh ; McKeigue ; McLoughlin ;  
McNeill ; Nestor ; S. O'Connor ; O'Toole ; Ronaldson ; Sweeney.

3168. MINUTES :—Minutes Nos. 3111 to 3167 of the  
County Council, having been circulated, were taken as read and were  
signed.

Submitted Minutes of the Finance Committee Nos. 3616 to 3638  
which were approved.

3169. PAYMENTS :—Submitted applications for payment  
dealt with by the Finance Committee in Minute No. 3617.

Submitted Treasurer's authority and application for payments lists.  
Councillor McNeill proposed, Councillor Kennedy seconded :—  
"That the applications as set out in lists initialled by the Chair-  
man be, and same are hereby approved, and that Treasurer's authority  
be signed."—PASSED.  
and Treasurer's authority was signed.

3170. PUBLIC WORKS :—Submitted County Surveyors'  
reports. Sudden Damage by recent storm, see Minute No. 3190.

3171. RATE COLLECTION AND FINANCE :—Rate Collection.  
Amount collected to date £104,108. Amount outstanding to  
31/3/27 £142041. Number of Collections with 50 per cent lodged  
—Ten. Number of collections with less than 50 per cent lodged—  
Twenty-six.

Submitted letter No. G. 51126 from the Minister for Local  
Government stating he is of opinion that the County Council should  
consider the question of dispensing with the services of Collectors Forde,  
Manning, Muldoon, P. O'Connor, Morris, L. M. Griffin, T. Corbett,  
Morrissey, and O'Flanagan, and advertising the positions.

Submitted rate chart from which it appeared that of the Collectors  
named above, the following have now reached the 50 per cent. mark  
Collector Morris.

ORDER :—  
Councillor Hallinan proposed, Councillor McKeigue seconded :—  
"That Collectors be allowed to December 15th to close first  
Collection ; and that Finance Committee be authorised to summon a  
Special Meeting if necessary after that date to deal with Collectors  
who are unsatisfactory."—PASSED.

FINANCE :—  
Amount of Bank Balance to-day ..... £23515 Dr.  
Amount of authorities signed to-day ..... £57606

Total £81121

Amount of sanctioned overdraft to 30/11/26, £40,000.

The Secretary advised the County Council that unless pressure  
was brought to bear on the Collectors, the Council's relations with the  
Bodies it has to finance and with their Treasurer, would become very  
difficult.

(See Minute No. 3171).

3172. SUPERANNUATION :—Superannuation allowances.

Ex-Inspectors under the Diseases of animals Acts. Submitted  
statutory notice dated the 6th August, 1926, with regard to J. Egan,  
B. Murray, and P. Stack. The salaries of these officers were :—

J. Egan £40 per annum, B. Murray £40 per annum, P. Stack  
£30 per annum.

Submitted letter No. L. 188 from the Department of Agriculture  
stating that not more than one month's salary in lieu of notice can be  
sanctioned in the case of each of these officers.

Councillor McKeigue proposed, Councillor Curley seconded :—  
"That Officers named be granted pensions equal to two-thirds of  
salary in each case.

Councillor Nestor proposed, Councillor Ronaldson seconded :—  
"That suggestion in Department's L. 188 be adopted."

The House divided when there voted FOR the amendment 17,  
AGAINST 8, and the amendment was declared CARRIED.

3173. SUPERANNUATION :—Submitted application of Mr. P.  
Hogan, Solicitor to the late Rural District Council of Loughrea.

Mr. Hogan claims on an average remuneration of £183 : 3 : 11,  
and on a service of 8 years and 10 months. Submitted Section 44 (3)  
of the Local Government Act. A gratuity under this Section would  
amount to £244 : 5 : 4.

ORDER.—Adjourn for legal opinion.

3174. SUPERANNUATION :—Submitted application of Mr. L.  
Conroy, Solicitor to the late Ballinasloe Rural District Council. Mr.  
Conroy claims on a salary of £50 per annum and a service dating from  
19th May, 1919 (6 years). A gratuity calculated under Section 44  
(3) of the Local Government Act would amount to £50.

ORDER.—Adjourn for legal advice. Secretary to get in all like  
claims and put on agenda.

3175. SUPERANNUATION :—Superannuation allowance to  
William Emerson. Submitted Technical Committee Minute No. 302,  
recommending a gratuity of £396 : 15 : 0.

Submitted letter from the Ministry of Local Government ruling

*Treasurer*

*Circular to Collectors*

*Copies to  
H. A. Concanon Inam  
J. J. Kearns Robinson  
J. Clonroy, Sons, Galway  
R. J. Conolly, Sons, Clifden  
L. E. Dea. -*

*wrote Dept =  
for sanction*

*wrote B & H  
for particulars  
of other Cases*

*wrote L. G. O.  
D. V. B. and  
submitted an  
amendment  
w. h. s. Bill to  
meet this Case*

that Section 44 (3) does not apply to an officer who resigns through ill health and who has less than ten years service. Submitted County Solicitor's report.

Councillor Conroy proposed, Councillor McNeill seconded :—  
"That the County Council deeply regret the Minister's decision in this case. Mr. Emerson has lost his health in the service of the County, and the Council earnestly request the Minister to seek some formula which will enable him to sanction the gratuity of which Mr. Emerson is in great need."—PASSED.

3176. SUPERANNUATION :—Superannuation allowance to late Collector O'Halloran.

Referred to C.C.M. 2688.  
Councillor G. Bartley proposed, Councillor Conroy seconded :—  
"That the resolution refusing to grant a superannuation allowance to Mr. R. O'Halloran be rescinded, and that statutory notice of reconsideration be given."—PASSED.

3177. TRUNK ROADS :—

Councillor Nestor proposed, Councillor Ronaldson seconded :—  
"That the County Council protest against the system adopted by the Local Government Department in the allocation of road grants to the County and that the Trunk Road System, as arranged, leaves out very important main roads throughout the County particularly in North Galway.

"That we respectfully suggest that these roads should be the first concern of the Ministry in the allocation of future grants to the County."—PASSED.

3178. DRAINAGE :—

Councillor Cahill proposed, Councillor Crowe seconded :—  
"That the Kilchreest and Rafor rivers be included in the new Drainage Scheme."—PASSED.

3179. DRAINAGE :—

Councillor Lambert proposed, Councillor Hallinan seconded :—  
"That the Board of Works be asked to carry out the drainage in connection with the river running through the Town of Gort."—PASSED.

Councillor Nestor referred to Minute No. 3122 and Secretary was directed to include the Tributaries of the Clare River and Sinking River in the application.

3180. WEIGH BRIDGE :—

Councillor O'Toole proposed, not seconded :—  
"That a weighbridge be erected in Oughterard."  
Heard Councillor Gilmore who announced that the Department of

*Statutory notice issued 25/11/26*

*wrote L.G.D.*

*wrote Board of Works.*

*wrote Board of Works.*

*wrote Dept of Agric*

Agriculture would provide weighing machines where necessary and that Mr. O'Connor of the Department was dealing with such cases."

ORDER.—Adjourned. Secretary to take up the matter with Mr. O'Connor.

3181. BRIDEWELL AT LOUGHREA :—

Councillor Cahill proposed, Councillor McNeill seconded :—  
"That the decision with relation to the Bridewell in Tuam be applied to Loughrea as the Loughrea Town Commissioners consider £15 a year too much, and that the Town Commissioners guarantee not to disturb the business of the court, and that Mr. Lardner, Auctioneer, be asked to value the premises."—PASSED.  
999 years lease to be given if sanctioned.

*Instructed Mr. Lardner*

3182. WORKHOUSES :—Disused Workhouses.

Councillor Nestor proposed, Councillor McNeill seconded :—  
"That the County Council dispose of all disused Workhouses in the County."

Councillor McKeigue proposed as an Amendment, Councillor Gilmore seconded :—

"That consideration be adjourned for twelve months."  
The House divided when there voted for the amendment 24, against 6, and Amendment was declared—CARRIED.

3183. SECRETARY :—Agreement re fees. Submitted correspondence circulated to Members.

Heard County Solicitor and read Department's letter G. 48564 addressed to the County Solicitor, as follows :—

Copy: Department of Local Government and Public Health,  
G. 48564/1926. Upper Merrion Street,  
Galway County. Dublin.

22nd October, 1926.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that your letter of the 19th instant, together with the draft Agreement submitted by you, have been under consideration and the Minister is of opinion that the Agreement is not one which should be settled by the Department's Legal Adviser, but should be submitted by you to Counsel.

Of the two drafts that of Messrs. Blake & Kenny appears preferable. There is no need to set out the various duties which as County Secretary, Mr. Fogarty will be required to perform, and such a course is dangerous, for an omission may be made or fresh legislation may make the statement insufficient. The advantage of including a bond such as you propose is not apparent. It will be difficult to find an Insurance Company to enter into such a Bond.

The Minister sees no serious objections to the draft Agreement

submitted by Messrs. Blake & Kenny on behalf of Mr. Fogarty, but is of opinion that the recitals should include :—

- (a) The Minister's sanction to the appointment.
- (b) That the appointment and sanction were made and given upon the condition that Mr. Fogarty should enter into an Agreement such as "is hereinafter set out."

Moreover the Agreement should be to "pay to the Council and to lodge to the credit of the Council within ( ) days of the receipt by him of the sums in question."

The drafts are returned, herewith. The Minister will be glad to see them in their final form before being executed.

Mise, le meas,

M. DELASAIGH,

Leas Runaidhe.

L. O'Dea, Esq., Solicitor,

Eyre Square, Galway.

Read Finance Committee Minute 3599 of 23rd October, as follows :—

"Secretary's Agreement re lodgment of Fees : Submitted letter from Ministry to Mr. O'Dea accepting the draft submitted by Messrs. Blake & Kenny on behalf of Mr. Fogarty subject to certain recitals.

ORDER.—County Solicitor to be informed that the Council will accept Messrs. Blake & Kenny's draft if amended in the sense stated in letter 48654 from L.G.D., to which Mr. Fogarty has agreed."

Submitted draft agreement as amended as follows :—

COPY DRAFT AGREEMENT.

(WITH ADDITION OF MINISTRY'S SUGGESTED RECITALS.)

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT MADE THIS day of BETWEEN THE

COUNTY COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF GALWAY (hereinafter called the Council) of the one part AND WILLIAM G. FOGARTY of DEVON PLACE, GALWAY, in the County of Galway, F.C.R.A. of the other part WHEREAS the Galway County Council at their Quarterly Meeting held on the 14th day of November, 1925, appointed the said William G. Fogarty as permanent Secretary to the Galway County Council in accordance with the advertisement issued for the purpose at a salary of £700 per annum and WHEREAS the said appointment has been sanctioned by the Minister for Local Government, and WHEREAS the said appointment and sanction were made and given upon the conditions that the said William G. Fogarty should enter into an Agreement such as is hereinafter set out NOW IT IS HEREBY AGREED AS FOLLOWS :—

The said W. G. Fogarty SHALL lodge to the credit of the Council within three days of receipt by the said W. G. Fogarty all sums payable to the Council or payable to him as Secretary to the Council (save the said sum of £700 per annum or such increased salary

as may from time to time be fixed by the Council with the approval of the Minister) provided that this Agreement shall not apply to the fees for work in connection with preparation of Voters' Lists or other work done before the 16th May, 1926 ; such fees to be payable to and retainable by W. G. Fogarty, and provided also that any fines or other penalties which may be recovered against the said W. G. Fogarty in respect of anything done or left undone in connection with the preparation of Voters' and Jurors' Lists shall be paid out of the fees lodged to credit of the County Council.

It is further agreed that the said W. G. Fogarty shall be entitled to such Clerical Assistance as he may require for the discharge of Registration Work provided that the cost thereof and any necessary travelling or other expenses shall not in any year exceed the statutory fees prescribed by the Minister for such work. IN WITNESS whereof the said W. G. Fogarty has hereunto signed his name and the Seal of the Council has been affixed the day and year first herein written.

Sealed with the Seal of the Galway County Council.

Signed by the said W. G. Fogarty in presence of

Submitted files and correspondence re Clerical Assistance Voters' Lists.

Secretary submitted the following :—

STATEMENT TO THE COUNTY COUNCIL AS TO LETTER FROM MINISTRY OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, G. 52309.

As the letter above referred to implies a breach of faith upon my part in regard to an Agreement with the County Council I think it well, in the first place, to protest against this implication and to lay the facts before the County Council.

In pursuance of my Agreement, my Solicitors submitted to the Solicitor of the County Council a draft Agreement providing.

- (1) That I should lodge the whole of the fees under the Voters' and Jurors' Acts to the County Council, and
- (2) That I should be entitled to such clerical assistance as I should require (if necessary up to the limit of the prescribed fees).
- (3) That I should be indemnified against penalties under the Electoral Act.

The prescribed limit for fees and expenses of Secretaries of County Councils is set out in Statutory Rules and Orders, 1924, No. 6. at 20/- (twenty shillings) per hundred names on the register or 2½d. per name.

The County Solicitor forwarded my draft Agreement and one drafted by himself to the Ministry of Local Government, and on the 22nd October, the Ministry (G.48564) wrote that the draft submitted

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by my Solicitors was preferable; that the Ministry saw no serious objection to it but suggested certain recitals. I agreed to the alterations.

On the 21st October I applied to the Minister for sanction to the expenditure of a sum, not exceeding £500, on clerical and other expenses in connection with the Franchise Lists. I considered the Minister's letter of the 22nd October as settling the terms of the Agreement which I was to sign, and I made an arrangement for clerical assistance on the basis of one penny per name, the amount which I paid myself when it was my interest to keep expenses as low as possible. I offered the Ministry an opportunity of verifying this by an examination of my paid cheques. It was necessary to get the work going. I made definite arrangement with my Staff upon this basis.

On the 6th November I received a letter from the Minister (F. 50635) stating that he was not agreeable to pay the Staff at a rate per name, but that it should be done at a rate per hour. My arrangements had then been made for over a week. The work had been given out, and was well advanced. It will be observed that up to this time no question was raised by me as to the legality of the proposals of the Ministry. But I was committed by my bargain with my Staff, (and it should be remembered that the Assistance employed on Registration work is my Staff in my capacity as Overseer, and not the Staff of either the Ministry or the County Council so far as that work is concerned). I telegraphed to the Ministry on the 6th instant that I could not break the bargain into which I had entered, and in self-defence I had to seek the aid of my Legal Advisors. A copy of this advice was sent to the Ministry on the 8th November, and on the same date the County Solicitor was directed to have the whole case examined from the County Council's point of View, and as strictly as possible against me. The suggestion in the first paragraph of the Department's letter is therefore unjustifiable. I was entitled to assume that the stipulations of the Department were legal, until I was advised that they were illegal, and when I discovered the law I was entitled to plead the law.

As regards the provision of Clerical Assistance to me, as Overseer, on the basis of the time occupied, and payment of my Staff, directly out of the County Council's Funds, I have to say that there is no Statutory authority for either of these stipulations, and if the County Council propose to pay the Staff in this way it would be my duty to object under Section 61 of the Local Government Act, 1925. There is an objection to these proposals. I object to them, both on the ground that they are illegal, and that they strike at the root of that authority and responsibility which it was plainly the intention of the legislature to give to an Overseer in the discharge of his responsible duties under the Electoral Act of 1923, which provides the machinery for the elections of both Houses of the Oireachtas and of the County

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Council. By placing the responsibility for payment in the hands of the Registration Officer it is quite clear that the intention of the legislature was to prevent any interference in the preparation of the Electoral Lists by any of the Bodies whose elections depend thereon. Accordingly there does seem to be a necessity for the issue of the advance requisitioned by me from the Registration Officer.

The fourth paragraph of the Ministry's letter is very surprising, and I submit very unfair. The Ministry on the 22nd October agreed to my draft, and acting on this Agreement I made a bargain with my Staff. Now on the 12th November the Ministry suggest that the Agreement should be otherwise worded, and that I should break the bargain with my Staff. I respectfully refuse to do this no matter what the consequences may be. My legal position in regard to the Department is sound. My legal position in regard to the County Council is sound, and I submit that an official who brings to light the fact that we were all on the point of entering into an illegal avoidance of an Electoral Act ought to be thanked rather than bludgeoned. There remains my personal position. I consider that my passed word is more important to me than any Act of Parliament or any Regulations. I am bound in honour, though not in law, to lodge fees, and I desire to carry out the obligation of honour. I am not bound either in law, or in honour, to lodge expenses. The Minister's Order No. 6 of 1924 prescribes that the remuneration and expenses of Secretaries of County Councils is to be twenty shillings for each hundred names on the Lists. The Order does not distinguish between the amount included in this scale as remuneration and the amount included as expenses. The Agreement of the 22nd October, it is clear, cannot now be completed, but to satisfy the obligation of honour I am prepared, if my Council so require, to agree to lodge to the credit of the Council the full amount to be paid to me by the Registration Officer, less such sum as the Council and I may agree to represent expenses, subject to the Council indemnifying me against fines under the Statute."

Heard County Solicitor and Mr. McTernan, Solicitor for Mr. Fogarty.

The question of Expenses having been raised Mr. Fogarty informed the Council that he was obtaining an advance of £500 from the Registration Officer as he could not wait until next Meeting and must act on the law.

ORDER.—Further consideration adjourned until Mr. O'Dea obtains opinion of Counsel.

3184. VICAR STREET, TUAM :—The Munster & Leinster Bank have withdrawn their application.

ORDER.—Noted.

Transfer from J. McDonnell.

County Solicitor applies for £500 to pay purchase money.

*Copy to Mr O'Dea*

*Doule.*

*Reminded Mr  
Jancanon 1*

ORDER.—Finance Committee to get necessary sanction and pay when sanctioned.

3185. COUNTY ACCOUNTANT :—Submitted Mr. Crowe's claim for £240 for period during which he was acting as Acting Accountant.

The Council have voted £30 which has been sanctioned by the Ministry, but Mr. Crowe is unwilling to accept this.

ORDER.—Adjourned for notice of motion to rescind C.C.M. 3096.

3186. WOODLANDS PAVILION :—Submitted report of Dr. B. O'Beirne, Mr. J. Gallagher and Secretary dated the 17th November as follows :—

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE APPOINTED BY COUNTY COUNCIL MINUTE NO. 3129 TO EXAMINE FIGURES AS TO COST IN RELATION TO THE PROPOSED EXTENTION TO WOODLANDS SANATORIUM.

To the Galway County Council,  
Your Committee beg to report as follows :—

Assuming that a loan of £7,900, together with the unissued balance of £632 14s. Od., referred to in the Ministry's letter S. 31095 of the 4th August, 1926, is sufficient to erect the proposed Pavilion and completely furnish and equip it and that there will be no further charge under this head beyond ordinary wear, tear, and replacements, the Committee put the cost of the Pavilion at £2,944 made up as follows :—

Repayment of Principal and interest of Loan ....	£770 per. ann.
Cost of two Nurses, salaries and allowances, say .....	£200
Cost of two maids, wages and allowances, say ....	£120
Maintenance of 38 extra patients .....	£1520
Fuel, Light, and Heating .....	£334
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	£2944

And as it is not anticipated that any of these patients will be either paying or insured patients, it is assumed that half of this total cost will be refunded by the Government, leaving a sum of £1472 as the nett cost to be borne by the Rate-payers per annum. This assumption, of course, depends upon all the beds being occupied.

Part of the case made for the new Pavilion was that, a saving would result from the transfer of twenty tubercular patients from the Central Hospital to the Sanatorium upon the ground that at the Central Hospital the maintenance would fall altogether on the Rate-payers,

while at the Sanatorium half the maintenance would be refunded by the Government. The cost of food and medicines, is supplied to your Committee, as being approximately £40 per annum, and for twenty patients this would come to £800 a year. It has been suggested that there would be a reduction in the Overhead Charges of the Central Hospital of £200 a year. There is considerable doubt as to whether any such reduction will be effected. Subject, however, to this doubt we have agreed to assume there will be a saving of £200 under this head. The total saving, therefore, would be the sum of £800 above referred to, plus the £200 potential saving under the head of Overhead charges making a total of £1000, and this sum deducted from the sum of £1472, being the cost of the new Pavilion, as above estimated, brings us to a figure which may be advanced as the nett cost of the proposed extension to the Rate-payers, that is £472 per annum.

There may be a further gain resulting from a re-allocation of the Tuberculosis Capital Grant not utilised by other Counties (see P.H. 55578 of the 14th December, 1925). It is very difficult to give any figures in relation to the matters under review except with great hesitation. The figure £770 is really the only positive figure we have. All the rest is purely a matter of conjecture which may be effected by fluctuations in prices, varying ideas of administration and other elements.

Councillor McNeill proposed, Councillor Conroy seconded :—  
"That Loan be applied for."

Councillor Lambert proposed, Councillor Nestor seconded :—  
"That consideration be postponed until Finances improve."

After consideration Councillor Ronaldson pointed out that the Order postponing matter for two years from October 1925. C.C.M. 2695), had not been rescinded and on this point Chairman ruled discussion out of order.

Councillor Corbett announced that he would give the necessary notice.

3187. CINEMATOGRAPH ACT :—Referred to County Council Minute No. 3140.

Heard County Solicitor.  
ORDER.—Adjourned.

3188. PUBLIC ROADS ACTS :—Extraordinary Traffic. Tuam-Dunmore Road. Submitted Mr. Kennedy's report No. 6867, County Council Minute No. 3166 and Mr. O'Dea's letter of the 13th November.

Heard County Solicitor.  
ORDER.—Obtain Counsel's opinion.

3189. CONNEMARA ROADS :—Improvement of Connemara Roads. Read Mr. Kennedy's report No. 7089.

Councillor McNeill proposed, Councillor Conroy seconded :—  
"That the County Surveyor's report be sent to the Ministry of Local Government with a request that a grant may be given to carry

*Reminder to Mr Corbett.*

*Adjourned*

*to be done*

South G.D Roads

to Surveyor

To Members:

to the Library

to the Miss Keane

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out the work recommended by the County Surveyor, with which recommendation the County Council agree.—PASSED.

3190. SALTHILL PROMENADE :—Destruction by Storm. Read Finance Committee Minutes 3629 and 3634, and Finance Committee Letter of the 15th November, to the Ministry.

ORDER.—The Council approve of the application made in this case, and give the County Surveyors authority to carry out such urgent restoration as they may consider essential.

3191. APPOINTMENTS :—Local Authorities (Officers and Employees) Act, 1926.

Read letter from the Secretary to the Local Appointments Commissions announcing procedure under the Act.

3192. COUNTY MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH :—Read Ministry's letter No. P.H. 39176, with order defining duties to be performed by the County Medical Officer of Health.

ORDER.—Send copies to each Member of the Council.

3193. COUNTY LIBRARIES :—The Libraries Committee apply for sanction of the County Council to increase of Miss B. O'Neill's salary from 20/- to 30/- a week.

ORDER.—Approved subject to the proviso that no increase of Rate aid be given.

3194. CONGRESS :—Congress of the Royal Institute of Public Health. The Royal Institute of Public Health ask the County Council to appoint delegates to Congress at Ghent in June, 1927.

No ORDER.

3195. NATIONAL EDUCATION ACT :—School Attendance Committees. Read letter from the National Education Office No. L. 29281.

ORDER.—Pay Committees to the 31st December, 1926.

3196. TUAM BRIDEWELL :—Read letter from Mr. O'Dea, County Solicitor. Conditions cannot be attached to transfer of fee simple.

ORDER.—Refer this difficulty to the Tuam Gaelic Club, and Finance Committee empowered to have a suitable agreement made.

3197. LABOURERS' COTTAGES :—Submitted letter (6974) from the County Councils' General Council and enclosures and Minute No. 844 of the Board of Health.

ORDER.—The County Council agree with the suggestion of the Board of Health in Minute No. 844, i.e.,—that cottages might be sold to existing tenants for the amount of loan outstanding in each case.

The Council think, however, that all outstanding arrears of rent due by purchasing tenants should be added to the outstanding balance of loans, and vacant cottages should be put up for auction.

3198. BLIND PERSONS ACT :—Read Ministry's Letter No. P.H. 43463 with enclosure.

ORDER.—Await action of the Homes and Home Assistance Committee.

3199. RESOLUTIONS :—Submitted resolutions from the Ballymacward Rate-payers Association re rates, County Surveyor for Eastern Division etc.

No ORDER.

3200. DUNMORE WATERWORKS :—Read County Solicitor's request that Petition be sealed and signed seeking Compulsory powers.

ORDERED.—That Petition be sealed and signed.

to Mr. K. Nolan

Done

Confirmed this 15 day of January 1928.

Martin M. Egan Chairman

Inde. recd. E.H.

COMHAIRLE CONNDAE NA GAILLIMHE.

Secretary's Office,  
Courthouse, Galway,  
25th November, 1926.

County Medical Officer of Health.

Sir,

I send herewith copy of Order from the Ministry of Local Government defining the duties to be performed by the County Medical Officer of Health.

I am Sir,  
Your obedient servant,  
W. G. FOGARTY,  
Secretary.

To each Member of the County Council.

COMHAIRLE CONNDAE NA GAILLIMHE.

Secretary's Office,  
Courthouse, Galway,  
8th January, 1927.

Sir,

You are hereby summoned to attend a Special Meeting of the Council to be held at the Council Chamber, Galway, on Saturday, 15th January, 1927, at the hour of 11-30 o'clock, a.m.

By Order of the Council,  
W. G. FOGARTY,  
Secretary.

To each Member.

BUSINESS.

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- 1.—Public Works.—The Council will meet as "A Road Works Meeting" to consider the provisional road works Scheme submitted by the County Surveyors under Article 48 (1) of the Public Bodies Order as amended by Article 1 (3) of the Public Bodies (Transitory Provisions) Order of 1925.
  - 2.—Notice of Motion :—  
"I will move that 500 yards of a new road be made into the bog at Kylesalia from the public road, Inver, to Kilkerrin at Kylesalia to the turf banks." — P. D. CONROY.
  - 3.— Road from Island of Inchiquin to mainland.

a reasonable compensation on account of exceptional services connected with his duties or the necessities of the area in and in respect of which he acts.

8. Subject to the provisions of sub-section (3) of section 11 of the Local Authorities (Officers and Employees) Act, 1926, the salary of a County Medical Officer of Health shall be payable up to the day on which he ceases to hold office and in case he shall die whilst holding such office the proportion of salary (if any) remaining unpaid at his death shall be paid to his personal representatives.

**Duties.**

9. A County Medical Officer of Health shall in addition to any duties imposed upon him by statute perform the following duties :-  
He shall :-

- (1) Inform himself respecting all influences affecting or threatening to affect injuriously the public health in his area.
- (2) Inquire into and ascertain by any means at his disposal, the causes, origin and distribution of diseases in his area, and ascertain to what extent the same have depended on conditions capable of removal or mitigation.
- (3) By inspection of each County Health and Urban district in his area both systematically at certain periods and at intervals as occasion may require keep himself informed of the conditions injurious to health existing therein, and regularly report the same to the local authority concerned.
- (4) Advise each local authority in his area on all matters affecting the health of their district and on all sanitary points involved in any action taken or contemplated by them, and in cases requiring it he shall certify for their guidance or for that of Peace Commissioners or for the purpose of legal proceedings any matter in respect of which the certificate of a Medical Officer of Health or a Medical Practitioner is required as the basis of or in aid of sanitary action.
- (5) Advise each local authority in his area on any question relating to health involved in the framing and subsequent working of such byelaws and regulations as they may have power to make, and as to the desirability of their adopting any of the provisions of the Public Health or other Acts applicable to their District which it may be optional for them to put in force.

COMHAIRLE CON

Sir,

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the Council to be held on Saturday, 15th January 1926, at 10 a.m.

To each Member.

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1.—Public Works.—The Council will consider the "Meeting" to consider the matter submitted by the Council of the Public Bodies of the Public Bodies of 1925.

2.—Notice of Motion.—I will move that the bog at Kylesalia be purchased for the kerrin at Kylesalia to

3.—Road from Island of



- (6) On receiving information of the outbreak of any infectious or epidemic disease of a dangerous character in his area, visit, without delay, the place where the outbreak has occurred, and inquire into the causes and circumstances of such outbreak, and in case he is not satisfied that all due precautions are being taken, he shall instruct the persons competent to act as to the measures which may appear to him to be required to prevent the extension of the disease and take or direct to be taken such measures for the prevention of the spread of the disease as he is legally authorised to take or direct to be taken.
- (7) (a) Receive and take the necessary action upon the certificates and notices given under the Infectious Disease (Notification) Act, 1889, and in all action taken by a local authority under that Act in his area and under the Infectious Disease (Prevention) Act, 1890, he shall be substituted for the Medical Officer of the Dispensary District, in accordance with the provisions of section 18 of the Public Health (Ireland) Act, 1896, as amended by Section 21 (8) of the Local Government Act, 1925.
- (b) Enter or cause to be entered both the certificates and the Notices in a book provided by the appropriate local authority, to be called the Register of Notifications, and to be kept in the office of the local authority for that purpose.
- (c) Keep any other books or forms in connection with the Infectious Disease (Notification) Act, 1889, which I or the local authority may from time to time consider necessary.
- (8) Administer any regulations made by me for the time being in force in his area for all or any of the purposes specified in sections 148 and 149 of the Public Health (Ireland) Act, 1878, or the Public Health (Regulations as to Food) Act, 1907, so far as the same relate to or concern his office.
- (9) Forthwith report to me any case of plague, cholera, smallpox, typhus fever or puerperal fever, or any serious outbreak of disease in his area which may be notified to him or which may otherwise come or be brought under his notice.
- (10) Shall attend all such meetings of a local authority as they may direct and when required any meeting of the County Council and advise them on any matter

No. 39, 176/1926.

**Department of Local Government and Public Health.**

WHEREAS by section 21 (6) of the Local Government Act, 1925, it is provided in effect that every county Medical Officer of health in and in respect of the area for which he acts, shall :—

- (a) be responsible to the Board of Health and to the Council of every Urban District in such area for the effective administration of the sanitary laws and of the various powers and duties of such board and of every such Council in relation to the safeguarding of the health of the people, the provision of adequate and sanitary housing accommodation and other similar matters ;
- (b) advise such board or Council, or the County Council on any matter where expert advice is required on matters affecting the health of his county or district ;
- (c) perform such other duties as may be prescribed and also such other duties as may be assigned to him by such Board or Council with the consent of the Minister.

AND WHEREAS by section 1 of the Local Government Act, 1925, it is enacted that in the said Act the expression "prescribed" means prescribed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health and the expression "the Minister" means the Minister for Local Government and Public Health.

AND WHEREAS by section 21 (5) of the Local Government Act, 1925, it is enacted that a county medical officer of health shall be a sanitary officer within the meaning of section 11 of the Public Health (Ireland) Act, 1878.

AND WHEREAS by section 11 of the Public Health (Ireland) Act, 1878, it is provided, amongst other things, that the Minister for Local Government and Public Health shall have the same powers with regard to the appointment, duties, regulation of salary and tenure of office of every sanitary officer as he has in the case of the medical officer of a dispensary district.

NOW THEREFORE I, the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, in exercise of the powers vested in me as aforesaid do hereby order and direct as follows, that is to say :—

1. This Order may be cited and referred to as the County Medical Officers of Health Order, 1926.

COMHAIRLE CON

Sir,

You are hereby summoned by the Council to be held on Saturday, 15th January, 1926, at 10 a.m.

To each Member.

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1.—Public Works.—The Council Meeting to consider the report submitted by the Council of the Public Bodies of the Public Bodies Act, 1925.

2.—Notice of Motion.—“ I will move that 500 acres of bog at Kylesalia from the Kylesalia to the Kylesalia.”

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2. In this Order the expression "Local authority" means and includes a board of Public health, a board of health and public assistance, and an Urban District Council.

**Appointment.**

3. Every appointment of a County Medical Officer of Health shall within seven days after it is made be reported to me by the Secretary or acting Secretary of the County Council.

**Tenure of Office.**

4. Every County Medical Officer of Health shall hold office for such period as the County Council shall with my approval determine or until he die or resign or be removed by the County Council with my consent or be removed by me.

Provided that if the County Medical Officer of health is temporarily prevented by sickness or accident or other sufficient reason from performing his duties, the County Council subject to my approval may appoint a properly qualified person to act as temporary substitute and may pay to such person a reasonable compensation for his services.

5. A County Council by whom a County Medical Officer of Health is suspended from the performance of his duties in pursuance of section II of the Local Authorities (Officers and Employees) Act, 1926, shall forthwith report such suspension together with the causes thereof to me and if I terminate the suspension of such Officer by the County Council he shall forthwith resume the performance of his duties but if I decide not to terminate such suspension the County Council may on being informed of my decision dismiss such officer.

6. Where any change in the district of a County Medical Officer of Health, or in his duties or salary, may be deemed necessary and he shall decline to acquiesce therein, the County Council may with my consent but not otherwise and after six months notice in writing given to him determine his tenure of office.

**Salary.**

7. The County Council shall pay to the County Medical Officer of Health such salary as I shall from time to time approve or direct.

Provided always that the County Council may with my approval pay to the County Medical Officer of Health

report with respect to the sickness and mortality in their district so far as he has been enabled to ascertain the same, and on the discharge of their duties by the medical officers of health and sanitary officers in their district, and from time to time as occasion may arise report to the appropriate local authority in his area on any matter arising out of the performance of his duties.

- (25) Forward to me by post every week in time to ensure its delivery on Monday or the morning of Tuesday, at the latest, a return, in such form as I may from time to time require, of the number of cases of infectious disease notified to him during the week ended on the preceding Saturday.
- (26) Furnish to me such returns of sickness and disease as I shall from time to time require.
- (27) Furnish me with a copy of any special report which he may make to a local authority in his area.
- (28) (a) As soon as practicable after the 31st day of December in each year make an annual report to the County Council up to the end of December on the sanitary circumstances, the sanitary administration and the vital statistics of his area, which shall in addition to any other matters upon which he may consider it desirable to report or upon which I may require him to report contain the following sections:—
  - (1) A section as to the influences, if any, threatening the health of his area, the prevalence of infectious or epidemic diseases, and the measures taken for their prevention.
  - (2) A section as to the action taken or which he has advised a local authority to take for the prevention of the spread of disease or on matters affecting the health of his area.
  - (3) A section as to any inquiries general or special which he has made into any matters affecting the health of his area.
  - (4) A section as to the sufficiency and quality of the water supply in his area and of its several parts.
  - (5) A section as to the character and sufficiency of the arrangements for the drainage, sewerage and sewage disposal in operation in his area.
  - (6) A section as to privy, water closets and other closet accommodation of his area.
  - (7) A section as to the character and efficiency of the

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- arrangements for the cleansing of earthclosets, privies, ashpits and cesspools in his area.
- (8) A section on the measures taken for the notification, prevention and treatment of tuberculosis and the administration of the Tuberculosis (Ireland) Acts, 1908 and 1913.
  - (9) A section on the administration of any scheme in force in his area for the prevention and treatment of venereal disease.
  - (10) A section on the administration of the Vaccination (Ireland) Acts.
  - (11) A section on the administration of the Midwives (Ireland) Act, 1918.
    - (b) Send to me two copies of his annual report and also one copy thereof to each local authority in his area.
  - (29) In matters not specifically provided for in this Order, observe and execute all orders, directions and instructions that I may hereafter make, issue, or give and all the lawful orders and directions of each local authority in his area which are respectively applicable to his office.

Given under My Seal of Office, this  
Eight day of November in the year  
of our Lord One Thousand Nine  
Hundred and Twenty-six.

(Signed) SEAMUS DE BURCA,  
Minister for Local Government and Public Health.

- where expert advice is required on matters affecting the health of his county or area ; and shall attend all important sanitary or other prosecutions which relate to or concern the duties of his office.
- (11) Direct and superintend the medical officers of health and sanitary officers in the performance of their duties in his area and on receiving information from such officers that his intervention is required in consequence of the existence of any nuisance or other conditions injurious to health, or of any overcrowding in a common lodging house or other house, he shall, as early as practicable, visit the place and take, or direct to be taken, such steps as he is legally authorised to take, or direct to be taken, and as the circumstances of the case may justify and require.
  - (12) In any case in which it may appear to him to be necessary or advisable, or in which he shall be so directed by the local authority, inspect and examine any animal, carcase, meat, poultry, game, flesh, fish, fruit, vegetables, corn, bread, flour, or milk, or any other article to which the provisions of the Public Health Acts in this behalf apply, exposed for sale or deposited for the purpose of sale or of preparation for sale, and intended for the food of man, which is deemed to be diseased or unsound, or unwholesome or unfit for the food of man ; and if he finds that such animal or article is diseased or unsound or unwholesome, or unfit for the food of man, he shall give such directions as may be necessary for causing the same to be dealt with by a Justice of the District Court according to the provisions of the statutes applicable to the case.
  - (13) Inspect from time to time and exercise general supervision over slaughterhouses, cold stores, dairies, cowsheds, milkshops, and all other premises in his area where food of any kind is prepared, stored or otherwise dealt with for sale or preparation for sale and intended for the food of man, and advise the appropriate local authority on the effective application of the provisions of the Public Health Acts and other Acts, Orders and Regulations in force in that behalf with regard to food which is diseased, unsound or unwholesome, or unfit for human consumption.
  - (14) Inquire into any offensive process or trade carried on in his area and report to the appropriate local authority on the means for the prevention of any

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- nuisance or injury to health therefrom.
- (15) Perform the duties mentioned in Sections 132 and 133 of the Factory and Workshop Act, 1901.
  - (16) Be responsible for the general supervision of any approved Tuberculosis Scheme in such area with a view to co-ordinating the work of the officers engaged in that scheme, and securing the effective application of the provisions contained in the Acts, Orders, and Regulations in force relating to the notification, prevention and treatment of Tuberculosis.
  - (17) Be the medical officer of the County Council for the purpose of the Midwives (Ireland) Act, 1918, and perform the duties of such officer thereunder.
  - (18) Be responsible for the organisation, supervision and administration of the measures adopted by each local authority in his area for attending to the health of expectant and nursing mothers and children under five years of age and for the general administration of the Notification of Births Acts, 1907 and 1915.
  - (19) Advise as to the organisation and supervise the operation of any scheme for promoting the welfare of the blind in force in his area in accordance with Section 2 of the Blind Persons Act, 1920.
  - (20) Advise as to arrangements required for the prevention and treatment of venereal disease in his area and administer any scheme adopted for that purpose with my approval.
  - (21) Advise as to the arrangements for school medical inspection in his area under the Public Health (Medical Treatment of School Children) Act, 1919, and without prejudice to any provisions contained in an approved scheme afford supervisory direction to officers employed in connection with a scheme of school medical service.
  - (22) Direct and supervise the administration of the Vaccination (Ireland) Acts, and advise each local authority in his area of the measures necessary to be taken to secure their enforcement.
  - (23) Perform the duties of a medical officer of health under Parts I and II of the Housing of the Working Classes Act, 1890.
  - (24) Report in writing monthly or more frequently if required to each local authority in his area his proceedings and the measures which may require to be adopted for the improvement or protection of the public health in their district and in like manner

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On the conclusion of the Road Works Meeting, a Meeting of the County Council will be held.

BUSINESS.

- 3202 4.—Minutes. *Tuam*
- 3203 5.—Rate Collection :—
- 3204 (a) State of Collection. ✓  
(b) Ministry's letter G. 59176 re Collections. ✓  
(c) Local Government Bill, 1926—New Rate Books and Demand Notes necessary. ✓  
(d) *Leicester* E
- 3205 6.—County Medical Officer of Health—Re appointment.
- 3206 7.—Improvement of roads in Connemara—Grant of £4,372.
- 3207 8.—Pavilion at Woodlands :—  
"I will move that the order of the County Council postponing the consideration of erection of pavilion at Woodlands Sanatorium and loan therefor for two years be rescinded and that the County Council proceed with the application for loan and approve of the proposed extension."  
E. CORBETT.
- 3208 9.—Bridewells :—  
(a) Loughrea—Mr. L. Lardner considers £200 a fair price.  
(b) Tuam—Ministry's letter G. 54264.
- 3209 10.—Irish Education Act.—School Attendance Committees.
- 3210 11.—Secretaryship :—  
(a) Committee of Agriculture.  
(b) Technical Instruction Committee.
- 3211 12.—Scholarships Scheme 1927, for approval.
- 3212 13.—Diseases of Animals Acts—Illness of Mr. T. McD. Kelly, V.S.
- 3213 14.—Notices of Motion :—  
(a) Accountant. "I, or some person on my behalf, will move at next meeting of the County Council that the order of the County Council fixing Mr. Crowe's remuneration as Accountant at £30 be rescinded, and that the matter thereof be reopened for discussion for such determination as, to the Council, shall seem fit."  
WM. J. CONCANNON.

3216 (b) Trunk Roads. "Take notice that I, or some person on my behalf, will move at next Council Meeting that the Council request the Minister for Local Government to schedule the main road from Tuam to Foxhall as a trunk road with a view to same being steam-rolled and that the Council submit a proposal to the Minister for Local Government for the expenditure of such portion of the National Road Grant as is allocated thereto or allotted thereon."  
J. W. RONALDSON.

3217 (c) Weighbridge, Oughterard :—  
"I, or some member on my behalf, will move at next meeting of the County Council that a weighbridge for weighing coal be erected at Oughterard."  
H. O'TOOLE.

3218 (d) Sheep Dipping Inspectors :—  
"I, or someone on my behalf, will move at next meeting that the necessary notice be served on the Sheep Dipping Inspectors that their services be dispensed with and that their work be included in the duties of the Veterinary Surgeons recently appointed and that the Department of Agriculture be notified accordingly."  
P. LAMBERT. *Copy to Dept ✓*

3219 (e) Meetings of County Council :—  
"I give notice that I, or someone for me, will move, at the next meeting of the County Council, that the meetings of the County Council be held fortnightly, and that the Minutes be circulated to the members and that an agenda be issued for each meeting."  
JOHN McKEIGUE.

3220 (f) I, or someone for me, will move at the next meeting of the County Council that the case of John Egan, late Veterinary Inspector for the Ballinasloe Union, be reconsidered, and that he be granted a pension."  
JOHN McKEIGUE.

3221 (g) I, or some member on my behalf will move at the next meeting of the County Council that all bonuses paid to officials of the Galway County Council, and the officials of the various Committees appointed by the County Council, with no exception, shall cease on the 31st March, 1927."  
JAMES NESTOR.

