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FINANCE COMMITTEE.

MONDAY, 9th APRIL, 1900.

Minutes of Meeting of Finance Committee of the County Council, held in the Council Chamber, Naas, on Monday, 9th April, 1900, at 10-30 a.m.

(403).
Present:—Messrs. Stephen J. Brown (chairman of the County Council), in the chair; Laurence Malone, Charles J. Bergin, William R. Ronaldson, George Wolfe, ~~Thomas Orford~~, Stephen Murphy, Joseph P. Dowling

(404)
The Minutes of the Meetings of Finance Committee of 24th and 31st March, were taken as read. Approved and signed by Chairman.

(405).
The Committee proceeded to consider Estimate and Budget, and it appearing that half cost of Main Roads in County were not included in "County at Large" charges, the County Surveyor was requested to make the necessary calculations so that the amount of half cost of main roads may be deducted from "Rural District" charges and added to "County at Large" charges, and the changes thereby necessitated made in the Budget.

(406)
Maintenance of Lunatics in Asylums.—In connection with this item the Annual Estimate and Demand of Joint Committee of Management of Carlow District Asylum was laid before the Finance Committee for the first time. On examination it was found that the receipts from pay patients instead of being divided according to the actual amounts received from the two counties were merely apportioned on the same basis as the expenditure.

The Acting Secretary was directed to write to the Asylum Committee asking for an explanation of this item.

(407).
The Committee are of opinion that in apportioning the contributions of the Urban Districts to "County at Large" charges the following should be excluded:—

- (I) Salaries of County Surveyor and Assistants.
- (II) Collectors' Poundage.
- (III) Expenses of Valuation.

(408).
The following items were held over for consideration by the Conference to be held between representatives of the County and Urban District Councils:—

- (1) Question of proportion of Secretary's salary.
- (2) Legal Expenses and Printing.
- (3) Expenses of Parliamentary Voters' and Jurors' Lists.

(409).
The remaining items in Estimate and such of those in Budget as would not be affected by the inclusion in Estimate of half cost of Main Roads under head of "County at Large" charges, were carefully gone through by the Committee and approved of subject to the changes necessitated by the alteration as to Main Roads.

(410).
The County Surveyor having made a calculation showing cost of Main Roads in each Rural District, chargeable to County at Large, the Acting Secretary was directed to make the necessary alterations in the Budget, and it was decided to recommend the County Council to postpone the consideration of same and the making of a rate to an adjourned meeting to be held at earliest possible date.

(411).

Recommended—That the following sums be paid by the County Council in discharge of one-fourth of the sums due to the Boards of Guardians and Rural District Councils on their Estimates and Demands for the financial year ending 31st March, 1901 :—

- £1346 10s. 0d. to Athy Board of Guardians.
- 227 9s. 1d. to Baltinglass Board of Guardians.
- 1282 2s. 2d. to Celbridge Board of Guardians.
- 709 9s. 9d. to Edenderry Board of Guardians.
- 2222 10s. 0d. to Naas Board of Guardians.
- 272 10s. 0d. to Athy No. 1 Rural District.
- 46 0s. 0d. to Baltinglass No. 3 Rural District Council.
- 241 12s. 6d. to Celbridge No. 1 Rural District Council.
- 13 10s. 8d. to Edenderry No. 2 Rural District Council.
- 813 5s. 0d. to Naas No. 1 Rural District Council.

(412).

On the application of the County Surveyor, it was ordered that the following sums amounting to £39 6s. 3d be paid out of Subsidiary Account to contractors or workmen for works in the County Surveyor's charge, and County Form No. 16 for Paying Orders Nos. 80-86 was accordingly signed for same :—

- Paying Order No. 80—£0 15 7 to William Kelly, Thomastown, Naas.
- " " 81— 7 10 10 to Richard Harman, Davidstown, Castledermot.
- " " 82— 1 0 0 to William Cornelia, Baybush, Straffan.
- " " 83— 5 15 6 to William Whelan, Hartwell, Kill.
- " " 84— 4 12 10 to John Nolan, Kildoon, Nurney.
- " " 85— 4 2 0 to John M'Cabe, Crockanure, Kildare.
- " " 86— 15 19 6 to Edward Connor, Derryvorogue, Donadea.

(413).

Mr. Laurence Malone brought before the Committee the fact that a Paying Order intended for James Walsh, Digby Bridge, had been addressed in error to James Walsh, of Dunbyrne, and cashed by him.

The Acting Secretary was directed to write to James Walsh, of Dunbyrne, with reference to Paying Order intended for James Walsh, of Digby Bridge, and to request him to re-fund the amount to the Council.

(414).

The Committee adjourned.

Stephan Brown
2nd April 1900

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COUNTY COUNCIL.

MONDAY, 9th APRIL, 1900.

Minutes of the proceedings at an Adjourned Meeting of the County Council of the County of Kildare, held in the Council Chamber, Naas, on Monday, 9th April, 1900, at 1-30 p.m.

(630).

Present:—Messrs. Stephen J. Brown (chairman of the County Council), in the chair; Colonel Sir Gerald R. Dease, Laurence Malone, John Cribbin, Stephen Heydon, Ambrose More O'Ferrall, John Field, Edward J. Cassidy, Francis Colgan, James E. Medicott, George Wolfe, Stephen Murphy, Owen Cogan, James Kelly (Rathbride); Edward Fenelon, Charles J. Bergin, James Kelly (Maddenstown); Joseph P. Dowling, John Healy, William R. Ronaldson, Thomas Orford, Joseph Connolly, William T. Kirkpatrick, Peter Crosbie.

(631).

A letter was received from Lord Frederick Fitzgerald, and a telegram from Mr. M. J. Minch, M.P., regretting that they were unavoidably prevented from attending the present meeting.

(632).

The printed Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 27th March, 1900, having been sent to every Member of the Council, were taken as read, with the following amendments:—

Minute No. 588, omit words from "stated" to "accordingly."

Minute No. 600, add the substance of the Chairman's statement in reply to explanation of Secretary as follows:—

The Chairman repudiated the suggestion made by the Secretary that the Council had not given him the necessary clerical assistance, and requested the Secretary to point out any Minute of the Finance Committee or the Council showing that he had applied for clerical assistance which had been refused him other than the Minute of the 3rd March last on the subject, and pointed out that the expenses of the Secretary's department for the year amounted to close on £1,000.

The Secretary referred to Minute No. 276 of Finance Committee, and to Minute No. 390 of Council on this subject, but failed to refer the Council to any Minute bearing out his suggestion that the Council had refused him the necessary Clerical assistance.

(633).

The Minutes were approved as altered, and ordered to be signed by Chairman.

(634).

Letter, No. 19,295, dated 30th March, 1900, from Local Government Board, to the effect that the Council acted illegally in electing Mr. John T. Heffernan as their Secretary, and also a further letter, No. 22,244, dated 5th April, 1900, from Local Government Board, addressed to the Presiding Chairman, impressing upon the County Council the necessity for proceeding at once to the election of a properly qualified person to the office in question, as no proper reason exists for postponing this important appointment, were read.

(635).

Mr. John T. Heffernan thereupon asked permission to make a statement to the Council, and on being permitted to do so requested the Council to defer the question of appointing a Secretary until the next quarterly Meeting so as to give him an opportunity of communicating with the Local Government Board with a view to having the disqualification referred to in their letter removed.

The Chairman pointed out that the Local Government Board had no power to remove this disqualification, which was one imposed by Statute, and that this would not be, in his opinion, any ground for the adjournment.

(636).

After some discussion it was proposed by Mr. Stephen Heydon, and seconded by Mr. Laurence Malone:

"That no steps be taken in reference to the election of a Secretary until the Quarterly Meeting to be held on 28th May next."

(637).
An amendment was proposed by Colonel Sir Gerald R. Dease, and seconded by Mr. George Wolfe:
"That the resolution be amended by the omission of the word "No" after "That," and from the word "until" to end, and by adding the word "forthwith."

(638).
The Amendment having been discussed was put to the Meeting, and on a show of hands 6 voted for the amendment and 16 against.
The Amendment was then declared lost

(639).
Mr. E. Fenelon then proposed, and Mr. Cribbin seconded, a further Amendment:
"That the words after "until" be omitted, and "the 23rd April" be substituted.

(640).
On a show of hands 3 voted for the Amendment and 13 against.
The Amendment was then declared lost.

(641).
The Original Resolution was then put to the Meeting and carried without dissent.

(642).
Accounts for Quarter Ending 31st December, 1899.
The Acting Secretary reported that in consequence of his being engaged for the past week in the preparation of the Estimate and Budget, no progress had been made with the Accounts since the Meeting of the Finance Committee on 27th March; that the Abstract had not yet been sent to the Local Government Board for Audit for half year ended 30th September, 1899, and that the Accounts for Quarter ended 31st December, 1899, are not ready for examination by the Council.

(643).
Annual Estimate and Budget for year ending 31st March, 1901.
The Chairman having reported to the Council the difficulty which had arisen in reference to half cost of Main Roads, the following Resolution was proposed and carried unanimously:—
"That in consequence of the alterations in the Budget necessitated by the omission of half cost of Main Roads from "County at Large" charges, the consideration of the Budget and the striking of a rate be deferred to a Special Meeting to be held on Saturday the 21st instant.

(644).
Annual Demands of Boards of Guardians and of Rural District Councils.—The Payment recommended by the Finance Committee, Minute No. 411, Paying Orders A1 to A10, amounting to £7,174 19s. 2d. were ordered to be paid.
County Form No. 27 for payment of same was submitted by the Acting Secretary, and signed by the Chairman and two members of the Council.

(645).
Council of Agriculture.—
Proposed by Mr. Joseph P. Dowling, seconded by Mr. Stephen Murphy:—
"That Mr. William R. Ronaldson be elected a member of the Council of Agriculture under the Agricultural and Technical Instruction Act."
Proposed by Mr. E. Fenelon, seconded by Mr. John Healy:—
"That Mr. Stephen Heydon be elected the other Representative of this Council."
Both resolutions were carried unanimously.

(646).
Reports from Finance Committees.
Minutes Nos. 391 and 392 were unanimously approved.

(646 b).
Minute No. 387½ re Arrangement of Offices in County Courthouse.—Proposed by Mr. Stephen Heydon, seconded by Mr. John Healy, and carried unanimously:—"That the recommendation of the Finance Committee contained in Minute No. 387½ be approved."

(646 c).
Minutes Nos. 390 and 394 were unanimously approved.

(646 d).
Minute No. 397 re Officers for Celbridge School Attendance Committee.—Proposed by Mr. W. T. Kirkpatrick, seconded by Mr. John Field—"That this Council do not approve of the salaries proposed by the School Attendance Committee of Celbridge No. 1 Rural District, and suggest that the salary of the clerk be £7 10s. 0d. per annum, and of the School Attendance Officer £15 per annum."

W.H.C.
(646 e).
Minute No. 400 re Compensation to Clerk of Baltinglass Union was approved, and further consideration of claim was postponed to next meeting.

(647).
Letter, dated 7th April, 1900, from Clerk, Edenderry Union, stating that Collector Wyer had not attended for Examination of his Books, and that he was therefore unable to send usual Advice Form and did not know how his collection stood.

The Acting Secretary was directed to write for an explanation to Mr. Weir.

(648).
With reference to the Adjustment Balances, the Acting Secretary was directed to spread both Debit and Credit Balances in Electoral Divisions over two levies of Rate.

(649a).
Letter, dated 7th April, 1900, from County Surveyor asking permission to make certain changes with regard to Telephone erected by Mr. Wilson of Coolcarrigan.

The Council granted the required authority.

(649b).
In the same letter the County Surveyor called attention to the necessity for appointing an Assistant Surveyor for West Kildare in succession to Mr. Thomas Cross, who has resigned.

(649c).
The following Minute was made thereon:—"The Election of an Assistant Surveyor for West Kildare in lieu of Mr. Thomas Cross to be held on Saturday the 21st April, 1900, salary £100 per annum. Candidates to have qualifications prescribed by Local Government Board. Advertisements to be inserted in three local papers—"Leader," "Observer," and "Carlow Nationalist."

In the same letter the County Surveyor set out the proposed regulations for the Assistant Surveyors.

The Regulations were unanimously approved of by the Council.

(650).
Letter, dated 6th April, 1900, from the Clerk of the Athy Urban Council, enclosing Copy of the following resolution:—

Proposed by Mr. John A. Duncan J P, seconded by Mr. Thomas Plewman J P, and passed unanimously:—

"That the portion of the Agricultural Grant payable by the County Council of Kildare to the Urban District of Athy be lodged by the County Council to the Credit of the Athy Urban District in the Hibernian Bank, Athy, to be applied by the Urban District Council in relief of Rates."

The following Resolution was proposed by Mr. Laurence Malone, seconded by Mr. Stephen Heydon, and carried unanimously:—

"That the proportion of the Agricultural Grant payable in respect of the Agricultural Land in the Urban Districts of Athy and Naas be paid to those Councils upon their undertaking to apply same in relief of the Agricultural land within their respective Districts as required by the provisions of the Local Government Act."

(651).
In connection with the above it was ordered that the Acting Secretary be authorised to inquire from the Local Government Board as to the mode of dealing with "District Charges," other than the expense of road maintenance in making of Demand on Urban District Councils, and also in respect of other items of Expenditure in the Annual Estimate and Budget.