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(h) Scholarships :—  
"Take notice that I, or some person on my behalf, will move at next meeting that the decision order vote or recommendation of the Council given at their meeting on the 6th November last re vote of £61 with reference to the award of three additional scholarships be rescinded and that the fixed limit of £200 be adhered to for reasons to be offered on the hearing of this motion."

JAMES J. ELDER.

3223

(j) "I hereby give notice that I, or someone on my behalf will move at next meeting that the sum of £200 be allowed to each Union area for the repair of roads not already kept in repair by public funds."

C. JONES.

3224<sup>15</sup>.—Secretary's Agreement re Fees.—Correspondence.

3225<sup>16</sup>.—County Libraries—Proposed interview with the Chairman of the Carnegie Trust in January.

3226<sup>17</sup>.—Royal Sanitary Institute—Congress in Hastings in July, 1927.

3227<sup>18</sup>.—Galway Gaelic League—Meeting on 27th January, in Galway.

3228<sup>19</sup>.—Encroachments—Petrol Pumps.

3229<sup>20</sup>.—Ballinasloe Urban Roads—Scavenging.

3230<sup>21</sup>.—Distress in Inishboffin.

3231<sup>22</sup>.—Ballinasloe Workhouse—Application from E. B. Elliott for use of dining hall for storage of oats.

3232<sup>23</sup>.—Tuberculosis Act :—

(a) Sanatorium Grant £632 14s. Od.

(b) Appointment of Miss K. Loftus as temporary Nurse.

(c) Proposed appointment of Nurse J. Kavanagh as District Tuberculosis Nurse in the Clifden Area.

(d) Agreement with Insurance Co.

24. Resolutions.

25. General Correspondence.

3233. Moyales - Oughteraw Road - purchase of land

3234. Insurance of Houses built under loan

3235. Motor Vehicles - 3rd party risks

3236. Defuncting Annuitants

3237. General Resolutions

COMHAIRLE CONNDAE NA GAILLIMHE.

Secretary's Office,  
Courthouse, Galway,  
17th December, 1926.

Collection of Poor Rate.

Sir,

I enclose herewith, for your information, copy of circular, No. 56951, from the Ministry of Local Government relative to the collection of County Poor Rates.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

W. G. FOGARTY,

Secretary.

To :—

Each Member of the County Council.

Each Poor Rate Collector.

Each Rate Inspector.

Roinn Rialtais Aitiula Sláinte Púiblí  
(Department of Local Government & Public Health).  
Sráid Mhuirbhthean Uach,  
(Upper Merrion Street).  
Baile Atha Cliath,

Reference No. 56,951/1926. ✓  
Miscellaneous.

10th December, 1926.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that the general conditions under which County Poor Rates are being collected has been receiving careful consideration.

Collectors generally have strongly represented that the method of requiring them to lodge the full warrants whether collected or not, and to obtain subsequent refunds of irrecoverable or temporarily uncollectible rates had become almost impossible under modern conditions.

One particular trouble experienced by Collectors relates to the collection of rates levied on small dwellings, which they state they find it impossible to obtain in the gross amounts of the half yearly levies. It is intended to submit for the consideration of the Oireachtas in the near future proposals to transfer the onus of rate-paying in such cases to the Landlords, giving them in turn corresponding powers to adjust the weekly rents, thus placing the payment of rates on a weekly basis and bringing the burden within the compass of the tenants' capabilities.

Formerly, lodgment in full by certain dates carried poundage on portions of the warrants subsequently refunded. The Collectors were usually able to obtain overdraft accommodation at low rates of interest and the transactions were profitable to them. Collectors now find it most difficult to secure these temporary accommodations from the Banks, and when they do so they must pay the current high rate of interest. In the instances where Collectors fail to obtain the accommodation they are placed in positions of great embarrassment.

County Secretaries generally have expressed themselves in favour of modifications in the procedure affecting these aspects of rate collection. As the outcome of discussions and correspondence the Department are prepared to consent to the adoption by any County Council of a Scheme of the nature outlined in the accompanying memorandum. It should be understood, however, that if any Council deems their present arrangements to be preferable, the Minister is agreeable to their being continued.

Impressed with the importance in the public interest of securing prompt collection and lodgment of rates, the Minister desires that County Councils, whether they adopt the suggestions now made or not, should for the future deal with the Collectors strictly according to the terms of their employment. If any Collector fails to qualify for poundage fees under the conditions specified, the Council should be slow to recommend any concession and it should be understood that this policy will be followed by the Department.

It is hoped that where County Councils decide to adopt the new Scheme now suggested they will do so in sufficient time to give effect to the proposals for the year 1927-28.

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E. P. McCARRON,  
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To each County Council.

MEMORANDUM.  
Rate Collection.

The Department are prepared to agree to the under-noted terms of remuneration for County Rate Collectors provided that a Bond with solvent personal sureties in the annexed Form (which is a modification of Form 55 of the Public Bodies Order, 1904) is entered into by each Collector in addition to a Fidelity Guarantee from an Insurance Company.

The personal bonds need not secure more than 10 per cent. of the average annual warrant or £200 whichever be the greater amount. They should stipulate that no sum exceeding £50 can at any time remain in the hands of the Collector. It should further be understood that in the event of misconduct or failure to discharge his duties properly the personal Bond will first be acted upon by the Council. The Fidelity Guarantee might be a collective one covering all the Council's Collectors, but individual bonds may be provided if desired. The Fidelity Guarantee should cover a substantial portion of the revenue to be collected, say 25 per cent. at least. It should be clearly understood that in the case of default the Fidelity Guarantee will operate to cover the final deficit ascertained after the personal Bond has been acted upon, and that the Fidelity Bond will serve to make good any loss that may arise through failure of the personal sureties to defray any or all of their portion.

The Department are aware that the rates of premium charged by Insurance Companies for Fidelity Guarantees vary greatly in amount according to circumstances. It is con-

sidered that the safeguard of the initial personal Bond would be welcome to Insurance Companies who would probably agree to give the Fidelity Bond at a reasonable rate of premium. It is believed such accommodation may be arranged in the majority of cases at a uniform rate of about 5/- per cent premium. If the County Council agree the Minister would be willing that a proportion of this cost might be defrayed from County Funds.

Concerning the remuneration of the Collectors it is proposed that a sliding scale as follows should be adopted :—

**First Moiety if Amounts are Lodged as follows :—**

1 Maximum Rate of Poundage, ..... pence per £1 if the following three conditions are complied with—	2 A lower rate of poundage, ..... pence per £1 if two of the following conditions as designated be complied with.	3 A further reduced ..... pence per £1 rate of poundage.
A.—A lodgment equal to one-third of the first moiety and arrears by 31st July, or at latest two months from the date of notification that the warrant is ready for issue and B.—A lodgment equal to four-fifths of the first moiety and arrears by 30th September, and C.—A lodgment equal to the full amount of the first moiety and arrears by 31st October.	A.—A lodgment equal to one-third of the first moiety and arrears by 31st July, or at latest two months from the date of notification that the warrant is ready for issue, or B.—A lodgment equal to four-fifths of the first moiety and arrears by 30th September, and C.—A lodgment equal to the full amount of the first moiety and arrears by 31st October.	If a lodgment equal to the full amount of the first moiety and arrears be made by the 31st October but the other conditions be not complied with.

In the event of failure to lodge an amount equal to the first moiety and arrears by the 31st October, special sanction will be required to any reduced poundage which the Council may consider would be justified.

**Second Moiety if Amounts are Lodged as follows :—**

1 Maximum Rate of Poundage, ..... pence per £1 if the following three conditions are complied with—	2 A lower rate of Poundage, ..... pence per £1 if two of the following conditions as designated be complied with.	3 A further reduced ..... pence per £1 rate of poundage.
A.—A lodgment equal to the full amount of the first moiety and arrears together with one-third of the second moiety by 31st December, and B.—A lodgment equal to the full amount of the first moiety and arrears together with four-fifths of the second moiety by 1st March, and C.—A lodgment equal to the full amount of the warrant for the entire year by 31st March less credit allowed by the County Secretary as follows :— 1. Rates in respect of vacant premises for such period as may not be recoverable under Section 9 of the Increase of Rent and Mortgage Interest Restrictions Act, 1926.	A.—A lodgment equal to the full amount of the first moiety and arrears together with one-third of the second moiety by 31st December. or B.—A lodgment equal to the full amount of the first moiety and arrears together with four-fifths of the second moiety by first March, and C.—A lodgment equal to the full amount of the warrant for the entire year by 31st March less credit allowed by the County Secretary as follows :— 1. Rates in respect of vacant premises for such period as may not be recoverable under Section 9 of the Increase of Rent and Mortgage Interest Restrictions Act, 1926.	If the condition under heading "C" in the first Column be complied with, but other conditions be not complied with.



## Second Moiety—continued.

1 Maximum Rate of Poundage, pence per £1 if the following three conditions are complied with—	2 A lower rate of poundage, pence per £1 if two of the following conditions as designated be complied with.	3 A further reduced pence per £1 rate of poundage.
<p>2. Rates levied but temporarily uncollectable in cases of bankruptcies.</p> <p>3. Such other rates believed to be totally irrecoverable as the County Secretary may deem to be irrecoverable for reasons of poverty but not exceeding at the outside 1 (One per cent) of the total warrant.</p> <p>Provided that the claims of the Collectors under these headings be submitted to the County Secretary at latest in the first week of February.</p> <p>Otherwise full lodgment will be necessary.</p>	<p>2. Rates levied but temporarily uncollectable in cases of bankruptcies.</p> <p>3. Such other rates believed to be totally irrecoverable as the County Secretary may deem to be irrecoverable for reasons of poverty but not exceeding at the outside 1 per cent. (one per cent) of the total warrant.</p> <p>Provided that the claim of the Collectors under these headings be submitted to the Co. Secretary at latest in the first week of Feb. Otherwise full lodgment will be necessary.</p>	

Otherwise special sanction will be required to any reduced rate of poundage which the County Council may consider circumstances would justify.

It will be noted that the proposals contemplate poundage for each half year, and that to qualify for the first half year particularly the stipulation is "the lodgment of an amount equal to, etc." This is not a departure from past practice and is in fact a help to efficient Collectors. No diligent Collector can have failed to secure at least some portion of the second moiety before the 31st October, and his lodgment of such

rates will help him to qualify for the higher rate of commission for the first half year. This is one of the reasons why no concession in relation to vacancies or other irrecoverables can be conceded for the first half year.

It is intended that all such claims shall be dealt with at the end of the financial year. Collectors should all be required to submit their fully completed claims for refunds early in April. The authority given to County Secretaries to deal with advance claims will be subject to ratification by and consideration of a duly deputed Committee of the County Council—the Finance Committee is suggested.

It is further considered that the subsequent transmission of such claims to the Department should not be necessary, and that the Committee (and/or) the County Council should deal with them finally subject to review by the Auditor in due course. If the Council agree to these conditions the Minister is willing to assent to the requisite departures from the terms of the Public Bodies Order, 1925. In devolving these functions locally the Minister feels sure he can rely on the Councils concerned dealing equitably with the items set down in the claims of the Collectors which should be prepared in the form (53) prescribed by the Public Bodies Order, 1925.

The Council should take precautions to ensure, before dealing with any such claims for refunds, that particulars of the uncollected rates have been duly posted up by each Collector at such places as the Council shall have prescribed.

County Secretaries should, whether or not, the Scheme be adopted, be required to notify each individual Collector of the date when his warrant is ready for issue and the day after such notification should be recorded in a new column (No. 4a) of Form 81 of the Public Bodies Order, 1925, as the date from which condition "A" in column 1 of the condition regarding poundage for the first moiety shall operate.

The rights of existing permanent Rate Collectors should be considered in arriving at the 3 rates of poundage contemplated (7d, 6d, and 5d are suggested as normally the appropriate rates); and it would seem well that each Collector should be required to signify his acceptance or otherwise of the new terms. By the 31st March next the Council will be in a position to know whether or not the existing Collectors have complied with the terms of their present contracts. If they then have not, they might be offered continuance of service under the new terms provided that they appear to be otherwise satisfactory. Alternatively, the Council should decide to terminate their employment.

*See minute no  
3704 + Circular  
to Collectors*

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that we,

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of ..... hereinafter referred to as "the collector"), and.....

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and ..... of .....

..... (hereinafter referred to as "the sureties,") are jointly and severally held and firmly bound to the Council of..... (hereinafter called "the council") in the sum of..... to be paid to the Council or to the Treasurer of the Council (hereinafter referred to as "the Treasurer") for which payment to be well and faithfully made, we bind ourselves jointly, and each of us binds himself severally, our and each and every of our heirs, executors, and administrators, and every of them, firmly by these presents, sealed with our Seals.

Dated this .....day of ..... in the Year of Our Lord, One Thousand Nine Hundred and .....

WHEREAS the Collector has been duly appointed collector of poor rate by the council,

AND WHEREAS the collector has been required to enter into security in a bond with two sureties to the Council in the penalty hereinbefore mentioned to be conditioned as hereinafter is set forth, and has requested the Sureties to join with him as such sureties in the above Bond, subject to the condition hereinafter contained to which they have assented; and the Council have agreed to accept them as such sureties accordingly.

Now the condition of this obligation is such that if the Collector do and shall at all times hereafter, whilst he shall be employed in the said office of collector as aforesaid, and until he shall be discharged therefrom by order of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health (hereinafter referred to as "the Minister") or by and with his assent shall cease and discontinue to hold the said office of collector, comply with all

the rules and regulations which are set forth in the Schedule annexed hereto, then the foregoing bond and obligation shall be void.

(L.S)  
(L.S)  
(L.S)

Signed, Sealed, and Delivered by the above bounden.

In the presence of  
(The printed form of this Bond, etc., should be in one document on two double pages).

WARRANT OF ATTORNEY TO CONFESS JUDGMENT.

To  
Gentlemen Solicitors of the High Court of Justice of Saorstát Eireann, or either of them, or to any other Solicitor of the said High Court, or to any other Solicitor of any Division of His Majesty's High Court of Justice in Northern Ireland, Great Britain, or elsewhere.

THESE are to authorize and appoint you, or either of you, to appear for us or any or either of us, for the whole, jointly and severally, and confess one or more Judgment or Judgments at any time whatsoever after the date of these Presents, with stay of Execution until breach shall be made in the performance of the Condition of the Bond hereunto annexed and bearing equal date herewith, in the said High Court of Justice of Saorstát Eireann or any competent court of law elsewhere, by acknowledging the Action, or otherwise, upon one or more Declaration or Declarations, there to be filed against us, or any or either of us, by himself for the whole, at the suit of THE COUNCIL OF THE

OF ..... upon a Bond of Sterling; and for your or any of your so doing, this shall be your sufficient Warrant and Discharge.

AND THE CONDITION of the said Bond is such, that if the said Collector do and shall from time to time and at all times hereafter, whilst he shall be employed in the said office of Collector as aforesaid, and until he shall be discharged therefrom by order of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health (hereinafter referred to as "the Minister") or by and with his assent shall cease and discontinue to hold the said office of collector, comply with all the rules and regula-

tions which are set forth in the schedule annexed hereto, then the foregoing bond and obligation shall be void.

AND KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that we, the said

do hereby for us, and each and every of us, by himself for the whole, and our and each, and every of our Heirs, Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, jointly and severally authorize you or any of you, to remise, release, and for ever quit claim, unto the Council, all and all manner of error or errors, or misprision of error or errors, or erroneous proceedings whatsoever, that are or may be in or about the entering or obtaining the said Judgment or Judgments, or any other the proceedings thereupon; and for what you the said Solicitors, or any of you, shall do in the promises, this shall be to you and every of you a sufficient authority; and we have expressly named of in the County of a Solicitor of the High Court of Justice of Saorstát Eireann and requested him to attend on our behalf to inform us of the nature and effect hereof before executing same, and to witness the due execution hereof by us; and we acknowledge that the said has accordingly attended and informed us of the true nature and effect hereof before such execution. In witness whereof we have hereunto set our Hands and Seals, the day of in the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and

Signed, Sealed, and Delivered by the said

Seal

in the presence of me at in the County of a Solicitor of the High Court of Justice of Saorstát Eireann, and I declare myself to the Solicitor for the said

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and attending at their request, and having previously to the execution of this warrant informed them of the nature and effect thereof, I hereunto subscribe my name as such Solicitor.

Solicitor for the parties above named.

Seal

SCHEDULE REFERRED TO IN FOREGOING BOND AND WARRANT OF ATTORNEY TO CONFESS JUDGMENT.

Rules and Regulations to be complied with by the Collector.

1. The Collector shall lodge or cause to be lodged with the Treasurer to the credit of the Council the rates and assessments, as the same shall be comprised in each warrant to be received by the Collector from the Council, in the following manner, that is to say:—

(a) A sum equal to the whole of the arrears included in such warrant and the first moiety of the said rates is to be lodged on or before the 31st day of October in the financial year for the service of which rate or rates is or are estimated to provide.

(b) The full amount of the second moiety of the said rates or a sum less than such full amount by the amount of the deductions (if any) permitted under the next rule is to be lodged on or before the 31st day of March in such financial year.

2. There may be deducted from the full amount of the second moiety of the said rates which is to be lodged on or before the 31st day March in such financial year, any or all of the following sums, that is to say:—

(a) Any of the said rates which are permanently uncollectable by reason of their having been made in respect of unoccupied buildings.

(b) Any of the said rates which cannot be collected before the close of such financial year owing to the bankruptcy of the person on whom such rate was made.

(c) Any other of the said rates (not exceeding in all one-hundredth part of the total sum comprised in such warrant) as are permanently uncollectable.

Provided, however, that no such deduction shall be made except in pursuance of a claim made by the Collector before the 7th day of February in such financial year and approved by the Secretary to the Council.

3. The Collector shall pay the amount of the rates collected by him to the Treasurer weekly or oftener if required and at all times whenever the sums collected by him shall amount to £50 (Fifty Pounds) or more.

4. The Collector shall at all times when required to do so, deliver, to the person or persons authorised to require the

same, true and perfect accounts, in writing, under his hand, of all moneys which have been received by him by virtue of his office of Collector and of all moneys paid by him to the Treasurer together with the proper vouchers for such payment, and shall verify his account on oath when thereunto lawfully required, and shall deliver to such person or persons as aforesaid on being thereunto required, all the books, papers, and writings in his custody, power, or procurement, relating to the affairs of the Council and shall immediately thereupon pay such moneys as upon the balance of any account or accounts shall appear to be in his hands to the Treasurer.

5. The Collector shall not commit, or cause or suffer to be done or committed any act, matter, or thing whatsoever, whereby or by means whereof the Council shall, or may, or can be wronged, defrauded, or prejudiced in respect to any of the rates and assessments aforesaid, or in respect of any of the duties of his office as collector.

6. The Collector shall in all other respects duly, fully, and faithfully observe, obey, perform, fulfil, and keep all the enactments, laws, rules, and regulations contained in the Acts which are or shall be at any time in force relating to the collection of such rates, or in any Order of the Minister touching and concerning the Collection of rates, and shall duly and faithfully execute and discharge all the duties of his office as Collector as prescribed by any Order of the Minister in force for the time being and otherwise by law.

COMHAIRLE CONNDAE NA GAILLIMHE.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE,  
COURTHOUSE, GALWAY,  
18th January, 1927.

RATE COLLECTION.

Sir,

I am directed by the County Council to inform you that a meeting to be held on the 5th prox. the County Council have to meet proposals for remittances to Asylum, Board of Health, County Home, Sanatorium Committee and other subsidiary Bodies, and also for payment of road contractors, etc. The County Council expect that each Collector will have at least 75 per cent. of warrant lodged by the end of the current month, and have directed me to have the general rate collection placed on the agenda for the February meeting. The Ministry of Local Government have called upon the County Council to take into consideration the question of dispensing with the services of certain Collectors whose accounts are particularly bad, and copy of the Ministry's letter has been sent to each of the Collectors concerned. This question will also be considered on the 5th prox.

NEW SCHEME OF LODGMENTS AND PAYMENTS.

I am further directed by the County Council to draw your attention to the Ministry's letter No. 56951 with memorandum enclosed therewith, and I am to call your attention to the last paragraph on page 7 of the Scheme sent to you on the 17th December. The County Council instruct me to ask you for a statement of your views on the proposed new method of dealing with Collectors' accounts, and I am, therefore, to ask that you will submit a statement on this point as soon as possible.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,  
W. G. FOGARTY,  
Secretary.

To each Poor Rate Collector.  
Copy to each County Councillor.  
Copy to Secretary, Ministry of Local Government, Dublin.

COMHAIRLE CONNDAE NA GAILLIMHE.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE,  
COURTHOUSE, GALWAY,  
18th January, 1927.

Sir,

I send below a copy of letter received from Mr. M. J. Allen, and to inform you that the County Council have appointed Councillors M. M. Egan, T. Kenny, and M. McNeill to represent them at the meeting. This matter is so important to the Western Portion of County Galway that the County Council hope every member of the Council may find it convenient to attend the meeting to be held in Galway, on the 27th instant.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,  
W. G. FOGARTY,  
Secretary.

To each Member of the County Council.

COISTE COSANTA NA GAELTACHTA.  
GALWAY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND GALWAY GAELIC LEAGUE  
JOINT COMMITTEE.  
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE,  
GALWAY,  
9th December, 1926.

A Dhuine Usail,

The Joint Committee of the Galway Chamber of Commerce and the Galway Gaelic League has decided on holding a public meeting representative of Gaeltacht counties for the purpose of urging the economic and educational reforms that are necessary for the very existence of the poorer people along the west coast from Tír Conaill to Kerry, and the setting up of a permanent committee to watch Gaeltacht interests. It is proposed to hold the meeting in Galway on January 27th next, and the Committee has instructed me to invite your Council to appoint two representatives who will speak at the meeting on behalf of your county.

I shall be glad to hear from you when your Council will have considered this letter, and to learn that the county will stand with us in the fight for Gaedhíle agus Gaeltacht.

Is mise agus meas agam ort,  
MICHAEL J. ALLEN,  
Secretary to Joint Committee.

The Secretary, Galway County Council,  
Courthouse, Galway.

Secretary's Office,  
Courthouse, Galway,  
January 18th, 1927.

Sir,

I am directed to transmit herewith the attached Copy of Minutes of Proceedings (3201 to 3242) at Meeting of the Galway County Council, held on the 15th day of January, 1927.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,  
W. G. FOGARTY,  
Secretary.

- To the Ministry for Local Government, Dublin.
- To each Member of the Galway County Council.
- To each Urban District Council.
- To each County Surveyor.
- To the Treasurer, National Bank, Galway.
- To the Secretary, County Board of Health.
- To the R.M.S., Mental Hospital, Ballinasloe.
- To the Secretary, H. & H. A. Committee, Loughrea.
- To the County Solicitor.

To.....to see Minute No.....

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS of the Galway County Council at a Special Meeting held on the 15th January, 1927.

Chair :—Councillor M. M. Egan in the Chair.

Present :—Councillors Bartley, Cahill, Conroy, Corbett, Crowe, Curley, Dervan, Elder, Finnerty, Flanagan, Furey, Hallinan, Jones, Keaveney, Kenny, T. Kyne, Lambert, Lee, Lydon, McDonagh, McKeigue, McLoughlin, McNeill, Murphy, Moylette, Nestor, S. O'Connor, O'Toole, Ronaldson, Sweeney.

3201. Provisional Road Works Scheme :—Submitted provisional road works scheme of the County Surveyors as follows :—

*Scheme amended.  
See Scheme*

NORTH-WESTERN DIVISION.					
	Main County		Urban		Total
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£ s. d.
Part I.—(Repairs) ...	15896	0 0	15154	19 4	31050 19 4
(Galway Urban Area) ...	5820	0 0	2000	0 0	7820 0 0
Part II.—(Improvements) :—					
(a) (Co. Surveyor's List) ...	1880	0 0	1285	0 0	3165 0 0
(b) Notices of Motion by Councillors, Adjourned ...	17175	0 0	10539	0 0	27714 0 0
January 1926.					
Notices of Motion :—					
November, 1926 ...	—	—	1375	0 0	1375 0 0
Part III.—Contingencies :—					
Repayment of Loans ...	4574	0 0	40	0 0	4614 0 0
Totals ...	45745	0 0	28693	19 4	76438 19 4
Piers and Harbours—County-at-Large					£1654 0 0
County Buildings (Repairs)—County-at-Large					£100 0 0
Gross Total of Scheme					£78192 19 4
SOUTH-EASTERN DIVISION.					
Part I.—(Repairs) :—			16627	10 0	18623 4 4
Part I.—(Repairs) :—Ballinasloe Urban Area ...			2050	0 0	400 10 0
Part II.—(Improvements) :—					
(a)—County Surveyor ...			1025	0 0	380 0 0
(b)—Notices of Motion ...			3300	0 0	14410 0 0
Part III.—(Contingencies) :—					
(a) ...			50	0 0	100 0 0
(b) Miscellaneous :—					
Repayment of Loan, Portumna Bridge			510	0 0	—
Totals ...			23562	10 0	33513 4 4
400 10 0					
Total of my Estimate			39766	4 4	
Total Councillor Notices of Motion			17710	0 0	
Gross Total			£57476	4 4	

Secretary reported that as regards cost of Road Administration he proposed to charge all County and Assistant Surveyor salaries and expenses: Clerks in Co. Surveyors' Offices and half the cost of clerical staff of County Council to Roads Account.

Actual Road Work Estimate 1927/8 ... £87,115.  
Last year, adding Galway Urban ... £86,118.

Councillor McNeill proposed, Councillor Conroy seconded "That all non-contract Maintenance Works be reduced by seven and one half (7½) per cent."

Councillor O'Connor proposed, Councillor O'Toole seconded :—"That full Estimates on Provisional Works Scheme be adopted."

Councillor Crowe proposed, Councillor Kenny seconded.—"That all non-contract Maintenance Works be reduced by ten (10) per cent."

Councillor Nestor proposed, Councillor Elder seconded :—"That all non-contract Maintenance Works be reduced by thirty three and one third (33⅓) per cent."

Councillor Bartly proposed, Councillor Lee seconded :—"That all non contract Maintenance Works be reduced by one hundred (100) per cent."

The House divided when there voted :—  
For a reduction of Thirty three and one third per cent. 17  
For a reduction of Ten per cent ... 6  
For a reduction of Seven and one half per cent ... 5  
For adoption of Estimates in full ... 3  
For a reduction of One hundred per cent. ... 1

The votes for a reduction of 33⅓ per cent. having a clear majority the Chairman declared the Provisional Works Scheme 1927/8 adopted, subject to a reduction of 33⅓ per cent. on all non-contract Maintenance Works, and directed the Secretary to make the necessary amendments in Provisional Scheme a copy of which was signed.

Notices of Motion by Councillors :—

Notices printed in Provisional Road Scheme and numbers 2, 3, 14 (J) were submitted.

Councillor Ronaldson proposed, Councillor Elder seconded :—"That consideration of all Notices of Motion for Road works given by County Councillors be adjourned for twelve months."

Councillor Flanagan proposed, Councillor McKeigue seconded :—"That Notices of Motion be considered."

The House divided when there voted :—  
For postponement for 12 months ... 21  
Against postponement ... 11  
and the Chairman declared the Motion for Postponement—Carried.

Motions by Councillor McKeigue (Road from Carra Hill to Hollyhill Junction) and Councillor Crowe (Road to Templemoyle Cemetery) were ruled out under the foregoing decision.

Councillor Jones proposed, Councillor Conroy seconded, "That the sum of £850 included in Co. Surveyors Estimates for Contingencies be increased to £2,000 and used by the County Surveyors at their discretion in the repair of roads which are not already under repair by County Council."

The House divided when there voted :—  
For the Motion ... 15  
Against ... 16  
and the Motion was declared—Lost.

Councillor P. D. Conroy proposed, Councillor Lydon seconded :—"That the Land Commission be requested to make 500 yards of a New Road into the bog at Kylesalia from the public road (Invern to Kilkerrin) at Kylesalia to the Turf Banks : also a road from Island of Inchiquin to mainland.—Passed.

Secretary was authorised to forward to Land Commission similar applications re Pollagh, Uggool, Rhinn, Cloonkeen, (Dunmore), and Crannagh roads to Land Commission when particulars are received from Councillors interested, and the Council adjourned at 1-30 till 2 p.m. for luncheon interval.

On resuming business an ordinary meeting of the County Council was held.

*wrote Land Comm*

*and this  
Out*

Councillor Egan (and subsequently Councillor C. J. Kennedy) in the Chair.

3202. Minutes :—(a) County Council Minutes Nos. 3168 to 3200, having been circulated, were taken as read and were signed.

(b) Minutes of Finance Committee to No. 3728, having been submitted, were approved and were signed.

3203. Finance :—  
Bank Balance to-day ... £32,031 Dr.  
... Amount of sanctioned overdraft ... £60,000

3204. Rate Collection :—

(a) Submitted state of rate collection as follows :—  
Total amount of warrants ... £246,149  
Amount collected to date ... £131,164=53.2 p. c.  
Amount uncollected ... £114,985

(b) Collectors' Accounts :—  
Read Ministry's letter No. G. 59176 and G. 1563.  
The Secretary reported that the following Collectors had not lodged 50 per cent. of their warrants :—  
Collectors R. Muldoon, E. Griffin, T. Corbett and J. Morrissey, also the Aran Island collection in which warrant was only recently issued, and Boffin Island collection for which there is no collector.

Read Mrs. Muldoon's letter asking for a boat and protection and Mr. Sloyan's letter re account.

Councillor McNeill proposed, Chairman seconded :—

"That copies of L.G.D. letters be sent to Collectors concerned and that all Collectors be informed that Council expect 75 per cent. of collection to be lodged, and will consider all collections at Meeting to be held on February 5th."

Councillor Dervan proposed :—

"That full lists of Defaulters be published in Press."  
Ruled : This proposal requires a Notice of Motion.

(c) Local Government Bill, 1926 :—

Read G. 60407 and Mr. O'Gorman's letter.

Secretary reported that new rate books and demand notes would be necessary for the year 1927-1928 owing to alterations made in the method of assessment by the Local Government Bill, 1926, and it was ordered that the necessary books and forms be obtained by special contract after advertisement.

(d) Inishboffin Rate Collection :—

Submitted Finance Committee Minute No. 3719.

The Committee are unable to obtain a Collector.

Read Rev. Fr. Greally's letter upon this subject.

Order.—Re-advertise. Finance Committee to appoint if a suitable Collector can be found.

(e) Collector Sloyan—Complaint of Land Commission.

Submitted F. C. Minutes 3704-3726 and Councillor Concannon's letter of January 13th.

Order.—Explanation accepted. Mr. Sloyan to be cautioned to be more careful in future.

(f) Rate Collection and Poundage :—

Read Ministry's letter No. 56591 in regard to existing conditions governing rate collection and poundage, and suggesting a new system whereby poundage would be paid at diminishing rates dependent upon diligence with which the work of collection is done.

Order.—Ask Rate Collectors to submit their views on the proposed Scheme and bring matter up again at next meeting.

3205. County Medical Officer of Health :—

Submitted Ministry's letter No. P. H. 57137, pointing out that if the County Council do not comply with the statutory obligation to appoint a County Medical Officer of Health, the Minister has power to request the Local Appointments Commissioners to recommend a person for appointment.

Read Ministry's circular No. 39176 setting out the duties of County Medical Officers of Health.

Order.—Ask the Minister to agree, in view of the present financial state of the County, to postponement of this appointment until financial conditions improve.

3206. Improvement of Roads in Connemara :—

Submitted Ministry's letter No. RG/11 of the 24th Dec., and Finance Committee Minute No. 3710 directing the County Surveyor to carry out the work either by contract or otherwise.

Order.—Approved.

3207. Tuberculosis Act—Woodlands Sanatorium—Pavilion :—

Read Ministry's circular of the 3rd December, with regard to £631 14s. Od. available for County Galway.

Heard Dr. Boyd Barrett who stated that half the Loan and interest and a free grant of over £600 will be borne by State Funds

Treasurer

Circular sent all Rate collectors

Notice on agenda.

Letters for 5th Feby

advertised for 5th Feby.

wrote Colbr Sloyan copy sent Co. Concannon.

on agenda for 5th Feby.

Done

wrote Ministry

Done

booked G.D.

wrote B.O.H. + copy to L.G. Dept.

Councillor Corbett proposed, Councillor Conroy seconded, "That the order of the County Council postponing the consideration of erection of pavilion at Woodlands Sanatorium and loan therefor for two years be rescinded and that the County Council proceed with the application for loan and approve of the proposed extension.

The House divided when there voted :—  
Against the Motion ... 16  
For the Motion ... 13

and the Motion was declared Lost.  
The Vice-Chairman took the Chair.

3208. Bridwell, Loughrea :—Submitted Mr. Lardner's report No. 7585, stating that the sum of £200 would be a fair price for a 999 years' lease.

No reply from the Loughrea Town Commissioners. Referred to Finance Committee Minute No. 3693.

Order.—Instruct Mr. Kilchreest, Engineer, Loughrea, to submit a Valuation of the proposed 999 years' lease.

3209. Bridewell, Tuam :—Submitted Ministry's letter No. G. 54264 stating that the Ministry will not object to the proposal set out in County Council Minute No. 3128.

Order.—County Solicitor to complete transfer.

3210. School Attendance Committees :—Read circular from the Ministry of Education dated the 31st December, relative to the determination of Officers of School Attendance and their compensation under Section 26 (4) of the School Attendance Act, 1926.

Order.—Have particulars for compensation circulated to Members and put upon agenda for next meeting if possible.

3211. Agricultural Committee Secretaryship, &c. :—

Read letter No. E. 19519 from the Department asking the County Council to agree to the appointment of Secretary at a rate of £150 per annum, rising by £15 to £300.

Submitted Minute No. 387 of the Committee of Agriculture.

Order.—Minute No. 387 approved.

Rate Aid :—Submitted A.C.M. 392, asking County Council to continue 1½d. Rate in aid so as to secure extra grant.

Order.—That rate-aid be continued at 1½ in the £ for 1927-'28.

3212. Technical Instruction Committee Secretaryship :—

Referred to County Council Minute No. 3126 authorising the Technical Instruction Committee to appoint one of the

existing Officers to post of Principal and Secretary.

Submitted Technical Instruction Committee Minutes Nos. 316 and 324.

Order.—The proceedings of the Technical Instruction Committee as set out in their Minute No. 324 are approved.

3213. Scholarship Schemes :—

University and Secondary School. Submitted Schemes and same were approved.

3214. Diseases of Animals Acts :—Submitted Medical certificate of illness of Mr. T. McD. Kelly, V.S.

Read Secretary's letter of the 21st December, to the Department intimating that he was referring any work in Mr. Kelly's District to Mr. Kyne, V.S.

Read Mr. Kyne's letter stating he will act for Mr. Kelly during his illness.

Read Department's letter No. L. 5508 approving of this arrangement.

Order.—County Council approve of arrangement made.

3215. Accountant :—

Councillor Concannon proposed, Councillor seconded :—

"That the order of the County Council fixing Mr. Crowe's remuneration as Accountant at £30 be rescinded, and that the matter thereof be reopened for discussion for such determination as, to the Council, shall seem fit.

Order.—Consideration adjourned.

3216. Trunk Roads :—

Councillor Ronaldson proposed, Councillor Cahill seconded :—"That the Council request the Minister for Local Government to schedule the main road from Tuam to Foxhall as a trunk road with a view to same being steam-rolled, and that the Council submit a proposal to the Minister for Local Government for the expenditure of such portion of the National Road Grant as is allocated thereto or allotted thereon."—Passed.

3217. Weighbridge, Oughterard :—

Read letter No. E. 21430 from the Department of Agriculture.

Councillor O'Toole proposed :—"That a weighbridge for weighing coal be erected at Oughterard."

At Councillor O'Toole's request the Motion was adjourned

3218. Sheep Dipping :—

wrote Mr. Gilchreest. Copy to Co. L. Hill. File sent Colbr.

write for particulars on agenda for 5th Feby.

wrote Ag. Committee

wrote Dept

wrote Dept. of Agriculture

on agenda for 5th Feby

wrote Rha Dept.

on agenda for 5th Feby

Woodlands Sanatorium

Councillor Lambert proposed, Councillor Nestor seconded:—"That the necessary notice be served on the Sheep Dipping Inspectors that their services be dispensed with as from date of their next Annual appointment, and that their work be included in the duties of the Veterinary Surgeons recently appointed, and that the Department of Agriculture be notified accordingly, and that the necessary notices be given to the Officers concerned."—Passed.

3219. Meetings:—  
Councillor McKeigue proposed, Councillor Elder seconded "That the Meetings of the County Council be held monthly, and that the Minutes be circulated to the Members and that an agenda be issued for each Meeting."

The House divided when there voted:—  
Against the Motion ... .. 19  
For the Motion ... .. 10  
and the Motion was declared—Lost.

3220. Re J. Egan:—  
Councillor McKeigue proposed, Councillor Finnerty seconded:—"That the cases of John Egan, Benj. Murray and Patrick Stack, Inspectors for the Ballinasloe, Loughrea, and Gort Unions respectively, be re-considered and that they be granted pensions of £26 per annum in each case."—Passed unanimously.

3221. Bonuses:—  
Councillor Nestor proposed:—"That all bonuses paid to Officials of the County Council and the Officials of the various Committees appointed by the County Council, with no exception, shall cease on the 31st March, 1927."

3222. Scholarships:—  
Councillor Elder proposed, Councillor O'Connor seconded:—"That the decision, order, vote or recommendation of the Council given at their Meeting on the 6th November last re vote of £61 with reference to the award of 3 additional scholarships be rescinded and that the fixed limit of £200 be adhered to for reasons to be offered on the hearing of this Motion."

Read letter from National Education Office and heard County Solicitor, and after discussion Motion was allowed to drop.

3223. Roads:—Councillor Jones proposed, Councillor Keaveney seconded:—"That the sum of £200 be allowed to

each Union area for the repair of roads not already kept in repair by public funds."

Amended and put, see Minute No. 3201, and lost by 16 votes against, to 15 votes for.

3224. Secretary:—Submitted Ministry's letter No. 54976 of the 7th December, and Finance Committee Minute No. 3728. Heard County Solicitor, and Mr. McTiernan for Mr. Fogarty.

County Solicitor submitted agreement drafted by himself and submitted to Messrs Blake and Kenny and reply of Messrs. Blake & Kenny with alternative agreement.

The Council agreed on the advice of the County Solicitor to agree to an arrangement whereby definite proportions of the remuneration and expenses under the Registration Expenses Order, 1924, be allocated as follows:—Five ninths thereof to be treated as Expenses and retained by the Secretary in return for which he shall be obliged to pay all the expenses of preparation of Voters' and Jurors' Lists, and that remaining Four ninths be regarded as remuneration and lodged by the Secretary to the Credit of the County Council.

After discussion it was  
Ordered.—That, acting on the advice of the County Solicitor, the Council authorise the County Solicitor to approve of the draft agreement submitted by Messrs. Blake & Kenny subject to the Substitution of the proportions 5/9th for expenses and 4/9ths for remuneration.—Passed.

3225. County Libraries:—  
Read letter from Colonel Mitchell, Secretary to the Carnegie United Kingdom Trust, asking for representative of the Council to meet him in Dublin at the end of January to discuss the Council's decision with regard to the County Librarian's salary, and also informing the Council that the Trustees have set aside a further small allocation to be used in the form of supplementary grants to well-established County Libraries which are showing signs of active development.

Order.—Councillor Flanagan and Secretary appointed.

3226. Royal Sanitary Institute:—Annual Congress at Hastings in July, 1927. Submitted circular of the 25th November, 1926.

Order.—Refer to Board of Health.

3227. Gaeltacht Report:—  
Heard deputation (Mr. Kenny and Dr. Dillon.)  
Read Mr. M. J. Allen's letter asking the Council to appoint two representatives to a public meeting of the Gaeltacht

*wrote each L.D. Inspr. & each Vets. Inspr.*

*wrote Dept of Agl.*

*Agenda CCW*

*wrote to Solicitor*

*Date unsendable*

*sent B.O.H.*

Counties to be held at Galway on the 27th January.  
Order.—That the Chairman and Councillors Kenny and McNeill be appointed to represent the Council at meeting. All Members to be asked to attend if possible.

3228. Encroachments:—Petrol Pumps.  
Read Mr. Kennedy's report that petrol pumps erected on public footpaths are dangerous, and recommending that notice be served on the owners of such pumps to remove them.  
Order.—Refuse future applications.

3229. Urban Roads—Scavenging:—  
Referred to Finance Committee Minute No. 3711 re roads in Ballinasloe Urban District, and to 3721 re roads in Galway Urban District, from which it would appear that the present system of dual responsibility is leading to inefficiency.

Read Reports of Mr. Lee, C.S., and letter from Mr. Dunne, Town Surveyor.  
Order.—Refer to Ministry of Local Government and ask for a ruling on the point at issue.

3230. Distress in Inishboffin:—Read Finance Committee Minute No. 3687, and letter to the Ministry dated the 20th December.

Order.—The County Council approve of the action of the Finance Committee and request the Ministry to have a grant placed at the disposal of the County Council to meet distress in Boffin Island.

3231. Workhouse, Ballinasloe:—Mr. E. B. Elliott applies for letting of dining hall at the Ballinasloe Workhouse for storage of oats.

Order.—Reply that County Council have no power to let the Workhouse or any portion of it for this purpose.

3232. Tuberculosis Act:—(a) Sanatorium Grant.  
See Minute No. 3207.

(b) Staff:—Read Ministry's letter No. P.H. 56546.

Order.—County Council ratify the temporary appointment of Nurse K. Loftus.

(c) Read Ministry's letter No. P.H. 60068 with regard to the proposed appointment of Nurse Kavanagh.

Order.—This file does not call for action by the County Council.

(d) Agreement:—Read Ministry's P.H. 661.

Order.—Send copy of letter to Insurance Committee and to Board of Health. Insurance Committee to state definitely whether they are prepared to contribute to the salary and expenses of Tuberculosis Medical Officer and Tuberculosis Dis-

*wrote to Delegates*

*workhouse Inspr*

*wrote to Ministry*

*wrote Ministry & Deputies*

*Done*

*Copy to B.O.H.*

*wrote Mrs. Ryan B.O.H. & Ministry*

pensary Nurse on the basis set out in the Ministry's letter which the County Council consider reasonable.