(652).
Letter, No. 18,192, dated 23rd March, 1900, from Local Government Board relative to the course to be adopted in preparing the Estimate in connection with the Agricultural Grant in view of the constitution of Athy and Naas as Urban Sanitary Districts was read and noted.

(653).

Letter, No. 19,593, dated 30th March, 1900, from Local Government Board relative to the chargeability of Interest on Turnpike Debentures was read.

The Council directed that the turnpike debentures heretofore levied off Baronies are to be now County at Large Charges, vide Minute No. 394, Finance Committee.

(654).

Letter, No. 19,603, dated 2nd April, 1900, from Local Government Board, sanctioning an extension to the 30th April of the prescribed time or the Collection of the Current rate, was read.

(655).

Letter, No. 19,691, dated 3rd April, 1900, from Local Government Board, stating that under the circumstances now mentioned the Board will raise no objection to the final declaration adopted by the Kildare County Council, relative to the Main Roads in the County, was read.

(656).

Letter, No. 1,268, dated 30th March, 1900, from Veterinary Department, Privy Council Office, Dublin Castle, stating that the powers and duties of the Lord Lieutenant under the "Diseases of Animals' Acts, 1894 and 1896," will, after the 1st April, be transferred to the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for Ireland, was read and noted.

(657)

Letter, No. 1,289, dated 31st March, 1900, from Veterinary Department, Dublin Castle, acknowledging receipt of Claim for recoupment of Expenditure under the Diseases of Animals' Act, 1894, was read.

(658).

Letter, dated 2nd April, 1900, from the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction, Dublin, forwarding copies of the Regulations for the appointment of Members of the Council of Agriculture (a copy of which Regulations was forwarded to each member of the Council), was read.

(659).

Letter, No. 1,316, dated 3rd April, 1900, from Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction, Dublin, transmitting Copies of Regulations for the cleansing and disinfection of places in which outbreaks of Parasitic Mange have occurred.

The Council ordered that Copies be sent to each Veterinary Inspector in the County.

(660).

Letter, No. 18,641, dated 2nd April, 1900, from General Valuation and Boundary Survey of Ireland, enclosing Receivable Order for £75 for Expenses of Valuation.

The Council ordered that Paying Order for the above sum be forwarded to Bank of Ireland with the Receiving Order.

(661).

Letter, No. 18,641, dated 3rd April, 1900, from Secretaries of National Education, acknowledging receipt of Communication from the Council with reference to the teaching of Irish in National Schools, was read.

(662).

Letter, dated 3rd April, 1900, from Chief Secretary's Office, acknowledging receipt of communication from the Council on the subject of the Irish Language.

(663).

Letter, dated 2nd April, 1900, from Secretary of Queen's County Council, acknowledging receipt of letters from the Council relative to the Conversion of the Donoughmore Workhouse into an Agricultural College, and also as to the apportionment of the salary of Mr. John Holland V S, were read.

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Letter from the Acting Secretary, Meath County Council, acknowledging receipt of letter relative to the apportionment of the salary of Mr. J. J. Wade V S, was read.

(665).

Letter read from Manager, Hibernian Bank, Ltd., Naas, dated 31st March, 1900, stating that he has "credited" the County Fund £37 4s 2d, being interest on Cash Balances from 22nd April, 1899, to present date, and that he has "debited" the County Fund £126 10s 11d, being interest on overdraft covering the same period.

(666a).

Letter, dated 31st March, 1900, from Clerk of Athy No. 1 Rural District Council, apprising the County Council of the fact that from and after the 1st April the National Bank ceases to be Treas-

urer of the District Council, and that in future all Transfer Orders for monies from the County Council should be made payable to the Hibernian Bank, Athy, which has been appointed Treasurer, was read and noted.

(666b).

A second letter, of same date, from Clerk of Athy No. 1 Rural District Council, forwarding bills of three sums, amounting to 15s, paid by him for the posting of "Notices of Revision of Valuation" in Athy No. 1 Rural District, and requesting payment of same.

The Council deferred payment until their next Quarterly Meeting.

(667).

Preliminary Notice of Application for Compensation for Criminal Injury to property, from W. A. Lanphier, Esq., solicitor, for Mathew Hanley, of Tully East, amount claimed £45, and also for Frank Bradshaw, of Tully East, amount claimed £3, were read, and both Applications were referred to the Solicitor to the County Council to defend.

(668a).

Letters from Collectors Coonan, and Bernard, and Thomas Cullen, enclosing Schedule of Irrecoverable Arrears in their respective districts, and applying for payment of their Poundage Fees, their Collections being now closed, were read.

The Council deferred payment until next Quarterly Meeting.

(668b).

A letter to the Chairman from Mr. E. A. Coonan, Rate Collector, on behalf of himself and several other Rate Collectors, asking the Council to make arrangements so that the Collectors would have their Collecting Books and Warrants by July 1st at latest, and be able to close their collection by September 30th, was read.

In connection with this, the following Minute was made by the Council:—

"Ordered that Acting Secretary be directed to ascertain from Contractor the relative cost of Rate Books as approved of by Finance Committee and as supplied by Brown and Nolan, and the comparative time in which same could be supplied, and after consultation with the Chairman to order whichever Books is most economical in point of time and expense."

(669).

Circular Letter, No. 66/11, from Local Government Board, dated 5th April, 1900, with reference to the making of payment by County Council on foot of proposals formulated by Rural Districts' Councils, etc, etc, was read, and the attention of the Acting Secretary and County Surveyor was directed to this letter.

(670).

Sealed Transitory Order of the Local Government Board, dated 5th April, 1900, varying the terms of "The County (Poor Rate Collectors) Order, 1899," and "The County (Poor Rate Collectors) No 2 Order, 1899," in the case of the County of Kildare, directing that it shall be lawful for the said Council of the County of Kildare, should they see fit to pay to each Collector of Poor Rates on all rates collected and lodged by him before the 1st May, 1900, such poundage rates as shall have been approved by the Local Government Board, was read.

(671).

Letter, No. 20,247, dated 6th April, 1900, from Local Government Board, acknowledging the receipt of Copies of the Estimates, Forms 24 and 25, relating to the County of Kildare, for the Financial Year ending 31st March, was read.

(672).

Letter, No. 20,243, dated 6th April, 1900, from Local Government Board, assenting to the proposal of the County Council of Kildare to refund to Collector Mooney the five items referred to in the list of rates declared to be irrecoverable, and numbered 983, 1,195, 1,500, 1,517, and 1673 respectively was read.

(673).

Letter, No. 1,356, dated 6th April, 1900 from the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction, Dublin, inquiring whether it can now be assumed that final agreement has been arrived at with the other Counties respectively concerned as to the actual shares payable by the several Counties of the salaries of the three Veterinary Inspectors, Messrs. Holland, Black, and Wade, whose districts lie partly in Kildare and partly in adjoining Counties, was read; and the Acting Secretary

was directed to reply, stating that the agreement had not yet been made between the Councils of the several counties concerned, but that negotiations were pending with these Councils.

(674).

Letter, No. 19,439, dated 7th April, 1900, from Local Government Board, relative to the Administration of the Food and Drugs' Act in the County, stating that they have been advised that the proper course for the County Council to pursue would be to pass a resolution appointing by name the members of the Constabulary who are to carry out the provisions of these Acts in each Petty Sessions District; a certified copy of which resolution might then be given by the Secretary of the Council to the County and District Inspectors of the Royal Irish Constabulary, and forwarding a draft of the said resolution, was read.

The Acting Secretary was directed to write to County Inspector for the names of the members of the Constabulary force who are to be appointed to carry out the provisions of the said Acts in the several Petty Sessions Districts.

(675).

Letter from Clerk, Athy Urban District Council, dated 7th April, 1900, enclosing Copy of a Resolution appointing Messrs. Hickey, Duncan, and Plewman, as a Committee from Athy Urban District Council to confer with County Council of Kildare, re adjustments under Article 3 of the Order constituting the Urban District of Athy, was read.

(676).

Circular Letter, signed Edward Mervyn Archdale, and others, dated House of Commons, 3rd April, 1900, forwarding Copy of the following resolution, which the Council are requested to pass and forward to His Excellency the Lord Lieutenant for Ireland, was read.

Proposed by Mr. John Healy, seconded by Mr. W. R. Ronaldson, and unanimously resolved—

"That we respectfully urge upon His Excellency the Lord Lieutenant the necessity for the appointment, with as little delay as possible, of a Vice-Regal Commission, to inquire into and report upon the existing unsatisfactory condition of Railway and Canal Communication in Ireland, and upon its injurious effect upon the trade and agricultural interests of the Country. And that Your Excellency may be pleased to appoint an early day for the reception of a Deputation upon the above subject."

(677).

Letter dated 31st March, 1900, from the Secretary, County Council Office, Four Courts, Dublin, forwarding Copy of a Resolution passed by them at their meeting held on the 29th inst, relative to the making of one rate each year instead of two, was read.

(678).

Circular letter from Hon. Secretary, "Protest Against the War" Committee, 15, D'Olier street, Dublin, was read, and on the motion of Mr. Stephen Heydon, seconded by Mr. Peter Crosbie, the following Resolution was unanimously adopted:—

"Irrespective of differences of opinion as to the justice or otherwise of the causes which led to the War in South Africa, we desire to express our conviction that immediate steps ought to be taken to stop the bloodshed and slaughter and come to a settlement of the Questions at issue, and that an effort should be made to reach such a settlement by the offer forthwith of reasonable terms by the British Government to the Boers."

(679).

The following Notice of Motion was given:—

Sir,—I intend to move, or cause to be moved, at next Meeting of the Council, the following resolution:—

"That the arbitrary action of the Local Government Board in overriding the views of the elected representatives of the ratepayers in fixing the salaries of the Assistant Surveyors, calls for the immediate attention of all those interested in the proper Administration of the Act.

"The said Action of the Local Government Board would entirely swamp the rates and create chaos throughout the County.

"We therefore ask the Co-operation of every Council in Ireland and their Representatives in Parliament to bring such pressure on the Government as will secure a revision of the Clauses in the Act relating to the control of the Board, and thereby safeguard the just interests of the ratepayers.

9/4/1900.

"(Signed), PETER CROSBIE."

(680).

The Council adjourned to meet again on Saturday the 21st day of April, 1900, at 1.30 p.m., and ordered that a Meeting of the Finance Committee be convened for same date at 10.30 a.m.

(681).

Acting Secretary reported he had received a sum of 7s. 6d. from Head-Constable Salmon, being amount of a fine under Lodging Houses Act, but that he had not lodged or otherwise dealt with it, as he believed it would be paid to Rural District Council. The Acting Secretary was directed to hand back the fine to Head-Constable Salmon, with suggestion that he should pay same to Rural District Council of Naas No. 1.

(682).

Acting Secretary was directed to write to Collectors Murphy and Finn as to the unsatisfactory state of their collection, and that the collectors who were overpaid under Franchise Acts, be required forthwith to return the amounts overpaid.

Stephen J. Brown
28 May 1900

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PROPOSAL COMMITTEE.

WEDNESDAY, 9th MAY, 1900.

Minutes of the Proceedings at a Meeting of the Proposal Committee of the County Council of Kildare, for the Quarter ended 31st March, 1900, held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Naas, on Wednesday, 9th May, 1900.

(428).

Present:—Messrs. S. J. Brown, J.P. (Chairman of County Council), in the chair; Laurence Malone, Charles J. Bergin, M. J. Minch, M.P., J.P.; and George Wolfe, J.P.

A letter was read from Mr. E. Fenelon, J.P., regretting that he was unable to attend, and objecting to some items of the proposed expenditure on New Works, etc.

(429).

The Committee had under consideration the County Surveyor's Recommendations as to Proposals for New Works or involving New Contracts, chargeable to the County at Large, and the following Proposals were adopted:—

To heat the court and magistrates' room in Athy Courthouse, Adopted at £75.

To execute the following work in Kildare Courthouse:—

(a). To heat the court and magistrates' room, Adopted at £65.

(b). To do all necessary repairs to roofs, also to repair and paint both sides of all windows and external doors, also to rise to proper lines and levels, and paint front railing and gate, including repairs to the stone work; to supply window blinds and some other small items. Adopted at £40.

To execute the following work, etc., in Naas Courthouse:—

(a). To heat Council chamber, Crown Court, Record Court, Witness Room, Secretary's lower Office, large front Hall, inner Hall, and Vestibule at stairs to Council Chamber, Adopted at £200, to include Clerk of the Crown and Peace Offices and County Surveyor's if possible.

(b). To ventilate and light Council Chamber (two lights with six jets each proposed), Adopted at £50.

(c). To provide a Speaking Tube from the Council Chamber to the Secretary's Office downstairs, Adopted at £6.

(d). To light Secretary's two Offices, Adopted at £9.

(e). Secretary's Downstairs Office.—To colour and paint, to remove press and counter from old office and fix in new office; to fix shelving, to provide office furniture, book lift, speaking tube, and other miscellaneous items, Adopted at £38.

(f). Secretary's Upstairs Office.—To colour and paint, to provide pigeon hole press, office furniture and speaking tube between the two offices, Adopted at £32 omitting portable lavatory and one of proposed presses and providing Speaking Tube instead.

(g). Proposed Office for Clerk of the Crown and Peace.—To colour, etc., and make good walls behind where counter and old press were removed, to remove press from sheriff's office and set up in this office, to provide Speaking Tube between the upper and lower offices of Clerk of Crown and Peace, Adopted at £7, omitting book lift and substituting Speaking Tube.

(h). Proposed Office for Crown Solicitor.—To remove counter and presses from old office upstairs and set up same in new office, and to colour and paint new office, Adopted at £8 5s.

(i). Proposed New Bar Room.—Colouring, painting, etc, required, Adopted at £5.

To keep in repair for three years, roofs of Naas Courthouse, including closet cisterns, and the water supply and glass breakages in windows, Adopted at £14.

To build a new room for Court-keeper at rear of Naas Courthouse, Adopted at £130.

To execute for 3 years, from June 30, 1900, all printing required by County Council, also to supply all books, stationery and other office requisites authorised by law, at per annum, Adopted at £1282 Provisional Proposal.—To repair external boundary wall of Naas gaol, Adopted at £60.

(430).

The Acting Secretary handed in a printed schedule of Applications for Payments for matters other than Public Works, containing 122 items. Same were considered "seriatim," and all applications as printed were recommended for payment, with the following exceptions, viz:—

No. 33—To Thomas Cross, £33 6s 8d; rejected.

No. 37—To Francis Bergin, £26 13s 4d; to pay £20.

No. 47—To Peter Clowry, £2 10s 0d; to be paid when proof is given that he is living.

No. 58—To Christopher Black, V.S., £21 15s 5d; to pay £21 15s.

No. 61—To Peter J. Murphy, £74 11s 11d; to pay, less £3 2s 6d due by Mr. Murphy for amount overpaid to him in error under Franchise and Registration Acts.

No. 73—To Patrick L. O'Neill, account not furnished; struck out.

Nos. 75 to 81—Adjourned.

Nos. 84-85—To Commissioners of Public Works; struck out. These sums are paid by Carlow Asylum Committee.

No. 87—To James L. Carew, M.P., part relating to secretary's office adjourned.

Nos. 104 to 110—Adjourned.

Nos. 117-118—To be paid at the rate of 1s 6d per Electoral Division.

(431).

The Committee adjourned to meet again on Saturday, 19th May, 1900, at 10.30 a.m.

Stephen Beirne 8th April 1900

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 9, 1900.

(432).

The chair was occupied by Mr. S. J. Brown, J.P. (Chairman of County Council), and the same members were present as at the meeting of the Proposal Committee.

(433).

The minutes of the Finance Committee, held on 21st April, were taken as read (printed copies having been sent to each member with the Agenda Paper), and were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

(434).

The consideration of Proposals for Payments from the Rural District Councils was adjourned to next meeting in order that same might be checked by Acting Secretary before being submitted to Finance Committee.

(435).

Letter from County Inspector R. I. Constabulary, Naas, enclosing claim for £4 4s 0d, expenses incurred under Weights and Measures Acts in Robertstown district, for quarter ended 31st March, 1900 (payment of which was deferred at last meeting), and letter of explanation from Sergeant Beirne with reference to same were read.

The Committee ordered a Paying Order for £4 4s 0d to be drawn on Subsidiary Account, and directed the Acting Secretary to write to County Inspector to the effect that they were not satisfied with the explanation given by Sergeant Beirne, and will refuse to pay such high rates for car hire, etc., in future.

PROPOSAL COMMITTEE.

SATURDAY, 19th MAY, 1900.

Minutes of the Proceedings at an Adjourned Quarterly Meeting of the Proposal Committee of the County Council of Kildare for the Quarter ended 31st March, 1900, held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Naas, on Saturday, 19th May, 1900.

445.

Present:—Messrs. S. J. Brown, J.P. (Chairman of County Council), in the chair; Col. Sir Gerald R. Dease, J.P.; George Wolfe, J.P.; Laurence Malone, Charles J. Bergin, and Joseph P. Dowling.

446.

The Minutes of Meeting of Proposal Committee of 9th inst. were taken as read, confirmed, and signed by Chairman.

447.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of the tenders received for New Works, etc., chargeable to the County at Large, and tenders for the following works were accepted as under:—

(1) To execute the following work in Kildare Courthouse:—

(b). To do all necessary repairs to roofs, also to repair and paint both sides of all windows and external doors, also to rise to proper lines and levels, and paint front railing and gate, including repairs to the stone work; to supply window blinds and some other small items. Tenders not to exceed £35. Tender of Mr. James Hyland accepted at £34.

(2). To execute the following work, etc., in Naas Courthouse:—

(a). To ventilate and light Council Chamber (two lights with six jets each proposed). Tender not to exceed £50. Mr. Hyland's tender accepted at £50.

(b). To provide a Speaking Tube from the Council Chamber to the Secretary's Office downstairs. Tenders not to exceed £6. Mr. Hyland's tender accepted at £6.

(c). To light Secretary's two Offices. Tenders not to exceed £9. Mr. Hy-

land's tender accepted at £9.

(d). Secretary's Downstairs Office.—To colour and paint, to remove press and counter from old office and fix in new office; to fix shelving, to provide office furniture, book lift, and other miscellaneous items. Tenders not to exceed £38. Mr. Hyland's tender accepted at £37.

(e). Secretary's Upstairs Office.—To colour and paint, to provide pigeon hole press, office furniture and speaking tube between the two offices. Tenders not to exceed £32. Mr. Hyland's tender accepted at £31 10s.

(f). Proposed Office for Clerk of the Crown and Peace.—To colour, etc., and make good walls behind where counter and old press were removed, to remove press from Sheriff's office and set up in this office, to provide speaking tube between the upper and lower offices of Clerk of Crown and Peace. Tenders not to exceed £7. Mr. Hyland's tender accepted at £7.

(g). Proposed Office for Crown Solicitor.—To remove counter and presses from old office upstairs and set up same in new office, and to colour and paint new office. Tenders not to exceed £8 5s. Mr. Hyland's tender accepted at £8 5s.

(h). Proposed New Bar Room.—Colouring, painting, etc., required. Tenders not to exceed £5. Mr. Hyland's tender accepted at £5.

(3). To keep in repair for three years, roofs of Naas Courthouse, including closet cisterns, and the water supply and glass breakages in windows. Tenders not to exceed £14 per annum. Mr. Hyland's tender accepted at £14 per annum.

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(4). To execute for 3 years, from June 30th, 1900, all printing required by County Council; also to supply all books, stationery and other office requisites authorised by law, at per annum. Tenders not to exceed £1282 per annum. Tender of J. L. Carew, Esq., M.P., accepted at prices set forth in said tender.

(5). To repaid external boundary wall of Naas goal. Tenders not to exceed £60. Tender of Mr. J. Hyland accepted at £58.

(448).

The Contractors and their Sureties attended and duly entered into contracts for above works.

(449).

The items on the Schedule of Applications for Payments for matters other than public works, which had been deferred from last meeting of the Proposal Committee, or were since received, were now considered and the following payments were recommended:—

No. 34.—To James Delaney, C.E.; to be paid £40 instead of £70, being at the rate of £100 per annum.

No. 35.—Edward Coonan; like order.

No. 36.—Patrick Domican; do.

No. 57.—Michael Smith, V.S.; to be paid £3 10s, being for two visits at £1 15s each.

No. 58.—Christopher Black, V.S.; to be paid £21 15s 5d instead of £21 15s.

No. 79.—Miss B. Kiely; to be paid £11 10s 6d, subject to affidavit being made by Court House Keeper.

No. 80.—E. Cuthbert; payment adjourned, amount considered excessive.

No. 81.—W. S. M'Cleery; to be paid £1 4s 5d, subject to affidavit being made.

No. 82.—W. J. Glasgow; same order.

No. 84.—To J. L. Carew, Esq., M.P. For county advertising; to be paid £68 15s.

Same. For County Printing; to be paid £89 8s 9d.

No. 87.—G. de L. Willis; for postage telegrams, etc., for half year ended 31st March, 1900. To be paid £14 1s 11d.

No. 89.—Hodges, Figgis and Co.; for 34 copies of Local Government Board Orders. To be paid £5 4s 10d.

(450).

The Committee adjourned.

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FINANCE COMMITTEE.

SATURDAY, 19th MAY, 1900.

Minutes of an Adjourned Quarterly Meeting of the Finance Committee of the County Council of Kildare for the Quarter ended 31st March, 1900, held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Naas, on Saturday, 19th May, 1900.

(451).

Present:—Messrs. S. J. Brown, J.P., (Chairman of County Council) in the chair; Laurence Malone, Charles J. Bergin, George Wolfe, J. P.

(452).

The minutes of the meeting of 9th inst were taken as read, confirmed, and signed by Chairman.

(453).

The Acting Secretary reported to the Committee that Mr. E. Saunderson, Local Government Board Inspector, visited

the Secretary's office on 17th inst., and examined the accounts of the County Council.

(454).

The Committee proceeded to consider the applications for payments from the Rural District Councils. The Acting secretary stated that he had carefully checked Forms 12 with the original documents and also with Forms 14 and found same correct, except where otherwise noted.

Athy No. 1 Rural District.—On examining Copy Form 14, furnished by Clerk to District Council, it appears that the column for "Decision of District Council" is blank. Ordered that this form be returned to Clerk of District Council in order to be made a complete copy, showing the decision of District Council in each case, or that the original Form 14 be sent to the Acting Secretary, the Clerk retaining copy for himself.

As the County Surveyor stated that the copy of Form 14 supplied correctly shows all his recommendations for payments, and that his recommendations were adopted without alteration, it was decided to act upon it, subject to comparison with original Form 14 when forwarded by Clerk.

Nos. 1 to 130 were dealt with as appears by Form 12.

As regards No. 131, it appears that the tender was for 129 perches at 1s 11½d per perch. In filling in the total amount, £5 12s 7½d was evidently by mistake inserted instead of £12 12s 7½d, and this error is continued in the Bond which is for £11 5s 3d, being double the amount in tender. The Contractor was paid for the Quarter ended 31st December, 1899, the sum of £1 8s 2d, being one-fourth of the smaller sum.

Recommended that he be paid at that rate in future, unless Local Government Board decide that Council have power to pay him at the higher rate.

The Committee request that Clerk to District Council will give under heading of "Matter for which Proposal is made" description of road, with its terminal points, and will leave the column headed "Approved, rejected, or adjourned" blank, for ruling of County Council.

Baltinglass No. 3 Rural District:—Proposals dealt with as in Form 12.

Celbridge No. 1 Rural District:—Ordered that Acting Secretary do write to Clerk, calling his attention to the errors in Form 12 of which there are no less than "five" on first page.

All proposals for payments approved of as shown on list.

Edenderry No. 2 Rural District:—All proposals for Payments recommended Form 12, found to be accurately and correctly filled up.

Naas No. 1 Rural District:— All proposals for payments recommended, Form 12 accurately and correctly filled.

(455).

Letter, dated 18th May, read from Mr. Kilbride, solicitor, enclosing Mr White's Bill of Costs, amounting to £309 3s 1d. Ordered that Mr. Kilbride be instructed to represent the Council upon the taxation.

(456).

Letter, dated 18th May, read from County Surveyor, enclosing Treasurer's receipt for £104 13s 4d, amount received from Great Southern and Western Railway Co. for repairs to their bridges from March, 1899, to September, 1899.

Suggested that Railway Companies be requested to make the cheques for expense of work on bridges as estimated by County Surveyor, payable to the Treasurer of the Council in future.

(457).

Letters, dated 4th, 8th, and 17th May, read from Mr. W. Grove White, solicitor to County Council, with reference to the appeal against valuation of Great Southern and Western Railway, and the Committee approved of the course taken in applying for certiorari, and authorised the Solicitor to the Council to engage Junior Counsel on motion to make absolute the Conditional Order.

(458).

It having been reported to the Committee that there are several houses and buildings on Curragh and in its vicinity which are not rated, it was ordered: "That Mr. Thomas Cullen, the Collector for the District, be directed to report specially as to all houses and buildings in his District, the valuation of which requires revision.

(459).

County Accounts.

- (1). Financial Statement Book of Expenditure (Subsidiary Account) examined and found correct.
- (2). Financial Minute Book for Quarter ended, 31st December, 1899, examined and found correct.
- (3). Financial Statement Book of Receipts for Quarters ended 31st Dec., 1899 and 31st March, 1900, examined and found fully written up. The Balance was compared with

- Bank Book and found to correspond.
- (4). Financial Statement Book of Expenditure for Quarter ended 31st December, 1899, examined and found fully written up.
 - (5). County Register of Separate Charges, and
 - (6). Financial Expenditure Book, in respect of same fully written up.
 - (7). Register of Mortgages:—No entries yet made in this book.
 - (8). County Register of Applications for Public Works fully written up to this date.
 - (9). Rate Collector's Lodgements; Forms 34, 35, and 36; completed to 31st March, 1900, except as to Segregation of Separate Charges in Form 36.
 - (10). Leger.—Not yet completed for half-year ended 30th September, 1899.

(460).

The Committee consider the Books, so far as completed, are in a very creditable condition.

(461).

County Abstract of Resolution on Proposals Book.

Letter, dated 19th May, read from Acting Secretary, proposing to prepare

this book for the four quarters of the year ended 31st March, 1900, for the sum of £20. On his undertaking to have book for first two quarters ended 30th September, 1899, completed in three weeks, and for second two quarters, ending 31st March, 1900, in six weeks, all the work connected with it to be done after office hours, it was recommended that Mr. Murray's proposal be accepted.

(462).

Recommended that the Acting Secretary be authorised to employ extra hands for applotting 12,000 Ratings at the rate of 2s per 100 for General Charges; 10d. per 100 for Separate Charges; 1s. 6d. per 100 for copying Duplicate Rate Books; 2s. 6d. per 100 for copying Demand Notes. The checking to be done by staff.