3233. Moycullen Road—Purchase of Land:—  
Submitted Mr. Kennedy's letter No. 216, agreeing to pay compensation as follows:—

Table with 2 columns: Name, Amount. James Kyne ... £12. Edward Griffin ... £8. Michael Conroy ... £2.

Order.—The arrangements are approved and the County Solicitor is directed to prepare the necessary agreements.

3234. Housing Acts—Insurance of Houses:—  
Houses built under Housing Loans.  
Read letter No. 7262 to the Ministry of Local Government, and letter No. 556/31977 from the Ministry.

No Order.  
Rates on Houses built under the Housing Acts.  
Heard Mr. Eamon O'Maille. Councillor Lee undertook to give Notice.

3235. Motor Vehicles—Third Party Risks:—  
Read Mr. J. Leech's letter No. 125 of the 5th January.

Order.—Enquire from the Roads Department of the Ministry whether the County Council have any power to impose the condition referred to as a condition precedent to the issue of a license.

3236. Defaulting Annuitants:—  
Read resolution of the 3rd January from the Dublin County Council which was adopted.

3237. General Resolutions:—  
Read the following resolutions:—  
County Galway Ratepayers' Association.  
Wexford County Council—re immoral literature.  
Clare County Council—re Shannon Scheme.  
Aughrim Ratepayers' Association—re rates, salaries, etc.  
Tirone County Council—re grain conference.  
Tuam Town Commissioners—Request the County Council to publish a list of defaulting Ratepayers, and congratulate the Council on publishing list of defaulting Land Purchase Annuitants, and asking for information in regard to County Institutions, etc.

Howth Urban District Council—re rights of way.  
Ballymacward Ratepayers—re rates and economy, County expenses, etc.  
Killarney Urban District Council—re plantations.

*Done.*

*Agenda*

*Done*

*Copy to Dublin C.C.*

asked for Statutory Auditing  
Done ✓

Worked 40

Write Killeman

Write Mr. McSporn ✓

Write Mr. Lee ✓

Write Mr. Lee ✓

Town Improvements Committee, Portumna—re changing of fairs to Shannon Road.  
Tirconail County Council—re Gaeltacht Commission.  
Carrickmacross Urban District Council—re recoupment of Sanitary Salaries.  
Order.—Refer to Board of Health for recommendations.  
Tipperary County Council—re collection of Land Commission annuities.

3238. Trunk Roads :—  
Councillor Jones proposed, Councillor Keaveney seconded :—"That the Council request the Minister for Local Government to schedule the main road from Creggs to Dunmore via Glenamaddy as a Trunk Road, so connecting it with the trunk road at Dunmore, with a view to same being steam-rolled, and that the Council submit a proposal to the Minister for Local Government for the expenditure of such portion of the National Road Grant as is allocated thereto or allotted thereon."—Passed.

3239. Insurances—Commission :—  
Read letter No. 250 from Mr. P. O'Dea, Broker to the County Council.  
Order.—Ask Insurance Company for a statement of practice.

3240. Valuation and Expenditure :—  
Read letter 7074 from H. McGovern, Kilconnell.  
Particulars asked for are :—  
Valuations : Land £376,773 : O.H. £71844

Due on Loans, 30th September :—	
Relief of Rates, Agricultural Land ...	£58,142
Transferred Union Loans ...	£11,014
Transferred District Council Loans ...	£136,474
Co. Council Loans, Roads and Buildings	£38,603
Mental Hospital (30th March, 1926) ...	£39,400
	£283,633

3241. Workhouse, Gort—Insanitary Condition :—  
Read letter No. 264 from the Board of Health.  
Order.—County Surveyor to provide wicket and latch in main doors.

3242. Ganger Dwyer :—Submitted correspondence re pay sheets, 698, 1251, 338.  
Order.—County Surveyor to censure the ganger for irregularities disclosed and inform him that any further cause for complaints of this nature will be severely dealt with.

Confirmed this 5th day of February, 1927.

J. P. Kennedy  
Chairman.

Indexed E.H.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE,  
COURTHOUSE, GALWAY,  
29th Jan., 1927.

SIR,  
You are hereby summoned to attend a Quarterly Meeting of the Finance Committee and of the County Council to be held at the Council Chamber, Galway, on SATURDAY, the 5th day of FEBRUARY, 1927, at the hour of 11.30 o'clock, a.m.  
By Order of the Council,  
W. G. FOGARTY,  
Secretary.  
To each Member.

BUSINESS :

- 3243. 1.—Consideration of Applications for Payment. ✓
- 3244. 2.—Consideration of Proposals for Works.

A MEETING OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL will be held at the conclusion of the Business of the Finance Committee.

- 3245 1. Minutes.
- 2. RATE COLLECTION :—
  - 3246 ✓ (a) State of Rate Collection. ✓
  - 3247 ✓ (b) Consideration of Tenders for Printing of New Rate Books. ✓
  - 3248 ✓ (c) Rate Collection and Poundage. ✓
  - 3249 ✓ (d) Clifden No. 5 Collection District—Inishboffin. Appointment of Rate Collector.
- 3250 3. SCHOOL ATTENDANCE ACT, 1926. Compensation to School Attendance Officers.  
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- 3249  
3250 4. NOTICES OF MOTION :—
  - ✓ (1) Rates :—  
I will move, at next meeting of the Council, that list of all defaulting ratepayers as on the 31st March, 1927, be published."—A. DERVAN.
  - 3252 (2) Accountant :—  
"I, or some person on my behalf, will move at next meeting of the County Council, that the order of the County Council fixing Mr. Crowe's remuneration as Accountant at £30 be rescinded, and that the matter thereof be reopened for discussion for such determination as, to the Council, shall seem fit."—WM. J. CONCANNON. \*
  - 3253 (3) Weighbridge, Oughterard :—  
"I, or some member on my behalf, will move at next meeting of the County Council that a Weighbridge for weighing coal be erected at Oughterard."—H. O'TOOLE. \*
  - 3254 (4) Trunk Roads :—  
"I, or some member on my behalf, will move at next meeting of the Council, that the Council request the Minister for Local Government to schedule the main road from Ballymoe to Dunmore via Williamstown as a Trunk Road, so connecting it with the trunk road at Dunmore, with a view to same being steam-rolled, and that the Council submit a proposal to the Minister for Local Government for the expenditure of such portion of the National Road Grant as is allocated thereto."—J. A. McLoughlin. \*
  - 3255 (5) Salaries of Officials :—  
"I, or some member on my behalf, will move at next meeting of the County Council, that the salaries of all officials of the County Council and its various committees be gone into with the view to having them reduced proportionately."—JAMES NESTOR.
  - 3256 (6) Breaking of Stones :—  
"I, or some member on my behalf, will move at the next meeting of the County Council, that all stones for road metal be broken by hand instead of by crusher."—TOMAS O'FLANNAGAIN. \*
  - 3257 (7) Veterinary Dispensaries :—  
"I, or some member on my behalf, will move at the next meeting of the County Council that the Council will adopt a Veterinary Dispensary system for farmers who do not own more than three head of cattle and six sheep, and that the Veterinary Surgeons will consider it part of their duty to act on free tickets for veterinary treatment."—TOMAS O'FLANNAGAIN.



- 3258 (8) *Housing Acts* :—  
 "I will move at next meeting of the Council, that the question of remission of rates on houses erected under the Housing (Building Facilities) Act, be considered."—B. A. LEE. ✓
- 3259 (9) *Secretaryship, Agricultural Committee* :—  
 "I beg to give notice that I, or someone for me, will move at the next meeting of the County Council that the Committee of Agriculture be asked to promote a man as Secretary whose salary be £150 per annum."—JOHN McKEIGUE. ✓
- 3260 (10) *Drainage*.  
 "I, or some one on my behalf, will move at the next meeting of the Council, that the Tiernevin River be included in the Arterial Drainage Scheme for the purpose of clearing the river and draining the adjoining lands."—THOMAS MURPHY. ✓
- 3261 (11) *Extension of Woodlands Sanatorium* :—  
 "I, or some member on my behalf, will move that the Order made at last meeting of the County Council postponing consideration of the question of the extension of Woodlands Sanatorium be reconsidered, as 25 per cent. of the members of the Council were absent when said Order was made."—EAMON NA CORRAIN. ✓
- 3262 (12) *Secretary, Sanatorium Committee*.  
 I, or some member on my behalf, will move at the next meeting of the County Council, that the bonus of the Secretary of the Sanatorium Committee be cancelled, and his salary be paid in accordance with the Scale fixed for County Council clerical staff.—M. FINNERTY. ✓
- 3263 5. EX-COLLECTOR R. O'HALLORAN —  
 Consideration of Superannuation Allowance. ✓
- 3264 6. POUND AT GALWAY. ✓
- 3265 7. INSURANCES OF COUNCIL—Brokerage. ✓
- 3266 8. DEVELOPMENT OF TOURIST TRAFFIC—Rate Aid. ✓
- 3267 9. OLD AGE PENSIONS —  
 Appointment of Rev. Fr. O'Beirne, C.C., Ballinamore Bridge, on Mountbellew Sub-Committee. ✓
- ~~3268~~ 10. RESOLUTIONS.
- ~~3269~~ 11. GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE.
3268. *Public Roads Act: Keelmore-Mellick Road & Banagher-Mellick Road. Submitted Correspondence* ✓
3269. *Blind Persons Act*
- 3270 : *DA Act Messrs Egan Shack Murray*
- 3271 *Resolution*
3272. *Loughrea Sewerage Loan*
3273. *Corrib Drainage. Report of Board of Works.*
3274. *Keelmore Drainage*

COMHAIRLE CONNDAE NA GAILLIMHE.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE,  
 COURTHOUSE, GALWAY,  
 9th February, 1927.

CORRIB DRAINAGE.

DEAR SIR,  
 I beg to send you herewith copy of Report upon Drainage and Navigation of Loughs Corrib, Mask and Carra, which will be laid before the County Council at Quarterly Meeting on the 19th instant, with Report of the County Surveyors.  
 Yours faithfully,  
 W. G. FOGARTY, Secretary.

To  
 Each Member of the County Council.  
 Each County Surveyor.  
 Secretary, Board of Works, Dublin.  
 Secretary, Ministry of Local Government, Dublin.  
 W. N. Bians, Esq., B.E., Galway.

REPORT ON THE LOUGHS CORRIB, MASK AND CARRA  
 DRAINAGE DISTRICT.

BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF PUBLIC WORKS IN IRELAND.

- A. HISTORY AND PRESENT POSITION :
- 1.—This district was formed in 1859. Its catchment area is one of the largest in Ireland; it includes nearly 780,000 acres and is thus a little larger than that of the River Barrow. All the water from this area, except so far as they are evaporated or absorbed, flow into Lough Corrib which has an area of 44,000 acres, and from Lough Corrib reach the sea by the short River Corrib, only four miles in length, passing through the City of Galway.
  - 2.—The scheme carried out in 1859 was threefold, for Drainage, Navigation, and Mill-power. Three awards were made (and are still in legal force) imposing duties on three several bodies for these purposes, and giving powers of taxation of three several constituencies.
    - (a) *For Power* :—The fall of the river is in daily use by about a dozen establishments in the City of Galway; among other things, it lights the town with electricity.
    - (b) The Navigation extends from Galway to Cong at the north end of Lough Corrib. It was intended to reach Lough Mask also by means of a canal from Cong, but the canal proved a failure. The Navigation is apparently still of some small practical importance.
    - (c) The Drainage was a difficult task, and the Drainage Award shows that the Government did not claim a high degree of success. The enclosed Map shows roughly the extent of the lands scheduled

as improved by the works. They amount to 13,686 acres in all. The land to the South and East of Lough Corrib is very low and flat; the Lough receiving a huge quantity of water from the extensive catchment area, and the channel of the River Corrib to the sea was quite insufficient to carry off the floods rapidly, so that they lay long on the lands. By very considerable works of enlarging the channel, particularly at three points—the Friars' Cut, the Menlough Shoal, and the Newcastle Shoal (shewn in red on the map)—the engineers endeavoured to remedy this cardinal defect of the insufficiency of the outlet. The Schedule to the Drainage Award gives the original annual value of the 13,686 acres improved as £5,032 or an average of 7s/4d. per acre, and the total improvement in annual value as only £1,861 or an average of just under 2s/9d. per acre.

3.—The total cost of the works for the three purposes of Mill-power, Navigation, and Drainage, was £250,610, of which the Government gave £173,613 as a free grant, £28,000 was assigned to be repaid by the owners of land improved by the drainage, and has been duly repaid, nor is there any reason to suppose that those lands did not really benefit to the extent set forth in the Schedule to the Award. But the author of the scheme (Mr. MacMahon) had set forth a precise result which he expected to obtain from it, and as in the case of the Bann Drainage, also designed by Mr. MacMahon, the results disappointed his expectation. MacMahon said that the result of the works which he proposed in the River Corrib would be that the level of Lough Corrib (at its south end) would stand in summer about the same level as the river at Galway above the regulating weir, and 12 inches higher in winter, that is in flood time. This expectation has been disappointed in flood time; through a great part of an average winter, Lough Corrib stands not one but almost exactly two feet higher than the river above the Weir. The questions on which we have to report are:—

- (1) What is the reason of this partial failure?
- (2) How can it be remedied within the limits of MacMahon's combined scheme, at what cost, and with what benefit?
- (3) Can a cheaper or more effective remedy be found by discarding MacMahon's scheme?

#### B. CAUSE OF FLOODING.

4.—For many years past the Drainage District has not been properly maintained; this is common knowledge. For some years past the Drainage Trustees have had trouble with their constituents many of whom refused to pay the Drainage rates on the ground that no sufficient works of maintenance were being done. The trouble culminated in 1926 in a disputed election, and at present we understand there are two separate sets of drainage trustees, each claiming to be validly elected. Many persons assign lack of maintenance as the reason for the floods, which are said to lie longer on the lands now than formerly.

5.—Since the works were originally executed there had not been made, so far as we are aware, a survey of the River Corrib. The reason for flooding can be determined only by such a survey which is a matter of some time and expense. We carried out such a survey, together with a survey of all main channels of the district in the

summer and autumn of 1925, and further detailed information as to flood levels has been collected for us since by daily readings of gauges which we set up in the river and lake, as well as from information derived from the gauge maintained by the Drainage Trustees. Our Chief Drainage Engineer, Mr. Olley, working on these materials, has drawn out diagrams representing the actual shape of the river bed from the lake to the City, and also diagrams showing the size and shape of the bed required to draw off average flood water at the south end of the lake as required to keep it down to MacMahon's proposed level.

6.—The result is to demonstrate that want of maintenance is not responsible for Lough Corrib's standing a foot higher in winter than MacMahon intended. *The channel of the River Corrib, as left by the engineers in 1859, is insufficient to do the work expected of it, whether because the original design was faulty, or, more probably, because money ran short and the work was left incomplete.* A river channel like a chain, is no stronger than its weakest point, that is, it will not take more water than will pass its least capacious point. *The River Corrib has two weak points, the Menlough and Newcastle shoals mentioned in paragraph 2.* Great improvements were no doubt made at both these places by the scheme of 1859, but at both places the channel was left insufficient. The channel at Menlough is cut through the limestone rock and at Newcastle through rock and hard gravel. At Menlough there is no silting; the channel is as good and capacious as it was left in 1859; and here and at Newcastle are the least capacious parts of the channel now. It follows that no neglect of maintenance, no growth of weeds or soil at any other part of the channel can have any noticeable or substantial effect in increasing floods; and if floods have really increased in recent years it must be because of unfavourable weather.

#### C. METHOD OF IMPROVEMENT, COST AND BENEFIT.

7.—In order to make such a channel for the River Corrib as would produce the results expected by MacMahon it would not be sufficient to enlarge the channel at Menlough and Newcastle Shoals, although that would probably be the most expensive part of the work. When these places had been improved there would then be a good many other parts of the channel inferior to them and further excavation would be necessary in the Friars' Cut, the Menlough Cut, and elsewhere. *Mr. Olley estimates the total cost of forming such a channel as would keep Lough Corrib a foot lower in winter than it is now at £50,000 under favourable conditions.*

8.—It is not possible to say what benefit to the lands would be obtained for this expenditure without a detailed report from a Valuer; but it is easy to show that it would not be large. The whole benefit derived by the 13,686 acres improved under the original scheme was assessed at £1,861. But not by any means would all these lands derive any substantial additional benefit from the lowering of Lough Corrib. 7,600 acres out of the 13,686 are lands lying beside the rivers Clare and Cregg (see Map) and investigations made by our Engineers in 1904, as a result of complaints of excessive flooding at the village of Montagh on the Clare river, shewed clearly that these lands could not be substantially improved except as the result of the very extensive new work on the Clare and Cregg rivers themselves, of

which the cost would be of the order of £50,000. There are also about 1,200 acres lying on tributaries which would not be much affected by the lowering of the lake. Leaving these lands, then, out of account, there remain roughly 4,900 acres which would benefit by the lowering of Lough Corrib by one foot in winter. Nothing but a Valuer's report could determine the degree of benefit, but we think it would certainly be less than the average benefit conferred on these lands by the original scheme. Supposing it, however, equal to that benefit, it would amount to £674 a year; while the annuity required to repay the capital expenditure of £50,000 is £3,250 a year.

D. POSSIBLE ALTERATIONS OF THE PRESENT SCHEME.

9.—The crucial point in any alteration of the present scheme with a view to improving drainage conditions is the Weir at Galway. This Weir keeps up the level of Lough Corrib in summer and thereby preserves the Navigation and the flow for mill-power. Any number of alterations to it might of course be suggested, but they can all be reduced to two categories:—

- (1) Alterations which (by sluices or other means) increase the Weir's capacity for passing a flood without lowering the summer's level of the lake.
- (2) The removal or lowering of the Weir so as to allow the lake to run off below its present summer level.

10.—The first class—such changes as deal with floods only—need not have any injurious effect on the navigation or the mill-power; but they would have no perceptible effect in improving the drainage, because, as already pointed out, it is the insufficiency of the river channel, and not the weir, which at present prevents the flood from being carried off as quickly as MacMahon proposed: sluicing or lowering the weir would not carry off the flood any quicker unless the improvements in the river channel were carried out as well.

11.—On the other hand, the total removal of the weir, or its lowering so as to lower the summer level of the lake, would effect a real improvement in the drainage, because the Lake with its great area of 44,000 acres acts as a reservoir and the lower it is allowed to fall in the dry season the longer time it will take for the floods to fill it. Nevertheless, the rainfall of an ordinary winter would be more than sufficient to fill the Lake again even if the Weir were entirely removed, because, as has been so often stated, the river channel is not of sufficient capacity to remove the floods quickly; and it may be added, what is obvious when stated, that the lower the level at which the river is running in a given channel, the less is the capacity of the channel.

12.—Therefore, the result of removing or substantially lowering the Weir at Galway would not be to relieve the lands from flooding, but only to defer the beginning of the flooding; the water, once on the lands, would remain there to approximately the same date that it would remain if the Weir were untouched; while the navigation and the mill-power would be abolished or injured according as the Weir were wholly removed or only lowered.

OFFICE OF PUBLIC WORKS, DUBLIN,  
19th January, 1927.

COMHAIRLE CONNDAE NA GAILLIMHE.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE,  
COURTHOUSE, GALWAY,  
9th Feb., 1927.

ROAD GRANT, £16,502.

SIR,

I send herewith copy of Ministry's letter No. RGM / 201, of the 2nd instant, with regard to Grant of £16,502 to be allocated towards the upkeep of roads.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,  
W. G. FOGARTY, Secretary.

To

Each Member of the County Council.  
Each County Surveyor.  
The Secretary, Ministry of Local Government, Roads Department,  
Dublin.  
The Press.

DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND  
PUBLIC HEALTH (ROADS),  
51, UPPER MOUNT STREET, DUBLIN,

RGM/201.

2nd February, 1927

ROADS MAINTENANCE GRANTS  
1927 - 1928.

A CHARA,

1.—I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he has had under consideration the question of making Grants from the Road Fund towards the cost of the upkeep of Main Roads during the ensuing financial year. By "upkeep" is meant the ordinary average work done on the roads. The term does not include special works, establishment charges or charges for loans expended in former years.

2.—Hitherto all Grants made from the Road Fund have in general been given for Works of Improvement of Trunk Roads. The Grants made since 1923 now total over £2,000,000 while under the National Road Scheme a further £2,000,000 will be expended within the next few years. Although it is the aim of the Minister to continue to make Grants for improvement he is of opinion that the work which has been carried out within the past three years and the special work for which provision has been made under the National Scheme permit the allocation of portion of the Road Fund to upkeep charges. He has decided to recommend to the Minister for Finance that a total sum of about £200,000 shall be set apart for this purpose in respect of the year 1927/1928.

3.—The total sum allowed by County Councils for the *upkeep* alone of roads during the present financial year (1926/1927) amounts to about £529,000 over the sum expended on actual road upkeep in 1913/1914. The bringing in of a sum of £200,000 towards upkeep would reduce the excess over the 1913/1914 figures by 38 per cent.

4.—From the particulars supplied to this Department last year by the County Surveyor the amount allowed by the County Council for the *upkeep* of Main Roads was £41,698, apportioned as follows:—

Main Roads which are Trunk Roads,	£19,966
Other Main Roads,	£21,732

Total, . . . . . £41,698

On the assumption that the amount to be allowed *under this head* for these roads for 1927/1928 will be the same as that for 1926/1927 the Grant towards upkeep of main road in your County for the ensuing financial year will be £16,502, calculated on the basis of 50 per cent. of the cost of the upkeep of Main Roads which are Trunk Roads and 30 per cent. in the case of other Main Roads.

5.—It will be appreciated that if the expenditure is less than that allowed by the Council for 1926/1927 the grant of £16,502 would give higher percentages than those set out. Higher percentages cannot, however, be authorised and in such cases the total amount of Grant will be reduced to such sum as the percentages of 50 and 30 represent on the expenditure.

6.—Any saving on the payments in respect of Grants for upkeep will remain available in the Fund for distribution as Grants for improvement.

7.—In some few cases Councils have already determined their estimates for the ensuing financial year. No alteration need be made as the Grants will be available for increasing the sum set aside for the year reducing the next estimates or for purposes of improvement. In cases where the estimates have not been determined it will be open to the Councils to have regard to the Grants (bearing in mind the percentages which the Grants represent) indicated, i.e., to assume that 50 per cent. of the total cost of maintaining Main Roads which are Trunk Roads and 30 per cent. in the case of the remaining Main Roads will be borne by Grant, subject to the maximum Grant stated in each case.

8.—The Grants will ordinarily be paid in instalments quarterly on statements of expenditure. It should be understood that where the return is reported by the Department's Inspectors to be inadequate for the expenditure the Grant will be subject to disallowance or reduction according to the degree of inadequacy.

9.—It is hoped to notify at an early date particulars of Grants for works of improvement apart from the work to be carried out under the National Road Scheme.

10.—Requisition Forms will be issued in due course.

Mise, le meas,

E. P. McCARRON, Runaidh.

The Secretary, County Council, Galway.

GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL.

(COPY).  
F.C.M. 3718.

COURTHOUSE, GALWAY,  
25th January, 1927.

ESTIMATE AND DEMAND FOR THE  
YEAR ENDING MARCH, 1928.

DEAR SIR,

I am directed by the Finance Committee to inform you that they notice from Table C of your Form 43, that you estimate that there will be a balance against the Fund of the Mental Hospital on the 31st March next amounting to £12,600. On reference to the corresponding Tables in the Demand for the year ending March 1927, they find that you brought forward a debit balance of £10,800 in the Demand for the current year, being an estimated debit balance on the 31st March, 1926.

The whole of this estimated debit balance plus the whole of your Demand for the year ending March, 1927 will have been paid over to the Mental Hospital Account before the end of the current financial year, and the Finance Committee, therefore, cannot understand how it is estimated that at the end of the current financial year the Mental Hospital Committee will be £12,600 in debt, except upon the assumption that during the current financial year the Committee will have spent £12,600 more than they demand from the two contributing counties.

The Finance Committee would be obliged if you would favour them with an explanation for their meeting to be held on the 29th instant.

Yours faithfully,  
W. G. FOGARTY, Secretary.

J. Mills, Esq., M.D., R.M.S.,  
Mental Hospital, Ballinasloe.  
Copy to Secretary, Roscommon County Council.

(Copy of Letter from the R.M.S., Ballinasloe).

MENTAL HOSPITAL,  
BALLINASLOE,

Re ESTIMATE AND DEMAND. 26th Jan., 1927.

SIR,

In reply to your letter of the 25th inst., No. F.C.M. 3718. The estimated debit balance of £12,600 on 31st March, 1927, includes an estimated amount of £5,500 to pay March bills. This amount has been included on the instructions of the Committee of Management so that each financial year may henceforth stand on its own assessment.

With reference to the Estimate for year ending 31st March, 1927. Although there was a debit balance estimated for on 31st March, 1926, the Committee of Management deducted from the items of expenditure of my original estimate £11,000, leaving the amount to be obtained from the County Councils totally inadequate to run the Institution.

From each Annual Estimate submitted large amounts have been deducted by the Committee of Management and the County Councils which always resulted in leaving a large debit balance at the end of the financial year. The Committee of Management when considering the Estimate for year ending 31st March, 1928, on the 10th inst., reduced the estimate by me by £5,888.

The amount estimated as a deficit to occur on 31st March, 1926, was £10,800. The actual deficit as certified by the Auditor was £9,167/1/1. This deficit did not include the debts incurred during March and due on the 31st of that month, which amounted to £5,631/5/1, so that the real deficit of 31st March, 1926, was £14,798/6/2, from which, for purposes of accuracy, may be deducted a sum of £300 in the hands of the R.M.S.

It is intended to pay the March bills in future out of the estimate for the year ending 31st March, as was hitherto the custom.

Yours faithfully,  
JOHN MILLS,  
Resident Medical Superintendent.

The Secretary, Galway County Council,  
Courthouse, Galway.

COMHAIRLE CONNDAE NA GAILLIMHE.

Secretary's Office,  
Courthouse, Galway,  
12th February, 1927.

Sir,

You are hereby summoned to attend a Quarterly Meeting of the Council to be held at the Council Chamber, Galway, on Saturday, 19th February, 1927, at the hour of 11-30 o'clock, a.m.

By Order of the Council,

W. G. FOGARTY,

Secretary.

To each Member.

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- 1.—Minutes.
- 2.—Payments as per Quarterly Statement.
- 3.—Consideration of Proposals for Public Works. Correspondence re Roads, County Surveyors' Reports, etc., will be taken with these Proposals.
- 4.—Rate Collection :—  
(a) State of Collection. ✓  
(b) New Buildings List.
- 5.—Finances of the Council. ✓
- 6.—General Estimates :—  
To consider the General Estimate of Rates, 1927-1928, and the Estimates of Rates for Separate Charges, prepared in accordance with the Secretary's Estimates as adopted by the Finance Committee, and to agree to Rates and Demands on Urban District Councils.
- 7.—Weighbridge at Oughterard :—  
"I, or some Member on my behalf, will move at next meeting of the Council, that a weighbridge for weighing coal be erected at Oughterard." H. O'Toole.
- 8.—Blind Persons Act.
- 9.—Loughrea Bridwell.

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COMHAIRLE CONNDAE NA GAILLIMHE.

Secretary's Office, Galway,  
12th February, 1927

The following Notice of Motion will come up for consideration at the meeting on the 19th inst :— That I, or some Member on my behalf, will move at next Meeting of the Galway County Council that the same number of Scholarships be given in 1927 as was given in 1925."

TOMAS O'FLANNAGAIN,

W. G. FOGARTY,

Secretary.

To each Member of  
the County Council.

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10.—Breaking Stones :—

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"I will move at the next meeting of the County Council that the Council request the Minister for Local Government to schedule the main road from Headford to Tuam as a Trunk Road with a view to same being steam-rolled and that the Council submit a proposal to the Minister for Local Government for the expenditure of such portion of the National Road Grant as is allocated thereto or allotted thereon."—J. W. Ronaldson.

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"I, or some one on my behalf, will move at the next meeting of the Council, that the Tiernevin River be included in the Arterial Drainage Scheme for the purpose of clearing the river and draining the adjoining lands."—Thomas Murphy.

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14.—Extension of Woodlands Sanatorium :—

"I, or some member on my behalf, will move that the Order made at last meeting of the County Council postponing consideration of the question of the extension of Woodlands sanatorium be reconsidered, as 25 per cent. of the members of the Council were absent when said Order was made."—Eamon Na Corbain.

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15.—Secretary, Sanatorium Committee :—

"I, or some member on my behalf, will move at the next meeting of the County Council, that the bonus of the Secretary of the Sanatorium Committee be cancelled, and his salary be paid in accordance with the Scale fixed for County Council clerical staff."—M. Finnerty.

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16.—Ex-Collector R. O'Halloran :—

Consideration of Superannuation Allowance.

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Consideration of Superannuation Allowances.

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"I, or some one on my behalf, will move at the next meeting of the Council that Councillors relinquish their right to expenses for their services during their term of office in the interest of economy."—P. C. Curley.

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(a) Letters re "What to See" Signs, and L.G.D. Letter re Road Signs.  
(b) Letters re Roads improved ex-Road Fund Grants.

26.—Diseases of Animals Act :—

Proposed superannuation allowances to Messrs Egan, and Murray.

27.—General Advertising :—

Contract with "Connacht Tribune." ✓

28.—Sheep Dipping Order :—

Dispensing with services of Inspectors.

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30.—Development of Tourist Traffic—Rate Aid.

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32.—Resolutions. ✓

33.—General Correspondence. ✓

Inquiries re Decree of P. J. Flatley v Co. Council.

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COMHAIRLE CONNDAE NA GAILLIMHE.

Sir,  
You are here  
Meeting of the Co  
Galway, on Saturd  
11-30 o'clock, a.m.

Secretary's Office,  
Courthouse, Galway,  
12th February, 1927

Sir,  
You are hereby summoned to attend a Quarterl  
Meeting of the Council to be held at the Council Chamber  
Galway, on Saturday, 19th February, 1927, at the hour o  
11-30 o'clock, a.m.

By Order of the Council,  
W. G. FOGARTY,  
Secretary.

To each Member.

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- 2.—Payments as per Quarterly Statement.
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To consider the General Estimate of Rates, 1927-1928  
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pared in accordance with the Secretary's Estimates  
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Rates and Demands on Urban District Councils.
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12th February, 1927

The following Notice of Motion will come up for  
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TOMAS O'FLANNAGAIN.

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To each Member of  
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COMHAIRLE CONNDAE NA GAILLIMHE.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE,

COURTHOUSE, GALWAY,

February 7th, 1927.

SIR,

I am directed to transmit herewith the attached Copy of MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS (3243 to 3258) at Meetings of the FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE and GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL, held on the 5th day of FEBRUARY, 1927.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,

W. G. FOGARTY,

Secretary.

To the Ministry for Local Government, Dublin.

To each Member of the Galway County Council.

To each Urban District Council.

To each County Surveyor.

To the Treasurer, National Bank, Galway.

To the Secretary, County Board of Health.

To the R.M.S., Mental Hospital, Ballinasloe.

To the Secretary, H. & H. A. Committee, Loughrea.

To the County Solicitor.

To .....

to see Minute No. ....

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS of the FINANCE, ROADS and GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE and of the COUNTY COUNCIL OF GALWAY, at concurrent Meetings held on the 5th FEBRUARY, 1927.

Chair :—Councillor Kennedy in the chair.

Present :—Councillors Cahill, Conroy, Concannon, Corbett, Crowe, Curley, Dervan, Elder, Finnerty, Flanagan, Furey, Hallinan, Kenny, N. Kyne, T. Kyne, Lambert, Lee, Lydon, McDonagh, McKeigue, McLoughlin, McNeill, Murphy, Moylett, Nestor, O'Connor, O'Toole, Ronaldson, Sweeney, Taylor.

3243. APPLICATIONS FOR PAYMENT.

Application Lists were submitted and ruled.

The Chairman proposed, Councillor McNeill seconded :—" That Applications set out on Lists be approved and submitted to the County Council for payment.—*Passed.*"

FINANCE :—

Bank Balance this day £26737 Dr.

Proposals to-day ..... £44960

Sanctioned Overdraft .... £60,000

3244. PROPOSALS FOR WORKS.

The County Surveyor, Western Division, applies for £25 for repair of road through Ballinahinch Demesne. This road has been handed over to the County Council.

*Order* :—Approved.

The Works ordered by the Finance Committee in Minutes 3616 to 3759, and contracts entered into were approved and ratified.

On conclusion of the Business of the Joint Meeting, the House resolved itself into an Ordinary Meeting of the County Council.

Chair :—Councillor Kennedy.

3245. MINUTES.

County Council Minutes from 3201 to 3242 having been circulated, were taken as read, and were confirmed.

Minutes of the Finance Committee from 3729 to 3766 having been submitted, were approved and were signed.

3246. RATE COLLECTION.

Submitted letters Nos. G. 59176 and G. 1563 from the Ministry with regard to Collectors Muldoon, P. O'Connor, E. Griffin, J. Morrissey, P. Corbett, T. Corbett, T. O'Malley, and T. Sloyan, and Circular of the 18th January to the Rate Collectors.

Submitted Rate Chart for the week ending the 5th February, from which it appears that the sum of £103,092 equal to 43 per cent. of Rate is still outstanding.

Submitted Local Government Department's Letter No. G. 56951 and letters from Rate Collectors.

Councillor McKeigue proposed, Councillor Ronaldson seconded—  
"That collection and poundage arrangements be left as they are."—*Passed.*

247. NEW RATE BOOKS.

Printing of Books. Submitted advertisement. Submitted the following tenders:—

Messrs. O'Gorman & Co.—Amount not stated.

The Secretary asked for instructions before disclosing contents of another tender, and

Councillor Conroy proposed, Councillor Cahill seconded:—

"That Mr. O'Gorman get an opportunity of amending his tender."

Councillor Elder proposed, Councillor McKeigue seconded:—

"That such opportunity be not given."

Mr. O'Gorman heard, stated that the omission was a clerical error.

After discussion the Chairman ruled Mr. O'Gorman's tender out of order, and directed Secretary to read any other tenders, and Secretary submitted tender from Messrs. Hely, Dublin, at £59/10/0 for Irish paper, which was accepted.

3248. CLIFDEN No. 5 COLLECTION DISTRICT (INISHBOFFIN):—

Appointment of Rate Collector. Submitted advertisement.

Read application of Martin Connolly, Cartown, Milltown, Tuam.

The Secretary advised the Council that in his opinion it would not be possible for anyone to collect these rates except he goes to live in the Island of Boffin.

Councillor McNeill proposed, Councillor Kennedy seconded:—

"That Mr. Martin Connolly be appointed."—*Passed.*

3249. DEFAULTING RATEPAYERS.

Councillor Dervan proposed, Councillor Nestor seconded:—

"That List of all defaulting ratepayers as on the 31st March, 1927, be published."—*Passed.* Tenders to be obtained.

3250. SCHOOL ATTENDANCE ACT, 1926.

Compensations.

Submitted claims of Staffs of late School Attendance Committees for Loughrea, Clifden and Oughterard.

*Order:*—That statutory notice for consideration of the claims of Officers of the late School Attendance Committees to compensation be given, to be dealt with at meeting of the County Council on the 7th May, 1927.—*Passed.*

3251. BALLINAHINCH ROAD.

Submitted County Surveyor's application for authority to

*Wrote G.D.*

*Deal completed*

*Wrote W. Connolly*

*Circular to collectors*

*W. Hickey to issue notices*

expend £25 on the road through Ballinahinch Demesne transferred to the County Council by Mr. R. Berridge.  
*Order:*—Granted. See 3251.

3252. ACCOUNTANT.

Councillor Concannon proposed, Councillor Corbett seconded:—  
"That the order of the County Council fixing Mr. Crowe's remuneration as Accountant at £30 be rescinded, and the matter thereof be re-opened for discussion for such determination as, to the Council, shall seem fit.

Councillor Lambert proposed, Councillor Ronaldson seconded:—  
"That the original Order stand."

The House divided on the motion when there voted:—

For Mr. Concannon's motion, 20;

Against " " " 10.

The Council proceeded to consider the question and, after discussion an agreed sum of £50 (including £30 already paid) was arrived at, and the motion amended as follows:—

"that the order of the County Council fixing Mr. Crowe's remuneration as Accountant at £30 be rescinded, and that Mr. Crowe be paid £50 for the year ended 16th May, 1926, less £30 which has already been paid."—*Passed.*

3253. WEIGHBRIDGE AT OUGHTERARD.

Councillor O'Toole proposed, "that a weighbridge for weighing coal be erected at Oughterard" was adjourned at Councillor O'Toole's request.

3254. TRUNK ROADS.

Councillor McLoughlin proposed, Councillor Nestor seconded:—

"That the Council request the Minister for Local Government to schedule the main road from Ballyrobe to Dunmore via Williams-town as a trunk road, so connecting it with the trunk road at Dunmore with a view to same being steam-rolled, and that the Council submit a proposal to the Minister for Local Government for the expenditure of such portion of the National Road Grant as is allocated thereto."—*Passed.*

3255. SALARIES OF OFFICIALS.

Councillor Nestor proposed, Councillor Ronaldson seconded:—  
"That the salaries of all officials of the County Council and its various Committees be gone into with a view to having them reduced proportionately.

Read G. 8819 from Ministry of Local Government, and after discussion,

Councillor Ronaldson proposed, Councillor Nestor seconded:—  
"That a special meeting be called to consider the salaries of officials individually."

The House divided, when there voted:—

*wrote G.D.*

*wrote G.D. + Mr. Crowe.*

*wrote G.D. + Councillor McLoughlin*



Against. 18; For 10; and the motion was declared lost.  
Council adjourned for luncheon at 2.15 p.m.

3257. VETERINARY DISPENSARIES.

Councillor Flanagan's motion "that the Council adopt a Veterinary Dispensary system for farmers who do not own more than three head of cattle and six sheep, and that the Veterinary Surgeons will consider it part of their duty to act on free tickets for veterinary treatment" was adjourned for a larger attendance, at Councillor Flanagan's request, and also No. 3256.

3258. HOUSING ACTS.

Councillor Lee proposed, Councillor O'Toole seconded:—"That the question of remission of rates on houses erected under the Housing (Building Facilities) Act, be considered.

The Secretary submitted Ministry's letter No. 11/556/22210/24 and County Council letter of the 5th November, 1924, with regard to remission of rates and schemes of the Finance Committee approved by Minute No. 2251.

The Secretary advised the Council that, in his opinion, the remission of rates on houses of people who had obtained free grants and loans would make the collection of rates from people similarly valued and circumstanced who had obtained neither grants nor loans very difficult, and that new difficulties ought not to be added to those already existing in the rate collection.

Councillor McNeill proposed, Councillor Kennedy seconded:—"That the question be not considered."

The House divided, when there voted:—

For Mr. McNeill's motion, 18; Against, 12; and Councillor McNeill's motion was declared *carried*.

3256. BREAKING OF ROAD METAL.

Councillor Flanagan proposed, Councillor McDonagh seconded:—"That all stones for road metal be broken by hand instead of by crusher."

Heard County Surveyor who stated that while he takes all the hand broken stones available where crushing cannot be done, crushed stones are cheaper than hand broken stones.

Secretary reported that the Council had invested a great deal of money in road plant involving the payment of heavy interest, and that in view of the expert report as to relative cost, he had to enter an objection to the passing of the motion on the ground that a likely consequence of the motion, if passed, would be a loss to the funds of the Council.

Councillor Lee addressed the Council several times, and eventually the Chairman declined to hear him further. Councillor Lee refused to obey the ruling of the Chairman, and Councillor Corbett intervened and insisted on Councillor Lee being heard.

During an animated interlude the Chairman pointed out that, as it was impossible to keep order, business could not be done, and at 4 p.m. the Chairman declared the meeting adjourned, and left the chair.

COMHAIRLE CONNDAE NA GAILLIMHE.

Secretary's Office,  
Courthouse, Galway,  
February, 21st, 1927.

Sir,

I am directed to transmit herewith the attached Copy of Minutes of Proceedings (3259 to 3299) at Meeting of the Galway County Council, held on the 19th day of February, 1927.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,

W. G. FOGARTY,

Secretary.

- To the Ministry for Local Government, Dublin.
- To each Member of the Galway County Council.
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- To the Press.
- To.....to see Minute No.....

*Copy for G.A.*

*Indexed E.H.*

*Submitted & confirmed this 19th day of February 1927  
by Kennedy Chairman*

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS at Quarterly Meeting of the Galway County Council held on Saturday the 19th February, 1927.

**Chair** :—Councillor M. M. Egan, and subsequently Councillor Kennedy in the Chair.

**Present** :—Councillors Bartley ; Cahill ; Concannon ; Conroy ; Corbett ; Crowe ; Curley ; Dervan ; Elder ; Finerty ; Flanagan ; Furey ; Gilmore ; Hallinan ; Kenny ; N. Kyne ; T. Kyne ; Lambert ; Lydon ; McDonogh ; McLoughlin ; McNeill ; Murphy ; Moylette ; Nestor ; O'Toole ; Ronaldson ; Sweeney.

**Chairmanship** :—Before the Minutes were read Councillor M. M. Egan made a statement in regard to paragraphs, etc. in the "Connacht Sentinel" and announced his resignation of the Chairmanship and Membership of the Council. Though asked to remain in the Chair, Councillor Egan declined and left the Council Chamber, and Councillor C. J. Kennedy, Vice-Chairman, took the Chair.

3259. **Minutes** :—The Minutes of the Council from No. 3243 to No. 3258, having been circulated were submitted for approval.

Councillor H. O'Toole asked that the Minutes be read, and the Minutes were read.

Councillor McNeill proposed, Councillor Ronaldson seconded :—"That the Minutes be approved and signed."

Councillor O'Toole demanded a Poll.

The House divided, when there voted :—

For Councillor McNeill's Motion ... .. 17

Against Councillor McNeill's Motion ... .. 9, and the Motion was declared carried, and the Chairman signed the Minutes.

The Minutes of the Finance Committee from No. 3767 to No. 3785 were submitted, approved, and signed.

3260. **Payments** :—Submitted Quarterly Statement Book, Proposal Lists and Treasurer's Authority, and the same having been examined,

Councillor McNeill proposed, Councillor Cahill seconded, "That the Proposals for Payment be approved, and that the Treasurer's Authority be signed."—**Passed.**

And the Treasurer's Authority was signed.

3261. **Consideration of Proposals for works.**—Spiddal

**Pier** :—Submitted County Surveyor's Report dated the 10th February, and letter of the Finance Committee thereon. Heard deputation, (Mr. Lyons).  
**Order.**—Await the replies of the Commissioners of Public Works, L.G.D., and Fisheries Department, and bring up matter again.

3262. **Rate Collection** :—Submitted Rate Collection Chart.

Amount of Rate collected to date (64 per cent.) ... £158,338

Amount outstanding ... .. £ 87,861

Amount collected this week ... .. £ 10,236

Read G. 7006 re Collectors Corbett and Morrissey, (Secretary reports that Collector Corbett has now 'crossed the line,' and that Collector Morrissey collected 5 per cent this week and appears to be showing some activity).

**Order.**—Send copy of G. 7006 to Messrs Corbett and Morrissey and issue general circular to Collectors re conditions for Payment of Poundage.

**Mr. D. Guinane's Rates** :—Referred to F.C.M., 3770 and read G. 7004.

**Order.**—Remit Arrears.

3263. **New Buildings List** :—Submitted New Buildings List, when—

Councillor Conroy proposed, Councillor Sweeney seconded :—"That the New Buildings List now submitted be approved, and that Certificate at foot thereof be signed by the Chairman and the Secretary."—**Passed.**

3264. **Finances of the Council** :—

Amount of Bank Balance to-day ... £20,454 0 0

Amount of sanctioned overdraft ... £60,000 0 0

Amount of Authorities signed to-day ... £51,969 4 8

3265. **General Estimates** :—The Estimates for the year 1927-'28 were submitted together with the Report of the Finance Committee thereon, and letters from the Ministry of Local Government, dated the 28th January and 9th February. The Secretary pointed out that the letter of the 9th February had been received after the Finance Committee had considered the Estimates, and drew attention to paragraph 7 of the letter from the Ministry.

The Estimates and correspondence having been discussed (see also Minute No. 3282).

The Chairman of the Finance Committee proposed, Councillor Conroy seconded :—"That the Estimates be adopted,

*approve Pub Works Fisheries, etc.*

*Done*

*Done*

*Mr. D. Guinane to deal with in Rates.*

*Scut L.G.D.*

*In Rate*

*In Rate*

*wrote B.O.A.  
copy to L.G.D.  
for L.G.D.*

and that rates be struck for the financial year ending March 1928, in accordance with the Estimates as adopted this day for General Charges, and in accordance with rates in the £. shown on Form 43 for Separate Charges and Criminal Injuries, and that Demands upon the Urban Districts be made in accordance with the figures set out in the Estimates Forms 42 and 43.—**Passed.**

3265. (a) **County Libraries** :—Councillor O'Flanagan proposed, Councillor Murphy seconded :—"That the resolution of the Council striking a rate for the County Library be rescinded, and that no rate be struck for the purpose this year.  
The House divided when there voted :—  
For the Motion ... .. 5.....  
Against the Motion ... .. 20  
and the Motion was declared **Lost.**

3265. (b) **Scholarships** :—Councillor O'Flanagan, proposed, Councillor Bartley seconded :—"That the same number of Scholarships be given in 1927 as was given in 1925."  
It was pointed out that this would amount to £360 per annum extra for University Scholarships, and £1,000 per annum extra for Secondary Scholarships in a full year.  
The House divided when there voted :—  
Against the Motion ... .. 18  
For the Motion ... .. 9  
and the Motion was declared **Lost.**

3266. **Weigh Bridge at Oughterard** :—  
Councillor O'Toole's Motion—"That a Weigh Bridge for weighing coal be erected at Oughterard," was again adjourned at Councillor O'Toole's request.

3267. **Blind Persons Act** :—Submitted Scheme of the Home and Homes Assistance Committee, P.H. 2175 ; C.C.M. 3269 ; asking for a detailed Estimate of the cost of the proposed Scheme and Mr. Hanafin's letter of the 10th February stating that he was unable to submit a detailed Estimate or, even an approximate Estimate of the cost of the Scheme adopted by his Committee.

**Order.**—It is unreasonable to ask the County Council to ratify a Scheme unless the Committee which is to administer the Scheme give some evidence that they have considered the cost, and the County Council accordingly postpone this matter.

3268. **Loughrea Bridwell** :—Submitted Mr. Joseph Kilchreest's Report of November 19th, 1926, stating that in its

present condition the market value of the Loughrea Bridwell is about £80 or £90.

**Order.**—Ask the Local Government Department if they will agree to the premises being vested in the Loughrea Town Commissioners on a 999 year's lease, the Commissioners paying therefor the sum of £80.

3269. **Breaking of Stones** :—

Councillor Flanagan proposed, Councillor O'Connor seconded :—"That all stones for road metal be broken by hand instead of by crusher."

Secretary reported that the Council had invested a great deal of money in road plant involving the payment of heavy interest, and that in view of the expert report as to relative cost, he had to enter an objection to the passing of the motion on the ground that a likely consequence of the motion, if passed, would be a loss to the funds of the Council.

The House divided when there voted :—  
Against the Motion ..... 24  
For the Motion ..... 4  
and the Motion was declared **Lost.**

3270. **Veterinary Dispensaries** :—

Councillor Flanagan proposed, Councillor Murphy seconded :—"That the Government be requested to provide by legislation for the provision of Free Veterinary attendance for small holders of low valuation in poor circumstances."—**Passed.**

3271. **Trunk Roads** :—

Councillor Ronaldson proposed, Councillor Concannon seconded :—"That the County Council request the Minister for Local Government to schedule the main road from Headford to Tuam as a Trunk Road with a view to same being Steam-rolled."

3272. **Drainage** :—Councillor Murphy proposed :—

"That the Tiernevin river be included in the Arterial Drainage Scheme for the purpose of clearing the river and draining the adjoining lands."—**Adjourned.**

3273. **Pavilion at Woodlands Sanatorium** :—

Councillor Corbett's Motion :—"That the order made at the last meeting of the County Council postponing consideration of the question of the extension of Woodlands Sanatorium be re-considered, as 25 per cent of the Members of the

*Done*

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*wrote L.G.D.  
Copy to Councillor  
Ronaldson*

*Petition sent  
to Mr. Furnigan*

Council were absent when the said order was made."—Ad-  
journed till next Tenders Meeting day.

3274. **Secretary, Sanatorium Committee** :—Councillor  
Finnerty proposed :—"That the bonus of the Secretary to the  
Sanatorium Committee be cancelled, and that his salary be  
paid in accordance with the scale fixed for County Council  
Clerical Staff."

The Secretary pointed out that the Sanatorium Commit-  
tee has now disappeared, and that it would appear to be ne-  
cessary to make Mr. Kyne an assistant on the staff of the  
Board of Health and that his salary would henceforth be a  
matter within the jurisdiction of that Board.

**Order.**—This question is one for the Board of Health.

3275. **Ex-Collector R. O'Halloran** :—Submitted statutory  
notice dated the 25th November, 1926.

Referred to County Council Minutes Nos. 2688 and 3176.  
Submitted form showing that Mr. O'Halloran's nett emolu-  
ments for the years 1921, 1922 and 1923, amounted to  
£44 0s. 6d.

Councillor Bartley proposed, Councillor O'Toole secon-  
ded :—"That Mr. O'Halloran be granted a superannuation  
allowance of £15."—Passed.

3276. **Superannuation of Solicitors to the Late Rural  
District Councils** :—Submitted the claims of Messrs P. Hogan  
Loughrea ; H. G. Connelly, Clifden ; Henry Concannon, Glen-  
namaddy, Mountbellew and Tuam ; J. S. Conroy, Galway and  
Oughterard ; J. J. Kearns, Portumna ; L. Conroy, Ballinasloe.

The Secretary reports that so far as he could see Mr.  
Hogan is entitled to a gratuity of £244 5s. 4d., but that the  
matter was referred to the County Solicitor for opinion.

With regard to the other cases he reported that there was  
considerable difficulty regarding the appointments of Claim-  
ants as standing Solicitors, and the Local Government Depart-  
ment have ruled that a firm of Solicitors is not entitled to any  
compensation under the act.

**Order.**—That Query Forms be filled in for each case and  
brought before the Finance Committee and that the Finance  
Committee be directed to report fully to the next Meeting of  
the County Council.

3277. **Trunk Road Grants** :—

Councillor P. D. Conroy proposed, Councillor Kennedy  
seconded :—"That the monies allocated by the Road Board  
to County Galway be spent by the County Surveyors on roads

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in the ten Districts of the County in fair proportion."

The Secretary pointed out that when notifying allocation  
of Grant the Roads Department of the Ministry always  
specified the road or roads upon which the grant was to be  
expended. And Motion was not proceeded with.

3278. **Members' Expenses** :—Councillor Curley's motion  
"That Councillors relinquish their right to receive expenses  
for their services during their term of office in the interest of  
economy" was withdrawn.

3279. **Cleggan Sea Wall** :—Councillor Bartley proposed  
"That the protecting Sea Wall at the rear of Mr. Lynch's  
premises at Cleggan be raised."

It was pointed out that Cleggan Marine Work was one  
of these covered by the Marine Works Act, and it was sug-  
gested that this matter should be referred to the Board of  
Works.

**Order.**—Refer to Board of Works.

3280. **Arterial Drainage—Killimore Drainage** :  
Submitted the file and correspondence.  
**Order.**—Adjourned.

3281. **Loughs Corrib, Mask and Carragh** :—  
Submitted the Board of Work's Report.

**Order.**—That Mr. Kennedy, County Surveyor, be instruc-  
ted to advise the Council as to whether any action is neces-  
sary.

3282. **Road Grant** :—Submitted Ministry's letter with  
regard to grant for upkeep—£16,502—out of Road Fund.

Secretary pointed out that as the Council had reduced the  
road estimate the whole of this Grant would not be available.

He estimated that a sum of about £11,000 would be  
available, but advised the Council not to reduce the rate in  
view of the suggestion in L.G.D., (28th January, 1926).

On the advice of the County Solicitor, the Chairman  
proposed, Councillor McNeill seconded :—"That the Council  
having considered L.G.D. letters R.M./11 of 28th January, and  
R.G.M./201 of 9th February regret that they are unable le-  
gally to increase the expenditure provided for by the Annual  
Road Scheme, but agree that all the money set aside for un-  
foreseen contingencies will be expended, and the Council fur-  
ther agree to expend all monies that may be provided by Grant  
in addition to the amounts provided in the reduced Annual  
Road Scheme."—Passed.

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3283. **Public Roads Act** :—Mountbellew Area.  
Submitted Mr. Lee's report No. 714 with regard to motor services.

**Order.**—The County Council are very glad to note that motor services are being established for the service of the public.

3284. **Steam-rolling—Ballinasloe Urban Roads** :—

Gregg & others with the County Council.  
Submitted County Solicitor's letter No. 758.

**Order.**—That Bond and contract be sealed and signed.

**Galway Urban Roads** :—

South of Ireland Asphalt Co., with the County Council.  
Submitted County Solicitor's letter No. 893.

**Order.**—That Bond and contract be sealed and signed.

3285. **Loughrea Sewerage**—Loan £17,500 :—

Secretary pointed out that application for this loan had not been advertised.

Read letter from Mr. Gallagher.

**Order.**—The County Solicitor is authorised to convey sanction of the County Council to loan provided that he is satisfied that all legal requirements have been complied with.

3286. **Road Signs** :—Read letter from Messrs. E. J. Burrow & Co., Ltd.

**Order.**—Forward to the Tourist Development Association. Signs on roads improved under Road Fund Grants.

Submitted letter No. SR/1 from the Roads Department of the Ministry dated the 21st January.

**Order.**—Comply with the requirements of the Ministry.

3287. **Diseases of Animals Act** :—Messrs. Egan, Murray and Stack.

Submitted correspondence and reply of the Finance Committee to query of the Ministry which was approved.

**Order.**—Finance Committee to make every possible effort to have superannuation sanctioned.

3288. **General Advertising** :

Submitted existing arrangement for General Advertising in the "Connacht Tribune" for the year ending March, 1927, at a sum not exceeding £80.

**Order.**—That arrangement be continued.

3289. **Sheep Dipping** :—

Referred to County Council Minute No. 3218.

Read letter No. L. 283 from the Department of Agriculture stating that the existing Veterinary Inspectors cannot effectively inspect sheep dipping and discharge their present duties, and suggesting the erection of private baths.

Read letter from Messrs. Kelly, Flanagan, Kyne, Gaffney, and Nolans, stating that they are prepared to undertake the necessary duties provided that they receive a fair remuneration for same, and that the work of sheep-dipping was not included in their duties when appointed.

Secretary reported that as directed by the County Council he had given notice to the Sheep Dipping Inspectors that their services are to be dispensed with, and asked for instructions as to payment of the existing Sheep Dipping Inspectors as from 1st April next.

**Order.**—Adjourned.

3290. **Pounds** :—Pound at Galway.

Referred to County Council Minute No. 3264, and to Mrs. Mahon's letter of the 14th February.

**Order.**—The Council do not consider this matter urgent.

3291. **Development of Tourist Traffic** :—

Read Mr. J. P. O'Brien's letter of the 28th January, applying for transfer of the rate for advertising for the year ending March, 1927, amounting to £500, and scheme for expenditure of same.

Mr. O'Brien pointed out that the amounts collected and expended by the Local Association—West of Ireland Tourist Development Association—on advertising Galway and Connemara totalled £404 10s. 4d., and the amounts contributed direct to his Association totalled £159 10s. 0d., in addition to which a sum of £117 15s. 1d. has been allocated by the Galway Urban Council and will be transferred to the Irish Tourist Association in due course, and giving particulars of the proposed publicity scheme.

Referred to County Council Minute No. 2892.

Councillor Sweeney proposed, Councillor Moylett seconded :—"That the County Council are satisfied from the letter of Mr. O'Brien that the condition imposed by the County Council has been satisfied, and that the grant of £500 be paid over to the Irish Tourist Association subject to the sanction of the Ministry of Local Government."

3292. **Old Age Pensions—General** :—Attendance of Pensions Officers.

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Turned down ✓

Issued ✓

*Done ✓*

*notified ✓*

**Order.**—That Local Government Department be requested to instruct Pension Officers to attend all Meetings of Old Age Pensions Sub-Committees.

**Mountbellew Sub-Committee.**

**Order.**—That the Rev. Fr. O'Beirne, C.C., Ballinamore Bridge, be appointed a Member of the Mountbellew Sub-Committee in room of the Rev. Mr. Maitland, and Mr. J. Cunningham appointed in place of Mr. J. O'Loughlin.

**Loughrea Sub-Committee.**

Read letter from the Clerk to the Loughrea Sub-Committee relative to Members disqualified through non-attendance at meetings.

**No Order.**

3293. **Resolutions** :—The following resolutions were submitted and read :—

**Dublin County Council**—re loans for farmers, and proceedings under the Land Purchase Acts.

**Wexford Traders' Association**—re abolition of County Council and appointment of a Commissioner.

**Tuam Traders' Association**—re state of roads.

**Roundstone Branch of the Farmers' Union**—re fencing of graveyards; rates caused by Land Purchase Annuitants; and expenditure of Road Fund.

**Tuam Town Commissioners**—re road estimate.

**County Galway Board of Health**—calling on the Government to repeal Section 6 of the Local Government Act, 1920, and make provision for recoupment to Local Authorities of half the actual expenditure incurred under the Medical, Educational, and Public Health Acts.—**Adopted.**

3294. **Criminal Injury** :—(a) P. J. Flatley v. County Council. Submitted file.

**Order.**—Council will not pay these decrees which were withdrawn by plaintiff's Solicitor.

(b) Destruction or damage to property which occurred between the 21st January 1919, and 11th July, 1921.

Decrees discharged by the County Council amount to £1,227 7s. 6d.

Read letter Ni. 403/103 from Department of Finance, dated the 28th July, 1926.

Statement together with original decrees sent to the Ministry of Finance on the 10th August, 1926.

**Order.**—Finance Committee requested to press this claim.

3295. **Marconi Company v. County Council** :—

Appeal against re-instatement condition in Decree.

Read County Solicitor's letter (860) asking if the Council wish the case appealed to the Supreme Court.

County Solicitor to act as he thinks best.

3296. **Criminal Injury Decree** :—

Festus King v. County Council.

Four decrees granted for £10, £11, £10, and £10.

Submitted letter (965) from the County Solicitor, stating that Messrs. Conroy & Son, Solicitors, have offered to accept £30 with costs and expenses in settlement.

**Order.**—County Solicitor to act as he thinks best.

3297. **Extraordinary traffic** :—Tuam-Dunmore Road. Motor Service by the Great Southern Railways.

Read County Solicitor's letter (967) and Counsel's opinion.

**No Order.**

3298. **Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts, (1899-1919)** :—

Submitted letter (942) from the Town Tenants' Commission, Dublin.

**No Order.**

3299. **Death of Miss Anderson** :

Councillor Lydon proposed, Councillor McNeill seconded :—"That the County Council tender sincere condolence to President Anderson on the occasion of the death of his sister."—**Passed.**

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*Confirmed this 26 day of March 1927.*

*J. Kennedy*  
*Chairman*

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COMHAIRLE CONNDAE NA GAILLIMHE.

Secretary's Office,  
Courthouse, Galway,  
19th March, 1927.

Sir,

You are hereby summoned to attend a Special Adjourned Meeting of the County Council to be held at the Council Chamber, Galway, on SATURDAY, the 26th day of MARCH, 1927, at the hour of 11-30 o'clock, a.m.

By Order of the Council,  
W. G. FOGARTY,  
Secretary.

To each Member.

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Consideration of Tenders for Works taken by Tenders Committees.

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"I, or some member on my behalf, will move that the Order made at last meeting of the County Council postponing consideration of the question of the extension of Woodlands Sanatorium be reconsidered, as 25 per cent. of the members of the Council were absent when said Order was made."  
—EAMON NA CORBAIN.
11. Road Works Scheme, 1927-1928.
12. "Take notice that I will move at the next meeting of the Council, that the resolution reducing road expenditure by 33½ be not applied to Loughrea or any other Town the County Council think fit to exempt."  
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13. Financial Adjustment :—Claim of Ministry of Finance for £2,546 7s. 0d.
14. Midwives (Ireland) Act.
15. Diseases of Animals Acts :—Proposed Superannuation allowance to Messrs. Egan, Murray, and Stack.
16. Sheep Dipping Order :—Supervision of Sheep Dipping.
17. Combined Purchasing Act :—  
Ministry of Local Government claim £134 7s 1d., expenses for year ended, March, 1926.
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19. Secretary's Agreement.
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(a) Aran Sub-Committee. Resignation of Very Rev. S. J. Walsh, P.P. ✓  
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24. Resolutions received.
25. General Correspondence.

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COMHAIRLE CONNDAE NA GAILLIMHE.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE,  
COURTHOUSE, GALWAY,  
21st February, 1927.

PAYMENT OF RATE COLLECTORS' POUNDAGE.

Sir,

I am directed by the County Council to inform you that all Collectors who lodge the full amount of their Warrants before the 31st March will be paid their poundage **within one week of the date of closing**, e.g., a Collector who closes on the 1st March will be paid his poundage on or before the 8th March.

Collectors who do not comply with the terms of their Bonds and lodge the full amount of their Warrants, whether collected or not, before the 31st March, cannot be paid any poundage except with the special consent of the Minister for Local Government.

The attention of Collectors is specially drawn to the concluding paragraphs of the Ministry's letter No. 56951 and to the memorandum enclosed therewith.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant

W. G. FOGARTY,  
Secretary.

To

Each Poor Rate Collector.  
Each Rate Inspector.

*W.G.F. 3302*

COMHAIRLE CONNDAE NA GAILLIMHE.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE,  
COURTHOUSE, GALWAY,  
14th March, 1927.

Sir,

I am directed by the Finance Committee to inform you that the Bank Account of the County Council is seriously overdrawn, and that heavy remittances fall due to be made within the next couple of weeks. It is therefore of most urgent importance that the rate warrants should be closed without delay.

I am again to draw your attention to the fact that under the terms of your bond you are not entitled to payment of any poundage unless the total amount of your warrant, *whether collected or not*, is lodged to the credit of the County Council with their Treasurer, on or before the 31st instant.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

W. G. FOGARTY,  
Secretary.

To :—

Each Poor Rate Collector.  
Each Rate Inspector.  
Each Member of the County Council.

*W.G.F. 3302*

COMHAIRLE CONNDAE NA GAILLIMHE.

Secretary's Office,  
Courthouse, Galway,  
March 15th, 1927.

Sir,

Publication of Lists of Rate Defaulters.

For the purpose of complying with the Order of the County Council (that lists of Rate Defaulters be published in the Press) you are required to prepare immediately, and return to this office on the accompanying forms, lists of Defaulters in your District.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

W. G. FOGARTY,  
Secretary.

To each Poor Rate Collector.

To each Rate Inspector.

*W.G.F. 3302*

COMHAIRLE CONNDAE NA GAILLIMHE.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE,

COURTHOUSE, GALWAY,

March 28th, 1927.

Sir,

I am directed to transmit herewith the attached Copy of Minutes of Proceedings (3300 to 3338) at Meeting of the Galway County Council, held on the 26th day of March, 1927.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

W. G. FOGARTY,

Secretary.

To the Ministry for Local Government, Dublin.

To each Member of the Galway County Council.

To each Urban District Council.

To each County Surveyor.

To the Treasurer, National Bank, Galway.

To the Secretary, County Board of Health.

To the R.M.S., Mental Hospital, Ballinasloe.

To the Secretary, H. & H. A. Committee, Loughrea.

To the County Solicitor.

To the Press.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS at a Special Adjourned Meeting of the Galway County Council held on Saturday, the 26th day of March, 1927.

Chair :—Councillor C. J. Kennedy in the Chair.

Present :—Councillors Cahill, S. O'Connor, Corbett, Curley Dervan, Finnerty, Gilmore Hallinan, Keaveney, Kenny, T. Kyne, Lambert, Lydon, McDonogh, McKeigue, McLoughlin, McNeill, Murphy, Mylotte, Nestor, O'Toole, Ronaldson.

3300. Consideration of Tenders for Works taken by Tenders Committees :—Submitted the Minutes of Proceedings of the Tenders Committees and the accepted Tenders, and after discussion, Councillor McNeill proposed, Councillor McKeigue seconded :—“ That the Tenders accepted by the Tenders Committees be approved and confirmed and that same be sealed and signed.”—Passed.

Read Co. Surveyor's letter of 25th March, and it was Ordered.—That Co. Surveyors be authorised to get works not tendered for done by agreement and to group any works they are unable to get taken.

At the conclusion of the business of the Special Adjourned Meeting an Ordinary Meeting of the Council was held.

3300a. The Chairman proposed, Councillor McNeill seconded, and it was resolved :—“ That the Council tender their sincere sympathy to Councillor P. D. Conroy on the occasion of the death of his son, and to Mr. G. Lee, County Surveyor, on the death of his father.”

3301. Minutes :—Minutes from No. 3259 to 3299 having been circulated were taken as read and were signed.

3302. Rate Collection :—Submitted state of collection. Collectors J. Garvey and P. Walsh, closed.

Order.—Pay Poundage.

Collection No. 5 (Inishboffin) :—

Order.—If Bond not signed, Finance Committee authorised to make a new appointment.

Rate Collected this week ...	£11,487
Collected to date ...	£198,194=80.5 p.c.
Outstanding ...	£47,955
Bank Balance ...	£7,413 Dr.

Heard Mr. McGovern—Rate Payers' Association, requesting that Rate be reduced by 1/- in the £.

*Copy to Co Surveyors.*

*wrote*

*Done.*

*wrote W. Connolly.*

Order.—Rate has been struck and cannot now be altered.  
Publication of Defaulters Lists :—  
Order.—Tender to be taken on 7th May.

3302. Mrs. M. Spelman :—Submitted Valuation Office letter No. 2612163 of the 31st December, 1926, and Mrs. Spelman's application.

Order.—Refund £1 13s. 4d.

3302. Collector Morrissey :—Submitted Ministry's G. 9371 of the 5th March, copy of which was sent to Mr. Morrissey. Submitted circulars to Collectors dated the 21st Feb., 14th March, and 15th March.

Order.—Circulars approved.

3303. Trunk Road Grant, £16,502 :—Submitted proposals of the County Surveyors (Messrs. Kennedy and Lee), as follows :—

Grant £16,502—Western Division £9,250 0s. 0d.

Proposals for the expenditure of £9,250 0s. 0d., to be submitted to the County Council at their meeting on March 26th, 1927.

To improve by steam-rolling with tar-bitumen grout Main Street, Market Street and Bridge Street in the town of Clifden. 10,000 Sq. Yards. ....	£2,000
To improve by steam-rolling with tar-bitumen grout the Main Street in the Town of Oughterard, between Church Junction and Lemonfield Junction including the Market Square. 6,500 S. Yards.....	£1,250
To improve by rolling with water-bound macadam, 930 perches of main road between Tuam and Athenry, between Workhouse Junction and Ballinderry Bridge. ....	£3,000
To improve by rolling with water-bound macadam, 960 perches of main road between Glenamaddy and Creggs, between Market Square, Glenamaddy, and Sonnagh .....	£2,800
To improve footpaths and channels on main roads in the town of Tuam. ....	£200
	£9,250 0 0

Councillor McNeill proposed, Councillor Toole seconded :  
"That Mr. Kennedy's proposals be approved and adopted."—  
Passed.

Grant £16,502—Eastern Division £7,252.

Proposals for expenditure of £7,252 to be submitted to Council Meeting on the 26/3/27 :—

*wrote Collectors.*

*Done*

*wrote L.G.D. ✓*

*Sent Sept. L.G.*

Concreting and repairing paths in Town of Loughrea .....	£200
Rolling Barrack Street, Loughrea .....	£700
(Not a Main Road but a very important Street).	
Rolling 1½ miles of road between Loughcutra and Islands .....	£1,200
Rolling 560 perches from Chapel Junction (Kinvarra) towards Kilcolgan .....	£1,452
Rolling from Blackgarden Junction to Cawley's Bridge, Craughwell .....	£1,800
Rolling from Marley Junction to Mountbellew Square .....	£1,900
	£7,252

Heard Archdeacon Cassidy and Mr. J. H. Glynn.  
Heard Mr. Corcoran (Rate payers League re Tally Ho Road).

Councillor Gilmore proposed, Councillor Hallinan seconded :—"That Mr. Lee's proposals be approved and adopted."—  
Passed.

3304. Gravel Pit at Lisgrub :—Submitted Agreement for purchase of gravel pit at Lisgrub, and Receivable Order for £10. Mr. Lee, County Surveyor, recommends the Council to purchase the Gravel Pit on the terms offered.

Order.—That the Land Commission be requested to give this gravel pit to the Council free.

3305. Cleggan and Claddaghduff Water Supply :—  
Submitted Mr. Gallagher's letter of the 4th March, applying on behalf of the Board of Health for sanction of the Co. Council to a Loan of £2,000.

Submitted L.G.D. letter No. S. 7864 with protests of the Clifden Rate-payers Association against the Scheme.

Secretary points out that sanction can only be given by a County Council, by Resolution, after a month's Notice has been given to each Member.

3306. Connemara Burial Grounds :—  
Read letter S. 9803, and also S. 7127.

Order.—Refer the Board of Health to the Ministry's S. 9803 and ask that Board to ascertain definitely whether the area of charge is to be the whole of the County Health District or the Rural Districts of Clifden and Oughterard, and Mr. O'Toole gives notice for May Meeting—"That Loan be approved."

*wrote Mr Lee  
Co Surveyor*

*wrote B.O.H*

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Notice issued*

3307. **Loughrea Sewerage Loan** :—Read County Solicitor's letter of the 25th February.  
 Councillor Cahill proposed, Councillor Dervan seconded :—  
 "That the County Council hereby approve of the application of the Board of Health for a Loan of £17,500, and authorise the Board of Health to discharge Receivable Order for £26 1s. 6d."—Passed.

3308. **Medical and Educational Grant** :—Referred to Minute 3293 and Board of Health Resolution. Read letter S. 8289 from the Ministry.  
**Order.**—The Council agree with the statement of the case as put in the Ministry's letter of the 2nd March, and they agree that the double Agricultural Grant will more than counter-balance the effect of Section 6 of the Local Government Act, 1902.

3309. **Pound at Galway** :—Read County Solicitor's letter of the 8th March submitting lease.  
**Order.**—That lease be sealed and signed.

3310. **Pavilion at Woodlands** :—  
 Councillor Corbett's Motion :—"That the order made by the County Council postponing consideration of the question of the extension of Woodlands Sanatorium be reconsidered, as 25 per cent. of the Members of the Council were absent when said order was made was adjourned.

3311. **Road Works Scheme** :—  
 Councillor Cahill's Motion :—"That the resolution reducing road expenditure by 33 and a third be not applied to Loughrea or any other Town the County Council think fit to exempt."—Was ruled out of order.  
 The Secretary having pointed out that the Annual road Scheme having been made by the County Council there is no power to alter it until January, 1928.

331. **Financial Adjustment—Criminal Injuries** :—  
 Read letter from the Ministry of Finance dated the 7th March, and Finance Committee Minute No. 3833 with regard to Criminal Injury decrees for which payment is claimed by the Ministry as follows :—  
 Peter Loughlin ... .. £501 15 10  
 William Dowey ... .. £1443 17 6  
 Matter referred by the Finance Committee to the County Solicitor for advice as to whether the Council are liable for

*wrote B.O.H.*

*wrote L.G.D.*

*Dove returned to Co Solicitor*

*C.C.F.*

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*wrote Finance & Copy Minutes*

these amounts, and whether they can legally make a rate for same after so long a lapse of time, one ten years and the other nine years.

Read County Solicitor's letter of 26th March.  
**Order.**—Inform Ministry that Council are advised that this claim is Statute Barred.

Registration Expenses £1,234 0s. 3d., claimed to be advanced to Mr. Cloherty in December, 1922.

Read letter to the Ministry of Finance dated the 15th March.

Councillor McNeill proposed, the Chairman seconded :—  
 "That in view of the circumstances set out in the Finance Committee's letter of the 15th March to the Ministry of Finance, the County Council agree with the opinion of the Finance Committee that this claim should not be made against the Rate-payers of County Galway, and that Ministry be informed that Council are advised the claim is Statute Barred."—Passed.

**Conveyance of Prisoners** :—  
 Submitted letter from the Ministry of Finance, dated the 7th March, with regard to claim of £594 0s. 11d.

The Finance Committee recommend the County Council to discharge this claim as soon as funds permit, subject to particulars being furnished for record and audit purposes.  
 County Solicitor advises that claim is Statute Barred.

**Ordered.**—In view of County Solicitor's advice Council cannot adopt recommendation of Finance Committee.

3313. **Midwives (Ireland) Act** :—The Secretary of the Board of Health reports that it will be necessary to appoint a Special Committee as apparently two ladies must be Members.

**Order.**—Co. Solicitor advises that the difficulty has now been met by recent legislation.

3314. **Diseases of Animals Acts** :—Messrs. Egan, Stack, and Murray.

Read Ministry's letter No. P. H. 7005 of the 22nd Feb.  
**Order.**—Send copy of letter to Messrs. Egan, Stack, and Murray.

Councillor Finnerty proposed, Councillor McKeigue seconded :—That we, the Galway County Council, regret the decision of the L.G.D., in regard to the proposal of this Council that a pension be given to Messrs. Egan, Stack, and Murray, Veterinary Inspectors, who have been compulsorily retired after long years service. These officers, owing to the orders

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of the Department, had to be constantly on the look out to meet any contingency in the event of an outbreak of any animal disease. We are, therefore, of the opinion that they were whole time officers and we ask the L.G.D. to alter the decision arrived at and allow this Council to grant the pensions awarded by Resolution of the Council.—Passed.

3315. **Sheep Dipping** :—Read letters Nos. L. 283 and L. 569 from the Ministry of Agriculture with regard to the inauguration of a sheep dipping scheme on the County Kerry lines.

Referred to County Council Minute No. 3289.

The Department suggest the recognition of privately owned baths as public dipping stations. The owners of recognised baths to be appointed Inspectors without remuneration other than dipping fees collected from the users of the baths.

**Order.**—Ask the Department of Agriculture to send an Inspector to discuss this matter with the Finance Committee, and also to send further detailed information with regard to the erection of the Kerry baths. The Finance Committee to report to the County Council with their recommendations.

3316. **Combined Purchasing** :—Submitted Ministry's circular No. S. 8760, claiming £134 7s. 1d., in respect of expenses incurred by the Minister for Local Government during the year ended the 31st March, 1926, under the Combined Purchasing Act.

The claim is referred by the Finance Committee to the County Council.

The Secretary reports that the claim is statutory and peremptory, and recommends that it be paid immediately.

**Order.**—Pay the Demand under protest, and inform the Ministry the Council is of opinion that when Local Bodies pay for the goods they order from Contractors no further demands should be made on them.

3317. **Tourist Development** :—Read Mr. O'Brien's letter of the 7th March, No. 1378, inviting the County Council to nominate a Representative on the Board of the Irish Tourist Association and Councillor Nestor proposed, The Chairman seconded :—"That Councillor M. McNeill be nominated as the County Council's Representative on the Board."—Passed.

3318. **Secretary's Agreement** :—Referred to County Council Minute No. 3224, authorising the County Solicitor to approve of draft agreement in the terms therein fixed. Heard County Solicitor.

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write Mr O'Brien*

Heard Mr. McTernan, (Messrs. Blake & Kenny) for Mr. Fogarty.

Councillor McNeill proposed, Councillor Corbett seconded :—"That County Solicitor be instructed to inform the Ministry that the Draft Agreement referred to in their letter G. 6884 was prepared by the County Solicitor on behalf of the County Council in pursuance of an order of the Council (No. 3224) passed by the Council acting under legal advice. That the Council are unanimously of opinion that the Agreement is reasonable and in the interest of the ratepayers and of efficiency."

3319. **Trunk Roads** :—Headford to Tuam Road. Referred to County Council Minute No. 3271. Read letter No. TR/11 of the 1st March, from the Roads Department of the Ministry.—**Noted.**

3320. **Loughrea Bridwell** :—Read Ministry's letter No. G. 8099 of the 10th March, from the Department of Local Government, refusing to assent to proposal to lease the Bride-well at £80.

**Order.**—Ask Ministry to re-consider.

3321. **Inishboffin** :—Read letter No. RU/11, of the 26th February, from the Roads Department to Mr. Broderick, T.D. **Noted.**

3322. **Old Age Pensions** :—Portumna Sub-Committee. Resignation of Rev. E. E. Rush.—**Noted.**

**Aran Sub-Committee** :—Resignation of the Very Rev. S. J. Walsh, P.P.—**Noted.**

**Roundstone No. 1** :—

Rev. C. Cunningham, P.P., appointed a Member vice Rev. C. J. White, resigned.

3323. **Spiddal Pier** :—Referred to County Council Minute No. 3261, and to Mr. Kennedy's report of the 10th February, acknowledged by the Ministry of Fisheries and the Roads Department, but reply not yet received from Roads Department, Ministry of Fisheries write that pier not used or likely to be used for Fishery purposes.

**Order.**—Spend no money on this Pier.

3324. **Glenamaddy Workhouse** :—Submitted County Surveyor's requisition for £14 to repair the damage caused by storm.

**No Order.**

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& McTernan*

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Report.*

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to note*

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& Works.*

*write Co Surveyor*

3325. **Inishboffin Harbour** :—Sunken fishing boats. Submitted Harbour Master's report, and advice of the Ministry of Industry & Commerce.  
**Order.**—Refer file to Harbour Master and ask him what he recommends.

3326. **Votes of Condolence** :—Read acknowledgments of Professor Anderson, Councillor P. D. Conroy, and Mr. P. A. Arkins.

3327. **Drainage** :—Loughs Corrib, Mask, and Carra. Submitted Minute No. 3281 of the Council.  
Report referred to Mr. M. J. Kennedy, Co. Surveyor for advice.  
Heard Mr. Kennedy who states he has nothing to report.  
**No Order.**

3328. **Drainage** :—  
Councillor Lambert proposed, Councillor Dervan seconded :—“ That the Board of Works be again asked to inspect the following drainage petitions in the Gort area with a view to having the works carried out as soon as possible :—The Killen petition, the Kilmacduagh and Gortnakilla petition, and the Drimalough and Derreen petition, as the carrying out of the work is much needed to relieve flooding on lands.”—**Passed.**

3329. **Roads** :—Road from Gort to Kilbeacanty.  
Councillor Lambert's Motion :—“ That, owing to heavy traffic of timber on the Gort to Kilbeacanty road at present, the County Surveyor be instructed to have some of the Grant when available, expended on this road.”—**Dealt with already.**

3330. **Surface Tarring** :—Grant £7,200.  
Read Ministry's letter No. SGD/201.  
Heard County Surveyors' proposals.  
Councillor McNeill proposed, Councillor Kennedy seconded :—“ That the County Surveyors' proposals be approved of and submitted to Ministry.”—**Passed.**

3331. **University Scholarships** :—Read letter from the Registrar, National University.  
**Order.**—Obtain statement of College arrangements and submit to Education Committee.

3332. **Scavenging Urban Roads** :—Ballinasloe Urban.  
Submitted Mr. Lee's proposal.

**Order.**—Inform the Ballinasloe Urban District Council and the Ministry that the County Council are prepared to take over the scavenging of Ballinasloe Urban Area upon the terms set out in the scheme of Mr. Lee, County Surveyor.

3333. **Road S. 245** :—Grant £4, 372.  
Read diversion at Clareville.  
Mr. Fahy refuses to give the land at less than £600, and the Ministry will not sanction more than £100.

**Order.**—A Committee, consisting of Councillors McNeill, O'Toole, Sweeney, T. Kyne, and B. Lydon, appointed to inspect the land and report as to any settlement they recommend.

3334. **R. O'Halloran** :—Superannuation allowance.  
Read Ministry's letter No. G. 12009 of the 23rd March.  
Councillor O'Toole proposed, Councillor Moylette seconded :—“ That the County Council hereby testify that Mr. R. O'Halloran devoted his whole time to the duties of Collector.”—**Passed.**

3335. **Labour** :—Dismissal of Bartley Flaherty.  
Read letter No. 1709 from Mr. M. J. Kennedy, County Surveyor.

Councillor McNeill proposed, Councillor Kennedy seconded :—“ That the County Council approve of and support the action of their County Surveyor in this matter and hereby record their implicit confidence in Mr. Kennedy.”—**Passed.**

3336. **Urban District Roads** :—County Surveyors' recommendation.  
Read Mr. Lee's letter of 25th inst.

**Order.**—Ask L.G.D. to communicate sanction to Scheme.

3337. **Park for Road Plant** :—  
Read Mr. Kennedy's letter of 25th March, Finance Committee grant of £150 insufficient, £50 additional required.  
**Order.**—Expenditure of £50 additional approved.

3338. **Housing Loan** :—Foley Agreement :—  
Read Co. Solicitor's letter.  
**Order.**—Seal and sign the correcting Endorsement on mortgage.

3339. Sarah McLoughlin v. Council (Criminal Injury).  
**Order.**—Appeal against area of charge.

*Confirmed this 7th day  
of May 1927.*

*J. M. Martin, W. J. Ryan, Chairman*

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Galway County Council Archives

COMHAIRLE CONNDAE NA GAILLIMHE.

FCM. 3890.

Secretary's Office,  
Courthouse,  
Galway,  
8th April, 1927.

NATIONAL ROAD SCHEME.  
Second Distribution—£1,250,000.

Dear Sir,

I am directed by the Finance Committee to inform you that, the Ministry of Local Government and Public Health have intimated that under the final distribution of the above Grant of £28,967 0s. 0d., has been provisionally allocated for the improvement of National Roads in the County of Galway as set out in the accompanying Schedule.

Yours faithfully,

W. G. FOGARTY,  
Secretary.

To :—  
Each Member of the County Council.  
Each County Surveyor.

NATIONAL ROAD SCHEME—FINAL ALLOCATION.  
GALWAY COUNTY.

Road	Location.	Description of work	Grant.
T.4	From W. Division Boundary to Athenry 2½ miles.	Widening corners, rolling & spraying	£4,610
T.4	Athenry-Kiltullagh, 11,198 yards.	Surface dressing	£1,120
T.4	Kiltullagh to part already rolled. 2,200 yds.	do. do.	£220
T.4	Kilconnell to part already rolled. 6¼ miles	Widening, strengthening, rolling, and spraying	£8,850
T.4	East side of Ballinasloe U.D.B. 572 yds.	Tar-bitumen grout.	£800
T.4	West side of Ballinasloe U.D.B. 688 yds.	Tar-bitumen macadam.	£1,240
T.4	Oranmore to E. Division B. 5¼ miles.	Rolling & spraying	£12,127
Total for Galway County ...			£28,967

COMHAIRLE CONNDAE NA GAILLIMHE.

Secretary's Office,  
Courthouse, Galway,  
30th April, 1927.

Sir,  
You are hereby summoned to attend a Quarterly Meeting of the Finance, Roads, and General Purposes Committee and of the County Council to be held at the Council Chamber, Galway, on SATURDAY, the 7th day of MAY, 1927, at the hour of 11-30 o'clock, a.m.

By Order of the Council,  
W. G. FOGARTY,  
Secretary.

To each Member.

FINANCE, ROADS, AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE.

BUSINESS :

- 3950 . 1.—Consideration of Applications for Payment.  
2.—Consideration of Application for Works.

A MEETING OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL will be held at the conclusion of the Business of the Finance, Roads, and General Purposes Committee.

3340 . 1.—Minutes.

3341 . 2.—Rate Collection :  
(a) State of Rate Collection.  
(b) Appointment of Collector for Inishboffin.

3342 . 3.—County Medical Officer of Health.  
(see circular from General Council herewith).

3343 . 4.—Sheep Dipping—Report of Finance Committee. *Conrad V. J.*

3344 . 5.—Diseases of Animals Acts—Veterinary Inspectors.

3345 . 6.—School Attendance Act, 1926—Consideration of Compensation to School Attendance Officers. *Colin C. C.*

3346 . 7.—Extension of Woodlands Sanatorium :—  
"I, or some member on my behalf, will move that the Order made at meeting of the County Council postponing consideration of the question of the extension of Woodlands Sanatorium be reconsidered, as 25 per cent. of the members of the Council were absent when said Order was made."—EAMON NA CORBAIN.