(463).

Contractors leger as approved to be ordered from Contractor at once at same rate as charged in his tender for Financial Statement Book of Expenditure (Subsidiary Account) or such lesser amount as Contractor will agree to.

(464).

The Committee adjourned to meet again on Monday, 28th May, at 10.15 a.m.

Stephens Brown
28th May 1900

(436).

On the application of the County Surveyor, the following payments were authorised on his certificates for works in his charge:—

£4 11s 6d to Edward Kelly, Ardnagrass, Kilmeade, Athy.

£7 10s 0d to James Slatfery.

£3 0s 0d to Peter Clowry, Clane.

£1 1s 0d to Messrs Corcoran and Smyth, Naas.

£1 4s 10d to Messrs. Tuck and Co, 19-22, Middle Abbey street, Dublin.

£0 10s 6d to J. C. Price, Newbridge, County Kildare.

£19 5s 0d to Bernard Gorey, Newbridge, County Kildare.

£2 0s 0d to Patrick Sheridan, Newbridge, County Kildare.

£1 12s 2d to Michael McDonnell, 12 Annesley Park, Rathmines.

(437).

County Form No. 16 for Paying Orders Nos. 100-109, amounting to £44 19s 0d, was signed for the several payments above authorised.

(438).

The following Rate Collectors attended and submitted their list of irrecoverable arrears for half year ended 31st day of March, 1900:—

Patrick Boland claimed £4 3s 8½d; allowed £4 3s 8½d.

Peter J. Murphy—Adjourned.

Patrick Finn claimed £0 18s. 0d., allowed 10s 6½d.

Patrick Finn claimed £1 18s. 11¾d. allowed £1 18s 11¾d.

Edward A. Coonan claimed £8 0s 11¾d; allowed £8 0s 11¾d.

Joseph Mooney claimed £30 10s 7¼d; allowed £30 7s 3¼d.

Thomas Flanagan claimed £1 5s 5½d; allowed £1 7s 4½d.

Bernard Cullen claimed £4 13s 8d; allowed £4 13s 8d.

Joseph Wyr claimed £1 0s 5½d; allowed £1 0s 5½d.

Edwd. A. Coonan claimed £2 7s 7½d; allowed £2 7s 7½d.

Thomas Cullen claimed £4 8s 5d; allowed £3 0s 3¼d.

Andrew Reilly claimed £1 14s 10¾d; allowed £1 14s 10¾d.

John Fitzsimons claimed £9 13s 1d; allowed £8 2s 9½d.

Patrick Downey claimed £0 14s 7d; allowed £0 8s 6d.

(439).

The sheets were carefully gone through by the Chairman and Committee, and the sums above mentioned were allowed and recommended for payment, subject to the sanction of the Local Government Board.

(440).

Letter No. 22,339, dated 23rd April, 1900, and letter 26,295, dated 8th May, 1900, read from Local Government Board for Ireland with reference to a complaint made by Mr. W. H. F. Verschoyle regarding rates on certain premises alleged to be unoccupied, and Collector Murphy was ordered to furnish the explanation and statement in writing asked for by Local Government Board.

(441).

The Acting Secretary was directed to write to Miss Kiely to inquire on whose orders she supplied coal to the Naas Courthouse, for which she claims payment, and to produce those orders to the Committee at their next meeting.

(442).

The Acting Secretary was also directed to write to Mr. Cuthbert for similar information regarding the coal supplied to the Kildare Courthouse, for which he claims payment.

(443).

It was also ordered that the Acting Secretary write to the Manager of the "Carlow Nationalist" informing him that at the time the County Council decided on advertising in that paper it was on the understanding that the rate for advertising was to be the same as that charged by the "Leinster Leader" and "Kildare Observer," i.e., fourpence per line, and if the "Carlow Nationalist" is not satisfied with that rate no more advertisements will be sent to that paper.

(444).

The remaining business on the agenda paper was adjourned to next meeting, to be held on Saturday, 19th May, 1900.

Stephen J. Brown Th. 19th May 1900

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FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Monday, 28th May, 1900.

Minutes of an Adjourned Quarterly Meeting of the Finance Committee of the County Council of Kildare, for the Quarter ended 31st March, 1900, held in the Council Chamber, Court-House, Naas, on Monday, 28th May, 1900.

(465).
Present:—Messrs. S. J. Brown, J.P.,
(Chairman of County Council) in the
chair; Laurence Malone, William R.
Ronaldson, M. J. Minch, M.P.

(466).
The minutes of the meeting of 19th
inst were taken as read, confirmed, and
signed by chairman.

(467).
The Committee proceeded to consider
Claims from Clerks of Baltinglass, Athy
and Edenderry Unions, for remuneration
for their services in bringing Local
Government (Ireland) Act into operation,
and letter No. 21,137 dated 2nd May,
from Local Government Board for Ire-
land, forwarding copy of a letter which
they received from the Clerk of Baltin-
glass No. 3 District Council, relative to
his claim for remuneration was read; also
letters from Clerks of Athy No. 1 and
Edenderry No. 2 District Councils, re-
lative to their claims.

(468).
After hearing Mr. Dagg, who attended
before the Committee, it was decided to
hold a Special Meeting of the Finance
Committee to deal with Clerks of Union's
Claims, and that Mr. Dagg's Claim for
loss of offices and emoluments, be re-opened
to give him an opportunity of personally
stating his views.

(469).
Application dated 10th May, from Lord
Drogheda's agent for 7s arrears of rent to
29th September, 1899, of the County
Pound at Monasterevan, was read, and

referred to County Solicitor as to liability
(470).

Mr. White, Solicitor, being present
and having examined the Lease, and re-
ferred to the statute, and advised the
Council were liable, payment of the Claim
was recommended.

(471).
On the application of the County Sur-
veyor the following payments were
authorised on his certificates for works in
his charge—£4 10s. 0d. to Philip Dunne,
Mylestown, Robertstown; £10 0s. 0d. to
John Gaffney, Ardkill, Carbury; £3 9s.
6d. to Messrs Yeates & Son, Suffolk-st.,
Dublin.

(472).
County Form No. 16, for Paying Orders
110 to 112, amounting to £17 19s. 6d.,
was signed for the payments above
authorised.

(473).
Recommended—That Joseph Mooney,
Rate Collector, No. 6 Collection District,
be paid £19 19s. 0d. (less Poundage Fees),
being balance of Irrecoverable Arrears
payable to him in respect of the Collection
for half-year ended 30th September, 1899,
payment of which was sanctioned by
Local Government Board in their letter
No. 20,243 of 6th April, 1900.

(474).
Recommended—That Acting Secretary
be paid a sum of £30 on account of
authorised expenditure for copying of
Rate Books and making of Rate, &c.

(475).
The Committee adjourned.

S. J. Brown Ch
13th June 1900

COUNTY COUNCIL.

Monday, 28th May, 1900.

Minutes of the Proceedings at the Quarterly Meeting of the County Council of Kildare, for the Quarter ended 31st March, 1900, held in the Council Chamber, Naas, on Monday, 28th May, 1900, at 10 30 a.m.

(715).

Present:—Messrs Stephen J Brown, J P, (chairman of the County Council in the chair); M J Minch, M P; Owen Cogan, George Wolfe, J P; Ambrose More, O'Ferrall, D L; Edward Hayden, Stephen Heydon, Peter Crosbie, James Kelly J P, (Maddenstown); John Field, J P; Edward Fenelon J P; Charles J Bergin, John Cribbin, Laurence Malone, Lord Frederick Fitzgerald, Edward J Cassidy, James Kelly (Rathbride); Joseph P Dowling, Stephen Murphy, Francis Colgan, J P; Joseph O'Loughlin, William R Ronaldson, Thomas Orford, Richard M'Kenna, J P; Joseph Connolly, James E. Medlicott, J.P.; George Mansfield, D L; William T. Kirkpatrick, J P.

(716).

Letter read from Sir Gerald R. Dease, regretting that he was unavoidably prevented from attending the present meeting.

(717).

The printed Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 21st April, having been sent to every Member of the Council, were taken as read, confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

(718).

The County Surveyor's Report, dated 21st May, having been sent to each Member of the Council, was taken as read.

(719).

The Financial Statement Book of Receipts was produced and examined and signed by the Chairman for the Quarter ended 31st December, 1899.

(720).

The Financial Statement Book of Expenditure was produced for examination, and was signed by the Chairman

for the Quarters ended 30th September and 31st December, 1899.

(721).

The Bank Pass Book, certified by the County Treasurer, showing the sums of money received and the payments made by the Treasurer to the 28th May, 1900, was produced and examined, the Balance to Credit of the Council on that date being £7,293 2s 6d. The Bank Pass Book was signed by the Chairman.

(722).

The Financial Minute Book for the Quarter ended 31st December, 1899, was produced and examined.

(723).

County Form 10, containing Proposals for New Works and Maintenance of Works from the Proposal Committee was handed in by the Acting Secretary, and all the Proposals made and the Contracts entered into by the Proposal Committee were approved of by the Council.

(724).

On considering the Proposals for New Works and Maintenance of Works from the Rural District Councils, and the Contracts made in respect of same, the Acting Secretary drew attention to the fact that in the Celbridge No. 1 Rural District in the case of No. 150 on Form 11, both the Amount of Tender accepted and the name of Contractor are incorrectly given by the Clerk to the District Council, the Tender of Thomas Connolly at £12 8s 8d per annum having been accepted by the Rural District Council, while on Form 11, as submitted by Clerk of District Council, Patrick Purcell is given as the name of the proposed Contractor at £11 13s per annum, and this error having been repeated in Bond the Council decided to reject this pro-

posal, and gave the work in charge to County Surveyor for three months. In No. 151 on Form 11 for same Rural District, Patrick Farrell instead of Patrick Purcell is given as the name of proposed Contractor, and in No. 163 the sum of £15 16s instead of £5 16s is given as the annual amount payable to the Contractor for that road.

(725).

Ordered that Clerks to District Councils be requested to distinguish in "Observation Column" between Main Roads and District Roads, and that if this is not done in future Forms No. 11 will be sent back to be rectified, and that the attention of Clerk to Athy No. 1 Rural District be specially called to filling up of Columns as to "No Tenders."

(726).

Proposed by Mr George Wolfe, seconded by Mr Peter Crosbie and unanimously resolved: "That the attention of the Chairmen of the District Councils of Celbridge No. 1 and Athy No. 1 be drawn to the very careless manner in which the forms forwarded to the County Council have been filled up by the Clerks."

(727).

The Proposals for New Works and Maintenance of Works (other than No. 150 in Celbridge No. 1 Rural District—above referred to) for which contracts had been made by the Rural District Councils and Naas Urban Council were unanimously approved.

(728).

No Tenders:—The Council proceeded to consider the cases in which no Tender had been received or no Contracts made by the Rural or Urban District Council, and the several cases were dealt with as follows:—

(729).

Athy No. 1 Rural District.

- No. 5 (333 perches between Narraghmore and the Barony Bounds). Tender of Patrick Fox of Ballybarney, Narraghmore, accepted at £6 18s 9d per annum.
- No. 6. (1,022 perches between Russellstown and Bert Cross roads). No

Tender. Given in charge to County Surveyor for 12 months at a price not exceeding 10d per perch.

No 11. (126 perches between the Square, Monasterevan, and Moore's Bridge). Tender of Laurence May of Monasterevan accepted at £24 13s per annum.

No. 14. (640 perches between the three roads at Mullaghmast and Broomfield Cross roads). No Tender. Resolved to let this road drop out of contract for the present.

No. 19. (112 perches, road Athy to Carlow. No Tender. Given in charge to County Surveyor for 12 months at a price not exceeding 2s per perch per annum.

No. 20. (513 perches between boundary of Athy Urban District and Bert Cross roads). Tender of James Rowan of Bert, Athy, accepted at £64 2s 6d per annum.

No. 25. (To repair broken flags in town of Monasterevan). No Tender. Given in charge to County Surveyor at a sum not exceeding £12.

(730).

Celbridge No. 1 Rural District.

No. 154. (144 perches between four roads at the Rangé and three roads at Donadea Rectory). No Tender. Resolved to let this road drop out of contract for the present.

No. 164. (384 perches between Castle-town Back gate and Louisa Bridge). No Tender. Resolved to let this road drop out of contract for the present.

No. 165. (437 perches between Oughterard and the County Bounds at the Deerpark). Tender of Peter Coleman, Bishopscourt, accepted at

£10 18s 6d per annum.

(731).

Edenderry No. 2 Rural District.

No. 3. (515 perches between Ticknevin Bridge and Windmill Cross Roads). No Tender. Resolved to let this road drop out of contract for the present.

(732).

Naas No. 1 Rural District.

- No. 480. (998 perches between Robertstown Bridge (by Littletown) and the tail of 21st lock). No Tender. Resolved to let this road drop out of Contract for the present.
- No. 490. (220 perches between Kilcullen Cross roads and Barony Bounds). Tender of Matthew Melia of Old Kilcullen accepted at £10 14s per annum.
- No. 499. (434 perches between three roads at the Curragh Farm and Straw Hall three roads). No Tender. Given in charge to County Surveyor for three months at a price not exceeding 10d per perch per annum.
- No. 500. (1256 perches between the turn to Cutbush at Brownstown and Newtown Cross roads). No Tender. Given in charge to County Surveyor for 3 months at a price not exceeding 1s 2d per perch per annum.
- No. 507. (516 perches Road between Rathmore Glebe House and the Barony Bounds near Kiltel). No Tender. Given in charge to County Surveyor for three months at a price not exceeding 8d per perch per annum.
- No. 509. (36 perches between the Township Boundary of Naas and the Barony Bounds at Halverstown). No Tender. Given in charge to County Surveyor for 12 months at a price not exceeding 1s 6d per perch.