3347 . 8.—Superannuation Allowances—Messrs. Egan, Murray, and Stack.

3348 . 9.—Irish Land Act—Defaulting Land Purchase Annuitants.

3349 . 10.—Road Machinery—Hire of Road Plant (F.C.M. 3930) ;

3350 . 11.—Drainage :—  
(a) Dunkellin and Lavalley Drainage Districts, Loan £755—Form of undertaking.  
(b) Turloughmore Drainage, Cost of restoration work £11,400. Board of Works ask if County Council will make any contribution towards cost.

3351 . 12.—Urban Roads—(1) Ballinasloe Urban.  
(a) Steam-rolling contract (F.C.M. 3931).  
(b) Scavenging.  
(c) Clerk of Works.  
(2) Galway Urban—Clerk of Works.

3352 . 13.—Burial Grounds in Connemara :—

Statutory Notice issued on 29th March, 1927.

Sir,  
I hereby give Notice that I will move at the Meeting of the County Council to be held on the 7th May, 1927 :—  
"That the County Council sanction the obtaining of a Loan of £3,500 0s. 0d., for the improvement of Burial Grounds in the Rural Districts of Clifden and Oughterard. The cost of same to be a charge on the late Rural District Areas."—H. O'TOOLE.

- 3353 : 14.—Road at Inchiquin :—  
I will move, at the next meeting of the County Council, that the question of the consideration of a new road from Inchiquin to the mainland be considered and that the County Council contribute towards the cost of the work.—T. KYNE.
- 3354 : 15.—Spiddal Pier :—  
"I, or some member on my behalf, will move, at the next meeting of the County Council to be held on the 7th May, that Spiddal Pier be put in repair."—B. LYDON.
- 3355 16.—Road from Drumacoo to Killeenaran :—  
"I will move, at the next meeting of the County Council, that a road leading from Drumacoo to Killenaran, be repaired and contract be made for same."—THOMAS MURPHY.
- 3356 17.—Drainage :—  
"I will move that the Cloonafunsha River be drained."—T. MURPHY.
- 3357 18.—Duras Bridge :—  
"I will move that the County Surveyor be directed to report on the state of the Duras Bridge and that the necessary repairs be carried out on same."—T. MURPHY.
- 3358 19.—Road from Tuam to Milltown :—  
I, or some member on my behalf, will move at next meeting of the County Council that the Minister for Local Government be requested to have the main road from Tuam to Milltown scheduled as a Trunk Road with a view to same being steam rolled, and that portion of the next National Road Grant be earmarked for that deserving purpose."—JAMES NESTOR.
- 3359 20.—Road Maintenance Grant £16,502 :—  
(a) "I will move that the alteration in Mr. Lee's original proposal made in Minute No. 3303 be rescinded and that £1,200 be expended out of the Road Maintenance Grant on rolling the road from the Workhouse corner to the north end corner of Crowe St., Gort."—P. LAMBERT.  
(b) Loughrea Streets—Amount allocated £700—(Scheme for).
- 3360 21.—National Road Scheme—Further Grant of £28,967.
- 3361 22.—Special Grant of £4,372 for Connemara.  
Road No. S. 245.  
Road diversion at Clareville, Oughterard.  
(Report of Committee).
- 3362 23.—Abolition of Unions :—  
Appeal of Mary Connolly, ex-Wardmaid in Gort Workhouse.
- 3363 24.—Coroners' (Amendment) Act, 1927.—Report of County Solicitor.
- 3364 25.—Secretary's Agreement—Terms of—Co. Solicitor's Report
- 3365 26.—Third Party Insurance Policy.—(Fires on Plant).
- 3366 27.—Tourist Grant £3,000. Allocated to Road No. T. 41 at Mountshannon.
- 3367 28.—Workhouses :—  
(a) Clifden Workhouse.—Proposal to lease premises to Irish Sailors' and Soldiers' Land Trust.  
(b) Glenamaddy Workhouse.—(1) Damage by storm—Estimated cost £14. (2) Decree for damage £4,000  
(c) Oughterard Workhouse—Letting of Lands.
- 3368 29.—Old Age Pensions :—  
(a) Inishboffin Sub-Committee. Rev. Fr. Diskin, P.P., appointed Chairman in place of Rev. Fr. Greally, P.P., transferred.  
(b) Ardahan Sub-Committee—Appointment of Messrs. T. Tarpy, P. Bermingham, and J. Bermingham on Sub-Committee.
- 3369 30.—Loughrea Bridewell.
- 3370 31.—County Libraries :—  
3369 (a) Resignation of Miss O'Neill, 2nd Assistant.  
Report of Finance Committee.  
(b) Grant of £300 from Carnegie Trust.  
Report of Deputation.
- 3371 32.—Public Roads Act.—Extraordinary Traffic—Council against Messrs. Siemens Bauunion.
- 3372 33.—Resolutions received.
- 34.—General Correspondence.

3373 : Buantraigh Burial Ground  
Assignment to B.H. Ho Council

3374 Rater Mrs Kelly Dunmore

3375 Resolutions of other Bodies Submitted  
Leavan Council : re Incidence of Danation  
Hawthorn Urban Dist Council : re closing of Public Rights  
Order: Resolution adopted  
Kildare Co. re liability of Rates for hand Purlax Lumber

3376 District Council liabilities Claim of Mr Thomas Joyce : Read Mr McDonough's Report  
Order: Reply that the Council repudiate any liability and point out that claim is in any case statute-barred

3377. Road on townlands of Reask Harta (Connors Estate)  
1 landform letter 20095 =

3378 Urban District Roads

3379 Compensation Solutions to take R.D. Claims

3380 Hooding -

3381. Application from Temporary staff  
for increase of wages

3382. Road Labourers Rate  
Read & C.M.

3383. Tech. Committee = Pension W.G. Fogarty

3384 Minutes of Technical Instruction Cha  
Read Mr Connolly's letter of 5th inst:

3385. Sarahau Rly Bridge

3386 Damage to walls - Dr O'Keefe =

3387. Ballinasloe Urban Demand.

3388 Caddashduff Water Supply Road



COMHAIRLE CONNDAE NA GAILLIMHE.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE,  
COURTHOUSE, GALWAY,  
14th May, 1927.

SIR,

You are hereby summoned to attend a Quarterly Meeting of the Council to be held at the Council Chamber, Galway, on SATURDAY, 21st MAY, 1927, at the hour of 11.30 o'clock, a.m.

By Order of the Council,

W. G. FOGARTY, Secretary.

To each Member.

BUSINESS.

- 1.—MINUTES.
- 2.—PAYMENTS as per Quarterly Statement.
- 3.—PUBLIC WORKS: Correspondence re Roads, County Surveyors Reports, etc.
- 4.—RATE COLLECTION :—
  - (a) Special Notice is hereby given to each Member that at the Quarterly Meeting to be held on the 21st May, 1927, the Council will proceed to make the Rates for the year ending March, 1928, and to sign and seal the Collectors' Warrants and Demands on Urban District Councils.
  - (b) State of Rate Collection.
- 5.—LAND PURCHASE ANNUITIES: List of Defaulters.

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6. CORONERS' AMENDMENT ACT, 1927.

7.—RAILWAY LEVEL CROSSINGS.

8.—ROAD FROM REASK TO CARTA.—Bridge across Canal.

9.—TECHNICAL INSTRUCTION COMMITTEE :—  
Consideration of Superannuation Allowance to Mr. W. G. Fogarty, late Secretary to Committee.

10.—TEMPORARY RATING STAFF :—  
"I will move that the rate of wages paid to the Temporary Rating Staff be considered."—S. O'CONNOR.

11.—BRIDGE AT KYLEMORE :—  
"I, or some other Member on my behalf, will move at the next Meeting of the County Council that the Bridge spanning the Kylemore Lakes and leading to the Village of Kylemore, be repaired, or, in the alternative, a new bridge be erected."  
—B. A. LEE.

11a.—DRAINAGE :  
"I will move, at the next meeting of the County Council, that the Board of Works be requested to inspect the proposed Derry, Lurga, and Cregboy Drainage Works, in the Gort Area, with a view to having the Scheme carried out during the Summer months."—P. LAMBERT.

12.—BURIAL GROUNDS IN CONNEMARA :—  
Statutory Notice issued on 29th March, 1927 :—  
SIR,—I hereby give notice that I will move at the Meeting of the County Council to be held on the 7th May, 1927 :—  
"That the County Council sanction the obtaining of a Loan of £3,500 for the improvement of Burial Grounds in the Rural Districts of Clifden and Oughterard; the cost of same to be a charge on the County-at-Large."—H. O'TOOLE.

*Mr. Sec. O'Sullivan*  
13.—Resolutions received. N. 247 Ballinastul - Tarmacadam.

14.—General Correspondence.

15.—Financial Adjustments: Treasury claim against County Galway £2546/7/0. To receive Opinion of Law Adviser and direct Finance Committee as to payment or rejection of claim.

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*Resolutions ✓*

*Supplementary Inspectors*

*Clifden Roads ✓*

COMHAIRLE CONNDAE NA GAILLIMHE.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE,

COURTHOUSE GALWAY,

May 9th, 1927

SIR,

I am directed to transmit herewith the attached Copy of Minutes of Proceedings (3340 to 3390) at Meeting of the Galway County Council held on the 7th day of MAY, 1927.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,

W. G. FOGARTY, Secretary.

- ✓ To the Ministry for Local Government, Dublin.
- ✓ To each Member of the Galway County Council.
- ✓ To each Urban District Council.
- ✓ To each County Surveyor.
- ✓ To the Treasurer, National Bank, Galway.
- ✓ To the Secretary, County Board of Health.
- ✓ To the R.M.S., Mental Hospital, Ballinasloe.
- ✓ To the Secretary, H. & H. A. Committee, Loughrea.
- ✓ To the County Solicitor.
- ✓ To the Press.

To .....to see Minute No. ....

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT QUARTERLY MEETINGS OF THE FINANCE, ROADS AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE AND OF THE GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD ON THE 7TH MAY, 1927.

CHAIR:—Councillor McNeill in the Chair.

PRESENT:—Councillors Bartley, Conroy, Corbett, Crowe, Dervan, Egan, M. M.; Finnerty, Flanagan, Gilmore, Kennedy, Kenny, Kyne, N.; Kyne, T.; Lambert, Lydon, McDonagh, McKeigue, McLaughlin, Murphy, Moylette, Nestor, O'Connor, S.; O'Neill, O'Toole, Ronaldson.

FINANCE, ROADS AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE.

3948. Bank Balance to date, .....£1776 8 1 Cr.

Payments:

Subsidiary Account 3049 No. 3582	2284	1	2
Trunk Road Account 1292 No. 1470	484	11	7
Loan Account 153 No. 155	317	10	10

were submitted.

Order:—Approved and Treasurer's Authority signed.

3949. RATE COLLECTION. Submitted Rate Chart.  
Collected to date £231309 equal to 94 per cent  
Collected this week £2246  
Outstanding £14840

Secretary reported that the signing of the Rate is fixed for the 21st May, and that the closing of Accounts and furnishing of Arrear Sheets is now urgent.

The following Arrear Sheets were ruled:—

COLLECTOR.	TOTAL ARREARS.			STRUCK OFF.			CARRIED FORWARD.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
P. Glynn	57	12	1	37	2	5	20	9	8
P. Walsh	230	1	4	190	18	9	39	2	7
J. Garvey	49	0	0	32	18	11	16	1	1
M. Garvey	38	18	8	11	4	10	27	13	10
T. Naughton	77	19	9	37	3	6	40	16	3

and payment of refunds was ordered subject to sanction, and it was ordered also that all arrears lists and lists of defaulters be furnished for publication.

Sent to L.G.D.

## 3950. APPLICATIONS FOR PAYMENT :

Application Lists were submitted and ruled, and it was ordered that the payments set out on Application Lists be approved and submitted to the County Council for payment.

## 3951. TAR SPRAYING GRANT, £7,200.

Submitted advertisement inviting Tenders for £300,000 square yards.—Galway Urban Amount available, £6,000.

Submitted Tenders from :

South of Ireland Asphalt Co. at 4½d. per square yard.  
Bristowes' Tarvia Ltd. .... at 8½d.     "  
A. V. Priestly & Co. .... at 4.975d.     "

ORDERED:—That Tender of South of Ireland Asphalt Co. be accepted.

## 3952. ROAD LABOURERS AND RATES :

Referred to F.C.M. 3908 and read letter from Patrick Glynn stating that neither he nor his mother ever paid rates on the house they own at Cross St., Gort.

ORDER:—Adhere to Minute 3908.

Before proceeding with the Agenda The Chairman stated that the questions between him and the *Connacht Sentinel* had been settled satisfactorily on the terms set out in the following paragraph published in the Press :

## AN AMICABLE SETTLEMENT.

CONNACHT SENTINEL AND GALWAY  
COUNTY COUNCIL.

## THE AMENDE HONORABLE.

The following appeared in the *Connacht Sentinel* of Tuesday :  
With reference to certain verses that appeared under the heading of "The Watch Tower" in the *Connacht Sentinel* of January 18 and to certain comments that appeared in the same column of that newspaper on February 15, after consultation with Mr. Martin M. Egan, the Chairman of the Galway County Council, and other prominent public men in the county, it has been agreed that the following statement shall be made public:—

"The Editor of the *Connacht Sentinel* did not intend at any time to suggest that the Chairman of the Galway County Council or any individual member of that body had at any time taken a bribe. If the comment or the verses in question were capable of being so construed, he unhesitatingly withdraws any such suggestion.

"The Editor desires to state that the letter 'B—,' which appeared at the end of one of the lines of the poem, was meant to represent the word 'bun' or 'biscuit,' and was not intended to convey or to suggest by innuendo or otherwise that the Chairman or any other member of the Galway County Council had ever been guilty of corrupt practices. If this line were open to any such construction, the Editor, upon acceptance of the above explanation, unreservedly withdraws any such suggestion.

"The Editor of the *Connacht Sentinel* regrets if any of these statements caused pain or annoyance to Mr. Egan or to any member of the Galway County Council, and desires to say that nothing was further from his mind, and in so far as such personal suggestions might have been read into the poem or comment, he is perfectly willing that they should be withdrawn absolutely and expresses his regret that they should have been published."

Mr. Martin M. Egan, the Chairman of the Galway County Council, on his part, having heard the assurance of the Editor that full reports of council meetings were not at any time intentionally suppressed, unhesitatingly accepts the Editor's statement; and all threatened legal proceedings are, therefore, at an end.

On conclusion of the Committee Meeting the House resolved itself into a Meeting of the County Council.

CHAIR:—Councillor Martin M. Egan, in the chair.

## 3340. MINUTES :

Minutes of the County Council numbered 3300 to 3339, having been circulated, were taken as read and were confirmed.

Finance Committee Minutes, Nos. 3858 to 3950 were submitted, approved and signed.

## 334f. RATE COLLECTION :

Appointment of Rate Collector for Inishboffin.

Submitted advertisement. There were no applications.

Secretary directed the attention of the Council to the unsatisfactory state of the Collection in the Islands off Clifden: Island Eddy, Inishboffin, and Aran Islands, and it was ORDERED: "That a Special Committee (Councillors McNeill, O'Neill, O'Toole, Moylette, Sweeney, Murphy and Crowe) be appointed, to consider the state of the Collection of Poor Rate in the Islands, and to report to the Council; Committee to be authorised to visit any Islands if they consider it desirable to do so."

*Summoned  
See G.B.M*

## 3342. COUNTY MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH :

Submitted circular of the 14th of April, from the County Councils' General Council, together with questionnaire and replies thereto.

ORDER:—The County Council having considered the circular from the General Council, are of opinion that the conditions referred to in County Council Minute No. 3205 still obtain, and they respectfully request the Minister to refrain from pressing the making of this appointment until financial conditions improve.

*Done:*

## 3343. SHEEP DIPPING :

Referred to County Council Minute No. 3315.

Read Report of Finance Committee No. 3888.

Submitted lists of swim baths in the Districts of Mr. J. W. Flanagan, V.S., and Mr. P. J. Gaffney, V.S., Kelly and Nolan's.

Mr. Kyne reports that there are no swim baths in his area.

Councillor Crowe proposed, Councillor McNeill seconded:—  
"That Report No. 3888 of the Finance Committee be adopted, and that an advertisement be issued embodying this report, and stating that the County Council do not propose to make any free grants for the erection of swim baths under this scheme.

PASSED.

*advertised*

## 3344. DISEASES OF ANIMALS ACTS :

Submitted County Council Minute No. 2982 and Departmental circulars referred to therein providing for revision of the arrangements under which the Veterinary Inspectors are employed at the end of a year.

After discussion, Councillor O'Connor proposed, Councillor Kenny seconded:—"That the existing arrangements be continued to the 31st December, 1927, subject to the proviso that the supervision of swim baths and enforcement of Sheep Dipping Orders be included in the duties of the Veterinary Inspectors."

*wrote V.S.*

## 3345. SCHOOL ATTENDANCE ACT.

Submitted Statutory Notice directed by County Council Minute No. 3250.

Read Circular G. 60463 of the 13th January from the Local Government Department:

Submitted applications of the following Officers:—

## Oughterard School Attendance Committee :

Name.	Salary.	Service.	Compensation.
P. H. Joyce, Clerk .....	£15	19 yrs.	£27 0 0
Michl. O'Connor, S.A.O. ....	£11	9 "	9 18 0
Martin Conroy, S.A.O. ....	£11	9 "	9 18 0
Redmond McDonagh, S.A.O. ....	£11	1 "	1 2 0

## Loughrea School Attendance Committee :

Name.	Salary.	Service.	Compensation.
Miss S. I. Kelly, Clerk ....	£43	18 yrs.	£77 8 0
Joseph Fahy, S.A.O. ....	£43	18 "	77 8 0
P. J. Flannery, S.A.O. ....	£43	18 "	77 8 0
Martin Greene, S.A.O. ....	£43	18 "	77 8 0

## Clifden School Attendance Committee :

Name.	Salary.	Service.	Compensation.
Festus King, Clerk .....	£15	20 yrs.	£30 0 0
J. J. King, S.A.O. ....	£21	11 "	23 2 0
John Connolly, S.A.O. ....	£15	19 "	30 8 0
Colman O'Loughlin, S.A.O. ....	£16	20 "	32 0 0
Val. Keane, S.A.O. ....	£16	8 "	12 16 0
Redmond O'Halloran, S.A.O. ....	£7	2 "	6 6 0

Councillor McNeill proposed, Councillor Kennedy seconded:—  
"That compensations as set out above be granted to the various Officers named in accordance with the provisions of the School Attendance Officers' Compensation Order, 1927, subject to advice of Solicitor."—PASSED.

*To be table for  
advice*

## 3346. PAVILION AT WOODLANDS :

Councillor Corbett's motion was referred to Board of Health.

*Done*

## 3347. DISEASES OF ANIMALS ACTS :

Superannuation—Messrs. Egan, Stack and Murray.

Submitted Letter No. P. H. 18125 from the Ministry of Local Government stating that the Minister cannot regard these Officers as rendering whole-time services for the purpose of Superannuation allowances.

ORDER:—Ask again for reconsideration as the Council are of opinion that the treatment of these old servants is harsh,

*Done*

3348. LAND PURCHASE ANNUITIES :

Submitted Letter of 9th April from the Irish Land Commission with list of Defaulting Land Purchase Annuitants, and Letter No. 16877 of the 14th April, stating that the Land Commission have no particulars to enable them to state to what extent the publication of the list of defaulters contributed to the improvement in the collection of Land Purchase Annuitants in County of Galway.

Secretary drew attention to the Special List showing heavy instalments due by the various Co-Operative Societies.

ORDER :—Have Lists totalled and submitted to Q.M.

*Done.*

3349. HIRE OF ROAD PLANT :

Submitted Finance Committee Minute No. 3930.

The present charges for hire are not keeping the account solvent as required by the Public Bodies Order.

The County Surveyors suggest the following revised rates :—

Engine and Breaking Plant £2/5/0 a day to Contractors.

do. do. £2/15/0 a day to Council.

Roller ..... £2/10/0 a day.

Tractor or Steam Engine £2/0/0 a day.

and it was ordered :—

“That the recommendations of the County Surveyors be adopted, and the above rates be put in force immediately.

*wrote Co Surveyors*

3350. DUNKELLIN AND LAVALLY :

Read Letter No. 19261 from the Office of Public Works requesting a signed undertaking to repay Loans at the dates on which they become due.

Referred to Finance Committee Minute No. 3921.

The Chairman proposed, Councillor McNeill seconded :—“That the undertaking be signed.”—PASSED.

*Done*

3350a. TURLOUGHMORE DRAINAGE :

Submitted Letter No. 6079 from the Office of Public Works intimating that the Board of Works propose to carry out a general restoration scheme at a cost of £11,400 which will involve an annual charge of about 2/1 per acre after deduction of the Government Grant of 25 per cent.. The Board desire to know whether the County Council will make any contribution towards the cost.

Referred to Finance Committee Minute No. 3876. Finance Committee do not recommend any contribution.

ORDER :—County Council will not make any contribution towards the cost of this work.

*wrote Board of Works.*

3351. URBAN ROAD GRANTS

BALLINASLOE URBAN :

Submitted Mr. G. Lee's letter of the 21st April, enclosing correspondence and reports of the Ministry's Engineers, and copy of a letter purporting to be an official letter from the Ministry which was not issue dto the County Council.

Submitted Finance Committee Minute No. 3932, and letter issued by the Finance Committee to the Ministry.

ORDER :—The County Council approve of the proceedings of the Finance Committee with regard to Mr. Courtney and his report, and request that all communications in regard to County Council business or grants administered by the County Council should be addressed officially to their Secretary. Also ask for information as to the position which would arise if the Council make payments in good faith on the Certificates of their Surveyors in respect of “Grant” Works, and are met by a total refusal on Mr. Quigley's part to sanction payment.

*wrote R.G.D.*

Scavenging :—Submitted letter from the Urban District Council, Ballinasloe, declining the offer in County Council Minute No. 3332.

—NOTED.

Clerk of Works :—Submitted Finance Committee Minute No. 3919 with regard to the appointment of Mr. Kelly, B.E.,

ORDER :—Approved.

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3351a. GALWAY URBAN ROADS :—Clerk of Works.

Submitted Finance Committee Minute No. 3919.

Mr. Kennedy, Co. Surveyor, has appointed Mr. R. Emerson as Clerk of Works at £5 per week, and in view of Mr. Emerson's experience and efficiency the Finance Committee have approved of this Order.

*sanctd.*

ORDER :—Approved.

3352. CONNEMARA BURIAL GROUNDS :—

Submitted Statutory Notice dated the 29th March, 1927.

Councillor O'Toole proposed, Councillor O'Connor seconded :—

“That the County Council sanction the obtaining of a Loan of £3,500 for the improvement of Burial Grounds in the Rural Districts of Clifden and Oughterard, and that the cost of same be a charge on the County-at-large.”

*CCM*

ORDER :—Adjourned to Quarterly Meeting.

3353. ROAD AT INCHQUIN :

Councillor T. Kyne proposed, Councillor O'Connor seconded :—

"That the question of the construction of a new road from Inchiquin to the Mainland be considered, and that the County Council contribute towards the cost."

Work not in approved Road Scheme 1927-1928.  
Read letter 3376 from Irish Land Commission stating that the cost of this work would be prohibitive.

Heard Mr. S. O'Mulloy.  
ORDER:—The deputation are assured by the County Council that Council is willing to contribute to the making of the proposed road provided the Council is satisfied with the contribution to be made by the Land Commission and that the Land Commission will carry out the work.

*Wrote S. O'Mulloy*

3354. SPIDAL PIER :  
Councillor B. Lydon's proposal "that Spiddal Pier be put in repair" was adjourned.

3355. ROAD FROM DRUMACOO TO KILLEENARAN :—  
Councillor T. Murphy proposed :—"That the road leading from Drumacoo to Killeenaran be repaired and contract made for same."  
Secretary pointed out that this Motion would be in order at the Annual Roads Meeting.  
No Order.

3356. DRAINAGE :  
Councillor T. Murphy proposed :—"That the Cloonafunsha river be drained."  
Secretary referred to the Regulations under the Drainage Acts which required a Petition and a Map.  
ORDER :—Await Petition.

*Co. Surveyor*

3357. DURAS BRIDGE :  
Councillor T. Murphy proposed, Councillor McNeill seconded :—"That the County Surveyor be directed to report on the state of the Duras Bridge and that the necessary repairs be carried out on same."  
Read Report of Co. Surveyor, and Motion was passed, cost not to exceed £15.

*Wrote L.G.D.  
Copy to Council  
Heard*

3358. ROAD FROM MILLTOWN TO TUAM :  
Councillor Nestor proposed, Councillor Gilmore seconded :—"That the Minister for Local Government be requested to have the main road from Tuam to Milltown scheduled as a Trunk Road

with a view to same being steam-rolled, and that portion of the next Trunk Road Grant be earmarked for this important road."—  
PASSED.

3359. ROAD MAINTENANCE GRANT : £16,502 :—  
Councillor Lambert proposed :—"That the alteration in Mr. Lee's original proposal made in Minute No. 3303 be rescinded and that £1,200 be expended out of the Road Maintenance Grant on rolling the road from the Workhouse corner to the north end corner of Crowe St., Gort."

*Wrote L.G.D.*

Read letters RGM/IT of the 14th April.  
ORDER :—That the sum of £1,200 be expended on strengthening, surfacing and rolling 1,200 square yards of streets in the Town of Gort, including George's St., Bridge St., and portion of Market Square.  
Mr. Lambert signified his assent).

3360. LOUGHREA STREETS :  
Amount allocated, £700—not approved.  
Referred to Finance Committee Minute 389I.  
Heard Mr. Lee, who recommends that £700 be expended in strengthening, surfacing and rolling 224 perches of road from Fortlands, Loughrea, towards Portumna.  
ORDER :—Approved.

*Wrote L.G.D.*

3361. ROAD DIVERSION AT CLAREVILLE :  
Submitted report of Committee appointed to interview Mr. Fahy. Committee unable to arrive at any agreed figure.  
ORDER :—That the County Solicitor be instructed to take the necessary steps to obtain the required lands by compulsion.

*Wrote to  
L.G. O'Leary*

3362. ABOLITION OF UNIONS :  
Appeal of Mary Connolly, ex-Wardsmaid, Gort Workhouse. Gratiuity of £29/10/0 paid by Board of Health.  
Read Ministry's letter F. 10277 of the 16th March, 1927.  
ORDER :—The County Council are still of opinion that the decision of the Board of Health was reasonable and should be allowed to stand.

*Wrote  
L.G.D.*

3363. CORONERS' (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1927 :  
Submitted L.G.D. Circular No. BG. 12282. Heard Co. Solicitor.  
ORDER :—The Finance Committee is instructed to consider the Circular, and Report as to any steps they consider the Council might usefully take in regard to Coroners' Districts and salaries.

*J.C.M.*

3364. NATIONAL ROAD SCHEME :  
Further Grant of £28,967.  
Submitted Ministry's letter RGM/201 intimating the final allocation of £28,967 as follows:--

Road	Location.	Description of work	Grant.
T.4	From W. Division Boundary to Athenry 2½ miles.	Widening corners, rolling & spraying	£4,610
T.4	Athenry-Kiltullagh, 11,198 yards.	Surface dressing	£1,120
T.4	Kiltullagh to part already rolled. 2,200 yds.	do. do.	£220
T.4	Kilconnell to part already rolled. 6½ miles	Widening, strengthening, rolling, and spraying	£8,850
T.4	West side of Ballinasloe U.D.B. 572 yds.	Tar-bitumen grout.	£800
T.4	East side of Ballinasloe U.D.B. 688 yds.	Tar-bitumen macadam.	£1,240
T.4	Oranmore to E. Division B. 5½ miles.	Rolling & spraying	£12,127
Total for Galway County ...			£28,967

County Surveyor suggests tar-grouting-- approved by Co. Council.  
ORDER :--Noted.

3365. SECRETARY'S AGREEMENT :  
Read letter from County Solicitor dated the 14th April enclosing copy of letter from the Minister to him.  
Referred to F.C.M. 3904, instructing the County Solicitor to submit a Draft Resolution complying with the desire of the Ministry.  
Read County Solicitor's letter of the 22nd April, submitting Draft Minute.  
Councillor McNeill proposed, Councillor Lydon seconded:--  
"That having heard the letter from the L. G. Department to the County Solicitor the County Council hereby confirm their Resolu-

*wrote to Ministry & Copy to Coslan*

*wrote to Coslan & Blake Henry*

tions, Nos. 3224 and 3318. They hereby record as explanatory of Resolution No. 3224 that if the proportion of expenses referred to in the Resolution shall exceed the cost of clerical assistance etc., the Secretary shall be entitled to retain such excess, but, if the allowed expenses shall not be sufficient to cover the actual outlay the Secretary shall not be entitled to make any claim on the County Council beyond the five-ninths referred to in the Resolution No. 3224."--PASSED.

3366. THIRD PARTY INSURANCE :  
Submitted File.  
Referred to Finance Committee Minutes Nos. 3939 and 3940 and correspondence with Hibernian Insurance Company.  
ORDER :--(1) The County Council consider that the existing Premium on Policy No. 502013 is sufficiently high to cover all fires whether caused by flying sparks and ashes, or fires actually breaking out on the Council's vehicles, and unless the Hibernian Company are prepared to cover these risks at the existing premium the County Council will consider transferring all their Third Party Policies from that Company.  
(2) Tar Sprayers to be equipped with fire extinguishers.

*wrote Company*

3367. TOURIST GRANT, £3,000 :  
Read Ministry's letter No. RG/201 allocating £3,000 to Road No. T. 41 at Mountshannon.  
ORDER :--Noted.

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3367a TUAM WORKHOUSE :--Claim against Military, £552/17/0.  
ORDER :--County Solicitor to explain delay.

*wrote Coslan*

3368. WORKHOUSES :--  
*Clifden Workhouse* :--Submitted correspondence re alienation of premises to Irish Soldiers' and Sailors' Land Trust.  
Referred to Finance Committee Minutes Nos. 3925 and 3942.  
ORDER :--Action of Finance Committee approved.  
*Glennamaddy Workhouse* :--Submitted F. C. M. 3936 and letter to County Solicitor, which was approved.  
*Oughterard Workhouse* :--Letting of Lands. Submitted correspondence with Ministry and F.C.M. 3927.  
ORDER :--Action of Finance Committee approved.  
*Sale of Timber* :--ORDER :--Auction subject to reserve prices.

*In hands of Coslan*

*wrote P. J. Lynn*

3369. OLD AGE PENSIONS :  
Rev. Fr. Diskin and Mr. John Canavan, appointed members the Inishboffin Committee.

*Mr. Hickey*



Galway County Council Archives

*W. Hickey*

*Ardrahan Sub-Committee* :—ORDER :—Messrs. T. Tarpey, P. Birmingham, and J. Birmingham appointed members to replace disqualified members.

3370. LOUGHREA BRIDEWELL :

Referred to C. C. M. 3320. Mr. Lee adheres to valuation of £500, but suggests that, as between two Public Bodies market value may not be a factor, and that the matter might be arranged between the Bodies themselves without expert advice.

ORDER :—The County Council agree that the conditions of transfer from one Public Body to another takes this transaction out of a condition of an ordinary competitive sale, and they again ask the Ministry to sanction the Lease for a bulk sum of £80, which is analogous to the Tuam transfer.

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*wrote L. G. D*

3371. COUNTY LIBRARIES :

Resignation of Miss O'Neill, 2nd Assistant. Submitted F.C.M. 3892. The Finance Committee consider that the appointment of an Assistant *vice* Miss O'Neill resigned is not necessary.

REPORT ADOPTED—Vacancy not to be filled.

Grant from Trust Funds : The deputation to meet Col. Mitchell (Councillor Corbet and the Secretary, C.C.M. 3225) report that the Carnegie Trust have agreed to give a Free Grant of £100 for 3 years.

ORDER :—Noted with thanks.

*wrote Mr. McGuire*

3372. PUBLIC ROADS ACT : Submitted File.

Messrs. Siemens Bauunion.

ORDER :—County Solicitor to proceed on County Surveyor's Certificates.

Claim against Messrs. McAinsh & Co., £180.

ORDER :—F.C.M. 3947 is approved.

McCartan Bros. Claim £20. Read Mr. Kennedy's letter No. 2601 of the 2nd May.

ORDER :—Accept £10 to cover this claim.

*wrote Bodaly*

*In lands Bodaly*

*Lodged £10.*

3373. BAUNTRAGH BURIAL GROUND :

Submitted Assignment. James O'Kelly to Board of Health and County Council.

ORDER :—That the Assignment be sealed. And Seal was affixed.

*Done*

3374. LABOURER'S COTTAGE, DUNMORE :

Rates, Mrs. Kelly. Submitted File.

ORDER :—Refund the difference between 1½ years rates and the amount paid, subject to sanction.

*Done W. M. M. M.*

3375. RESOLUTIONS RECEIVED :

Resolutions of other Bodies submitted.  
Cavan Co. Council re Incidence of Taxation,  
READ.

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Howth Urban District Council re Closing of Public Rights.

ORDER :— Resolution adopted.

Kildare County Council re Liability of rates for Land Purchase Annuitants.

ORDER :—That resolution be adopted.

3376. RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL LIABILITIES :

Claim of Mr. Thomas Joyce. Read Dr. McDonogh's report. ORDER :—Reply that the Council repudiate all liability, and point out that claim is in any case statute barred.

3377. ROAD ON TOWNLAND OF REASK AND CARTHA (O Connor Estate) :

Read Land Commission's letter No. 20005 offering £200 towards the cost of constructing a bridge across the Canal and about 200 yards length of road leading up to it.

Heard Co. Surveyor.

ORDER :—Co. Surveyor to report to Quarterly Meeting.

3378. URBAN DISTRICT ROADS : County Surveyors' remuneration :

Amounts Agreed : Galway (Mr. Kennedy) ... £100.

Ballinasloe (Mr. Lee)..... £25.

Sanction has not yet been received from the Ministry of Local Government.

ORDER :—Press for sanction.

3379. COMPENSATION OF SOLICITORS TO LATE RURAL DISTRICT COUNCILS :

Submitted C.C.M. 3173 and correspondence with County Solicitor. Submitted Statutory Notice of the 18th December, 1926, and Claims as follows :—

Ballinasloe Rural District Council :

L. A. Conroy, Solicitor : Salary, £50 ; Service, 6 years ; Compensation, £50.

Clifden Rural District Council :

H. G. Connolly, Solicitor : Average emoluments, £135 : Service, 17 years ; Pension £90 maximum.

In this case there is no evidence of the appointment of Mr. Henry Connolly as Solicitor to the Rural District Council. The L. G. Department have ruled that a Firm of Solicitors is not entitled to compensation.

Galway and Oughterard Rural District Councils :

J. C. Conroy & Sons, Solrs. ; There are no figures in this case and the L. G. Department have ruled that a Firm of Solicitors is not entitled to compensation within the Act.

Glenamaddy, Mountbellew and Tuam Rural District Councils

H. J. Concannon, Solicitor ; There was no application received in this case.

Gort Rural District Council :

*wrote by and for Sir...*

*wrote by and for...*

*Done*

*Done*

*wrote Ministry*



L. E. O'Dea, Solicitor, Galway. Makes no claim for compensation.

Loughrea Rural District Council:  
P. Hogan, Solicitor; Average emoluments, £183/3/11; Service, 8 years; Gratuity, £244/5/4.

Portumna Rural District Council:  
J. T. Kearns, Solicitor, Portumna. Has not sent in necessary particulars and proofs.

Councillor McNeill proposed, Councillor Conroy seconded:—  
"That County Council grant compensation of £50 to Mr. L. A. Conroy, and £244/5/4 to Mr. P. Hogan, and they adjourn consideration of all other cases for the necessary particulars and proofs.

3380. FLOODING CAUSED BY CHOKING OF ROAD DRAINS:  
Read letter (2659) from the Board of Health with regard to sewers and drains.

ORDER:—Inform the Board of Health that the difficulties mentioned in letter are appreciated, but that they are inevitable and can only be dealt with by negotiations between the Board of Health and the County Council in regard to each case as it arises.

3381. TEMPORARY RATING STAFF:  
Read application (2655) for increase of salary on last year's figure; and

Councillor O'Connor gave Notice of Motion for Quarterly Meeting.

3382. ROAD LABOURERS AND RATES:  
Read Finance Committee Minute No. 3908 and letter from Patrick Glynn who owes two years rates amounting to £1/16/0.

ORDER:—See F.C.M. 3952.

3383. TECHNICAL INSTRUCTION COMMITTEE:  
Read Mr. G. Connolly's letter of the 5th inst. forwarding resolution No. 350 of the County Galway (Joint) Technical Instruction Committee recommending the County Council to grant to Mr. W. G. Fogarty, late Secretary to the Committee, a pension in accordance with the terms of a letter from the County Solicitor in Minute No. 350.

Submitted Statutory Notice issued to Members of the County Council and County Committee.

ORDER:—That matter be placed upon Agenda for Quarterly Meeting.

3384. MINUTES OF TECHNICAL INSTRUCTION COMMITTEE:  
Read Mr. Connolly's letter of the 5th May.

ORDER:—The County Council are surprised to hear that any Official of the Department took it upon himself to issue instructions that Minutes of a Committee appointed by the County Council were not to be sent to the Members of the County Council.

*forwarded to Ministry*

*Done*

*CBM*

*CB 4*

*wrote Mr Connolly*

The County Council now reverse this instruction and require that numbered Minutes shall be sent, as heretofore, to every Member of the County Council and a copy for record to the County Council Offices.

3385. RAILWAY BRIDGE AT ARDRAHAN:  
Submitted Mr. Lee's letter (2681) and opinion of Mr. A. E. Wood, K.C.

ORDER:—County Solicitor to obtain drawings referred to and bring up matter again.

3386. DAMAGE TO WALLS:  
Walls at Salthill. Claim of Dr. B. O'Beirne, for restoration of wall damaged by storm.

Submitted Finance Committee Minute No. 3701. Finance Committee have repudiated liability for the construction of these walls. Dr. O'Malley has himself rebuilt walls. Dr. O'Beirne threatens legal proceedings except the County Council build up walls of his premises.

ORDER:—Reply that County Council repudiate liability and hope that Mr. Hennessy will continue to press Dr. O'Beirne in the matter as the present condition of the walls of Dr. O'Beirne's premises is very unsightly.

3387. BALLINASLOE URBAN DEMAND:  
Read letter from Town Clerk, Ballinasloe.  
ORDER:—Explain that the Estimates are framed in January and that the County Council have no power to alter the Demand.

3388. CLEGGAN AND CLADDAGHDUFF WATER SUPPLY:  
Read Board of Health's letter asking for provisional approval to a Loan of £680 for Claddaghduff Water Supply.

Secretary pointed out that there was no power to give provisional approval until matter is considered after a month's notice has been given to each member of the County Council, and Councillor P. D. Conroy gave notice of motion for Annual Meeting.

3389. SS. MUENCHEN:  
The Chairman proposed, Councillor Conroy seconded:—"That the Galway County Council, as Premier Representative Body of the County, hereby place upon record their appreciation of the action of The North German Lloyd Steamship Co. in sending their splendid liner "Muenchen" to visit Galway, and trust that their visit will inaugurate a pleasant and profitable connection between Galway and the Company. PASSED.

3390. CROSSING AT ATHENRY: Submitted File.  
ORDER:—County Solicitor to advise Quarterly Meeting as to rights of Railway Company.

Mr. Higgins' concrete case to be sent to Railway Company.

*wrote Mr O'Dea*

*Done*

*Done*

*CBM*

*wrote agents Captain*

*CB Soli*

*Submitted and confirmed  
this 21st day of May 1927.*

*Indrad B. Martin O'Regan Chairman*

Secretary's Office,  
Courthouse, Galway,  
May 24th, 1927.

Sir,

I am directed to transmit herewith the attached Copy of Minutes of Proceedings (3391 to 3415) at Meeting of the Galway County Council, held on the 21st day of May, 1927.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,  
W. G. FOGARTY,  
Secretary.

- To the Ministry for Local Government, Dublin.
- To each Member of the Galway County Council.
- To each Urban District Council.
- To each County Surveyor.
- To the Treasurer, National Bank, Galway.
- To the Secretary, County Board of Health.
- To the R.M.S., Mental Hospital, Ballinasloe.
- To the Secretary, H. and H. A. Committee, Loughrea.
- To the County Solicitor.
- To the Press.

To ..... to see Minute No

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT QUARTERLY MEETING OF THE GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL, HELD ON THE 21st OF MAY, 1927.

CHAIR :—Councillor M. M. Egan in the chair.

PRESENT :—Councillors Bartley, Cahill, Conroy, Corbett, Crowe, Curley, Dervan, Finnerty, Furey, Kenny, N. Kyne, Lambert, Lydon, McKeigue, McNeill, Mylotte, Nestor, O'Toole, Ronaldson, and Taylor.

3391. MINUTES :  
Minutes of the County Council from 3340 to 3390 having been circulated were taken as read and were confirmed.  
Finance Committee Minutes from No. 3952 to No. 3972 were submitted and approved, and signed.

3392. APPLICATIONS FOR PAYMENT :  
The Application Lists were submitted and initialled by the Chairman of the Council and the Chairman of the Finance Committee and

The Chairman proposed, Councillor McNeill seconded :—“ That the Proposals for Payment be approved and that Treasurer's Authority be signed.”—PASSED.  
And Treasurer's Authority was signed.

3393. PUBLIC WORKS :  
Submitted County Surveyors' Reports.

3394. MAKING OF RATE :—  
Submitted Rate Books, Collectors' Warrants and Demands on Urban District Councils.  
The Chairman proposed, Councillor McNeill seconded :—“ That the Rates for the year ending March 1928, as set out in the Rate Books now submitted be, and the same are hereby allowed and made, and that the Rate Books, Collectors' Warrants and Demands on Urban Councils be sealed and signed.”—PASSED.  
And the Rate Books, Collectors' Warrants and Demands on Urban District Councils were sealed and signed.

STATE OF RATE COLLECTION :  
Amount of recovered Rate and Arrears to March, 1927  
outstanding (say) ..... £ 5000  
Amount of Warrants signed to-day ..... £ 215,052  
Amount of Urban Demands ..... £ 18,254

Total of <sup>Rate</sup> Assets ..... £ 238,306

Bank Balance to-day ..... £ 14,457 Cr

Amount of Advice Notes signed at this Meeting ..... £ 56,985]

Submitted Rate Chart to the 14th May :

The Secretary reported that the following Collectors have not closed their Warrants and that their Sureties have been informed :  
Collectors Forde, Manning, Muldoon, Coyne, Mongan, J. A. ; Mongan, J. W. ; P. Corbett, T. Corbett, John Walsh, John Morrissey, T. Sloyan, Mrs. Smith.

ORDER :—That three weeks be given to close Accounts.  
The remaining Collectors have closed and Poundage has been paid.

ORDER :—Action of Finance Committee approved. Refunds to Collectors to be made immediately sanction is received.  
ISLAND COLLECTIONS :

Secretary reported that the Special Committee was not yet in a position to report upon this matter, and that the Finance Committee had been unable to obtain a Collector for Inishboffin.

ORDER :—Advertise the Inishboffin Collection again.  
Amount of 1926-1927 Rate collected to date, £235,672, or 95.7 per cent.

3395. LAND PURCHASE DEFAULTERS :  
Submitted List of Land Purchase Defaulters received from the Land Commission to the 1st December, 1926, amounting to £27,103/5/2.

ORDER :—The House divided on the question of publication, when there voted—For Publishing, 10; Against, 10; and the question was adjourned.

3396. CORONERS' ACT :  
Read letter of the 7th May from the County Solicitor.  
ORDER :—Put on Agenda for next Quarterly Meeting for consideration of the salaries of the existing Coroners.

3397. RAILWAY LEVEL CROSSINGS :—  
Athenry Level Crossing. Submitted Letter from County Solicitor dated 14th May.

Councillor Crowe proposed, Councillor Ronaldson seconded :—  
“ That County Solicitor bring the matter of complaints in regard to the Athenry Level Crossing under the Notice of the Ministry of Industry and Commerce with a view to having the inconvenience complained of by the inhabitants of Athenry removed.”—PASSED.  
Bunnacoyle Level Crossing. Read correspondence with General Manager (G.S.R.).

ORDER :—County Surveyor to confer with Chief Engineer and report.

3398. REISK-CARTA BRIDGE :—  
Submitted letter from Mr. George Lee and his report. This work is not included in the Road Works Scheme.

ORDER :—Ask the Land Commission to increase their offer to half the cost of the work.

3399. SUPERANNUATION ALLOWANCE TO MR. W. G. FOGARTY :

Read letter from Mr. George Connolly, Secretary to the Technical Instruction Committee recommending that Mr. W. G. Fogarty be granted superannuation allowance in accordance with Minute No. 350 of the County Technical Instruction Committee.

Submitted the Opinion of the County Solicitor.  
Retiring salary was £117 and Bonus. Service 25 years.  
Councillor McNeill proposed, Councillor Lydon seconded :—  
“ That the Council grant a superannuation allowance of 25/60ths to Mr. W. G. Fogarty in accordance with the advice of the County Solicitor.” —PASSED.

3400. TEMPORARY RATING STAFF :  
Councillor O'Toole proposed, Councillor Bartley seconded :—  
“ That the Rate of Wages paid to the temporary Rating Staff be increased from 45/- to 50/- per week.”  
Councillor McNeill proposed, Councillor Corbett seconded :—  
“ That Wages be 45/- per week.”  
On a Poll being taken, there voted :—For 45/- per week, 11 ; For 50/- per week, 7 ; and Councillor O'Toole's motion was declared lost.

3401. BRIDGE AT KYLEMORE :  
Secretary referred to Public Bodies Order. Work not in Annual Road Scheme and can only be considered at the Annual Roads Meeting.  
Councillor Bartley proposed, Councillor Conroy seconded :—  
“ That the County Surveyor include in next year's Annual Road Scheme the repair of Bridge spanning the Kylemore Lakes.”—PASSED.

3402. DRAINAGE :—DERRY, LURGA and CREGBOY.

Secretary reported that this Scheme was already with the Board of Works, and was not one of the four Schemes which the County Council had requested to be taken first.

Councillor Lambert proposed, Councillor Murphy seconded :—  
“ That the Board of Works be requested to inspect the proposed Derry, Lurga and Cregboy Drainage Works, in the Gort area, with a view to having the Scheme carried out during the summer months.”—PASSED.

Sinking River. ORDER :—Secretary to ascertain how this matter stands.

3403. BURIAL GROUNDS IN CONNEMARA :  
Read Mr. Gallagher's letter of the 16th inst. on the subject of a deputation to Dublin to interview Ministry, and his telegram as to result.

*Circularised Rate Collectors.*

*Done*

*Done*

*wrote Co Solicitor*

*wrote Co Surveyor*

*wrote L.L. Comm*

*Forwarded L.L.D for sanction*

*wrote Mr Kennedy Es. Copy to Counc. Sec*

*wrote B.O.W & Copy to Counc. Lambert*

Councillor O'Toole proposed, Councillor Bartley seconded:—"That the County Council sanction the obtaining of a Loan of £3,500 for the improvement of Burial Grounds in the Rural Districts of Clifden and Oughterard; the cost of same to be a charge on the County-at-Large."—PASSED.

noted B.O.H.

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3400. MR. GEORGE LEE, COUNTY SURVEYOR: Submitted Letter RS/11 of the 14th May from the Ministry of Local Government notifying the suspension of Mr. George Lee from the office of County Surveyor, and copy of letter from the Ministry to Mr. Lee.

wrote L.G.D.

Referred to CCM. 3351 and FCM. 3932. The Chairman proposed, Councillor Conroy seconded:—"That the County Council have heard with amazement the letter of Mr. McCarron conveying intimation of the suspension of Mr. George Lee from the office of County Surveyor. The Council assert that there is no justification or any ground for the action of the Ministry, and they demand that the letter No. RS/11 of the 14th May shall be immediately and unreservedly withdrawn."—PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

wrote G.O.U.

Councillor Corbett proposed, Councillor McNeill seconded:—"That we invite the Local Government Officials Union to agitate for the Repeal of Section 11 of the Local Authorities (Officers and Employees Act), and we undertake to support such agitation as we regard the Section as a monstrous invasion of the liberty and rights of the citizen."—PASSED. Temporary Arrangements—Order that Mr. Kennedy, B.E., M.I.C.E., be appointed to take charge engineering of the Eastern Division during Mr. Lee's suspension. Mr. Kennedy's remuneration for this work to be £500 per annum.

wrote L.G.D.

3405. WORK NO. N. 247, BALLINASLOE-TAR-MACADAM: Submitted correspondence. Secretary asked for instructions as to whether, having regard to the situation disclosed by the correspondence, he was to place Authorities for Payments in respect of "Grants" Works for signature before the Finance Committee in the first instance, or, whether he should forward the certificates of the County Surveyors in respect of Payments to Contractors to the Ministry of Local Government for approval before submitting same to the Finance Committee for payment.

wrote L.G.D.

Read Ministry's letter of 20th May. ORDER:—Ask the Ministry for a definite reply to the question: "If the County Council make payments relying on a Grant, and the Grant, or part of it, is subsequently withheld how, and under what statutory authority is the deficit to be provided."

Done

3406. FINANCIAL ADJUSTMENTS: Treasury Cla.m against County Council £2546/7/0. Submitted letter from the Ministry of Local Government, No. 20900. Heard opinion of Law Adviser, and referred to County Council Minute No. 3312, also Finance Committee Minutes Nos. 3810 and 3835. ORDER:—Finance Committee to act on the advice of the County Solicitor.

wrote Rev. Macdonnell

3407. WORKHOUSES: Submitted CCM. 3368, and reports as to the building of the original Workhouses. ORDER:—Send the information to the County Solicitor.

J.C.W.

3408. EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS: Read letter from the Rev. Joseph MacDonnell, S.J., asking the County Council to adopt the resolution of the Mullingar Town Commissioners, and Councillor Ronaldson proposed, Councillor McNeill seconded:—"That we respectfully desire to place on record our unanimous wish that the Eucharistic Congress for 1932 be held in Ireland; especially as that year will be the Fifteenth Centenary of the coming of St. Patrick to our shores. The authorities concerned can rely on our fullest support."—PASSED.

Co Surveyor instructed

3409. THIRD PARTY INSURANCE: Referred to CCM. 3366 and read letter to the Manager of the Hibernian Fire and General Insurance Company. ORDER:—Finance Committee to act as they think best.

wrote C.C.

3410. COUNTY LIBRARIES COMMITTEE: Read letter from Mr. S. J. Maguire, dated 18th instant. ORDER:—Another room to be fitted up for the Library.

noted

3411. RESOLUTIONS RECEIVED: Tironail County Council re exemption of County Councillors from Jury Service. ORDER:—Adopted.

J.C.W.

3412. VETERINARY INSPECTORS: Read letter L. 1661 from the Department of Agriculture approving of the temporary appointment of the Veterinary Inspectors to 31st December, 1927.—NOTED.

Done

3413. SHEEP DIPPING: ORDERED:—That it be an instruction to Finance Committee not to issue a License for an authorised Sheep Dipping Station within a mile of any existing authorised Station.

3414. INSURANCE COMMITTEE AGREEMENT: Submitted Miss Ryan's letter of 20th May. ORDER:—Referred to Board of Health for their observations.

3415. CLIFDEN ROADS: Read correspondence with Major Heather re the road leading from Clifden to the Beach. County Surveyor reports that the repair would cost hundreds of pounds. NO ORDER.

wrote Major Heather

Submitted and Confirmed this 4<sup>th</sup> day of July 1927.

Martin Ryan Chairman

Induced E.H.

County Council

COMHAIRLE CONNDAE NA GAILLIMHE.

NOTICE AS TO TIME AND PLACE OF AUDIT.

28th day of May, 1927.

In pursuance of the Public Bodies Order, 1925, I hereby give you notice that the Audit of the Accounts of the Galway County Council will be opened on the 27th day of JUNE, 1927, in the County Council Offices, Courthouse, Galway, at the hour of 10 a.m., by J. P. MORAN, Esq., Local Government Auditor. Accounting Officers are required to attend at the time and place above mentioned, then and there to produce all Books, Accounts, and Vouchers relating to their duties as such Accounting Officers.

W. G. FOGARTY,  
Secretary.

To Mr. ....

Copy to each Member of the County Council.

COMHAIRLE CONNDAE NA GAILLIMHE.

Secretary's Office,  
Courthouse, Galway,  
31st May, 1927.

STATUTORY NOTICE.

I hereby give notice that at Meeting of the Galway County Council, to be held on the 3rd July, 1927, I will move that the consent of the County Council be given under Section 4 (1) of the Local Government Act, 1927, to the borrowing of a supplemental Loan of £4,354, by the Board of Health, from the Commissioners of Public Works, to meet the expenditure in connection with the contracts at the Galway Central Hospital, as the original sums borrowed in 1922-23-24, were not sufficient to meet the expenditure, and unless the deficiency is now raised by Loan, spread over a period of 25 years, as sanctioned by the Minister for Local Government, and approved of by the Commissioners of Public Works, this sum will have to be paid in the coming year out of Revenue Account, which would mean an increase of over 2d. in the £. in the Rates of the entire County.

(Signed) MARTIN FINNERTY.

To:—  
Each Member of the Galway County Council.  
The Secretary, Board of Health, Galway.  
The Secretary, Ministry of Local Government, Dublin.

COMHAIRLE CONNDAE NA GAILLIMHE.

Secretary's Office,  
Courthouse, Galway,  
30th May, 1927.

STATUTORY NOTICE.

I hereby give notice that at the Meeting of the Galway County Council to be held on the 3rd day of July, 1927, I will move that the consent of the County Council be given, under Section 4 (1) of the Local Government Act, 1927, to the borrowing of a Loan of £17,500 by the Board of Health from the Commissioners of Public Works to meet their expenditure in connection with the Loughrea Sewerage Scheme.

Dated this 30th day of May, 1927.

(Signed), P. CAHILL.

To:—  
Each Member of the County Council;  
The Secretary, County Board of Health.  
The Secretary, Ministry of Local Government and Public Health.

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COMHAIRLE CONNDAE NA GAILLIMHE.

Secretary's Office,  
Galway,  
27th June, 1927.

Sir,

You are hereby summoned to attend the Annual General Meeting of the County Council, to be held at the Council Chamber, Galway, on MONDAY, the 4th day of JULY, 1927, at the hour of 11.30 o'clock, a.m.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,

W. G. FOGARTY,

To each Member.

Secretary.

BUSINESS :

- 1.—Election of Chairman for the year 1927-1928.
- 2.—Election of Vice-Chairman.
- 3.—Election of Chairman of Finance, Road and General Purposes Committee.
- 4.—Appointment of Committees.
- 5.—To fix the Dates of Meetings of the County Council for the Year 1927-1928.
- 6.—To fix the Dates of Meetings of Tenders Committee for Year 1927-1928.

On conclusion of the Annual Meeting a Special Meeting of the County Council will be held.

- 1.—Minutes.
- 2.—Rate Collection—State of Collection.

STATUTORY NOTICE.

3.—I hereby give notice that at the Meeting of the Galway County Council to be held on the 4th day of July, 1927, I will move that the consent of the County Council be

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Dated this 30th day of May, 1927.

(Signed), P. CAHILL.

STATUTORY NOTICE.

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4.—I hereby give notice that at Meeting of the Galway County Council, to be held on the 4th July, 1927, I will move that the consent of the County Council be given under Section 4 (1) of the Local Government Act, 1927, to the borrowing of a supplemental Loan of £4,354, by the Board of Health, from the Commissioners of Public Works, to meet the expenditure in connection with the contracts at the Galway Central Hospital, as the original sums borrowed in 1922-23-24, were not sufficient to meet the expenditure, and unless the deficiency is now raised by Loan, spread over a period of 25 years, as sanctioned by the Minister for Local Government, and approved of by the Commissioners of Public Works, this sum will have to be paid in the coming year out of Revenue Account, which would mean an increase of over 2d. in the £. in the Rates of the entire County.

(Signed) MARTIN FINNERTY.

Dated the 31st May, 1927.

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5.—I hereby give notice that I, or somebody on my behalf, will move at the next meeting of the County Council that the Ministry of Local Government and Public Health be asked to schedule as a main road the road from Newtown Bridge to Athenry via Monivea.

T. J. CROWE.

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6.—Take notice that I, or some other member on my behalf, will move at the next meeting of the County Council that the sea wall adjoining the public road leading from Cloonile Pier to Deradda be repaired.

B. A. LEE.

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7.—Take notice that I, or some person on my behalf, will move at the next Council meeting that Mr. O'Toole's motion for a loan of £3,500 for improvement of burial grounds at Oughterard and Clifden, passed at Council

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meeting on Saturday, 21st May, be rescinded for reasons to be offered on the hearing of this motion.

WM. J. CONCANNON.

8.—Take notice that I, or some person on my behalf, will move at next meeting that Councillor McNeill's proposal, seconded by Councillor Conroy granting compensation of £50 to Mr. L. A. Conroy, Solicitor to late Rural District Council, Ballinasloe, and £244 5s. 4d. to Mr. P. Hogan, Solicitor to late Rural District Council, Loughrea, be rescinded and that the Council refuse compensation to Mr. L. A. Conroy, Mr. P. Hogan, and Mr. H. Concanon, Solicitor to late Rural District Councils, Glenamaddy, Mountbellew, and Tuam, and to each and all such Solicitors of the late Rural District Councils in the County of Galway as have claimed or may claim compensation out of the County rates, their services now being dispensed with, on the ground that these Solicitors have already been handsomely paid for their professional services during the respective periods of their employment by the late Rural District Councils (in which capacity they had many advantages over private practitioners), and consequently are not properly deserving of compensation, though special statutory provision ordains otherwise. I will also ask Mr. Fogarty, Secretary, Galway County Council, to explain why the question of the compensation to Solicitors to late Rural District Councils did not appear on the Agenda of the Council meeting of the 7th May last, before which it came. The Council thus having insufficient notice thereof.

WM. J. CONCANNON.

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9.—Take notice that I, or some person on my behalf, will move at next Council meeting an inquiry that Dr. T. B. Costello's (Tuam) resignation of pension by virtue of which he secured a more remunerative position (Medical Doctor to Children's Home, Tuam), was absolute and not conditional, and so remains unchanged and unchangeable, for reasons to be offered on the hearing of this motion.

WM. J. CONCANNON.

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10.—Take notice that I, or some person on my behalf, will move at next Council meeting that the Council direct the Board of Health, Galway, to expedite the cleaning

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of Tuam Sewers which is a work of urgent public necessity and already unjustifiably delayed.

WM. J. CONCANNON.

3433. 11.—Coroners' (Amendment) Act, 1927. ✓

3434. 12.—County Medical Officer of Health. ✓

3435. 13.—Drainage Schemes—Report of Board of Works—Copy herewith.

3436. 14.—Tourist Development—Scheme.

3437. 15.—Technical Instruction Committee :—  
Superannuation allowance to Mr. W. G. Fogarty.

3438. 16.—County Surveyor, Eastern Division.

3439. 17.—Ballinasloe Urban Roads—Steamrolling—Report of Mr. Kennedy, Co. Surveyor.

3440. 18.—Loughrea Bridewell—Short-term Lease.

3441. 19.—Quarries :—

(a) Lislea Quarry—Land Commission offer quarry to Council for £25. County Surveyor recommends acceptance.

(b) Lisgub Quarry—Land Commission offer quarry to Council for £10. County Surveyor recommends acceptance.

3442. 20.—Resolutions received

*21.*—General Correspondence.

3443. *Land Act 1927. Rates on hands*

3444. *Arran O.A.P. Clee*

3445. *Atherry level Crossing*

3446. *Disinfecting Plant*

3447. *Concrete Path in Tuam*

3448. *J. J. Kyle. Arrangement.*

3449. *Financial adjustments.*

COMHAIRLE CONNDAE NA GAILLIMHE.

Secretary's Office,

Courthouse, Galway,

16th June, 1927.

Dear Sir,

I am directed to circulate the attached letter from Office of Public Works, and statement referred to therein.

Yours faithfully,

W. G. FOGARTY,

Secretary.

Each Member of Co. Council.

Oifig Oibreach Puiblí  
(Office of Public Works),

51 Faithche Stiabhna  
(51 Stephen's Green),

Baile Atha Cliath,  
(Dublin),

15th June, 1927.

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To the Secretary,

Galway County Council, Galway.

From the Commissioners of Public Works.

Subject :—Arterial Drainage Act, 1925.

Your letter dated 27th ultimo.

We enclose herewith as requested a statement showing the present position as regards the investigation of each petition received by us from County Galway.

J. TAYLOR,

for Secretary.

ARTERIAL DRAINAGE ACT, 1925—CO. GALWAY, 31/5/27.

District	Scheme No.	Present Position.
Auclogeen ... ..	152	For preliminary report by Engineer.
Curragh and Polleagh ... ..	153	All documents sent to Co. Council for amendment 17/6/26 and not since returned to Office of Public Works.
Powerscross, Cloonmoylean, etc. ... ..	154	For preliminary report by Engineer.
Gortnakella and Kilmacduagh ... ..	155	do. do.
Graig Abbey ... ..	156	Inspected by Engineer and valued ; reports under consideration.
Killimore ... ..	157	Inspected by Engineer and valued ; detailed survey in hands.
Islands R. and tributaries (tributaries to Suck). ... ..	158	Inspected by Engineer ; valued ; reports under consideration.
Kellysgrove and Ballinure (Tributary to Suck). ... ..	159	Inspected by Engineer and valued ; negotiating for a petition in respect of the Gap between this and scheme No. 190.
Newtown ... ..	160	For preliminary inspection by Engineer.
Belclare—Black River ... ..	161	do. do.
Derryen and Owentalullagh ... ..	162	do. do.
Hollymount River ... ..	163	do. do.
Curteenboy, Kilerimple, etc. ... ..	164	do. do.
Turra and Annagh ... ..	165	do. do.
Ballinastack ... ..	166	do. do.
Glenamaddy—Kiltullagh ... ..	167	do. do.
Gort ... ..	168	Inspected by Engineer : Estimated cost under £1000 ; proposed to be left to County Council to deal with when they receive power to carry out small drainage schemes.
Brackloon and Raford ... ..	169	For early preliminary inspection by Engineer.
Kiltulla ... ..	170	do. do.
Leitra and Cloonmore ... ..	171	For preliminary inspection by Engineer.
Toorkeel and Clonkeen ... ..	172	Inspected by Engineer and valued ; reports under consideration.
Ballyedmond, Cloonagh, and Kead ... ..	173	For preliminary inspection by Engineer.
Ironpool—Kilshanvy R. ... ..	174	do. do.
Strawberry Hill, Milltown ... ..	175	do. do.
Flaskaghmore ... ..	176	do. do.

ARTERIAL DRAINAGE ACT, 1925—CO. GALWAY, 31/5/27.

District	Scheme No.	Present Position.
Castlegar and Shiven. (Tributary to Suck) ... ..	177	Inspected by Engineer ; report under consideration.
Tiaquin, Killaclogher Albert ... ..	178	For early preliminary inspection by Engineer.
Beagh and Newborough ... ..	179	For preliminary inspection by Engineer.
Meelick, Boyounagh and Woodfield ... ..	180	do. do.
Ballyargadan ... ..	181	Inspected by Engineer ; Petition rejected. (District is co-incident with existing Cap-pagh Drainage District, which has been restored under the Drainage Maintenance Act, 1924).
Lisrivis and Pollshask ... ..	182	For preliminary inspection by Engineer.
Garrafine ... ..	183	Inspected by Engineer ; valued ; report under consideration.
Gorteen, Clonmore ... ..	184	For preliminary inspection by Engineer.
Kildaree and Carrawneeny ... ..	185	Documents returned to the County Council for amendment 17/6/26 and not since received in Office of Public Works.
Doolough (Headford) ... ..	186	For preliminary report by Engineer.
Keeraun ... ..	187	do. do.
Ahascragh ... ..	188	Inspected by Engineer ; valued ; reports under consideration.
Carnakelly, Killimordaly ... ..	189	For early preliminary inspection by Engineer.
Hardwood (Tributary to Suck) ... ..	190	Inspected by Engineer ; valued. See No. 159.
Derrynamanagh, Skehanagh and New Inn. ... ..	191	For early preliminary inspection by Engineer.
Kilchreest ... ..	192	Inspected by Engineer : Valuer's report to be obtained.
Monasterowen, Castletogher (Tributary to Suck) ... ..	193	Inspected by Engineer ; valued ; reports under consideration.
Tobberroe ... ..	194	For preliminary inspection by Engineer.
Clogh, Gurteen, Lishlea & Glenamucka ... ..	195	For early preliminary inspection by Engineer.
Garafrans, Quinaltagh ... ..	196	County Council asked to forward Petition and map. (17/1/26).
Polleeney ... ..	197	For preliminary report by Engineer.
Curraghlehenagh and Shankill &c. (Tributary to Suck) ... ..	198	Inspected by Engineer ; report under consideration.
Glan, Aughlisk, Keellogues, Lisavally, etc. ... ..	199	For preliminary inspection by Engineer.

ARTERIAL DRAINAGE ACT, 1925—CO. GALWAY, 31/5/27.

District	Scheme No.	Present Position.
Peake, Cartronroe, Hillswood &c. ...	200	For preliminary inspection by Engineer.
Castlemoyle, Corskeabeg, etc. ...	201	do. do.
Cloonmore—Corofin (Clare R.) ...	202	Inspected by Engineer ; report under consideration.
Clooncun East ...	203	For preliminary inspection by Engineer.
Loughavalla ...	204	do. do.
Derry, Lurga & Cregboy, &c. ...	205	do. do.
Abbey River ...	206	For early preliminary inspection by Engineer.
Springlawn (Tributary to Suck) ...	207	Inspected by Engineer ; report under consideration.
Tonranney and Beagh ...	208	For preliminary inspection by Engineer.
Boadaun and Cloonaglasha ...	209	do. do.
Cappagh, Gortnalea and Knockatee W. ...	210	do. do.
Ballygar and Cloonlyon ...	211	do. do.
Glinsk, Keellogues, etc. ...	212	do. do.
Esker ...	213	Inspected by Engineer ; report under consideration.
Canal at Moylough & Ballymageraghty ...	214	For preliminary inspection by Engineer.
Keellogues—Strangefort ...	215	do. do.
Cloonannon ...	216	do. do.
Gort, Ballymurphy, Ballyaneen, etc. ...	217	do. do.
Loughanirra and Laughtyshaughnessy ...	218	do. do.
Carra ...	219	do. do.
Ballinasack ...	220	do. do.
Ballycahalan ...	221	Engineer's report under consideration.

COMHAIRLE CONNDAE NA GAILLIMHE.

F.C.M. 4073.

Secretary's Office,  
Courthouse, Galway,  
June 25th, 1927.

Sir,  
I am directed to transmit herewith the attached Copy of letter G. 29628 from Ministry of Local Government with enclosure referred to therein.

I am, Sir,  
Your obedient servant,  
W. G. FOGARTY,  
Secretary.

To each Poor Rate Collector.  
To each Checking Officer.

Roinn Rialtais Aitiula & Slainte Publi,  
(Department of Local Government and Public Health),  
Sraid Mhuirbhtean Uach,  
(Upper Merrion Street),  
Baile Atha Cliath,  
11gh. (Gen.).  
21st June, 1927.

THE LAND ACT, 1927.

Liability for Rates on Lands.

A Chara,  
I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to transmit for the information of the Council and their Rate Collectors the subjoined copy of Section 18 of the Land Act, 1927, which passed into law on the 21st ult.

Mise, le meas,  
E. P. McCARRON,  
Runaidhe.

To the Secretary of each County Council.

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Provisions as to arrears of rates.

18. (1) In any case where untenanted lands become vested in the Land Commission under the Provisions of the Land Act, 1923, all poor rates and other rates made or assessed in respect of such lands for the financial year current on the appointed day shall be apportioned up to that day such rates to be considered as accruing from day to day for the purpose of this provision, and the Land Commission, or any person in occupation of the lands as allottees or purchasers from them shall be liable only for the portion thereof apportioned in respect of the period between the appointed day and the end of the current financial year but shall not be liable for arrears of rates made or assessed in respect of the lands for the then current or any previous financial year.

(2) In every such case the owner or occupier of the lands prior to the appointed day shall be liable for the portion only of the rates made or assessed for the current financial year apportioned in respect of the period between the beginning of that year and the appointed day.

(3) The portions of any rates which shall become payable under the provisions of this Section shall and may be collected and levied and sued for and recovered by such and the same ways and means from the person liable therefor under this Section as the entire rate might have been collected, levied, sued for and recovered if this Section had not passed.

(4) In every such case where the interest on the purchase money is not available for the payment of the difference between the amount for which the Land Commission or any person in occupation of the land as allottees or purchasers from them are made liable by sub-section (1) of this section and the total amount which would but for the provisions of the said sub-section have been legally recoverable from them in respect of rates and arrears of rates if proceedings for the recovery thereof had been instituted against them on the appointed day, there may be paid out of the purchase money in priority to all other claims affecting the same a sum not exceeding the amount of such difference. Every such payment shall be made by the transfer of land bonds equal in nominal value to the sum made payable by this sub-section and such payment shall be deemed to be satisfaction to the extent of the amount of the nominal value of the land bonds so transferred.

(5) In every case where a holding or part of a holding is resumed by the Land Commission in pursuance of their powers in that behalf, the provisions of the foregoing sub-sections shall apply with the substitution of "the day on which the Land Commission enter into occupation" for "the appointed day."

(6) All land bonds transferred under this section in discharge of rates shall be forthwith sold by the rating authority to which the same shall have been transferred and the proceeds thereof paid into the appropriate fund to be applied to the like purposes as the rates and arrears of rates, in respect of which the land bonds were transferred, would have been applied if paid to the rating authority in cash.



comairle connoae na Galway.

Secretary's Office,  
Courthouse, Galway,  
16th July, 1927.

SIR.—You are hereby summoned to attend a Quarterly Meeting of the Finance, Roads, and General Purposes Committee of the County Council, to be held at the Council Chamber, Galway, on SATURDAY, the 23rd day of JULY, 1927, at the hour of ELEVEN-THIRTY o'clock, a.m.

By Order of the Council,  
W. G. FOGARTY, Secretary.

To each Member.

BUSINESS:

- 3453 . 1.—Consideration of Applications for Payment. ✓
- 3454 . 2.—Consideration of Applications for Works. ✓

A MEETING OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL will be held at the conclusion of the business of the Proposals Committee.

- 3455 . 1.—Minutes.
- 3456 . 2.—Rate Collection: State of Collection.
- 3457 . 3.—Defaulting Ratepayers—Publication of List.
- 3458 . 4.—Abolition of Unions—Pensions—Sealed Order fixing Pension of Mary Connolly, Wardsmaid, at £24:16s.:9d.

STATUTORY NOTICE:  
Adjourned from 4th July.

3459 Sir,—I hereby give notice that I will move at the Meeting of the County Council to be held on the 4th July, 1927:—  
"That the County Council sanction the obtaining of a  
"Loan of £680 for the Claddaghduff Water Supply Scheme.  
"The cost of same to be a charge on the late Rural District  
"Area of Clifden." —P. D. CONROY.  
To the Secretary, Galway County Council.

3460 6.—Notice of Motion:—  
"Take notice that I, or some person on my behalf, will move at next Council meeting, an enquiry into the method of calculation of compensation awarded to Mr. Conroy and Mr. Hogan to ascertain if same was legally determined, and further, if Mr. Conroy and Mr. Hogan are legally entitled thereto."  
Dated this 7th day of July, 1927.  
Signed, WM. J. CONCANNON.

- 3461 — 7.—Railway Level Crossing at Athenry.
- 3462 — 8.—Disinfecting Plant at Galway. Report of Finance Committee
- 3463 — 9.—County Medical Officer of Health.
- 3464 — 10.—Old Age Pensions—Old Age Pensioners who are inmates of County Home.
- 3465 — 11.—Courthouses—Dunmore Courthouse.
- 3466 — 12.—Bridewells—Sale of Loughrea Bridewell.
- 3467 — 13.—Resolutions received.
- 14.—General correspondence.
- 15.—Aran Old Age Pension Committee. Secretary writes that it is impossible to get a quorum or get any business done.
- 16 main Roads ✓
- 17 machinery shed ✓
- 18 Publicity Rates
- 19. S. Costello Pension
- 20. Mun. Galway County Council. *Blou.*
- 21. Loughrea water mains
- 22. Bunnahyle Crossing: RATE COLLECTION
- 23. Year Ending, 31st March, 1927.
- 24. Housing loans outstanding  
The only Collections unclosed on 4th July, 1927, were:—

Clifden:	Outstanding.
Coyne, J. ....	11 per cent.=£323
Muldoon, Mrs....	20 per cent.=£885
Mongan, J. A. ...	18 per cent.=£459
Mongan, J. W....	13 per cent.=£198
Inishboffin: (Vacant)	
Galway:	Outstanding.
Smith, Mrs. ....	64 per cent.=£803
Gort:	Outstanding.
Corbett, P. ....	5 per cent.=£406
Loughrea:	Outstanding.
Corbett, T. ....	13 per cent.=£1222
Portumna:	Outstanding.
Walsh, J. ....	3 per cent.=£ 208
Morrissey, J. ...	14 per cent.=£1547

Poundage cannot be paid to any of these Collectors, and Council have directed proceedings against Sureties.

COMHAIRLE CONNDAE NA GAILLIMHE.

Secretary's Office,  
Courthouse, Galway,  
July 5th, 1927.

Sir,

I am directed to transmit herewith the attached Copy of Minutes of Proceedings (3416 to 3452) at Annual and Special Meetings of the Galway County Council, held on the 4th day of July, 1927.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,  
W. G. FOGARTY,  
Secretary.

To the Ministry for Local Government, Dublin.  
To each Member of the County Council.  
To each Urban District Council.  
To each County Surveyor.  
To the Treasurer, National Bank, Galway.  
To the Secretary, County Board of Health.  
To the R.M.S., Mental Hospital, Ballinasloe.  
To the Secretary, H. & H. A. Committee, Loughrea.  
To the Secretary, General Council of County Councils.  
To.....to see Minute No.....

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS at Annual Meeting of the Galway County Council, held on the 4th day of July, 1927.  
Chair :—Councillor M. M. Egan in the Chair.

Present :—Councillors Cahill ; Concannon ; Corbett ; Crowe ; Dervan ; Egan, M. M. ; Elder ; Finnerty ; Flanagan ; Furey ; Gilmore ; Hallinan ; Kennedy ; Kenny ; Kyne, N. ; Kyne, T. ; Lambert ; Lee ; Lydon ; McKeigue ; McLoughlin ; McNeill ; Murphy ; Mylotte ; Nestor ; O'Toole ; Sweeney ; Taylor.

3416. Election of Chairman :—  
Councillor McNeill proposed, Councillor McKeigue seconded :—"That Councillor Martin M. Egan be elected Chairman for the year 1927-28."—Passed.

3417. Election of Vice-Chairman :—Councillor McKeigue proposed, Councillor Gilmore seconded :—"That Councillor C. J. Kennedy be elected Vice-Chairman for the year 1927-28."—Passed.

3418. Election of Chairman of Finance, Roads, and General Purposes Committee :—Councillor M. M. Egan proposed, Councillor Cahill seconded :—"That Councillor Michael McNeill be elected Chairman of the Finance, Roads, and General Purposes Committee" for the year 1927-28."—Passed.

3419. Appointment of Committees :—The Committee Lists and Instructions were settled and it was Ordered.—That same be printed in Year Book.

3420. Standing Orders :—Referred to Minute No. 4092 of the Finance and General Purposes Committee recommending the amendment of and additions to Standing Orders.  
Order.—That the Amendments and Additions recommended by the Finance Committee be approved and printed in the Year Book.

3421. Dates of Meetings of County Council :—  
Submitted dates recommended by the County Surveyors, which were approved.

3422. Dates of Meetings of Tenders Committees :—  
Submitted dates recommended by County Surveyors which were approved.

On the conclusion of the Annual Meeting a Special Meeting of the County Council was held.

3423. Minutes : Minutes Nos. 3391 to 3415 havng been circulated were taken as read and were approved and signed. The Minutes of the Finance Committee to No. 4106 were submitted, approved, and counter-signed.

Done  
Printed  
Printed

3424. Rate Collection :—Submitted Rate Chart. The Secretary reported that Mainland Collections in County are closed in full with the exception of the following:—

Mrs. R. Muldoon	20 per cent.	Outstanding	£ 885
J. Coyne	11 per cent.	Outstanding	£ 323
J. A. Mongan	18 per cent.	Outstanding	£ 459
J. W. Mongan	13 per cent.	Outstanding	£ 198
P. Corbett	5 per cent.	Outstanding	£ 406
T. Corbett	13 per cent.	Outstanding	£1222
John Walsh	3 per cent.	Outstanding	£ 208
John Morrissey	14 per cent.	Outstanding	£1547
T. Sloyan	4 per cent.	Outstanding	£ 292

Submitted correspondence with Local Government Department relative to these Collectors and Finance Committee Minutes Nos. 4025 and 4070, and ORDERS made on Rate Charts from week to week. The Collectors referred to have been informed that the Finance Committee will recommend their dismissal at the Annual Meeting.

Secretary reported that the delay of these Collectors has seriously retarded the preparation of the current years' Warrants, and directed attention to the condition of the Council's Bank Account, and

Councillor Concannon proposed, Councillor McNeill seconded :—"That Council proceed under the Bonds against sureties of any Collector who has not closed his account by lodging the full amount of Warrant before the 23rd July. Any Collector who has handed up his Warrant to be allowed to have it back on application to the Secretary."—Passed.

Finance Committee is authorised to publish list of Rate Defaulters at cost not exceeding £60.

Secretary called attention to the cases of Collectors Sloyan and P. Corbett, arrears lists not furnished.

Order.—To be dealt with as set out in General Order.

Island Collections :—Submitted report No. 4088 of Finance Committee as follows :—

Report No. 4088 of Committee appointed by County Council Minute No. 3341 to consider the state of the collection of Poor Rate in the Islands off the coast of Galway, and report to the County Council.

Gentlemen,  
Your Committee beg to report as follows :—

**Inishmore (Aran)**

Temporary Collector—Mrs. M. Smith.	
Valuation of Island ... ..	£1309 0 0
Arrears due to 31st March 1927 ...	803 5 10
Number of ratings ... ..	562

*write collectors*  
*write for lenders*

Your Committee directed enquiries to be made as to benefit derived from County services, and they received the following information :— The cost of maintenance of mental patients from Aran Islands for the year ended 31st March,

1927, was ... ..	£633 18 2
Home Assistance ... ..	29 3 4
County Home ... ..	18 7 0
Children's Home ... ..	39 11 5
Home Assistance Officers Salaries ...	55 6 8
Registration fees ... ..	6 1 0
Exs. under Medical Charities Acts ...	£868 0 0
Cost of roads ... ..	148 5 0
Piers and Marine Works—Costs of periodical repairs.	

**South and Middle Islands (Aran)**

No Rate Collector for the past twenty years.	
Valuation ... ..	£460 0 0
Amount due ... ..	£2750 0 0
Number of ratings ... ..	250

Expenditure on above is included under the head of Inishmore.

There are no contract roads on the Middle or South Islands, but there is a pier on each. There is also a Nurse maintained on the Middle Island.

**Inishboffin.**

Collection vacant.  
The Finance Committee have advertised several times for a Collector at a poundage rate of 4/- in the £. without success.

Valuation ... ..	£652 0 0
Arrear due ... ..	505 3 10
Number of ratings ... ..	539

**Expenditure :**

Home Assistance ... ..	£79 1 2
Salary of Home Assistance Officer	
Mental Patient ... ..	£45 5 7
Roads ... ..	37 6 8
Piers and Sea walls—Periodical expenditure.	
Board of Health expenditure ...	605 0 0
Doctor, etc. ... ..	

**Islands of Eeshal, Turboi and Inishturk :**

Collector—Mrs. R. Muldoon.	
Valuation ... ..	£86 19 0
Amount due ... ..	£184 4 8
Number of ratings ... ..	75

The Collector, who was appointed on the 31st July, 1923, states she has never been on the Islands, and gives as reason that she could not get a boat to take her there. The Finance

Committee expressed the view that the Collector has not shown sufficient determination in dealing with the Collection

The expenditure, as far as can be ascertained, is as follows:—

Home assistance ... ..	£43 18 1
Mental patients ... ..	Nil.

There are Piers on Turbot and Inishturk, but expenditure on them is very rare. There are no roads.

Board of Health Expenditure is not kept separately for these Islands.

**Island Eddy :**

Collector—P. J. O'Connor.	
Valuation ... ..	£157 0 0
Arrears due in current	
Warrant ... ..	£176 16 1
Arrears due and handed	
Sheriff ... ..	£223 8 9

Total due	£400 4 10
Number of ratings ... ..	21

The Position, shortly, appears to be that, in the South and Middle Islands of Aran, Island Eddy, Inishboffin, Eeshal, Turbot and Inishturk, there has been a total refusal to pay rates. This has lasted, in the South and Middle Islands of Aran, for twenty years: In Inishboffin there was up to seven or eight years ago some local attempt to meet rate liabilities: In the three Islands in the Clifden Collection District total failure to collect Rates only dates from the date of the appointment of the present Collector: The Island Eddy case is perhaps the most serious as showing a tendency to spread to the mainland. Island Eddy is not a true Island, as at certain periods of the tide it can be entered from the mainland on foot, and there appears to be no doubt that the economic conditions of the rate-payers on this Island is far superior to that on the other Islands under report: The case of Inishmore is distinguished by the fact that there was never a total refusal to pay rates on this Island, though arrears are on the increase.

The physical difficulties of collecting rates on Islands, where there is a total or general disinclination to meet these liabilities, are very great. If the Government and the County Council are prepared to make use of all the resources of the State it is probable that a good deal of arrears could be recovered. If it is not considered possible to resort to extreme measures to collect rates the Committee do not consider that because Islanders neglect their duties as Rate-payers the County Council would be justified, by way of reprisal, in

neglecting its duty to provide the necessary sanitary, poor law and public works services. It has, for instance, been sometimes suggested that Medical and Nursing services should be withdrawn from those insular areas in which the refusal to pay rates is general. Your Committee are unable to see any justification for such a policy. They think that the rates on Islands ought to be collected, even if for a year or so it were to cost the whole or more than the whole of the proceeds of such rates to collect them. The great thing to be aimed at, in the opinion of the Committee, is that no area in the County should be allowed to set the Law at defiance, and that any area which attempts to do so should be shown that the County Council cannot allow any such attempt to be successful.

It would be much better for the County Council to collect the rates in these Islands and spend three or four times the amount of the rates in the Islands themselves than to totally cut off public expenditure in the Islands (even if such a course were legal which it is not) and allow Islanders to evade the common liabilities of the Rate-payers of the County.

It has been suggested that it might be possible to amalgamate all the Islands into a special Island Collection District and appoint a Collector for these Islands who might himself be required to be the owner of a boat. This suggestion may be worthy of a trial.

The Committee draw attention to the fact that the information obtained from Spending Departments rebuts the case, so often made, that the Islands get no value for the rates assessed on them.

The total Rate assessed for year 1927/8 is ...	£1326
The direct expenditure for year 1926/7 was:—	
Medical Charities ... ..	£1413
Mental Hospital ... ..	679
Poor Relief ... ..	271
Public Works ... ..	214
	£2577

This does not include any expenditure on Educational or other schemes operating in the County or Island proportions of 'overhead' County Charges.

Dated 2nd July, 1927. M. M. McNEILL,  
Chairman.

After discussion, Councillor Flanagan proposed, Councillor Lydon seconded:—"That the question of Island Collection be left as it is."

On a division there voted **Against** the Motion 19, **For** the Motion 7, and Motion was declared **Lost**.

Councillor Concannon proposed, Councillor seconded:—"That Report No. 4088 be adopted, and that subject to Depart-

mental sanction the Islands referred to therein be amalgamated in one Collection District; that a Collector be advertised for (at 5/- in the £. poundage) to collect the rates for years ending March 1927, and March 1928, without prejudice to Rights of Council in regard to rates for previous years; that the Collector appointed shall be required to provide a boat."

On a division there voted For the Motion 22, and Against 4, and Motion was declared Carried.