(733).

Athy Urban District.

- No. 1. (192 perches between Leinster Street, Athy, and Township Boundary near Ardree). No Tender was accepted for this road by Urban District Council, and the County Council ordered that it be given in charge to County Surveyor for six months at a price not exceeding 2s 6d per perch per annum.
- No. 2. (240 perches from Leinster Street, Athy, to the Township Boundary at Barrowford). No

Tender was received for this road by the Urban District Council, and the County Council ordered that it be given in charge to the County Surveyor for 6 months at a price not exceeding 3s per perch per annum.

- No. 3. (163 perches from Barrack lane, Athy, to the Township Boundary at the Canal Bridge near the Fever Hospital). No Tender was received by the Urban District Council for this road, and the County Council ordered that it be given in charge to the County Surveyor for six months at a price not exceeding 4s 6d per perch per annum.

(734).

Proposed by Mr J P Dowling, seconded by Mr Stephen Murphy, and unanimously resolved:

"That Messrs Cassidy, Cogan, and Mansfield be appointed a Committee to affix the seal of the Council to the following documents:—

- (1). Contracts entered into by Proposal Committee.
- (2). Contracts entered into by District Councils.
- (3). Contracts entered into by Naas Urban Council.
- (4). Contracts entered into to-day by the County Council.

The Seal was affixed to same accordingly.

(735).

Mr Minch proposed, and Mr Bergin seconded, and it was unanimously resolved:

"That the Clerks of District Councils and the Clerk of Naas Urban Council be requested to supply to Secretary of County Council at least 40 printed Copies of Schedule of Contracts to be taken at Quarterly Meetings, and that the Secretary of County Council be directed to supply a Copy of same to each Member of County Council."

(736).

Provisional Proposals:—The following items were submitted by the Proposal Committee (County Form 12) to be treated as Provisional Proposals:—

- (1). To heat the Court House and Magistrates Room in Athy Court House at a cost not exceeding £75.
- (2). To heat the Court and Magistrates' Room in Kildare Court House at a cost not exceeding £65.
- (3). To heat Council Chamber, Crown Court, Record Court, Witnesses' Room, Secretary's Lower Office, large Front Hall, Inner Hall, and Vestibule at stairs to Council Chamber, at a cost not exceeding 200.
- (4). To build a new room for Court House Keeper at rear of Naas Courthouse at a cost not exceeding £130.

(737).

Athy No. 1 Rural District. Provisional Proposals:—

- (1). To build a Bridge across the river on the Cow Pasture Road, Monasterevan, at a cost not exceeding £70.
- (2). To make a footpath 665 perches in length, between Maganey Cross and the Lerr Bridge, on road from Athy to Carlow, at a cost not exceeding £99 15s. 0d.

(738).

Mr Cassidy proposed and Mr Minch seconded: "That the cost of building the bridge above mentioned in the Athy No. 1 Rural District be a County at Large Charge."

(739).

An Amendment was proposed by Mr Malone, and seconded by Mr Ronaldson, as follows:—

"That the cost be a District Charge." On a division the Amendment was carried by 20 votes to 7.

(740).

The Amendment was then put as a substantive resolution, and carried without dissent.

(741).

The Council proceeded to consider the recommendations of the Finance Committees of the 9th and 19th April, as to payments proposed by the Proposal Committee and by the Rural District Councils.

(742).

The printed Schedule of Applications for payments chargeable to the County at Large for matters other than Public Works, comprising 114 items, as proposed by the Proposal Committee and recommended by the Finance Committee, was, on the motion of Mr Malone, seconded by Mr Orford, passed unanimously, with the exceptions and variations shown on a copy thereof signed by Chairman of both Committees and specified in Minutes 430 and 449 of the Proposal Committee.

(743).

The Proposals for Payments made by the several District Councils (District Forms No. 12) as amended by Finance Committee (vide Minute 454) were approved, and it was proposed by Mr Dowling and seconded by Mr Hayden and passed unanimously:—"That proposals for Payments for Public Works by Rural District Councils be passed as recommended by Finance Committee.

(744).

Conference between County Council and Urban District Councils.

Mr Kirkpatrick called the attention of the Council to the fact that although appointed a Representative of the County Council he received no summons or notice to attend the conference.

The Acting Secretary explained that the omission occurred through Mr Langan, Accountant, having addressed the Notices convening the Conference to the Members of the Finance Committee in error.

(745).

The Report of the Conference was read, and it was decided that the final adoption of the Report be postponed until the Annual Meeting on 13th June, and that meanwhile Copies be sent to Mr Kirkpatrick for his consideration, and to the Urban District Councils for adoption by them.

(746).

The Appointment of a Committee under Sec. 14 (1) Part 2, of the Agricultural and Technical Instruction (Ireland) Act, 1899, was adjourned to meet-

ing to be held on 13th June, 1900.

(747).

Appointment of Secretary. Letter No. 30,789, dated 25th May, 1900, from Local Government Board for Ireland, enclosing Copy of a Communication which they received from Mr J T Hefernan, of Kildare, relative to his election by the County Council to the office of Secretary, together with a Copy of the Board's reply thereto was read, and after some discussion it was proposed by Mr John Field J P, seconded by Mr M J Minch, M P, and unanimously resolved:—

"That a Meeting of Kildare County Council be held on Monday, July 16th, 1900, to elect a Secretary to this Council, and that meanwhile the appointment be advertised once in each of the three local papers, and in the "Freeman's Journal," Advertisement to be similar to the last.

(748).

Reopening of Kildare Infirmary:— After hearing Mr Dudley White, Barrister at Law, on behalf of the Promoters of the Scheme for the reopening of the Infirmary, the consideration of the matter was adjourned to 13th June, 1900.

(749).

The following Notice of Motion by Mr Minch, M P, was handed in to be considered at next meeting of the Council:—

"That a Committee be appointed to confer with a Committee of subscribers to the re-opening of the Kildare Infirmary, and report to the Council as to the merits of the proposed scheme."

(750).

Notices of Motion:—Mr Joseph P. Dowling asked leave of Council to amend his Notice of Motion, and Mr Fenelon dissenting, permission was refused.

(751).

An Amendment was proposed by Mr Minch, seconded by Mr Malone, as follows:—

"That we, under protest, comply with Order of Local Government Board, dated 23rd February, 1900, re Salaries

of Assistant Surveyors, pending proceedings to test the legality of said Order, as we consider the Local Government Board outstepped their Authority by fixing these Salaries without consulting the Council.

"We, on 21st April, 1900, appointed a most highly qualified gentleman—F. Bergin, Esq., C.E., Kildare, as Assistant Surveyor at a salary of £100 per annum, which proves (if proof be necessary) that the scale of Salaries proposed by Local Government Board is much too high.

"We consider the salaries of all Assistant Surveyors in this County should be at same figure, viz:—£100 per annum, 25 per cent increase on their former salaries, and will resist by every means in our power the payment of a higher sum in future, and all such arbitrary and unconstitutional conduct of the Local Government Board."

(752).

On a show of hands the Amendment was declared carried.

(753).

Mr Malone's Notice of Motion was withdrawn by leave of the Council.

(754).

Proposed by Mr Malone, seconded by Mr Minch, and unanimously resolved:—

"That James Walsh, of Barretts-town, be paid the sum of £3 5s due to him by the Council, paying Order for which was sent in error to James Walsh, of Dunbyrne, and converted by him to his own use, and that the Solicitor be ordered to institute such proceedings as he may deem necessary in the interests of the Council against James Walsh, of Dunbyrne, in respect of said conversion.

(755).

The recommendations of the Finance Committee of 9th May (Minutes Nos. 438, 439, and 440) of 19th May (Minutes Nos. 456, 457, 461, and 462), and of 28th May (Minutes Nos. 470, 473, and 474), were approved.

(756).

Letter No. 22,339, dated 23rd April, read from Local Government Board, forwarding Copy of a correspondence

with Mr. W. H. F. Verschoyle in reference to the payment of rates on certain premises alleged to be unoccupied.

(757).

Letter No. 22,945, dated 24th April, read from same, pointing out the necessity that exists for having the rate made in future at the beginning of the half-year for which it is intended to provide, etc., etc.

(758).

Letter, No. 345M, dated 25th April, read from same, calling attention to their letter of the 26th of the previous October, and requesting to be furnished by return of post with a statement showing the condition of the Collection of the Rate in the County at the latest date possible. The Acting Secretary stated that he had furnished the required information.

(759).

Letter, No. 14,038, dated 25th April, read from same, in reply to the resolution of the County Council of the 26th February, complaining of the Salaries of the Assistant Surveyors in the County having been fixed without an opportunity having been afforded to the Council of expressing their views on the matter, and also requesting to be informed of the grounds upon which the Local Government Board have increased the salaries in question. The Acting Secretary was directed to reply to this letter stating the facts of the case.

(760).

Letter, No. 24,556, dated 30th April, read from same stating they will not object to the use of the proposed form of Rate Book, provided the Legal Adviser of the Council approves of the form as complying with the provisions of the Rating and Local Government Acts, and states that it may be safely used by the Council, etc.

(761).

Letter, No. 21,137, dated 2nd May, read from same, forwarding Copy of a letter they have received from the Clerk of the Baltinglass No. 3 Rural District Council, relative to his claim for remuneration for services rendered by

him in bringing into operation the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898.

(762).

Sealed Order, No. 19,640, dated 3rd May, read from same, expressing their sanction of an annual allowance of £50 being paid by the Council as Superannuation to Thomas Cross, late Assistant County Surveyor.

(763).

Letter, No. 68M, dated 5th May, read from same, informing the Council that in future the Accounts of the Council will be audited by Mr. J. W. Drury.

(764).

Letter, No. 24,756, dated 5th May, read from same, expressing their approval of the appointment of Mr. Francis Bergin as Assistant Surveyor at a salary of £100 per annum.

(765).

Letter, No. 26,295, dated 8th May, read from same, requesting to be furnished with the explanation and statement in writing asked for from Mr. P. J. Murphy in reference to the complaint of Mr. W. H. F. Verschoyle respecting rates on certain premises alleged to be unoccupied. The Acting Secretary stated that he had forwarded Collector Murphy's explanation to Local Government.

(766).

Letter, No. 25,619, dated 11th May, read from same, stating that an examination of candidates for the position of Assistant County Surveyor will be held at their offices at 10 o'clock a.m. on Thursday, the 31st of May inst. and following day, and requesting to be furnished with the names of any such Candidates in County Kildare.

(767).

Circular Letter, No. 15,631, dated 12th May, read from same, enclosing two Copies of their Order of the 4th inst. prescribing the regulations framed by them in pursuance of Section 3, Sub-Section 5 of the Sale of Food and Drugs Act, 1899.

(768).

Circular Letter, No. 23,446, dated 14th May, read from same, forwarding

Copy of an Order made by the House of Commons, dated the 9th ultimo, calling for a return relating to Contracts entered into by certain Local Authorities in Ireland, and requesting to be furnished, with the least possible delay, with the required particulars. The Acting Secretary stated that he had furnished the required particulars.

(769).

Letter, No. 28,630, dated 18th May, read from same, acknowledging receipt of Acting Secretary's letter of 12th inst., with reference to Collectors' Lists of Irrecoverable Arrears.

(770).

Letter, No. 4630, dated 20th April, read from Office of National Education, informing the Council that the appointment of the Rev. P. Warren, P.P., in succession to the Rev. T. Carberry, P.P., as a member of the School Attendance Committee for the Rural District of Baltinglass No. 3 has been noted in the books of their office.

(771).

Letter, dated 23rd April, read from Francis Shortt, Secretary to the School Attendance Committee, acknowledging receipt of the resolution of the County Council in reference to the salaries proposed to be paid to Secretary and School Attendance Officer, and stating that the Committee desire that the County Council should reconsider their decision with respect to the suggested salaries, etc. The Acting Secretary was directed to reply stating that the Council saw no reason to alter the decision already arrived at.

(772).

Letter, dated April 27th, read from T. H. F. Bor, Clerk of Edenderry Union, stating that he has had no Franchise Forms returned to him after service by Collectors Wyer and Flanagan, although the Books have been in their hands for a considerable time. Ordered that Collectors Wyer and Flanagan be asked for explanation.

(773).

Letter, dated 1st May, read from same, asking if he is to understand that the offer of the County Council of

that the offer of the County Council of 7s. 6d. per £1,000 Valuation of the Edenderry No. 2 Rural District for his services in bringing the Act into operation is final, etc. The Acting Secretary was directed to inform Mr. Bor that the offer was final.

(774).

Letter, dated 7th May, read from Martin E. Doyle, Clerk of Athy Union, declining to accept payment at the rate of 7s. 6d. per £1,000 Valuation for his services in bringing the Local Government Act into operation.

(775).

Letter, dated 1st May, read from Frank Shortt, Clerk to the Celbridge No. 1 Rural District, enclosing a cheque for £7 2s. 6d., which was overpaid last Quarter in respect of road No. 130, as the Contract only commenced on 1st January, 1900, and not in November, 1899, as was supposed. The Acting Secretary stated that he had lodged amount with the Treasurer, and produced receipt for same.