3425. Loughrea Sewerage Works Loan :

Councillor Cahill moved in accordance with Statutory Notice, and Councillor Hallinan seconded :—"That the consent of the County Council be given under Section 4 (1) of the Local Government Act, 1927, to the borrowing of a Loan of £17,500 by the Board of Health from the Commissioners of Public Works to meet their expenditure in connection with the Loughrea Sewerage Scheme."—Passed.

3426. Galway Central Hospital Contracts :—

Councillor Finnerty moved in accordance with Statutory Notice, and Councillor Kennedy seconded :—"That the consent of the County Council be given under Section 4 (1) of the Local Government Act, 1927, to the borrowing of a supplemental Loan of £4,354, by the Board of Health, from the Commissioners of Public Works, to meet the expenditure in connection with Contracts at the Galway Central Hospital, as the original sums borrowed in 1922-'23-'24, were not sufficient to meet the expenditure, and unless the deficiency is now raised by loan, spread over a period of 25 years, as sanctioned by the Minister for Local Government, and approved of by the Commissioners of Public Works, the sum will have to be paid in the coming year out of Revenue Account, which would mean an increase of over 2d. in the £. in the Rates of the entire County."—Passed.

3427. Main Roads Schedule :—Councillor Crowe moved, Councillor Nestor seconded :—"That the Ministry of Local Government and Public Health be asked to Schedule as a Main Road the road from Newtown Bridge to Athenry via Monivea."—Passed.

3428. Sea Wall from Cloonisle Pier to Derradda :—

Councillor Lee moved, Councillor Mylotte seconded :—"That the Sea Wall adjoining the Public Road leading from Cloonisle Pier to Derradda be repaired."

(County Surveyor reported that this work is included in current Annual Works Scheme), and motion was Passed.

3429. Burial Grounds Oughterard and Clifden :—

Councillor Concannon moved :—"That Mr. O'Toole's

*wrote Dept.*

*wrote B.O.H.  
Copy to H.G.D.*

*wrote B.O.H. & H.G.D.*

*wrote H.G.D. Copy  
to Councillor Crowe*

motion for a Loan of £3,500 for improvement of Burial Grounds at Oughterard and Clifden, passed at Council Meeting on Saturday, 21st May, be rescinded."

Heard Secretary to Board of Health, and motion was withdrawn.

3430. Superannuation of Solicitors to Rural District Councils :—Councillor Concannon moved, Councillor Murphy seconded :—"That Councillor McNeill's proposal, seconded by Councillor Conroy, granting compensation of £50 to Mr. L. A. Conroy, Solicitor to late Rural District Council, Ballinasloe, and £244 5s. 4d. to Mr. P. Hogan, Solicitor to late Rural District Council, Loughrea, be rescinded and that Council refuse compensation to Mr. L. A. Conroy, Mr. P. Hogan, Mr. H. Concannon, Solicitor to late Rural District Councils, Glennamaddy, Mountbellew and Tuam, and to each and all such Solicitors of the late Rural District Councils of the County of Galway as have claimed or may claim compensation out of the County Rates, their services now being dispensed with, on the ground that these Solicitors have already been handsomely paid for their professional services during the respective periods of their employment by the late Rural District Councils (in which capacity they had many advantages over private practitioners), and consequently are not properly deserving of compensation, though special statutory provision ordains otherwise.

That Mr. Fogarty, Secretary, Galway County Council, explain why the question of the compensation to Solicitors to late Rural District Councils did not appear on the Agenda of the Council meeting of the 7th May last, before which it came. The Council thus having insufficient notice thereof."

The Secretary gave the history of the proposal and reported that as the gratuities of Messrs Hogan and Conroy had been voted by the Council and sanctioned by the Ministry, he had to object under Section 61 to the passing of this motion on the ground that it would entail a certain defeat and consequent law costs.

The County Solicitor supported this view. and Councillor Concannon having demanded a poll, the members voted as follows :—Against—Councillors Cahill, Crowe, Egan, Furey, Gilmore, Hallinan, Kennedy, Lee, McKeigue, McLoughlin, McNeill, Mylotte, Nestor, Sweeney

—(14). For—Concanon, Corbett, Dervan, Elder, Finnerty, Flanagan, Kenny, Kyne, N., Kyne, T., Lambert, Murphy, O'Toole, and Taylor—(13).

*and motion was declared lost W.G.H.*

3431. **Doctor T. B. Costello's Pension** :—

Councillor Concannon moved : " An inquiry that Dr. T. B. Costello's (Tuam) resignation of pension by virtue of which he secured a more remunerative position (Medical Doctor to Childrens' Home, Tuam) was absolute and not conditional, and so remains unchanged and unchangeable."

**Order.**—Referred to Board of Health.

3432. **Cleaning of Tuam Sewers** :—

Councillor Concannon moved :—" That the Council direct the Board of Health, Galway, to expedite the cleaning of Tuam Sewers which is a work of urgent public necessity and already unjustifiably delayed."

**Ordered.**—This is a matter for Board of Health. Council have no power to give the direction sought.

3433. **Coroners' (Amendment) Act, 1927.** :—

Submitted the Act and advice of the County Solicitor who advises that the County Council is bound to consider the salaries of the existing Coroners and may increase them but cannot reduce them.

The Secretary reported that the existing salaries are :—  
F. B. McDonogh, North Galway, £80. Dr. Crowley, South Galway, £93. J. J. Hoban, East Galway, £80. John S. Conroy, West Galway, £100.

Inquests held last year by each Coroner :—

F. B. McDonogh, 9 ; Dr. Crowley, 6 ; J. J. Hoban, 6 ; John S. Conroy, 8.

**Order.**—Council do not intend to increase the Coroners' salaries.

Read G. 28191 from Ministry.

**Order.**—County Council do not, for the present, desire to make any alteration in the method of payment of Coroners' expenses.

Read letter from Mr. John S. Conroy, appointing Mr. M. J. Allen as Deputy Coroner, and same was approved and signed.

3434. **County Medical Officer of Health** :—Submitted P.H. 22464, and referred to C.C.M. 3342, and correspondence with the County Councils General Council, which has been circulated to the members.

**Order.**—Adjourned.

3435. **Drainage** :—Submitted Board of Works letter No. 10432 with statement as to present position of the various Petitions submitted.

Several members complained of delays in dealing with Schemes, and it was settled that any specific case forwarded

*Done*

*Done*

*Copy to Coroners*

to the Secretary in writing is to be taken up by Secretary with the Board of Works.

**Turra and Annagh Schemes** :—Referred to C.C.M. 3378 and 3402. Read Board of Works letter No. 8233.

**Order.**—Send copy to Mr. Lambert.

3436. **Tourist Development** :—Submitted letter from Mr. J. P. O'Brien dated the 2nd June, together with Scheme approved by the Minister for Industry and Commerce. It was proposed by Councillor McNeill and seconded by Councillor Sweeney :—" That the County Council approve of the expenditure of the County Galway Publicity Rate under the Scheme of the Ministry of Industry & Commerce dated the 3rd May, 1927."

3437. **Technical Instruction Committee—Superannuation Allowance to Mr. W. G. Fogarty** :—Submitted L.G.D. letter G. 28005 and Mr. Fogarty's letter of the 28th June, 1927.

At the request of the Secretary consideration of the matter was adjourned.

3438. **County Surveyor—Eastern Division** :—Submitted letter from Department of Local Government and Public Health dated the 29th instant removing Mr. Lee's suspension as from the 30th instant, and directing that Mr. Lee's remuneration may be paid as from the 30th June.

Councillor Cahill proposed, Councillor Elder seconded :—" That the County Council respectfully request the Minister to sanction payment of Mr. Lee's salary in full."

3439. **Ballinasloe Urban Roads Steam-rolling** :—

Submitted the report of Mr. Kennedy, County Surveyor on the Ballinasloe Tar-macadam Work, at the request of the Roads Department.

**Order.**—Noted.

3440. **Loughrea Bridewell** :—Submitted Ministry's letter G. 254110 and letter from the Town Clerk, Loughrea, dated the 25th June, stating that the Loughrea Town Commissioners expect the same facilities as was given to the Tuam Town Commissioners (Tuam Town Commissioners got 999 years lease).

**Order.**—County Council request Ministry to approve of 999 years lease as in the case of Tuam Bridewell.

3441. **Quarries** :—Submitted correspondence with Land Commission declining to hand over quarries free to the County Council.

(a) **Lislea Quarry** :—The Land Commission offer this quarry to the County Council for £25 and the County Surveyor recommends acceptance.

**Order.** Accept.

(b) **Lisgub Quarry** :—The Land Commission offer this

*Done*

*wrote Mr O'Brien*

*wrote G.D.*

*noted*

*wrote G.D. & J. Clark.*

*Copy to Land Comm & Surveyors.*

quarry to the County Council for £10 and the County Surveyor recommends acceptance.

Order.—Accept.

3442. Resolutions :—Cloncurry Evicted Tenants—Letter from Mr. Timothy McCoy.

No Order.

3443 Rates on Lands Vested in Land Commission :—Submitted circular G.29628 re Section 18 of the Land Act, 1927.

Order.—The County Council fear that this provision will introduce a great complexity into the collection of Poor Rate, and they venture to express the opinion that provisions of this nature, e.g., Section 18 of the Land Act, Provisions relating to Fisheries, and New Buildings, tend to increase the difficulty of collecting and accounting, and ought to be avoided as much as possible.

3444. Aran Old Age Pensions Committee :—Read Mr. O'Flaherty's letter.

Order.—Local Committee should make any representations they desire to County Council in the form of Resolution.

3445. Athenry Level Crossing :—Read correspondence with General Manager of the Great Southern Railways. Submitted F.C.M. No. 4052 and Mr. Keogh's letter of the 24th June, 1927.

Order.—Submit the file to the Ministry of Industry & Commerce and ask if there is any way of obviating the great delays which are caused at this Level Crossing.

3446. A Disinfecting Plant :—Read letter from Town Clerk, Galway, dated the 23rd June, asking the County Council to make a contribution towards the cost of a Plant.

Order.—Finance Committee to report.

3447. Concrete Path in Tuam :—Read letter from Town Clerk.

Order.—Inform Town Clerk that it would be necessary to have Notice of Motion given by a County Councillor.

3448. Thomas J. Kyne :—Arrangement—Submitted Notice.

Order.—County Solicitor to claim in full for secured Debt in this case.

3449. Financial Adjustments :—Referred to Minutes of Finance Committee Nos. 3976 and 4067, and C.C.M. 3406. Read letter No. S.25314 of the 26th May, 1927, from the Local Government Department.

Read further opinion of County Solicitor dated 23rd June, 1927.

wrote L.G.D. r  
Surveyors:

wrote L.G.D.

wrote Clerk O.A.C.

Done

J.C.W.

wrote Town Clerk  
Surveyors

wrote Co. Solr

Order.—Send copy of opinion of County Solicitor to the Local Government Department and state that apart from the question of prescription there are also considerations of merit outstanding as set out in letters addressed to the Ministry on the 2nd March and 12th May, 1927. And that, in any event, each item in the Claim should be settled upon its own merits, and that accordingly the method of set-off suggested in the letter from the Ministry of Finance, No. F.25/1, of the 28th February, 1927, prejudices the case of the County Council both in respect of the questions of prescription and merit so far as items (1), (2), and (3) are concerned.

With regard to item (4) it is agreed between the County Council and the Ministry of Finance that the amount due to the Galway County Council in respect of Decrees for damage to property within the period 21st January, 1919, to the 11th July, 1921, is £1227 7s. 6d., and the County Council consider that this item should be removed from the discussion by the issue of a Paying Order to the County Council for the agreed amount.

3450. Mental Hospital :—Gallagher v. Co. Councils Galway and Roscommon. Submitted F.C.M. 4094.

Order :—County Council approve of Loan.

3451. Clifden Pound :—Lee v. County Council. Submitted Claim.

Order.—Finance Committee to act on advice of County Solicitor.

3452. Clareville—Road Improvement :—Read L.G.D. R.G./11 of 2nd July, and F.C.M. 4081.

Order.—Reply that actual work involved in Grant S.245 will cost £500, and that unless Ministry increase grant by this amount the County Council cannot carry out the straightening of the road, and ask for an additional £500.

Done

wrote R.M.S.

wrote Co. Solr

Done

Submitted, approved and  
Conformed this 23rd day  
of July 1927  
Certified by  
Chairman

L. J. J. J.

COMHAIRLE CONNDAE NA GAILLIMHE.

Secretary's Office,  
Courthouse, Galway,  
July, 25th, 1927.

Sir,

I am directed to transmit herewith the attached copy of Minutes of Proceedings (3453 to 3480) at Meetings of the Finance and General Purposes Committee and Galway County Council, held on the 23rd day of July, 1927.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,  
W. G. FOGARTY,  
Secretary.

To the Ministry for Local Government, Dublin.  
To each Member of the Galway County Council.  
To each Urban District Council.  
To each County Surveyor.  
To the Treasurer, National Bank, Galway.  
To the Secretary, County Board of Health.  
To the Secretary, H. & H. A. Committee, Loughrea.  
To the R.M.S., Mental Hospital, Ballinasloe.  
To the County Solicitor.  
To the Secretary, Irish County Councils General Council.  
To the Duputies for County Galway.  
To.....to see Minute No.....

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS at a Quarterly Meeting of the Finance, Roads, and General Purposes Committee, and an Ordinary Meeting of the County Council, held on Saturday, the 23rd July, 1927.

Chair :—Councillor McNeill in the Chair.

Present :—Councillors Bartley, Cahill, S. O'Connor, Corbett, Curley, Dervan, Flanagan, Furey, Gilmore, Kennedy, Kenny, N. Kyne, T. Kyne, Lee, Lydon, McKeigue, McLoughlin, Murphy, Mylotte, Nestor, O'Toole, Ronaldson, and Sweeney.

3453. Consideration of Applications for Payments :—  
The Application Lists we submitted and ruled and initialled by the Chairman and it was  
Ordered.—That the payments set out in the Lists be approved and submitted to the County Council for payment.

3454. Applications for Works :—  
Machinery Shed ; Fitting Shop ; and Tools : Read Mr. Kennedy's letter of the 13th July.  
Purchase of Machinery Shed ..... £150  
Re-erecting Shed ..... £230  
Fitting Shop and Tools ..... £350  
£730

Submitted Finance Committee Minute No. 4140 recommending that shed be provided.  
Councillor McNeill proposed, Councillor Cahill seconded :  
"That Fitting Shed, Shop, and Tools be provided."  
Councillor S. O'Connor, proposed, Councillor Flanagan seconded :—"That Shed, Shop, and Tools be not provided."  
On a poll being taken, there voted :—

For Provision of Shed &c. .... 10  
Against Provision of Shed &c. .... 7  
and Councillor McNeill's proposal was declared carried.  
On conclusion of the Committee Meeting the House resolved itself into a Meeting of the County Council.  
Chair :—Councillor Kennedy in the Chair.

3455. Minutes :—The Minutes of the County Council numbered from 3416 to 3452 having been circulated, were taken as read and were confirmed.  
The Minutes of the Finance Committee from No. 4107 to 4143 were submitted, approved, and signed.

3456. Rate Collection :—Referred to C.C.M. 3424.

*Wrote G.D. for sanction*

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Secretary reported that the following Collections still remained unclosed.

Mrs. R. Muldoon ..... 20 per cent. Outstanding, £885  
P. Corbett ..... 5 per cent. Outstanding, £406  
John Walsh ..... 3 per cent. Outstanding, £208  
John Morrissey ..... 14 per cent. Outstanding, £1547

Referred to Circular from Ministry of Local Government No. 56951 dated the 10th December, 1926, as follows :—

"By the 31st March next, the Council will be in a position to know whether or not the existing Collectors have complied with the terms of their present Contracts. If they then have not, they might be offered continuance of service under the new terms provided that they appear to be otherwise satisfactory. Alternatively the Council should decide to terminate their employment."

The Secretary reported that the Collectors named above have neither complied with the terms of their present contracts nor with the new terms provided in the Ministry's Scheme : that the issue of the Warrants in all these cases is being delayed and that the position may continue to get steadily worse unless the Council take some such action as is suggested by the Ministry in Circular No. 56951.

Submitted letter from Mrs. Muldoon stating that she is not in a position to lodge the amount outstanding, and it was Ordered.—That Collectors Muldoon, Morrissey, P. Corbett, and J. Walsh, be informed that if their Collections be not closed satisfactorily by the 30th July their offices will be deemed to be vacant and that Finance Committee be authorised to direct proceedings against Collectors and Sureties for the recovery of the amounts outstanding, and to advertise for Collectors for these districts. Appointments to be made at Meeting on 13th August.

Collector P. Corbett :—Submitted letter of the 18th July to Mr. P. Corbett and to his Sureties and to Mr. Hanafin, Checking Officer at Loughrea, also letter of the 18th July to the County Solicitor directing him to call on the Collector and his Sureties to close the Warrant immediately. Submitted Ministry's letter No. G. 34000 stating that 'if it is evident that misappropriation has taken place an information should immediately be sworn.'

Submitted Mr. J. J. Hanafin's Report dated the 20th July, 1927, reporting that on checking Collector's Books for the fortnight ended 16th July, 1927, he found that a sum of £464 1s. 1d., had been collected; that the Collector had lodged £61 19s. 11d., and that the amount collected and not lodged amounted to £402 1s. 2d., and that the Collector stated that he would lodge this balance within two weeks.

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From the replies received from Rate-payers it would appear that rates paid so far back as January, February, March, and earlier, had not been accounted for.

Mr. Hanafin reported that he believed that these receipts were issued from the Books since his last checking on the 9th April, 1927.

Submitted letter from Mrs. T. Corbett, with Medical certificate.

Order.—Send copy of L.G.D. letter to Collector and Sureties and inform them that unless Account closed by 30th inst., the Finance Committee will on that date direct Civil proceedings under the Bond for recovery of the amounts outstanding, and such other proceedings against the Collector as they may be advised.

Collector T. Corbett :—Submitted Report from Mr. J. J. Hanafin that this Collector did not present his Books for examination for the fortnight ended 16th July.

Secretary reported that Mr. Thomas Corbett has since closed his account.

Order.—Payment of Refund and Poundage ordered, subject to sanction.

Stephen Joyce's Rates :—Read Collector O'Malley's letter 5249.

Order.—Do not pay Stephen Joyce until he pays his rates.

3457. Publication of Rate Defaulters :—Referred to C.C.M. 3424 authorising the Finance Committee to publish list of Rate Defaulters at a cost not exceeding £60.

Submitted tender from 'Connacht Tribune' quoting for one insertion at £105. The Finance Committee request the instructions of the Council as this amount is in excess of the amount authorised by previous Minute.

Order.—Adjourned.

3458. Abolition of Unions—Pension Appeals, Gort :—

Submitted Scaled Order P. 29394 and letter from the Ministry granting an annual pension of £24 16s. 9d. to Mary Connolly, late Wardsmaid at the Gort Workhouse, in lieu of the gratuity of £29 10s. 0d., granted to her by the Board of Health.

Order.—That pension be paid in accordance with the Order.

3459. Cleggan and Claddaghduff Water Supply :—  
In accordance with Statutory Notice, Councillor Bartley proposed, Councillor Lee seconded :—"That the County

*Done*

*Done*

*Done*

*Mr Carter has PO Endorsed.*

*Done*



Council sanction the obtaining of a Loan of £680 for the Claddaghduff Water Supply Scheme, the cost of same to be a charge on the late Rural District Council Area of Clifden."—  
Passed.

3460. **Solicitors' Compensation** :—Submitted Notice of Motion of Councillor Wm. J. Concannon.  
Read Councillor Concannon's letter requesting the Council to adjourn his Notice.  
Read Messrs. Hogan & Shield's letter 5227.  
Submitted files and Mr. Concannon's request to adjourn.  
Order.—Adjourned.

5461. **Railway Level Crossing at Athenry** :—Submitted letter from Ministry of Industry and Commerce No. T. 66342 stating that the complaints raised will be investigated at the inspection by the Railway Inspecting Officer in connection with the signalling arrangements at this Station.  
Order.—Acknowledge with thanks.

3462. **Disinfecting Plant at Galway** :—Submitted correspondence from the Board of Health ; Dr. Davitt ; Galway Urban District Council ; and the County Surveyor, in regard to proposal to erect a Disinfecting Plant at Galway at a cost of £400 0s. 0d., and stating that the County Council should make a contribution towards the cost of it.  
Order.—Reply that the erection of a Disinfecting Plant appears to be a matter for the Sanitary Authority, for the Urban District of Galway, or for the Galway Port Sanitary Authority.

3463. **County Medical Officer of Health** :—  
Submitted file.  
Order.—Send the file to the Board of Health and ask the that Board to assist the County Council by reporting on the proposed appointment in view of the information set out in recent correspondence with the County Councils' General Council and the Local Government Department.

3464. **Old Age Pensions** :—Old Age Pensioners who are inmates of County Home.  
Read resolution of the Ballinasloe Sub-Committee, dated the 7th July, 1927, as follows :—  
" This Sub-Committee is unanimously of opinion that the law by which an old age pensioner become disqualified for pension on entering a County Home is unjust to the Rate-

payers of the County. They believe that the pensioner should still remain a State charge while in a County Home or other rate-aided Institution, but should be required to hand over such pension to the Institution as payment for maintenance. The Sub-Committee is aware that the Law as it stands casts a very heavy burden on the rates of the County each year which is an injustice to the Rate-payers and is, they believe, an evasion by the State of a charge it is bound to meet."

Order.—That the County Council adopt this Resolution : thank the Ballinasloe Sub-Committee for raising the question, and direct that the matter be laid before the Parliamentary Representatives of the County with a view to having the grievance complained of removed.

**Aran Sub-Committee** :—Read Correspondence with the Clerk to the Sub-Committee from which it appears that a dead-lock has been reached, and that, unless the County Council re-appoint a Committee, meetings cannot be held and old age pensioners will be deprived of their rights.

Order.—The Council have no information in the correspondence on which they can act.

**Pension Officers** :—  
Order.—Ask Commissioners of Revenue to instruct Pension Officers to attend meetings of Sub-Committees.

3465. **Dunmore Courthouse** :—Read letter No. G. 31469 from the Ministry of Local Government, and Mr. Kennedy's Minute of the 11th July.

Order.—Reply to the Ministry that the County Council have, at present, an arrangement with Mr. O. McHugh for provision of Courthouse facilities at Dunmore. The Council have not, up to the present, had any information as to this new building, and they would be glad to know whether it is necessary to provide this new accommodation, and what it would cost, and whether the Owners of the new building are willing to give Courthouse accommodation with the necessary furniture on payment of a suitable rent by the County Council. The Ministry's letter G. 31469 is the first intimation that the County Council have had that it was proposed to alter the location of the Dunmore Courthouse.

3466. **Loughrea Bridewell** :—Read Mr. O'Dea's letter of the 12th instant, and Mr. R. Joyce's letter of the 19th instant.  
Order.—County Solicitor to prepare the necessary conveyance.

*Copies to L.G. & B.O.H.*

*Mr Concannon (Copy)*

*Done*

*Copy to B.O.H.  
P.S.A. &  
Galway U.D.C.*

*wrote B.O.H.*

*wrote Ballasloe Sub-Com.  
& Deputies*

*wrote Clerk*

*Done*

*wrote L.G.D. &  
Secretary Dunmore  
Dorothy Hall Clee*

*wrote Co-Solicitor &  
Town Clerk Street  
wrote format*

3467. **County Councils' General Council** :—

Read Secretary's letter of the 18th instant, with regard to meeting in August or September, and asking if the Council desire to have any matters brought forward.

Order.—The County Council consider it would be useful if a precise of replies to queries addressed to Candidates in connection with grants in aid of Local Taxation were prepared and circulated to the County Council.

3468. **Main Roads** :—Referred to County Council Minute No. 3427. Read Ministry's letter of the 9th instant.  
—Noted.

3470. **Publicity Rate** :—Read letter from Mr. J. P. O'Brien, asking whether the Council's approval of the Scheme of expenditure covers in anticipation the expenditure of the advertising rate for year ending March, 1928.

Submitted Official Hand-book of the Association.  
Order.—Reply that Council's general approval of the heads of the Scheme does not cover in anticipation the expenditure of the 1927/8 rate ; that the conditions in Minute 1928 still operate and that Council will require details with financial particulars of the Publicity work to be done for County Galway.

3471. **Dr. Costello's Pension** :—Submitted letter from Secretary, Board of Health with Minute of Dr. Costello's appointment.  
Order.—Noted.

3472. **Ballinasloe Footpaths** :—Munster and Leinster Bank, Ballinasloe.  
Submitted Mr. Lee's report No. 5173, and Finance Committee Minute No. 3944.  
Order.—County Council agree to pay £29 8s. 9d. to be charged to contingencies.

3473. **Water Mains, Loughrea** :—  
Submitted Mr. Gallagher's letter of the 18th June, and County Surveyor's report No. 5172.  
Order.—Send Mr. Gallagher copy of Mr. Lee's report and ask for the views of the Board of Health on the suggestion made in the last sentence of Mr. Lee's letter. The County Council agree with Mr. Lee that some safeguards must be taken in connection with the opening of roads which have been steam-rolled at great expense.

3474. **Financial Adjustments** :—Treasury and the County Council.  
Submitted Ministry's letter No. S. 32589 of the 14th July, and Finance Committee Minute No. 4135, and reply of the Finance Committee of the 18th July.  
Order.—Council approve of letter of Finance Committee dated 18th July, and request payment of £1227 2s. 6d.

3475. **Bunnakyle Railway Crossing** :—Submitted Mr. Keogh's letter of the 15th July, agreeing to alter crossing if the County Council pay the cost.  
Heard County Surveyor.  
Order.—Expenditure of £16 on Railway premises ; and necessary expenditure on road, approved.

3476. **Grant Work, Surveyors' Allowances** :—  
Read R/RS/11, 16th June, and 11th July.  
Order.—Pay allowances sanctioned and ask Ministry to sanction Assistant County Surveyor's allowance to Mr. Sweeney, A.C.S.

3477. **Council v. McAnish** :—Read County Solicitor's letter 5230.  
Order.—Finance Committee to deal with case.

3478. **Housing Loans Outstanding** :—Finance Committee report that following instalments are outstanding and that they are unable to get them collected :—  
P. Barrett, Clonbur ..... £ 5 8 9  
P. Hogan, Cloonagh ..... £ 5 11 9  
Ellen Hayes, Killacloher ..... £ 7 5 0  
M. Mullin, Dunmore ..... £17 11 11  
J. C. Mannion, Newgrove ..... £13 15 3  
J. Moloney, Tuam ..... £ 8 12 6  
J. McInerney, Caheradoo ..... £ 5 11 5  
and it was  
Ordered.—That every pressure be brought to bear to get in instalments

T. J. Kyne, A.D. :—Read Mr. O'Dea's report.  
Order.—County Solicitor to insist on payment in full.

3479. **Roads, Recess-Maam Cross, and Boleynadorrish** :—  
Order.—Co. Surveyor to report.

3480. **Condolence** :—  
The Chairman proposed, Councillor McNeill seconded :—

*wrote Molan*

*wrote J.P. O'Brien*

*wrote Mr Lee*

*wrote B.O.H. &  
Copy to Mr  
Lee*

*wrote L.G.D. &  
Treasury*

*wrote Registrar,  
Copy to Co-Surveyor*

*Done*

*wrote Mr  
O'Dea*

*wrote Kyne*

"That the sympathy of the Galway County Council be tendered to the relatives of the late Kevin O'Higgins, and that the Council express their horror at the detestable murder that deprived the country of so valuable a servant."—Passed.

Councillor O'Connor proposed, Councillor Lydon seconded:—"That the sympathy of the Galway County Council be tendered to the relatives of the late Countess Markievicz."—Passed.

*Confirmed the 13<sup>th</sup> day of  
August 1927  
Martin W. Ryan  
Chairman*

## COMHAIRLE CONNDAE NA GAILLIMHE.

Secretary's Office,  
Courthouse, Galway,

6th August, 1927.

Sir,

You are hereby summoned to attend a Quarterly Meeting of the Council to be held at the Council Chamber, Galway, on **SATURDAY, 13th AUGUST, 1927**, at the hour of 11.30 o'clock, a.m.

By order of the Council,

W. G. FOGARTY,  
Secretary.

To each Member.

## BUSINESS.

3481. 1.—Minutes.

3482 2.—Payments as per Quarterly Statement.

3483 3.—Public Works: Correspondence re Roads, County Surveyors' Reports, etc.

3484. 4.—Rate Collection. *+ Finance*

(a) State of Collection.

(b) No. 4. Collection District—Appointment of Rate Collector.

(c) No. 8 Collection District—Appointment of Rate Collector.

(d) No. 32 Collection District—Appointment of Rate Collector.

3485 5.—General Printing—Consideration of Tenders.

3486. 6.—Notice of Motion:—

"Take notice that I, or some person on my behalf, will move at next Council meeting, an enquiry into the method of calculation of compensation awarded to Mr. Conroy and Mr. Hogan to ascertain if same was legally determined, and further, if Mr. Conroy and Mr. Hogan are legally entitled thereto."

Dated this 7th day of July, 1927.

Signed, WM. J. CONCANNON.

3487 7.—Public Roads Act—Council v. McAinsh.

3488 8.—Railway Level Crossing at Athenry.

3490 9.—Road at Boleynadorrish.

3491 10.—Agricultural and Technical Instruction Committee:—  
Superannuation allowance to Ex-Secretary.

3492 11.—Village Libraries.

3493 12.—Road Labour:—Resolution from Homes &amp; Home Assistance Committee.

3494 13.—Resolutions received.

3495 14.—Old Age Pensions:—Appointment of Mr. M. Byrne on Oughterard Sub-Committee.

15.—General Correspondence.

3495. Secretary agreement

3496. *Ballymore Hardwood Drains*

3497. Recess—Maam Cross Road:

3498. Pyelaw

~~3499. Road labour: Deputation from H.A.C.~~

3499 3500. Quarry at Moneyveen

3500 Glinsk Pier

3501 Resolutions

3502. Cancelled Paying orders

3503. Ballinastler Technical School

3504. Rearrangement of Polling stations

3504. Clareville Road.

COMHAIRLE CONNDAE NA GAILLIMHE.

Secretary's Office,  
Courthouse, Galway,  
6th August, 1927.

Sir,

I am directed by the County Council to call your attention to Articles Nos. 101 and 102 of the Public Bodies Order which prescribe that a Collector of Poor Rate is entitled to receive poundage provided he lodges **before the 30th September**, a sum equal to the whole of the arrears in his warrant and a moiety of the current rate, and provided that **before the 31st March**, he shall have lodged the full amount included in his warrant for the year. No Collector can be paid any refund except in respect of rates declared to be irrecoverable, and poundage will not be paid in respect of irrecoverable rates. Collectors will, therefore, see the importance of lodging to credit of the County Council before the 30th September, the full amount of first moiety and arrears.

Several Collectors have caused great inconvenience to the County Council and Finance Committee by slacking in their work during the early part of the collection period, and making all sorts of excuses when they get into trouble at the end of the collection. The Finance Committee advise Collectors to start their collections by **strict attention to the cases of Ratepayers who are shown in arrear. Every pressure by demand note, six-day notice, seizure, or other legal proceedings should be taken against defaulters. They are nearly always the same people year after year, and a Collector who brings these persistent bad Rate-payers into good order will have an easy time thereafter.**

Attention is drawn to Standing Order of the County Council, No. 17, which reads as follows:—

"All gentlemen giving security for Collectors are hereby informed that the County Council will feel itself constrained to enforce strictly the claims of the Rate-payers on all Sureties for Collectors."

The Council are in immediate want of funds, and they expect every Collector to make substantial lodgments within the next few weeks.

I am, Sir,  
Your obedient servant,  
W. G. FOGARTY,  
Secretary.

To:—  
Each Poor Rate Collector.  
Each Rate Inspector.  
Copy to each Member of the County Council.

COMHAIRLE CONNDAE NA GAILLIMHE.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE,  
COURTHOUSE, GALWAY,  
6th September, 1927.

ROAD GRANTS.

Sir, I send herewith statement showing amount of Road Grants allocated to each County.

I am, Sir,  
Your obedient servant,  
W. G. FOGARTY,  
Secretary.

To each Member of the Council.

SAORSTAT EIREANN.

ROAD GRANTS MADE TO VARIOUS COUNTIES, 1927.

This return includes National Road Allocations Nos. 1 and 2, Grants from Road Fund to Trunk and Link Roads 1927, and Special Grants, 1927.

No.	Name of County or Borough.	Amount, £
1.—	Cork County and Borough .....	307,863
2.—	Dublin County and Borough .....	282,347
3.—	Limerick County and Borough .....	143,328
4.—	Louth .....	135,405
5.—	Tirconnail .....	124,038
6.—	Meath .....	118,930
7.—	Wexford .....	118,813
8.—	Mayo .....	111,453
9.—	Kilkenny .....	102,778
10.—	Kerry .....	101,781
11.—	Tipperary South Riding .....	90,074
12.—	Galway .....	83,139
13.—	Kildare .....	77,726
14.—	Leix .....	77,219
15.—	Wicklow .....	75,741
16.—	Waterford County and Borough .....	73,922
17.—	Monaghan .....	69,522
18.—	Tipperary North Riding .....	67,593
19.—	Westmeath .....	65,143
20.—	Sligo .....	62,924
21.—	Roscommon .....	61,557
22.—	Clare .....	61,180
23.—	Cavan .....	51,894
24.—	Longford .....	45,435
25.—	Leitrim .....	41,946
26.—	Offaly .....	40,908
27.—	Carlow .....	18,338

£2,610,997

Note.—The above return does not include Maintenance Grants 1927-'28. The amounts of Second Allocation for National Roads have been taken from a published statement by the press.

COMHAIRLE CONNDAE NA GAILLIMHE.

Secretary's Office,

Courthouse, Galway,

August 15th, 1927.

Sir,  
I am directed to transmit herewith the attached copy of Minutes of Proceedings (3481 to 3510) at Meetings of the Galway County Council, held on the 13th day of August, 1927.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,

W. G. FOGARTY,

Secretary.

- To the Ministry for Local Government, Dublin.
- To each Member of the Galway County Council.
- To each Urban District Council.
- To each County Surveyor,
- To the Treasurer, National Bank, Galway.
- To the Secretary, County Board of Health.
- To the Secretary, H. & H. A. Committee, Loughrea.
- To the R.M.S., Mental Hospital, Ballinasloe.
- To the County Solicitor.
- To the Secretary, Irish County Councils General Council.
- To the Deputies for County Galway.
- To.....to see Minute No.....

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS of the Galway County Council at Quarterly Meeting held on Saturday, the 13th day of August, 1927.

Chair :—Councillor M. M. Egan, in the Chair.

Present :—Councillors Bartly ; Cahill ; Conroy ; Corbett ; Crowe ; Curley ; Finnerty ; Flanagan ; Furey ; Gilmore ; Kennedy ; Kenny ; T. Kyne ; Lambert ; Lydon ; McDonogh ; McKeigue ; McNeill ; Moylett ; Nestor ; O'Toole ; Sweeney ; Taylor.

3481. Minutes :—The Minutes of the County Council, numbered from No. 3453 to 3480 having been circulated were taken as read and were confirmed.

The Minutes of the Finance Committee from No. 4108 to 4189 were submitted, approved, and signed.

3482. Payments :—Applications for Payments—Submitted Quarterly Statement, Vouchers, and proposals of the Finance Committee.

Chairman of the Council proposed, Chairman of the Finance Committee seconded :—"That the applications for payments as set out in the Sheets be approved, and that Treasurer's Authority be signed."—Passed.

3483. Public Works :—Submitted the County Surveyor's application for Repair Shed, and proposal of Finance, Roads, and General Purposes Committee. Referred to CCM. 3454. Order.—That the application be approved.

3484. Rate Collection and Finance.

Bank Balance this date .....	£12074 0 0 Dr.
Amount of Treasurer's Authorities for payments signed to-day .....	£47386 19 11
Submitted Rate Chart 1927/28 :	
Collected to date .....	£4522=2 p.c.
Outstanding .....	£218972=

Collectors' Sureties :—Secretary reports that he has not got the new Bonds in respect of the Collections of P. Corbett, and T. Corbett, and it was

Ordered.—That the Finance Committee are authorised to advertise for and appoint Collectors for these Districts if Bonds are not provided by the 16th instant.

No. 4. Collection District (Mrs. R. Muldoon, Collector).

*wrote L.G.D.*

*wrote Collector*

Submitted advertisement issued by the Finance Committee under authority of CCM. 3456.

Secretary reports that Mrs. Muldoon has now closed her Collection but that the amount of arrears brought forward and refunded is very high, being nearly 14 per cent. of her warrant. The collection has not been satisfactory, and Mrs. Muldoon admits that she has never visited the islands in her District.

Ordered.—That the Warrants are to be re-issued to Mrs. Muldoon upon the distinct understanding that in future the account will be fully closed within the periods mentioned in Articles 101 and 102 of the Public Bodies Order, and that Mrs. Muldoon takes proper steps to recover the island rates.

No. 8 Collection District (Inishboffin) :—

No applications received.

Order.—Re-advertise.

No. 32 Collection District (J. Morrissey, Portumna).

Secretary reports that this Collector has been consistently dilatory and unsatisfactory.

Amount now outstanding £1151.

Submitted advertisement under authority of Minute No. 3456. Heard Mr. Morrissey.

Order.—The matter is referred to the Finance Committee to be dealt with : If the account is not closed by Saturday the 20th August the Committee is authorised and instructed to advertise for and appoint a new Collector at 6d in the £, and to proceed against Mr. Morrissey's Sureties for the amount outstanding on last year's Warrant.

Aran Island Collection :—Submitted the state of this collection as follows :—

Amount of Warrant .....	£1241
Amount lodged .....	£ 461
Amount outstanding .....	£ 780

Secretary reports collection unsatisfactory.

Order.—That Finance Committee be instructed to advertise for and appoint a new collector.

3485. General Printing :—Submitted advertisement.

Amount of last Tender .....

Submitted Tenders as follows :—

Messrs. O'Gorman & Co., Galway .....	£1125
Athlone Printing Works .....	£1195
Thom & Co. Dublin .....	£1188

Councillor McNeill proposed, Councillor Kennedy seconded :—"That the Tender of Messrs. O'Gorman at £1125 be accepted."—Passed.

3486. Solicitors' Compensation :—Submitted Councillor Concannon's Notice of Motion as follows :—

"Take Notice that I, or some person on my behalf, will move at next Council Meeting, an enquiry into the method of calculation of compensation awarded to Mr. Conroy and Mr. Hogan to ascertain if same was legally determined and further, if Mr. Conroy and Mr. Hogan are legally entitled thereto."

Secretary reported that the County Solicitor advised that the compensations were legal. The amounts were calculated as provided by the relevant Statute, were awarded by the Council, and sanctioned by the Ministry, and are included in the applications for payment submitted to the Council to-day.

Councillor Concannon not being present, Councillor O'Toole proposed, Councillor Corbett seconded :—"That the matter be adjourned."

Councillor McNeill proposed, Councillor Cahill seconded, "That the matter be dealt with."

The House divided when there voted :—

For adjournment..... 12

Against adjournment ..... 10

and consideration of the matter was adjourned and Secretary directed to withhold payment.

3487. Public Roads Act :—County Council v. McAinsh : Submitted file.

Order.—Referred to Finance Committee.

Council v. Siemens Bauunion :—

Submitted file.

Order.—Report result.

3488. Level Crossing at Athenry :—

Submitted correspondence with Ministry of Transport, the Railway Company, and Mr. T. B. Higgins, Athenry.

Order.—The proceedings of the Finance Committee are approved.

3490. Road at Boleynadorrish :—

Submitted County Surveyor's report.

Order.—That Land Commission be asked to proceed with the construction of the Bridge for which the County Council understand the Land Commission have already ear-marked funds.

*wrote Collector, Sureties; L.G.D.*

*Done*

*wrote Collector, Sureties; L.G.D.*

*Do*

*Costs for Bond*

*wrote W. Concannon*

*wrote Co. Soler*

*wrote L.G.C. Copy to Mr. Cahill*

3491. Agricultural Committee—Superannuation allowance to Ex-Secretary :—

Submitted Statutory Notice and recommendation of the Committee of Agriculture. Mr. Fogarty reported that the Technical Instruction Committee in a similar case had awarded him 25/60ths of his salary upon legal advice, and that this award had been turned down by the Ministry upon the ground that Mr. Fogarty's resignation of the Secretaryship of the Committees was voluntary ; that he anticipated a similar result in the present case, but as he considered the position unjust he respectfully requested the Council to make a similar award in this case and leave the final decision to the Ministry. —No Order.

3492. Village Libraries :—Submitted file and Finance Committee Minutes Nos. 4161 & 6168a. The Committee are advised that the original establishment Grant together with the extra Grant of £100 a year for three years obtained by Councillor Corbett and the Secretary exhausts for the next three years all the Grants available for Libraries.

Order.—Noted.

The County Librarian is instructed to keep the County Council informed if any opportunity arises for obtaining further Grants.

3493. Road Labour :—Read resolution from Home & Homes Assistance Committee. Heard Mr. Heneghan who admitted that Co. Surveyors had met his requests so far as they could.—No Order.

3494. Oughterard Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee :— Order.—Mr. N. Byrne is appointed a member.

3495. Secretary's Agreement :—

County Solicitor submitted Agreement drawn in accordance with the Council's Minutes Nos. 3224, 3318, and 3365 and letter from the Ministry approving of same ; also approval of Messrs. Blake & Kenny, Solicitors, on behalf of Mr. Fogarty, who had duly sealed same, and it was

Ordered.—That the Agreement be sealed with the Seal of the Council.

3496. Drainage Ballinure-Hardwood River :— Submitted Petition. Referred the Council to Minute No. 2944.

Order.—Resolution already passed No. 2944 applies to this petition which is part of one of the four approved Schemes.

3497. Road Complaints :—Heard County Surveyor's Minute. Recess-Maam Cross.

Order.—Referred to Co. Surveyor.

Taylor's Hill road.

Order.—Referred to Co. Surveyor.

Driminalough Road.

Order.—Referred to Co. Surveyor.

3498. Bye-Laws :—Submitted P. H. 31973.

Order.—Noted.

3499. Quarry at Moneyveen :—Read Land Commission's letter No. 33915 and County Surveyor's Report of the 23rd October, 1926, recommending purchase at £65.

Submitted Mr. Powell's letter of the 16th September, 1926, raising a doubt as to the value of the Quarry.

Order.—Offer declined.

3500. Glynsk Pier :—Submitted file and letter D/74/9 from the Department of Fisheries offering to pay two-thirds of the expenditure estimated at £130, set out in their letter of the 27th May, 1927.

Read County Surveyor's Minute.

Order.—Offer of Fisheries Department accepted.

3501. Resolutions :—From Roscommon County Council re Shannon Fisheries—netting.

Order.—Adopted.

3502. Cancelled Paying Order No. 6196. :—

Read Ministry's letter G. 37165.

Order.—Cancel the paying order of the 14th February, 1917, and issue a new order for £1 4s. 8d.

3503. Ballinasloe Technical School :—Submitted Mr. George Connolly's letter of the 9th August, in regard to transfer of portion of the Workhouse Buildings for a Technical School. Read Mr. Connolly's statement of the 14th May, 1927.

Order.—Council recommend that every possible facility be given to the Technical Instruction Committee to continue uninterruptedly the work of Technical Instruction at Ballinasloe.

3504. Re-Arrangement of Polling Stations :—

Secretary referred to Minute No. 3019 and his circulars of the 28th July and 30th November, 1926, on the subject of the re-arrangement of Townlands and Polling Districts, when it was

Ordered.—That the attention of the Minister for Local

wrote to Mr. McGuire

wrote BOK + H.A.C.O

wrote Clerk + Mr. Byrne

Done

wrote P. Works

wrote Co. Surveyor

wrote to D.C. Copy to Mr. Hill

wrote Fisheries Copy to Mr. K.

wrote Secretary

Done

wrote Mr. Connolly Copy to Mr. Glennon

wrote Ministry + Collectors

Government be directed to the fact that the present arrangement of Polling Districts entails considerable inconvenience and hardship to country voters in many cases and probably results in a considerable amount of abstention from voting at Elections, and that the Council request the Ministry to direct such a re-arrangement of Townlands and Polling Districts as will reduce the inconvenience complained of to a minimum.

Meantime each Rate Collector to be asked to furnish a Report showing the townlands in his collection district, and the nearest existing polling station in each case.

3505. Clareville Road Diversion :—

Submitted Ministry's RG/11 of the 2nd July agreeing to an offer of £475 for the land and stating that Minister cannot supplement the Grant of £600 already allocated.

County Surveyor reports that the work will cost £500 and Secretary reports that in any event a further sum of £375 will have to be found in order to pay Mr. Fahy £475.

Read Ministry's letter RG/11/B of the 10th August transferring £400 from the £3,000 Grant for Road T.41 to the Grant for the Clareville Diversion.

Order.—County Surveyors to act accordingly.

3506. Financial Adjustments—

Treasury Claim for £3,271 18s. 8d. :—Read Ministry's S. 35669 of the 10th August, and Council's letter to the Ministry of Finance dated the 11th August.

Order.—Continue to press claim for amount due to County Council.

3507. Dr. O'Beirne's Wall :—County Solicitor submitted notices for service to be sealed and signed.

Dr. O'Beirne who was present assured the Council that he would settle the matter and on this assurance the notices were held back and it was

Ordered.—That the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be asked to apply part 2 of the Public Health Act 1907 to the County of Galway.

3508. National Road Grants :—

Ordered.—That the Deputies for the County be asked to move for a Parliamentary return showing the amount allocated to each County in Ireland out of the Road Fund in respect of :—

- A. National Roads.
- B. Trunk and Link Roads.
- C. Road Maintenance.

for the four years ended March 1927, and further showing for each year the amount of grant unavailed of in each County.

3509. Secretary's Leave :—Secretary is granted leave of absence to September 30th.

3510. Condolences :—

The Chairman proposed, the Vice-Chairman seconded, and resolved :—“That the Galway County Council have heard with regret of the death of Lord Killanin for many years a Member of the Council, and desire to place on record their appreciation of the great services rendered by Lord Killanin to the County of Galway and to Ireland in the many important administrative positions held by him in Irish Local and National services, and that the sympathy of the Council be tendered to the relatives of the deceased Peer.

Proposed by Councillor Lambert, Seconded by Councillor Cahill and resolved :—“That the County Council of the County of Galway have heard with regret of the death of Mr. John Dillon, a sterling Irishman who devoted his life to the service of his Country, and tender to the relatives of the deceased Statesman their sincere condolence.

wrote Roads Dept + Copy to each Co. Dist.

Done

Copy to Deputies

wrote Mr. Ome

Copy to Relatives

Indorsed E.H.

Confirmed this 29th day of October 1927 Martin Mulgan Chairman

COMHAIRLE CONNDAE NA GAILLIMHE.

Secretary's Office,  
Courthouse, Galway,  
22nd October, 1927.

SIR,—You are hereby summoned to attend a Quarterly Meeting of the Finance, Roads, and General Purposes Committee of the County Council, to be held at the Council Chamber, Galway, on Saturday, the 29th day of October, 1927, at the hour of Eleven-Thirty o'clock, a.m.

By Order of the Council,  
W. G. FOGARTY,  
Secretary.

To each Member.

BUSINESS :

- ~~3513~~ 3511 1.—Consideration of Applications for Payment.  
~~3514~~ 3512 2.—Consideration of Applications for Works.

A MEETING OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL  
will be held at the conclusion of the business of the

- 3513 *Condoleana Car Proposals Committee*  
1.—Minutes.  
3514 2.—Rate Collection :—  
3515 (a) State of Collection.  
✓ (b) Rate Collectorship—Inishboffin. Appointment of Rate Collector.  
✓ (c) Rate Inspectorship—Clifden & Oughterard Districts. Appointment of Rate Inspector.  
✓ (d) Collection of Rates on Islands.  
3516 3.—County Medical Officer of Health.  
3517 4. Polling Stations—Re-arrangement of.  
3518 5.—Financial Adjustments : Correspondence with Department of Finance and County Solicitor.

3519 6.—Main Roads :—

- (a) Proposed scheduling of roads from Athenry Three Roads to Newtown Church Three Roads and from Horseleap Cross Roads to Coolderg Three Roads as Main Roads by the Ministry.  
(b) I will move that no road be Scheduled as a Main Road for a period of eight years, but that the Council's Engineer be instructed to make out the cost of maintaining the roads mentioned in the Minister's letter RD/6 of September 28th, 1927, for above number of years, and that the grant be expended on drainage, forestry or opening new roads to enable farmers to get to their market town by the easiest and quickest route, for the following reasons :  
(1) The road grant is already too high and a heavy drag on the Rate-payers who are already overburdened by high rates.  
(2) Fifty per cent of those who own motor cars for which so much money is spent on roads are public officials who, by the actions of a great majority of said officials in buying foreign made cars, are sending millions of money out of the country, thereby becoming a double drag on the Rate-payers.  
(3) Each motor car costs the Ratepayers from fifty to sixty pounds per annum.

T. FLANAGAN.

- (c) "I will move that the public road from Ballymoe via Williamstown to Dunmore be scheduled as a main road."

JAMES A. McLOUGHLIN.

- 3520 7.—Road Fund Grants—Return circulated.  
3521 8.—County Surveyor, Eastern Division—Salary during period of suspension.  
3522 9.—Road Grant Work—Remuneration to Surveyors.—Mr. M. Sweeney's remuneration withheld by the Ministry.  
10.—Mental Hospital :—  
3523 (a) Expenses of Law Suit. ✓  
(b) Resignation of the Most Revd. Dr. Dignan from Mental Hospital Committee.  
3524 11.—Development of Tourist Traffic—Irish Tourist Association ask for Council's contribution or portion thereof.

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- 12.—Local Authorities (Combined Purchasing) Act, 1925.—  
Claim of £175 17s. 7d., by Ministry—Expenses incurred  
for year ended 31st March, 1927.
- 13.—Drainage :—
- (a) Dunkellin and Lavally Drainage.—Draft Mortgage  
in respect of Loan £755.
  - (b) Brackloon, Raford and Kiltulla Drainage, and  
Derrynamanagh, Skehanagh and New Inn drainage.  
Estimated cost of restoration work by Board of  
Works, £7960.  
Government will make grant of 50%—£3980, pro-  
vided the County Council contribute 28%—£2229.
  - (c) Lavally Drainage—Further restoration work esti-  
mated at £3,000. Board of Works ask if County  
Council would make any further contribution towards  
cost.
  - (d) Ballinure-Hardwood Drainage—Resolution in terms  
of Section (3) (3) (c) of the Arterial Drainage Act,  
1925.
  - (e) Drainage Petitions—Reporting on by County Sur-  
veyors.
  - (f) Kilchreest Drainage Restoration Work, £6445—  
Government will make grant of 50%—£3222 10s. 0d.,  
provided County Council contribute 17%—£1096.
  - (g) Graig Abbey and Toorkeel and Cloonkeen Drainages  
Restoration work £4250—Government will make  
grant of 50%—£2125, provided County Council con-  
tribute 31%—£1318.
- 14.—Courthouses :—
- (a) Kinvara Courthouse—Application from Mrs. M.  
O'Donnell for increase of rent to £18 a year.
  - (b) Athenry Courthouse—Agreement.
- 15.—Abolition of Unions—Pension Appeals, application from  
Mrs. M. Hanlon, Attendant in late Gort Workhouse, for  
pension allowance.
- 16.—Notice of Motion (Adjourned from last Meeting)—Solic-  
itors to late Rural District Councils.  
"Take notice that I, or some person on my behalf,  
will move at next Council meeting, an enquiry into the  
method of calculation of compensation awarded to Mr.  
Conroy and Mr. Hogan to ascertain if same was legally  
determined, and further, if Mr. Conroy and Mr. Hogan  
are legally entitled thereto."  
Signed, WM. J. CONCANNON.

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- 3530 17.—County Libraries Committee—Resignation of Mr. P.  
McGlew.
- 3531 18.—Motor Acts :—
- (a) Control and regulation of road traffic.
  - (b) Ballinasloe Urban Council ask County Council to fix  
speed limit of 12 miles per hour for all motor cars  
passing through town of Ballinasloe.
- 3532 19.—Public Works : Roads and Transport Congress and Ex-  
hibition in London, 14th to 19th November, 1927.
- 3533 20.—General Advertising.
- 3534 21.—Railway Level Crossing at Athenry.
- 3535 22.—Ryehill Lands—Purchase Money.
- 3536 23.—Housing Loans—Instalments outstanding.
- 3537 24.—Coal Contract—Mr. M. Layden, Arigna, appointed Con-  
tractor.
- 3538 25.—Public Roads Act—Council v. Siemens Schuckert.
- 3539 26.—Loughrea Bridewell—Sale of Bridewell to Loughrea  
Town Commissioners.
- 3540 27.—Old Age Pensions—Aran Sub-Committee—Resignation  
of Roger Derrane.
- 28.—Workhouses :—
- 3541 (a) Gort Workhouse—Lettings. (deal with)
  - (b) Ballinasloe Workhouse—Accommodation for Techni-  
cal Instruction.
- 29.—Resolutions received.
- 30.—General Correspondence.

Secretary's Office,  
Courthouse, Galway,  
October 31st, 1927.

Sir,

I am directed to transmit herewith the attached copy of Minutes of Proceedings (3511 to 3548) at Meetings of the Finance, Roads, and General Purposes Committee and Galway County Council, held on the 29th day of October, 1927.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,  
W. G. FOGARTY,  
Secretary.

- ✓ To the Ministry for Local Government, Dublin.
- ✓ To each Member of the Galway County Council.
- ✓ To each Urban District Council.
- ✓ To each County Surveyor.
- ✓ To the Treasurer, National Bank, Galway.
- ✓ To the Secretary, County Board of Health.
- ✓ To the Secretary, H. & H. A. Committee, Loughrea.
- ✓ To the R.M.S., Mental Hospital, Ballinasloe.
- ✓ To the County Solicitor.
- ✓ To the Secretary, Irish County Councils General Council.
- ✓ To the Deputies for County Galway.

To.....to see Minute No.....

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS at a Meeting of the Finance, Roads, and General Purposes Committee of the Galway County Council held on Saturday the 29th day of October, 1927.

Chair :—Councillor M. McNeill in the Chair.

Present :—Councillors Bartley ; Cahill ; Coogan ; Con-cannon ; Corbett ; Crowe ; Curley ; Dervan ; Egan, M. M. ; Elder ; Finnerty ; Flanagan ; Furey ; Gilmore ; Hallinan ; Keaveney ; Kennedy ; Kenny ; Kyne, T. ; Kyne, N. ; Lambert ; Lee ; Lydon ; McDonogh ; McKeigue ; McLough-lin ; Murphy ; Mylotte ; Nestor ; O'Connor, P. ; O'Connor, S. ; O'Neill ; O'Toole ; Ronaldson ; Sweeney ; Taylor.

3511. Applications for Payment :—Applications were submitted and ruled, and it was

Ordered.—That the payments set out on Application Lists be approved and submitted to the County Council for payment.

*ccm*

3512. Applications for Works :—No Applications.

On the Conclusion of the Committee Business the House resolved itself into a Meeting of the County Council.

and Councillor M. M. Egan took the Chair.

3513. Condolence :—

Councillor Egan proposed, Councillor Kennedy seconded: "That the Galway County Council hereby place on record their sense of the great loss sustained by the Church and by Ireland in the death of his Eminence Cardinal O'Donnell, and they desire to tender, on behalf of the people of Galway, to the Clergy and people of the Primatial See most respectful sympathy on this sad occasion."

*Done*

3514. Minutes :—The Minutes of Proceedings Numbered 3481 to 3510 having been circulated were taken as read and were confirmed.

The Minutes of the Finance Committee to No. 4373 were submitted, approved, and signed.

3515. Rate Collection :—Submitted state of Collection :

Secretary reported that only 3 Collectors had closed first Moiety Collections as required by Bonds : Heard Collectors Forde and Morrissy.

No Order.

Rate Collectorship—Inishboffin :—Submitted advertise-ment as follows :—

COMHAIRLE CONNDAE NA GAILLIMHE.

Notice is hereby given that the Galway County Council will, at their meeting to be held on Saturday, the 29th October, 1927, be prepared to consider applications for the post of Poor Rate Collector for the Collection District of Clifden No. 5, comprising the District Electoral Division of Inishboffin.

The emoluments attached to the office are (a) a pound-age rate of five shillings in the pound, and (b) the prescribed emoluments under the Registration of Expenses Order, 1924. Candidates must be over 21 years of age, and must be otherwise eligible.

Application, on a prescribed form, to be obtained from the undersigned and filled up, must be lodged with me at or before 2 o'clock on Friday, the 28th October, 1927, marked on the cover, "Application for Rate Collectorship Clifden No. 5."

Each application must state the full name and address of candidate, together with the names and addresses of two solvent persons willing to enter with him into a Bond (in the Form 56 of the Schedule to the Public Bodies Order, 1904), conditioned in a penalty of £200 (Two Hundred Pounds) for the due and faithful performance of the duties of the office.

By Order of the Council.  
W. G. FOGARTY, Secretary,  
County Council Offices,  
Courthouse, Galway,  
3rd October, 1927.

and applications from P. Walsh, Main St., Clifden : M. O'Conl ain, Ballintaggart, Spiddal, and J. J. Murphy, New-castle.

(Mr. Michael Conneely has obtained a position on the Railway and cannot take up the appointment.)

Councillor Lee proposed, Councillor McNeill seconded :— "That Mr. P. Walsh, Clifden, be appointed."

*wrote P.W. Walsh*

3515. Rate Inspectorship—Clifden and Oughterard Districts :—Submitted Advertisement as follows :—

GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL.

Rate Inspectorship.

The Galway County Council will, at their Meeting to be held on the 29th October, 1927, consider applications for the appointment of Rate Inspector for the area comprising the late Rural Districts of Clifden and Oughterard, at a salary of £62 per annum.

The person appointed to check, each fortnight, the war-rants and abstracts of all Poor Rate Collectors in the above area, and report, on the prescribed form, to the County Council, and make such other reports, and perform such other duties as he may from time to time be required by the Secretary of the County Council to perform.

The appointment to carry an additional £13 per annum to be paid by the County Galway Board of Health for the work of checking Rent Collectors' Accounts, writing up general rentals, checking water rents, burial fees, and keeping the burial register, under the directions of the Secretary to the Board of Health.

The appointment will not be pensionable. Application, on a prescribed form to be obtained from the undersigned and filled up, must be lodged with me at or before 2 p.m., on Friday, the 28th October, 1927, marked on cover, "Application for Rate Inspectorship."

By Order,  
W. G. FOGARTY, Secretary,  
Courthouse, Galway, 11th October, 1927.

and applications from Messrs. Fenton Kavanagh, Market St., Clifden ; M. J. Lavelle, Clifden ; M. O'Conl ain, Spiddal ; P. Finnerty, Colmanstown ; P. J. Casserly, Ballindooly ; John Burke, Clifden ; Martin Joyce, Moyard ; James McCarthy, Oughterard.

Messrs. Kavanagh and McCarthy withdrew.

Councillor Curley proposed, Councillor McKeigue sec-onded : "That Mr. P. Finnerty be appointed."

Councillor Lee proposed, Councillor Mylotte seconded :— "That Mr. M. J. Lavelle be appointed."

Councillor Bartly proposed, Councillor Corbett seconded : "That Mr. M. O'Conl ain be appointed."

Councillor O'Neill proposed :—"That Mr. P. Burke, Clifden, be appointed."  
(Councillor O'Neill withdrew his proposition).

Councillor Bartley proposed, Councillor McNeill sec-onded :—"That all candidates be submitted to a competitive examination."



A poll was claimed on this proposition, when there voted  
Against the proposal ... .. 23  
For the proposal ... .. 13

and the motion was declared lost, and the Council proceeded with appointment.

The House divided when there voted :  
For Mr. Finnerty, ... .. 23  
For Mr. Lavelle ... .. 7  
For Mr. O'Connell ... .. 3

and Mr. P. Finnerty was declared elected.

3515. **Rate Collection on Islands** :—Submitted the following letter from Mrs. Muldoon :—

W. G. Fogarty, Esq.,  
Secretary.

Clifden,  
7/9/27.

re Collection on Islands of Turbot and Turk.

Sir,

On Wednesday last the 31st ultimo, with the assistance of the Guards I tried to get a boat to go into the Island but failed to do so. However, with great persuasion a boatman on the Mainland agreed to let me have his boat on Friday 2nd, provided I got my own men to row the boat on that day. I could only get one man in Clifden to come with me as everybody seems to have a dread of the Islanders, however, I tried to get to the Islands with this man and four Guards, but when we got half way we were compelled to return as none of us could manage the boat. As things are now it is absolutely impossible for me to get to the Islands even if I wanted to get in there for a day's pleasure no one would take me in, just because I am Rate Collector. Will you please inform the Finance Committee and the County Council of the contents of this letter, and let me know what I am to do in the matter, as unless I am provided with a boat I can do nothing.

Your obedient servant,  
RITA MULDOON.

**Order.**—Ask the Ministry whether it is considered that further steps should be taken to recover the rates in the Islands off Clifden having regard to Mrs. Muldoon's Report and, if so, enquire whether the Government are prepared to give the necessary transport by sea and protection.

3516. **County Medical Officer of Health** :—Submitted information collected by the Board of Health in regard to the

cost if the Department of Medical Officer of Health in Leeds, Inverness, Lincoln, Oban, with a statement that in view of the considerable expenditure which is likely to be involved, if a Medical Officer of Health is appointed for the County, the Board of Health are not prepared to make any suggestions but leave the matter entirely to the discretion of the County Council who are the rate-raising Authority.

**Order.**—Print and circulate the information received.

3517. **Polling Stations—Re-arrangement of** :—Referred to C.C.M. 3504 ; F.C.M. 4330 ; the Returning Officer's letter of the 7th October, and the Finance Committee's Minute with circulars to Poor Rate Collectors requesting information as to Booths. Only two Collectors have, so far, sent the information asked for.

**Order.**—Instruct Rate Collectors to consult County Councillors for their Divisions when reporting as to the most convenient Polling Stations for the various Townlands.

3518. **Financial Adjustments** :—Referred to F.C.M. 4310 and instructions issued to County Solicitor on the 10th October. Heard County Solicitor.

**Order.**—County Solicitor authorised to proceed in accordance with the advice of Counsel.

3519. **Main Roads** :—

Councillor Crowe proposed, Councillor Kennedy seconded :—“ That application be made to the Ministry that the Roads from Athenry Three Roads to Newtown Church Three Roads and from Horseleap Cross roads to Coolderg Three Roads be scheduled as Main Roads.”—Passed.

Councillor Flanagan proposed, Councillor O'Connor seconded :—“ That no road be scheduled as a Main Road for a period of eight years, but that the Council's Engineer be instructed to make out the cost of maintaining the roads mentioned in the Minister's letter RD/6 of September 28th, 1927, for above number of years, and that the Grant be expended on drainage, forestry or opening new roads to enable farmers to get to their market town by the easiest and quickest route, for the following reasons :—

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in buying foreign made cars, are sending millions of money out of the Country, thereby becoming a double drag on the Rate-payers.

(3) Each motor car costs the Rate-payers from fifty to sixty pounds per annum.

**Order.**—Chairman ruled that this Motion is out of order unless resolutions already passed re Main Roads are first rescinded.

Councillor McLoughlin proposed, Councillor Kennedy seconded :—“ That application be made to Ministry that the Public road from Ballymoe via Williamstown to Dunmore be scheduled as a Trunk Road.”—Passed.

3520. **Road Fund Grants** :—Return circulated.

Several members called attention to leading article in “Connacht Tribune.”

Councillor Kennedy proposed, Councillor Crowe seconded :—“ That the Council call on the Deputies for the County to take up the question of the Road Grants allocated to the County Galway with a view to securing that Galway is placed in the position in regard to Grants to which it is entitled in view of its extent and other circumstances.”—Passed.

3521. **County Surveyor—Eastern Division** :—Referred to C.C.M. 3438 requesting the Ministry to sanction payment to Mr. George Lee of his salary for the period from the 14th May to the 13th June, 1927. (£65 stopped).

Read Ministry's letter RS/11, No. 436, stating that the Minister regrets that he cannot comply with the request of the County Council in the matter.

The Chairman proposed, Councillor Kennedy seconded :—“ That the County Council earnestly hope that the Minister may reconsider this matter, and alter a decision which the Council respectfully submit is harsh in view of the circumstances of Mr. Lee's suspension.”—Passed.

3522. **Road Grant Work** :—Remuneration of Mr. Maurice Sweeney. Submitted C.C.M. 3475, asking the Minister to sanction payment of allowance to Mr. M. Sweeney, Assistant County Surveyor, on the same scale as that allowed to other officials.

Submitted Ministry's letter No. 437 stating that the Minister for Local Government cannot sanction the payment as proposed.

**Order.**—Reply that Council do not know on what grounds sanction to this payment is withheld and they submit to Ministry with respect that to withhold payment from one officer without reason given while payment is made to all other officers of the same class in the County can only give rise to discontent the occurrence of which cannot conduce to obtaining the best work from officials : Ask Ministry again to sanction payment.

3523. **Mental Hospital—Expenses of Law Suit** :—

Submitted Ministry's letter M.H. 1232 concerning liability for expenses.

**Order.**—Noted.

**Resignation of Chairman of Committee** :—Submitted Dr. Mill's letter intimating the resignation of His Lordship Dr. Dignan, Chairman of the Committee.

Councillor McKeigue proposed, Councillor Cahill seconded :—“ That Mr. Martin M. Egan, Chairman of the Council be appointed a Member of the Committee of Management of the Mental Hospital.”—Passed.

3524. **Development of Irish Tourist Traffic** :—Submitted Irish Tourist Association's request for Council's contribution.

**Order.**—Finance Committee are authorised to make payment to the 30th September as soon as they are satisfied with the evidence of Local Aid.

3525. **Combined Purchasing Act—Local Authorities (Combined Purchasing) Act** :—Claim for £175 17s. 7d. by Ministry.

Finance Committee have had to pay but they think it well to refer the matter to the County Council.

**Order.**—The Council in view of the law can only authorise the payment. They do so under protest.

3526. **Drainage—Dunkellin and Lavalley Drainage** :—Mortgage approved by County Solicitor. Read Board of Works letter 17617.

**Order.**—Return Mortgage to Board of Works Solicitor.

**Brackloon, Raford and Kiltullagh Drainage, and Derrynamanagh, Skehannagh and New Inn Drainage** :—Estimated cost of restoration work, £7960. Annual charge £674 12s. 4d. Annual Benefit, estimated, £273 9s. 1d. Scheme quite uneconomic. County Council asked to grant £2229.

**Order.**—Reply that Council observe that the Scheme to

wrote L.G. D for sanction

Done.

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Notice of Motion given

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wrote Secretary

Copy to L.G. D.

Done

which they are asked to contribute £2229 as a free grant from County Funds is quite uneconomic. The Council have no objection to the carrying out of the scheme subject to the condition that no charge therefor is thrown on the Rate-payers of the County at Large.

The Council will not make any contribution by way of free grant from County Funds.

**Lavally Drainage** :—Read Board of Works letter No. 17617 asking if the Council will make any further contribution towards the cost of this Scheme out of County Rates.

**Order**.—Reply in the negative.

**Ballinure-Hardwood Drainage Scheme** :—Read letter No. 16332.

Councillor Elder proposed, Councillor O'Connor seconded :—"That the County Council undertake to maintain this District if formed under the Arterial Drainage Act, 1925, and to collect and pay the terminable annuity, drainage rates and other monies collectable or payable by the County Council in respect of the construction or maintenance of such works as may have been carried out in the District so formed, subject to the conditions that all charges in respect of this undertaking shall be levied on the Drainage District as a Drainage rate and that no liability is cast on the Rate-payers of the County at Large.

**Kilchreest Drainage** :—Restoration Work £6445.

Read Board of Works letter No. 20094 reporting that the Scheme is quite uneconomic, and asking whether the Council would make a free grant from County Funds of £1096.

**Order**.—The Council observe that the Scheme to which they are asked to contribute £1096 as a C.A.L. free grant is quite uneconomic. Reply that the Council have no objection to the carrying out of the Scheme subject to the condition that no charge therefor is thrown on the Rate-payers of the County at Large.

The County Council will not make any contribution by way of grant from County Funds.

**Graig Abbey and Toorkeel and Cloonkeen Drainage Districts** :—Read Board of Works letter No. 19874. Scheme quite uneconomic and would require a free grant, and asking whether the Council would grant from County Funds £1318.

**Order**.—Reply that Council observe that the scheme to which they are asked to contribute £1318 as a free grant from County Funds is quite uneconomic. The Council have no objection to the carrying out of the Scheme subject to the condition that no charge therefor is thrown on the Rate-payers of the County at Large.

The Council will not make any contribution by way of grant from County Funds.

**Drainage Generally** :—Read Mr. Lee's letter of the 26th September stating that a number of Drainage Petitions have come into his office which he has not reported on owing to the decision to only proceed with four Schemes, and asking for instructions.

The Finance Committee cannot see any useful purpose in reporting on further Schemes in view of the state of the whole question up to the present.

**No Order**.

**3527. Courthouses—Kinvara Courthouse** :—

Mrs. M. O'Donnell applies for increase of rent to £18 a year. Present rent £12 10s. 0d., which the Finance Committee consider sufficient for a small village Courthouse.

**Order**.—Reply that Council cannot agree to this as they consider that £12 10s. 0d., per annum is quite sufficient for the user which is made of the Kinvara Courthouse.

**Athenry Courthouse—Agreement** :—Read Mr. O'Dea's letter of the 27th August.

**Order**.—Finance Committee to consider matter and make such arrangements as they may consider fit.

**3528. Abolition of Unions—Pensions Appeals** :—Mrs. M. Hanlon's application. Read Finance Committee's letter No. 4305. The Committee do not recommend the County Council to re-open this matter.

**Order**.—Recommendation of Finance Committee adopted.

**3529. Solicitors to late Rural District Councils—Superannuation** :—Councillor proposed "an enquiry into the method of calculation of compensation awarded to Mr. Conroy and Mr. Hogan to ascertain if same was legally determined, and further, if Mr. Conroy and Mr. Hogan are legally entitled thereto."

**Order**.—Adjourned.

Councillor Concannon, County Solicitor and Secretary to report on the matter to the next Meeting.

Done

Done

wrote Board of works.

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wrote Board of works.

Done

wrote Mr O'Dea

Mrs Hanlon informed.

wrote Messrs Concannon  
+ O'Dea joining  
15th inst for meeting

**3530. County Libraries** :—Resignation of Mr. P. McGlew. Noted.

**3531. Motor Acts** :—

(1) Read Mr. C. J. Whelan's letter re control and regulation of road traffic.

**Order**.—Finance Committee authorised to reply, first getting the recommendations of the County Surveyors.

(2) Ballinasloe Urban District Council ask Council to fix a speed limit of 12 miles per hour.

Referred to C.C.M. 2705.

**Order**.—Send copy of Council's letter of the 3rd November, 1925, to the Ballinasloe Urban District Council.

**3532. Roads and Transport Congress in London** :—

Read letter asking the County Council to appoint delegates to this Congress and Exhibition.

**Order**.—Messrs. Kennedy and Lee, County Surveyors appointed delegates.

**3533. General Advertising** :—

**Order**.—"Connacht Tribune" to be paid at scheduled rates.

"Galway Observer"; "Tuam Herald"; and "East Galway Democrat," to be paid at the rate of £25 per annum.

**3534. Level Crossing at Athenry** :—Read letter from Secretary, Department of Industry & Commerce No. T.66342.

**Order**.—Noted.

**3535. Ryehill Lands—Purchase Money** :—Read Mr. O'Dea's letter of the 30th September, No. 6446, stating that he is in communication with the Land Commission.

**Order**.—The Council desire to have this matter cleared up as quickly as possible as they want the money.

**3536. Housing Loans** :—

Finance Committee report that the following instalments of Housing Loans are outstanding, and that they have ordered the County Solicitor on several occasions to proceed for them :

Patrick Hogan, Cloonagh, Woodlawn	£ 5 11 8
Thos. J. Kyne, Clonbur	£11 3 4
Michael Mullins, Dunmore	£17 11 11
John C. Mannion, Newgrove, Kilreecle	£13 15 3
James Moloney, Tuam	£ 8 12 6

The Finance Committee recommend that no further Loans be granted under the Housing Acts, in view of the incidence of Bad Debts, and of the general refusal of borrowers to carry out their agreements in regard to Insurance.

**Order**.—Council will not provide any further money for Housing Loans.

**3537. Coal Contract** :—Submitted correspondence with Mr. Michael Layden, Arigna Collieries.

The Finance Committee did not receive any reply to their letter of the 10th October.

**Order**.—As Mr. Layden only quotes for fifty ton lots, and the County Council cannot order in this way, the position seems to be at a deadlock. Nor has Mr. Layden replied to the query as to the suitability of his coal for steam purposes.

**3538. Public Roads Act—Council v. Siemens Schuckert**. Submitted file.

**Order**.—Council approve of the instructions of the Finance Committee in this matter.

**3539. Loughrea Bridewell** :—Submitted file.

**Order**.—County Solicitor to obtain an Agreement from the Loughrea Town Commissioners setting out the letting in accordance with the terms fixed.

**3540. Old Age Pensions** :—Aran Sub-Committee intimate the resignation of Mr. Roger Derrane.

**Order**.—That Rev. P. Egan, P.P., be appointed a member of the Aran Sub-Committee.

Mr. Roger Derrane's resignation is accepted and the other surviving members are re-appointed, and the Sub-Committee is invited to nominate a member in place of the late Mr. P. O'F. Johnston.

**3541. Workhouses—Ballinasloe Workhouse** :—

Submitted letter dated the 23rd September, from Mr. Seoirse O'Congaile.

**Order**.—The County Council approve of the proposed temporary accommodation for technical work at the Ballinasloe Workhouse.

**3542. Technical Instruction Committee** :—Submitted Mr. Connolly's letter No. 7002, requesting sanction of the County Council to the appointment of four full-time and nine part-time teachers.

**Order**.—The appointments are approved.

**Miss Heavey's University Scholarship** :—Submitted

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Done & also to Conc'ds.

wrote H. D. and County Surveyors.

Copy to Mr Higgins

wrote Mr O'Dea.

wrote Co Solvr.

wrote him again

wrote Co Solvr

Instructed Co Solvr

wrote Clerk to County & Sub-Comtee OAD

wrote Mr Connolly

wrote T. I. C

*write Mr Heany*

*File to be done*

*write Canon Curran*

*copy to surveyor*

*O.C.F.*

*write to report*

*write to P.P.s  
Boffin + Clifden*

*Inverness  
1927*

*Confirmed this 19th day of  
November 1927*

*J. W. McKillop  
Chairman*

Minute No. 223 or the Education Committee recommending Miss Heavey for one year's extension, £60, being amount saved from T. J. Coogan's Scholarship.

**Order.**—Recommendation of the Education Committee approved and adopted.

3543. Submitted application of Mr. John Walsh, Poor Rate Collector, for authority to serve a Writ on Mrs. K. Madden to recover rates due £17 7s. 7d.

**Order.**—Ask County Solicitor if it is necessary for County Council to be named as Plaintiff in Superior Court proceedings.

3544. **Committee of Education** :—The Secretary reported that, in view of the requirement of the Technical Instruction Department, viz. : that the Secretary of the Technical Instruction Committee must be a whole-time officer, he (Mr. Fogarty) had so far been unable to hand over the Secretaryship to the Education Committee for which he was in receipt of a salary of £30 per annum. As under his Agreement with the County Council he was debarred from acting as salaried Secretary to a Committee, he now placed the matter before the County Council for instructions ; and it was

**Ordered.**—That all business in relation to Secondary School Scholarships, University Scholarships and Grants be in future performed as part of the work of the County Council and not through a Committee.

3545. **Headford and Clooneen Bridges** :—Submitted file and County Surveyor's Report. Referred to F.C.M 4352.

**Order.**—Application to be made to persons or body responsible for the deepening work for cost of making bridge safe.

3546. Submitted application of Messrs Kenny and Mannion to be placed on Permanent Clerk's Scale (£150—£6-13-4—£250) and Minute of Finance Committee No. 4358 with recommendation : and after discussion Councillor Kennedy gave Notice of Motion for next Meeting—"That Messrs. Kenny and Mannion be placed on permanent Clerk's Scale."

3547. **Board of Health v. Dillon** :—Heard Mr. O'Dea, County Solicitor.

**Order.**—Adjourn consideration of question of joining in action.

3548. Councillor Bartly proposed, Councillor O'Toole seconded :—" That the Council have heard with sorrow of the dreadful catastrophe which has overtaken so many fishermen on the Connemara Coast, and tender through the Parish Priest to the bereaved relatives their most sincere sympathy."

The Council direct attention to the necessity of improving the conditions under which Western Fishermen ply their dangerous calling and also of giving such advance notices of weather conditions as are available to other fishing communities.—Passed.

Secretary's Office,  
Courthouse,  
Galway,

31st October, 1927.

C.C.M. 3463/3516.

COUNTY MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.

Sir,  
The County Board of Health, at the request of the County Council, have obtained from some English and Scotch Counties certain particulars of their County Health Schemes, and the Council have directed me to circulate the information so obtained to the Members of the County Council. In accordance with this Order I send, herewith, copies of letters received from :—

- (1) The County Clerk of Inverness.
- (2) The Health Department, Lincoln.
- (3) The Public Health Department, Leeds.
- (4) The Public Health Department, Ross & Cromarty.
- (5) The Public Health Department, Argyle.

The Board of Health report that "in view of the considerable expenditure which is likely to be involved if a Medical Officer of Health is appointed for this County, the Board are not prepared to make any suggestions. They leave the matter entirely to the discretion of the County Council who are the Rate-raising Authority."

I am, Sir,  
Your obedient servant,  
W. G. FOGARTY,  
Secretary.

To :—  
Each Member of the County Council.  
The Secretary, Ministry of Local Government and Public Health.  
The Secretary, Board of Health, Galway.  
The Tuberculosis Medical Officer, Galway.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF INVERNESS-SHIRE.

County Clerk & Treasurer's Office,  
The Castle,  
Inverness.  
30th August, 1927.

Copy.

Medical Officer of Health.

Dear Sir,  
Your letter of the 20th instant has reached me and so far as I am able to supply them the particulars required are as follows :—

- 1. Salary of Chief Medical and Tuberculosis Officer for the County (except the Burgh of Inverness for which he also acts) ... .. £605
- 2. Assistant Medical and Tuberculosis Officer and School Medical Officer for the Insular Districts of the County ... .. £600  
(of which half is payable by the County Education Authority).

**Note.**—(The Education Authority an Ad Hoc Authority for educational purposes appoints direct a School Medical Officer for the Mainland part of the County).

- 3. Two Assistants in Medical Officer of Health's Office.  
Proportion of Salary payable by County ... £161 10s.  
(Same Staff acts for Inverness Burgh).

I have pleasure in sending you copy of the Abstract of Accounts for the year 1925-26. The Abstract for 1926-27 has not yet been put in hand.

Yours faithfully,  
J. W. McKILLOP,  
County Clerk.

J. Gallagher, Esq., Secretary,  
County Galway Board of Health,  
Central Hospital, Galway.

LINDSEY COUNTY COUNCIL,

HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

Copy.

County Offices,  
Newlands, Lincoln,  
23rd August, 1927.

J. Gallagher, Esq., Secretary's Office,  
Central Hospital, Galway.

Dear Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 20th instant, I give below information required as far as I possibly can. (1) Salary of County Medical Officer of Health, £1100. (2) Assistant Medical Officers of Health, 10, including 3 ladies. The salaries of 6 vary from £600 to £750 with the exception of 1 lady who is on salary of £400 per annum. Clerical Staff—There are 12 Clerks in the Health Office who are paid a salary amounting in the gross to £1895 per annum.

I regret that I cannot send you a copy of our Health Service Scheme nor an Abstract of our Accounts. The accounts are not kept in this office but in a separate department under the County Council. I enclose copies of my last Annual Reports on the health and sanitary condition of the County and the School Medical Service for your information.

Yours faithfully,  
R. ASHLEIGH CLEGG.

PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT,

12, Market Buildings,  
Vicar Lane, Leeds,

Copy.

Dear Sir,

In reply to your letter of August 20th, I have pleasure in appending the information you require :—

- (1) Salary of Medical Officer of Health ... .. £1250
- (2) No. and Salaries of Medical Staff :—
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| 1. Assistant M.O.H. and chief Sanitary Inspector   | £900  |
| 1. Assistant M.O.H. for M. & C. W. ... ..          | £800  |
| 2. Medical Assistants for M. & C. W. ... ..        | £600  |
| 1. do. ... ..                                      | £575  |
| 1. do. ... ..                                      | £550  |
| 1. Chief Clinical Tuberculosis Officer ... ..      | £1000 |
| 2. Assistant Clinical Tuberculosis Officers ... .. | £600  |
| 1. Consultant Tuberculosis Officer (Part-time)     | £700  |
| 1. Venereal Diseases Officer ... ..                | £1000 |
| 1. Assistant Venereal Diseases Officer (Male)      | £500  |
| 1. do. (Female) (Part-time)                        | £250  |
- (3) No. of Staff :—
- |                          |    |              |
|--------------------------|----|--------------|
| Health Department ... .. | 58 | Exclusive    |
| M. & C. W. ... ..        | 47 | of           |
| Tuberculosis ... ..      | 19 | Institutions |

Yours faithfully,  
J. JOHNSTONE JERVIS.

Mr. J. Gallagher, Secretary,  
County Galway Board of Health,  
Central Hospital, Galway, Ireland.

COUNTY OF ROSS AND CROMARTY.

Copy.

Public Health Department,  
Dingwall,  
23rd August, 1927.

J. Gallagher, Esq., Secretary,  
County of Galway Board of Health,  
Central Hospital, Galway, Ireland.

Dear Sir,

I have your letter of the 20th instant, and as requested, give the information asked for therein :—

- (1) The Salary of the Medical Officer of Health, which is part-time, is £600 per annum.
- (2) He is the Senior Tuberculosis Officer with Clinical Tuberculosis Officer at a Salary of £600.
- (3) One Clerk, part-time, at a salary of £120.

There is an Infectious Disease Hospital—78 beds for Tuberculosis, and 40 for infectious diseases. There is a Resident Medical Officer at a salary of £200.

Owing to the wide spread nature of the County, and geographical difficulty, some of the medical practitioners act as sub-medical officers of health at an allowance of from £5 to £10, thus saving much money and time in travelling, etc.

The Nursing is in districts and not under official control. The management is by local Committees, who find from 50% to 70% of the cost, the remainder is made up by the Scottish Board of Health.

The Infant Mortality is low—no great concentration of people—so there is no Child Welfare Scheme.

I enclose a copy of last year's Annual Report.

Yours faithfully,  
WM. MacCLEAN, M.B., C.M., D.P.H.

ARGVLL COUNTY COUNCIL,

Public Health Department,  
Oban,  
24/8/27.

Shir,

Fhuair mi n'ur litir an dé. Tha mi gle thoilichte freagair a thoirt dhuibh le so, mu dheidhinn a chuis shonraichte a tha sibh a cuir m'am choinneamh.

Bhur seirch umhal,

PADRAIC MACILLIOSA.

An Runaire, Bord Na Slainte,  
Gaillimh, Connacht, Eire.

MEMORANDUM in reply to questions raised in letter from Secretary of County of Galway Board of Health, dated the 20th August, 1927.

1. The Salary of the Medical Officer of Health is on a scale of £800 to £1000, rising by annual increments of £25. The present Medical Officer is in receipt of £975 per annum. The Medical Services for the County are unified and I send you a copy of the Unification Scheme.
2. One Assistant Medical Officer—salary £500 to £650, with first class railway and steamer fares and £1 a night maintenance when from home, and 6/8 if over 10 hours County Nurse gets £200 per annum and 3rd class on railways and cabin on steamers with 15/- per day maintenance if absent overnight and 5/- if absent over 10 hours.
3. 1 Chief Clerk—salary £190 per annum.  
1 Typist—salary £110 per annum.
4. Chief Sanitary Inspector for County—salary £425 per annum, with travelling expenses and allowances of 18/9 if absent overnight.

Local medical Officers of Health in each parish—salaries £5 to £15 per annum. Those are the parish medical officers.

Local Medical Officers of Health in each parish—men—salaries £10 to £50.

There are 33 local medical officers of health and 29 local sanitary inspectors in the County.