(776).

Letter, dated 16th May, read from J. A. Lawler, Town Clerk, Athy, requesting the Acting Secretary to apportion and let him know the amount of the Agricultural Grant payable by the County Council of Kildare to the Urban District Council of Athy. The Acting Secretary was directed to furnish the information required.

(777).

Letter, No. 392, dated 1st May, read from Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for Ireland, acknowledging receipt of Acting Secretary's letter of the 27th April, forwarding statement of Mr. Ronaldson's willingness to act on the Council, and stating that Mr. Heydon's statement of willingness to act has also been received.

(778).

Letter, dated 1st May, read from Mr. W. Grove White, solicitor, acknowledging receipt of the Acting Secretary's letter, forwarding Thos. Grady's application for compensation for Ma-

licious Injury, with instructions to defend same.

(779).

Letter, dated 4th May, read from same, inquiring if William Murray has lodged the £20 in respect of his indebtedness to the County Council, and stating with reference to the Appeal re Valuation Great Southern and Western Railway, that on that date Dr. Falconer moved the Court for a Writ of Certiorari. The Acting Secretary was directed to reply as to William Murray and to instruct Solicitor to proceed after calling on Mr. Murray to pay.

(780).

Letter, dated 7th May, read from same, approving of the modified Form of Rate Book submitted to him, and stating that in his opinion the form can be safely used by the County Council, and is a distinct improvement on the form as originally issued.

(781).

Letter, dated 8th May, read from same, with reference to the Appeal re Valuation of Great Southern and Western Railway.

(782).

Letter, dated 17th May, read from same, on same subject, and requesting the sanction of the Finance Committee to his engaging Junior Counsel when the case comes on for argument, as to making the Conditional Order absolute.

(783).

Letter, dated 10th May, read from E. H. Brooke, Esq., Estate Office, Monasterevan, applying for payment of 7s. rent and arrears up to 29th September, 1899, due by the Kildare County Council to the Earl of Drogheda for the County Pound situated in Moore street, Monasterevan.

(784).

Letter, dated 24th April, read from Martin E. Doyle, Clerk to Athy No. 1 District Council, forwarding application from Thomas Kelly to build or extend his house, and informing the County Council that the Rural District Council recommend that the necessary permission be granted. The

County Council granted the permission asked for.

(785).

Letter, dated 23rd April, read from William Farrell, Clerk to Naas No. 1 Rural District Council, forwarding three Notices of Application for Compensation for Criminal Injury to property ordered by the Rural District Council of Naas No. 1 to be submitted to County Council. The Acting Secretary was directed to forward application to Solicitor, with instructions to defend.

(786).

Read, Notices of Application for Compensation for Criminal Injury to Property received from Frank Bradshaw, Matthew Hanley, Patk. Walshe, and Thomas Grady. The Acting Secretary was ordered to forward applications to Solicitor, with instructions to defend.

(787).

Letter, dated 27th April, read from J. W. Dane, Esq., Clerk of Crown and Peace, bringing under the notice of the County Council the necessity which appears to exist for the supply of a Fire-proof Safe for the preservation of the important Records of the Local Registration of Title Office. Ordered that this matter be referred to Finance Committee to report as to liability of Council, and if so, as to steps to be taken to supply the requirements of Clerk of Crown and Peace.

(788).

Letter, dated 18th May, read from County Surveyor, enclosing Treasurer's Receipt for £104 13s. 4d., money received from Great Southern and Western Railway Company for work done at their bridge from March to September, 1899, and requesting the Council to direct that money from Railway Companies for their bridges be in future sent direct to the Treasurer.

(789).

Letter, dated 5th May, read from Collector Mooney, forwarding letters received from J. F. Tuthill, Esq., Esken, Lucan, claiming refund of rates

paid by him on premises alleged to be vacant.

(790).

Letter, dated 27th April, read from John Sweetman, Esq., Hon. Sec. to Irish County Councils' General Council, requesting to be furnished with a statement of the annual expenses of the County Council in the administration of the Weights and Measures Act. The Acting Secretary stated that he had furnished the information required.

(791).

Letter, dated 9th May, read from Mr. P. J. Murphy, Rate Collector, in explanation of complaint made to Local Government Board by Mr. W. H. F. Verschyle.

(792).

Letter, dated 17th May, read from same, with reference to his List of Irrecoverable Arrears.

(793).

Letter, dated 18th May, read from Mr. Valentine Kilbride, solicitor, forwarding for the observations of the Council thereon, Bill of Costs received from Mr. W. Grove White for taxation.

(794).

Letter, dated May 19th, read from Rev. John Delaney, C.C., Kildare, Secretary to Subscribers Committee, Kildare Infirmary, before the Council at their next meeting, and requesting the Acting Secretary to put notice of same on Agenda Paper for meeting to be held on 28th May.

(795).

Circular letter, dated 20th April, read from Clerk of Lisnakea Rural District Council, forwarding Copy of a Resolution adopted by that Council with reference to the proper heating of Schools during the Winter months.

(796).

Circular letter, dated 23rd April, read from Claude C. Hamilton, Secretary to Tyrone County Council, explaining the effect of the proposal adopted by the Tyrone County Council on the 1st March last with reference to the making of one rate each year instead of two rates.

(797).

Circular letter, dated 24th April, read from Hon. Sec. Irish County Councils' General Council, forwarding Copy of a Resolution protesting against the arbitrary conduct of the Local Government Board in increasing the salaries of County and other officials under the Local Government Act without furnishing the Councils concerned with the evidence or giving the reasons on which it based its decisions.

The Acting Secretary was directed to send to Irish County Councils' General Council copies of resolutions passed by this Council, and to state that this Council would be willing to co-operate with other Councils in testing the legality of the Order of the Local Government Board.

(798).

Circular letter, dated 5th May, read from Irish Cattle Traders and Stockowners Association, forwarding Copy of a resolution adopted by them with reference to the payment of tolls for cattle, etc., exhibited for sale on the streets of towns.

(799).

Read, notice from County Council of the County of Worcester, of Regulations made by the Local Authority of that County under the Sheep Scab Order of 1898. Referred to Committee under Diseases of Animals Acts.

(800).

Circular letter, dated 10th May, read from Hon. Secs. of Irish National Convention, enclosing the official report of the meeting held on May 3rd, and requesting the Council to elect Delegates to represent them at the Convention to be held in the Rotunda at 12 o'clock noon on Tuesday, 19th June. The consideration of this letter was adjourned to 13th June, 1900.

(801).

Letter No. 30,516, dated 22nd May, 1900, read from Local Government Board for Ireland, acknowledging receipt of Acting-Secretary's letter of 21st ult.

(802).

Letter No. 30,221, dated 22nd May,

1900, read from same on the subject of the examination to be held at their office of candidates for the position of Assistant Surveyors.

(803)

Letter, No. 26,331, dated 23rd May, 1900, read from same, forwarding for the information of the County Council a copy of a Circular (No. 26,331, 23rd May, 1900), which they have addressed to Rural District Councils relative to Road Contractors' Sureties.

(804)

Letter, No. 37M, dated 23rd May, 1900, read from same, calling attention to their circular letter of 24th March last applying for a Return showing the names, etc., of the Officers employed by the County Council, and requesting that the return be furnished (in duplicate) without any further delay.

(805)

Letter, No. 31,255, dated 25th May, read from same, in reply to Acting Secretary's letter of 24th inst, forwarding to him a copy of the Board's circular letter of the 24th March last, together with a supply of Forms for the Preparation of the Return referred to in their letter.

(806)

Circular letter dated 25th May, 1900, read from D. Harrel, Esq., Secretary to His Excellency the Lord Lieutenant, transmitting a copy of the Regulations dated 26th April, 1900, made by the Secretary of State under Section 5 of the Locomotives on Highways Act, 1896, as to the keeping and use of Petroleum for the purpose of Light Locomotives.

(807)

Circular letter, No. 87M, dated 26th May, 1900, read from Local Government Board forwarding for the information of the Council a copy of a Form of Application for sanction to a loan to be advanced under the provisions of the Small Dwellings Acquisition Act, 1899.

(808)

Letter, dated 21st May, 1900, read from Mr. Martin E. Doyle, Clerk to Athy No. 1 Rural District Council,

acknowledging receipt of Acting Secretary's letter, forwarding Minute of Finance Committee relative to the errors and omissions in the Forms submitted by him.

(809)

Letter, dated 21st May, 1900, read from Mr. Frank Shortt, Clerk to Celbridge No. 1 Rural District Council on same subject as the foregoing.

(810)

Letter, dated 21st May, 1900, read from Frank Shortt, stating that the Celbridge No. 1 School Attendance Committee had postponed their meeting to Tuesday, 29th inst., and requesting the Acting Secretary to forward to him after Council Meeting on 28th inst., their decision in reference to the further resolution of the School Attendance Committee on the subject of the Salaries to be paid to the School Attendance Officer and Secretary of the Committee.

(811)

Letter, dated 21st May, 1900, read from Mr. Thomas Cullen, Rate Collector, acknowledging receipt of Acting Secretary's letter forwarding Minute of Finance Committee relative to holdings in his District which are not rated, etc.

(812)

Letter to the Acting Secretary, dated 23rd May, 1900, read from Mr. Thomas F. Monks, Solicitor, Athy, applying for a list of payments made by the County Council to Owen Cummins, Road Contractor, Kilberry, Athy.

(813)

The Acting Secretary informed the Council that he had written to Mr. Monks, referring him to the Council for the information he required.

(814)

Letter, dated 26th May, read from Collector Murphy, enclosing Treasurer's receipt for £3 2s. 6d., being refund of amount over-paid him under the Franchise Act.

(815)

Circular letter, read from Secretary to County Council of Donegal, forwarding copy of a resolution with reference to the working of the Local Govern-

ment (Ireland) Act adopted by that Council at their Quartely Meeting held on 16th inst.

(816).

Letter, dated 28th May, 1900, read from Laurence J. Fullam, Clerk in County Surveyor's Office, stating that he is a candidate for the position of Town Clerk to the Newbridge Town Commissioners, and inquiring whether in the event of his being elected, the County Council would offer any objection to his holding both positions.

Resolved, that Council will make no objection provided that the appointment does not interfere with his office duties or hours as Clerk to County Surveyor.

(817).

County Forms, No. 14, authorising the Treasurer to make the following payments, were signed:—

County at Large Charges, Paying Orders Nos. 2091-2204; amount, £1490 17s. 10d.

Payments for Public Works, etc., Paying Orders 2905-2773; amount, £4155 0s. 11d.

Payments recommended by Finance Committee at this day's meeting, Paying Orders, 2774-2777; amount, £52 17s. 8d.

(818).

The Council adjourned.

13th June 1900
S. J. Brown Ch.

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TO THE
COUNTY COUNCIL OF KILDARE.

(QUARTERLY MEETING 28TH MAY, 1900.)

MR. CHAIRMAN AND GENTLEMEN,

The Statutory Meetings of District Councils and Proposal Committee for this Quarter were duly held. Eighty-six applications for road maintenance and eighteen for special works were finally approved of and all set to contractors, except seventeen works. It is probable that most of the unset works will be tendered for at this meeting of Council, but I will be ready to advise about any item not contracted for. The question of steam-rolling roads was referred to a Committee, and I forwarded a report on the subject. But I am of opinion that the Committee may be given until the Quarterly Meeting in August to consider the recommendations that should be made, as the subject requires to be well looked into.

The question of the acquisition of quarries might also be deferred to the same time, although I have no doubt whatever that the County Council should not think of buying quarries unless in most exceptional cases, and I do not know of one such case at the present moment. While on this subject I may mention that a short time ago an application was made to one of the Assistant Surveyors by the owner of a gravel pit (through his solicitor) for a return of the tonnage of all material measured upon certain roads between 1894 and 1900. The owner is about to take legal proceedings against contractors for the price of gravel taken for the roads. I would not allow the Assistant Surveyor give the information until the County Council considered the matter. Any owners of gravel pits or quarries who send in bills against contractors for road materials should employ tallymen of their own, unless it be the law that virtually a County Officer must work for such owners and give evidence against the interests of the County Council. All the District Councils are in smooth working order and at the last meetings business was transacted in an excellent manner, but the large quorum is a great drawback. When proceedings of District Councils and County Councils are regularly got into print (as I believe will be the case for the future) it will be a great thing both for Councils and Officers, and will prevent possibility of clerical errors or other mistakes.

Your obedient Servant,

EDWARD GLOVER,

Court-House, Naas, 21st May, 1900.

County Surveyor.

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FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Wednesday, 13th June, 1900.

Minutes of a Meeting of the Finance Committee of the County Council of Kildare, held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Naas, on Wednesday 13th June, 1900.

(476).
Present:—Messrs. S. J. Brown, J.P. (Chairman of County Council), in the chair; Charles J. Bergin, Lawrence Malone, Joseph P. Dowling, M. J. Minch, M.P.

(477).
The Minutes of the meeting of the 28th May were taken as read, confirmed, and signed by Chairman, printed copies having been sent to each member of the Committee.

(478).
Claims of Clerks of Unions.—After hearing Mr. Dagg, who attended before the Committee, and stated at length his claim for compensation for putting Act into operation, and for loss of offices and emoluments, the Committee decided to adhere to their former resolutions on this subject.

(479).
There being no appearance for the Clerks of Athy and Edenderry Unions, the Committee adhere to their former rulings as regards their claims.

(480).
The Committee next proceeded to examine the vouchers and receipts for payments made out of the Subsidiary Account for the quarter ended 31st March, 1900, amounting to £503 15s. 2d., and they recommended that that sum be transferred from the Main Account to the credit of the Subsidiary Account to meet the payments to be made through the latter account for quarter ended 30th June, 1900.

(481).
The consideration of the letter of the Clerk of Crown and Peace, relative to the supply of fire-proof safes for the Local Registration of Title Office was adjourned to next meeting.

(482).
On the application of the County Surveyor, the following payments were authorised on his certificates for works in his charge:—£4 2s. to Messrs. Dunne and Sheridan, Naas; £3 17 5d to Messrs. Corcoran and Smyth, Naas.

(483).
County Form No. 16 for Paying Orders Nos. 113 and 114, amounting to £7 19s. 5d., was signed for the payments above authorised.

(484).
Applications for Payments:—
(1). Collector Thomas Cullen applied for payment of £1 9s. 4d., being the amount of an over-lodgment made by him in error in closing his collection for half-year ended 31st March, 1900.

The Committee recommended the payment of this claim.

(485).
(2). A. C. O'Sullivan, Esq., Pathological Laboratory, Trinity College, Dublin, applied for payment of £1 11s., stated to be due to him for examination of three cases of suspected rabies from the Naas and Celbridge Unions of this County.

The Acting Secretary informed the Committee that he had written to the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for Ireland (Veterinary branch) for particulars of those claims, and a letter, No. 2108, dated 12th June, was read from that Department stating that they had communicated with Mr. O'Sullivan on the subject, and it appears that two, and not three, heads of dogs, as mentioned in the claim, were sent to him for examination from the County Kildare.

The claim for fees in respect of those two cases should be paid by the County

Council, and one-half the amount will be repayable by that Department.

Recommended:—That £1 1s. be paid to Mr. A. C. O'Sullivan.

(486).

(3). The Resident Medical Superintendent, Carlow Asylum, applied (by telegram) for payment of amount due to Asylum by County Council.

Recommended:—That £1,663 5s. 10d., being one quarter's instalment of amount of annual demand of Asylum, be transferred to credit of that institution.

(487).

(4). Recommended:—That Acting Secretary be paid £30, being balance of authorised expenditure for copying of rate books and making of rate, etc.

(488).

(5). Recommended:—That the sum of £42 9s. 6d. be transferred to credit of Athy Urban District Council, being one moiety of proportion of Agricultural Grant apportioned to that Urban District.

(489).

(6). Recommended:—That the sum of £118 4s. be transferred to credit of Naas Urban District Council, being

one moiety of proportion of Agricultural Grant, apportioned to that Urban District.

(490).

Mr. Dowling brought before the Committee the question of the valuation of the Government property on Curragh and elsewhere, and the Government bounty in lieu of rates.

Proposed by Mr. Minch, seconded by Mr. Lawrence Malone, and unanimously resolved:—“That this subject be referred to a Sub-Committee, consisting of the Chairman and Messrs. Medlicott, Dowling, and Bergin, to investigate and report to a subsequent meeting of Finance Committee.

(491).

It was also decided to add to the list of tenements requiring revision the new buildings at the Curragh.

(492).

Letter dated 13th June, read from Treasurer, certifying that the balance to the credit of the County Council on the previous day (12th June) amounted to £2,279 11s. 6d.

(493).

The Committee adjourned.

Stephen Brown
th 17th July 1900

COUNTY COUNCIL.

Wednesday, 13th June, 1900.

Minutes of the Proceedings at the Annual General Meeting of the County Council of Kildare, held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Naas, on Wednesday, 13th June, 1900.

(819).

Present—Messrs. Stephen J. Brown, J. P., in the chair; M. J. Minch, M. P.; Ambrose More O'Ferrall, D.L.; Edward Hayden, Stephen Heydon, Charles John Bergin, John Cribbin, Laurence Malone, Lord Frederick Fitzgerald, Edward James Cassidy, James Kelly (Rathbride), Joseph P. Dowling, John Healy, John Kelly, Joseph O'Loughlin, Joseph Connolly, George Mansfield, D.L.

Letters were received from Messrs. F. Colgan, J.P.; Richard M'Kenna, J.P.; and Colonel Sir Gerald R. Dease, J.P.; and telegrams from Messrs. W. R. Ronaldson and John Field, J.P., were read, regretting that they were unavoidably prevented from attending the present meeting.

(820).

The printed Minutes of the last Meeting having been sent to every member of the Council, were taken as read, confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

(821).

Letters were read from the Clerk of Baltinglass No. 3 Rural District Council, informing the Council of the selection of John Kelly, Esq., Ballytore, Athy, as Chairman of Baltinglass No. 3 Rural District Council; from the Clerk of Celbridge No. 1 Rural District Council, stating that that Council had nominated Mr. W. R. Ronaldson to represent their Chairman on the County Council; from the Clerk of Edenderry No. 2 Rural District Council, stating that Mr. Joseph O'Loughlin had been appointed Chairman of that Council for the ensuing year; and from the Clerk of Naas No. 1 Rural District Council stating that Mr. John Healy had been re-elected Chairman of that Council.

(822).

Messrs. John Kelly, Joseph O'Loughlin, and John Healy being present, signed declarations accepting office.

(823).

The Council then proceeded to elect a Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Council for the ensuing year.

(824).

Proposed by Mr. Joseph Dowling, seconded by Mr. Edward Hayden, and unanimously resolved:—

That Mr. Stephen J. Brown be re-elected Chairman for coming year.

(824a).

Proposed by Mr. Laurence Malone, seconded by Lord Frederick Fitzgerald and unanimously resolved:—

That Mr. M. J. Minch be re-elected Vice-Chairman for the coming year.

(825).

The Report of the Conference of Representatives of the County Council and the Urban Districts of Athy and Naas on the question of adjustments between the newly constituted Urban Districts and the County was next considered, and letters from the Clerks of both Urban Districts having been read stating that their Councils had agreed to and approved of the report, it was unanimously resolved that the Report be adopted and approved of by the County Council.

(826).

Appointment of a Committee under Section 14 (1), Part 2, of the Agricultural and Technical Instruction (Ireland) Act, 1899.

Letter, dated 12th June, 1900, read from Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for Ireland forwarding provisional suggestions for preparing schemes of Technical and Agricultural Instruction, and inquir-

ing if the Council proposed to raise a rate for the purposes of the Act, and if it is proposed to appoint a Committee.

Proposed by Mr. Minch, M. P.; seconded by Mr. Joseph P. Dowling, and unanimously resolved:—

That a Committee to consist of 11 members of the Council (including Chairman and Vice-Chairman) and 6 non-members be appointed.

(827).

The following members of the Council were appointed on the Committee—

The Chairman, Vice-Chairman, and Messrs. W. R. Ronaldson, Stephen Heydon, Ambrose More O'Ferrall, Lord Frederick Fitzgerald, Laurence Malone, Edward Hayden, E. J. Cassidy, Owen Cogan, Colonel Sir Gerald R. Dease.

(828).

The following gentlemen (non-members of Council) were appointed on the Committee:—

Messrs. Joseph O'Connor, Mylertown; Thomas Anderson, Levitstown; Thomas Cooke-Trench, Millicent; Edward J. Plewman, Kilcoo, Athy; Rev. Monsignor Tynan, P.P., Newbridge; and Very Rev. M. Devitt, S.J., Rector, Clongowes Wood College, Kildare.

(829).

The following Notice of Motion was handed in by Mr. Minch, M.P.:—

I beg to give notice that I will move (or some member of the Council for me) at next meeting of the Council that a rate be struck in connection with the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for Ireland.

(829a).

The Acting Secretary was directed to write to the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for Ireland to the effect that a Committee has been appointed, and that the question of raising a rate will be brought before the next meeting of the Council.

(830).

NOTICES OF MOTION.

(1). Proposed by Mr. Minch (pursuant to notice), seconded by Mr. Edward Hayden:—

That a Committee be appointed to confer with a committee of subscribers to the re-opening of the Kildare Infirmary, and report to the Council as to the merits of the proposed scheme.

Messrs. Healy and Malone spoke against the re-opening of the Infirmary and against the appointment of a Committee, and Messrs. A. M. O'Ferrall and J. P. Dowling against the re-opening but for appointment of Committee, and Messrs. Bergin, E. Hayden, E. J. Cassidy, and James Kelly (Rathbride) spoke in favour of the re-opening. On a division 12 voted for the appointment of a Committee and 2 against.

(831).

On the motion of Mr. Minch, the following gentlemen were unanimously appointed on the Committee:—John Healy, Thomas Orford, John Field, J.P.; James Kelly, Joseph O'Loughlin, Laurence Malone, Francis Colgan, J.P.; Edward Hayden, Lord Frederick Fitzgerald, Peter Crosbie, James E. Medicott, J.P.; Joseph P. Dowling, Stephen Heydon, Edward Fenelon, J.P.; Colonel Sir Gerald R. Dease.

M B (832).

Proposed ~~as an amendment~~ by Mr. Joseph P. Dowling, seconded by Mr. Minch:—

That before the Committee appointed to report on scheme proposed for re-opening Kildare Infirmary meet the County Surveyor, together with Dr. Smyth and Dr. Power, be instructed to inspect the premises and report to said Committee their estimate of the cost of putting said premises in proper repair, to be opened as a County Infirmary, and that the Acting Secretary obtain from Infirmarys of Carlow, Queen's and adjoining counties all particulars as to cost of support, maintenance and officering of their establishment.

(833).

On a show of hands the ~~amendment~~ *resolution* was ~~declared~~ carried, and having been put as a substantitive resolution was carried unanimously.

(834).

Mr. Edward Hayden's notice of motion, amended with the consent of the Council, by omitting the words "Council do take into consideration" and substituting the words "attention of the Local Government Board to be called to" was moved by Mr. Hayden, seconded by Mr. John Kelly, and carried unanimously:—

That the attention of the Local Government Board be called to the injustice done to the Grainey Electoral Division by the Adjustment Order of the Local Government Board of 7th February, 1900, whereby the loan of £135 borrowed for the purposes of the Labourers' Act in that division and expended for that purpose prior to the passing of the Local Government Act, has been credited to the District instead of to the Electoral Division, whereby the Electoral Division is debited with a balance of £125 17s 4d, instead of having a credit of £9 2s 8d.

(835).

Mr. Joseph P. Dowling's notice of motion was moved by Mr. Dowling, seconded by Mr. Bergin, and passed unanimously:—

That the resolution of 5th August, 1899 (Minute No. 133), viz., "That all County advertisements be inserted in the 'Leinster Leader,' 'Kildare Observer,' and 'Nationalist and Leinster Times,' unless otherwise specially ordered by the Council," be altered to read as follows:—"That all County advertisements ordered by the Council for publication be inserted in 'Leinster Leader,' 'Kildare Observer,' and 'Nationalist and Leinster Times.'"

(836).

Circular letter dated 10th May, read from Hon. Secs. Irish National Convention, with reference to the election of delegates to represent the Council at the Convention to be held in the Rotunda on Tuesday, 19th June, 1900.

(837).

Proposed by Mr. Minch, seconded by Mr. Bergin, and resolved:—
That six delegates be appointed.

(838).

Proposed by Mr. Laurence Malone, seconded by Mr. Stephen Heydon, and unanimously resolved:—

That the following be appointed as delegates:—The Chairman, Messrs. Charles J. Bergin, Ambrose More O'Farrell, James Kelly, Edward Hayden, Joseph O'Loughlin.

(839).

Letter read from Sir Charles A. Cameron, County Analyst, dated 1st May, 1900, forwarding report of Analyses made by him for the County during the quarter ended 31st March, 1900.

(840).

Letter dated 28th May, 1900, read from Malcolm G. Ramsey, Esq., Secretary to the Local Records Committee, Treasury Chambers, London, reminding the Council of his letter of 30th November last, enclosing two Schedules of Queries in regard to the Records of the County, and requesting to be favoured with information in regard to some at least of the points raised in the Schedules, before the 30th inst.

Ordered—That the Acting Secretary, with Chairman, be authorised to reply to queries.

(841).

Letter No. 30,516, dated 28th May, 1900, read from the Local Government Board for Ireland, requesting to be furnished with full particulars of the rates referred to in Rate Collector Murphy's report, with regard to the complaint of Mr. W. H. F. Verschoyle, in connection with rates on certain premises in the County of Kildare; and also requesting that a copy of the Order made by the County Council in the case may be forwarded.

The Acting-Secretary was ordered to furnish the information asked for by the Local Government Board.

(842).

Letter No. 31,289, dated 31st May, 1900, from same, stating that with respect to a proposal for payment (No. 131) from the Athy No. 1 Rural District Council, they will raise no objection to payment being made to the con-

tractor in this case at the price tendered per perch.

(843).

Letter No. 28,586, dated 1st June, 1900, read from same, returning the List of Arrears of Rate declared irrecoverable by the Council with their observations on some items of same.

The Acting-Secretary was directed to forward Collectors Coonan and Finn's letter relative to items Nos. 4,849 and 633 to Local Government Board; and with respect to item 983, to apply to Commissioners of Valuation to have Valuation of premises revised, and to request the Local Government Board to declare this rate irrecoverable for the present year, as the present occupier is an itinerant repairer of clocks, etc., without means.

The sums claimed under items Nos. 1,449 and 3,897 were ordered to be deducted from the amounts proposed to be refunded to collectors.

(844).

Letter No. 33,411, dated June 6th, 1900, read from same acknowledging receipt of Acting Secretary's letter of 2nd inst., on the subject of increased salaries of Assistant Surveyor.

(845).

Letter No. 31,298, dated 9th June, 1900, from same, requesting to be furnished with a specimen sheet of the Rate Book proposed to be used by the Council.

The Acting Secretary stated that he had sent the specimen sheet asked for to the Local Government Board.

(846).

Letter dated 1st June, 1900, read from Registrar of Petty Sessions Clerks, Dublin Castle, informing the Council that the production of surplus moneys arising from the sale of Licences under the Dogs Regulation (Ireland) Act, 1865, amounts to £253 16s 11d for the County of Kildare for the year 1899, and that the Lord Lieutenant has directed that this sum should be paid over to the County Treasurer, to be applied by him in aid of the County Rates, in such manner as the County Council shall direct.

(847).

Letter No. 193M, dated 7th June, 1900, read from Chief Clerk, General Survey and Valuation of Ireland Office, Dublin, forwarding Lists of Cases in each of which a Revision of Valuation appears to be necessary in order to enable the Irish Land Commission to deal with the Fair Rent Applications in regard to the several holdings specified, and asking to have same included with the Lists which are to be forwarded to that office on the 27th inst, etc.

(848).

Letter dated 30th May, 1900, read from Eames Rogers, Esq., Secretary, Carlow County Infirmary, enclosing printed rules of the terms on which patients from the Electoral Division of Ballaghmoon and the Townlands of Ballyhade and Knocknacree, in the County of Kildare, will be admitted to the County Carlow Infirmary.

The consideration of this letter was adjourned to next meeting of Council.

(848a).

Letters (2) dated 6th June, 1900, read from Acting Secretary County Meath County Council, with reference to the salaries fixed by them in the cases of Veterinary Inspectors, Messrs. J. J. Wade, of Celbridge Union, and M Smith, of Edenderry Union.

(849).

Demand Note, dated 26th May, 1900, read from Baltinglass No. 3 Rural District Council, for a sum of £40 due on foot of rates made for half-year ending 30th Septemebr, 1900.

Consideration adjourned.

(850).

Letter dated 29th May, 1900, read from Clerk of Baltinglass No. 3 Rural District Council, forwarding copy of a resolution passed by that Council on the 26th May with reference to the appointment of a Rate Collector for that district.

The Acting Secretary was directed to write to District Council informing them that County Council have no power to take from Mr. Finn any portion of his district without his consent.

(851).

Letter dated 1st June, 1900, read from same, forwarding four notices of application for compensation for malicious injuries, and requesting to have same submitted to the Council at their next meeting.

(852).

Letter dated 31st May, 1900, read from Acting-Secretary, Queen's County Co Council, forwarding copy of a resolution passed unanimously by that Council at their quarterly meeting held on 23rd inst., with reference to the establishment of an Agricultural and Technical College at Donaghmore disused workhouse, etc.

Ordered—That letter be referred to Local Committee appointed under Agricultural and Technical Instruction (Ireland) Act, 1899.

(853).

Letter dated 7th June, 1900, read from Clerk to Naas Urban District Council, forwarding copy of a resolution passed by that Council relative to the application of a portion of the Agricultural Grant payable by the County Council to the Council of that Urban District.

This matter was dealt with by Finance Committee.

(854).

At this stage the chairman had to leave, being called away on urgent business, and it was unanimously resolved that Mr. Joseph P. Dowling take the chair during the remainder of the meeting.

(855).

Letter dated June 1st, 1900, read from William Weston, Secretary to the School Attendance Committee of Celbridge No. 1 Rural District, informing the Council that that Committee, at their meeting held on 29th ultimo resolved that the offices of Secretary and School Attendance Officer be amalgamated, and that Mr. William Weston, of Kilcock, be appointed at the salaries sanctioned by the County Council, viz., £15 a year as School Attendance Officer, and £7 10s as Secretary to the Committee.

The Council approved of the appointment on the terms specified.

(856).

Letter dated 1st June, 1900, read from Mr. Valentine Kilbride, solicitor, acknowledging the receipt of Mr. White's bill of costs, and stating that he shall attend on the taxation thereof on behalf of the Council, and report thereon.

(857).

Letter dated 1st June, 1900, from W. Grove White, Esq., Solicitor, acknowledging the receipt of Acting Secretary's letter of 30th ult, and asking to be furnished with the date of the Paying Order sent to James Walsh, of Dunbyrne, with a copy of same with endorsements thereon.

(858).

Letter dated 1st June, 1900, read from same, with reference to the applications for compensation for malicious injuries heard by County Court Judge at Athy Quarter Sessions on 30th ult.

(859).

Letter dated 5th June, 1900, read from same, acknowledging receipt of Acting Secretary's letter of 4th inst., informing him that James Walsh of Dunbyrne had paid £3 5s 0d due by him to the Council, etc.

The Acting Secretary produced Treasurer's receipt for the lodgment of that sum by him.

(860).

Letter dated 8th June, 1900, read from same, with reference to G. S. and W. Railway Valuation Appeal, stating that the Railway Company and the Commissioners of Valuation have filed 4 affidavits (2 each) as cause against the making absolute of the Conditional Order, etc.

(861).

Letter dated 8th June, 1900, read from same, stating that in the case of Grady v. the County Council, Mr. Frank Burke, Solicitor, has lodged notice of appeal against the dismiss in that case, which will come on for hearing at the Summer Assizes.

(862).

Letter dated 1st June, 1900, read from Clerk to No. 1 Athy Rural Dis-

district Council, acknowledging Acting Secretary's letter forwarding copy of resolutions passed at the meeting of the Finance Committee on the 10th ult., and stating that he was directed by Mr. Minch, Chairman of the Rural District Council, to request the Acting Secretary to forward to him by next post Forms 11, 12, and 13 submitted to County Council at their last meeting.

(863).

Letter dated 6th June, 1900, read from same in reply to two telegrams sent by Acting Secretary asking for the return of the Forms sent him, which were urgently required by Acting Secretary in the preparation of the minutes of last meeting of Council.

(864).

Letters (2) dated 31st May and 6th June, 1900, read from Mr. Peter J. Murphy relative to his Lists of irrecoverable Arrears of Rate, etc.

The consideration of Arrear List adjourned to next meeting of Council.

(865).

Letter dated 5th June, 1900, from Collector Thomas A. Flanagan furnishing the explanation asked for by Council at last meeting in reference to the complaint of Mr T. H. F. Bor as to non-service of Franchise Forms, and stating that as the Franchise Forms were given him in blank by Mr. Bor, instead of being filled from the Rate Books in Clerk's office, he requested the Council would allow him £1 (to be deducted from Mr. Bor's fees under the Act) for his trouble in filling the forms.

(866).

Letter dated 11th June read from Collector Joseph Wyer on the same subject as the foregoing, and drawing the attention of the Council to the fact that having received the Franchise Forms in blank, and claiming compensation for filling of same.

Collector Wyer, in his letter, also draws attention to the great hardship and inconvenience it would cause him to travel a distance of 30 miles to Secretary's office each fortnight to have his books checked, and requesting the Council to reconsider their decision in the matter.

It was ordered that the Acting Secretary do write to Mr. Bor, Clerk to Edenderry No. 2 Rural District Council, requesting him to furnish explanation of statements in letters of Collectors Flanagan and Wyer re Franchise Forms handed them in blank, and that Collector Wyer be informed that the Council cannot make any exception in his case as to attending at Secretary's office to have his accounts checked.

(867).

Letter dated June 5th, 1900, read from Secretary to Church of Ireland Clergy, Widows and Orphans' Society, enclosing a statement for return of the Income Tax deducted on the Turnpike Debentures held by the Trustees of the Society, and requesting the Acting Secretary to sign same, etc.

The Acting Secretary stated he signed and returned the statement referred to.

(868).

Letter dated 2nd June 1900, read from Sergeant Ahearne, R.I.C., Kilmullen, informing the Acting Secretary that a stray dog, the owner of which was unknown, was seized by him on previous evening, and asking to be informed if he was to destroy the dog.

(869).

Letter dated 31st May, 1900, read from Midland Great Western Railway Company enclosing bank receipt for £14 2s 11d lodged to credit of the Council for repairs to approaches over their bridges for half-year ended 30th September, 1899.

The Acting Secretary produced the Treasurer's receipt for the lodgment.

(870).

Letter dated 1st June, 1900, read from G S and W Railway Company acknowledging Acting Secretary's letter re making cheques for repairs to approaches to their bridges, etc, payable to the Treasurer to the County Council in future.

(871).

Letter dated June 2nd, 1900, read from John Sweetman, Esq, Hon Sec to Irish County Council's General Council, acknowledging the receipt of Acting

Secretary's letter of May 30th, and stating that he shall lay the letter before the General Council at its next meeting.

(872).

Letter dated 6th June, 1900, read from Mr John O'Donnell, Secretary to Sub-Committee Irish National Convention, enclosing six cards of admission to the National Convention to be held in the Rotunda, Dublin, on June 19th, 1900, and also six railway vouchers; and requesting that same be sent to the gentlemen selected by the Council as soon as possible after receipt of same, etc.

The Acting Secretary handed the cards of admission and railway vouchers to the gentlemen elected by the Council as delegates.

(873).

Circular letter read from Clerk to Larne Rural District Council, forwarding copy of a resolution passed by that Council with reference to locomotives on public roads, etc.

(874).

Post card read from Dr P L O'Neill, coroner, re payment of witness's and other expenses.

(875).

Letter, not dated, read from Thomas Byrne, Celbridge, returning paying order No 2201, amount 4s 6d, sent him as payment for posting valuation notices in three electoral divisions in Celbridge Union, and declining to accept less than 15s for his services.

(876).

Letter dated 8th June, 1900, read from Michael Curley, road contractor, Boganstown, Donboyne, stating that neither he nor his brother-in-law, Peter Carroll, of Rathleek, have received the paying orders sent them by the Acting Secretary.

(877).

Letter dated 9th June, 1900, from Clerk of Celbridge Union, forwarding copy of a resolution unanimously passed by that Board of Guardians at their meeting on 8th instant, disapproving of the proposed scheme for the re-opening of the Kildare County Infirmary.

This letter was referred to the Committee appointed to consider the question of the re-opening of Kildare Infirmary.

(878).

The lists of tenements in the county, the valuations of which require revision, as received from the rate collectors and others, were submitted to the Council by the Acting Secretary, and it was proposed by Mr Lawrence Malone, seconded by Mr John Cribbin, and unanimously resolved:—"That the Council approve of the list of tenements requiring revision submitted by the Acting Secretary, and consider the revision of same necessary."

(879).

The following notice of motion by Mr Joseph O'Loughlin was handed in:—"That I will call attention at next meeting of Council, to be held on July 17th, to the adjustment made by the Commissioner of Valuation in relation to Edenderry No 2 Rural District, and refer them to Section 49 of the Act, and in the meantime the Acting Secretary be directed to get all information possible from Local Government Board and Commissioner of Valuation."

(880).

Letter dated 12th June, read from W Grove White, Esq, solicitor, asking for the original letter of Mr Barton, Commissioner of Valuation, when sending the revised valuation of '99.

The Acting Secretary was directed to forward the letter asked for, if in his possession.

(881).

Letter dated 12th June, read from same with reference to the payment by William Murray, of Coonough, of a sum of £20 due by him to Council.

Ordered:—That Mr William Murray, of Coonough, be allowed time till the 28th August next to pay £10, and that he be allowed till the 27th November next to pay the £10 balance due.

(882).

Mr White, solicitor, applied to the Council for permission to apply to County Court Judge to state a case before 29th inst, should same be con-

sidered desirable by counsel, in the case of the appeal against the valuation of the Great Southern and Western Railway.

(883).

Letter dated 12th June, read from Charles Daly, Esq, Sub-Sheriff for Co. Kildare, stating he thought it better to let the Acting Secretary know, in case he might call any meeting of the Council for the 16th July next, that the holding of the Assizes at Naas has been fixed for that date.

(884).

Proposed by Mr Laurence Malone, seconded by Mr Joseph O'Loughlin, and unanimously resolved:—"That the next meeting of this Council be held on Tuesday, the 17th day of July, 1900, instead of on Monday, the 16th day of July, and that all business for which notice has been given, including the appointment of Secretary, for the said 16th, be disposed of on the 17th."

(885).

Resolved—"That Acting Secretary be instructed to write to Mr M'Cann, Naas, for payment of amount due by him to Council for the grazing of land around Naas Gaol.

(886).

Payments.—The following payments, amounting to £2,360 4s 10d, recommended by the Finance Committee (Minutes No 484 to 489), were sanctioned, and County Form No 14, authorising the County Treasurer to pay same, was signed:—

Paying Order No 2778—£1 1s to A C O'Sullivan, Trinity College, Dublin.

Paying Order No 2779—£1 9s 4d to Thomas Cullen, Rathangan.

Paying Order No 2780—£1,663 5s 10d to National Bank, Carlow, for credit of Carlow District Asylum.

Paying Order No 2781—£30 to Richard R Murray, Acting Secretary, to pay temporary staff.

Paying Order No 2782—£503 15s 2d to Hibernian Bank, Naas, for credit of Subsidiary Account.

Paying Order No 2783—£42 9s 6d to Hibernian Bank, Athy, for credit of Athy Urban District Council.

Paying Order No 2784—£118 4s to Hibernian Bank, Naas, for credit of Naas Urban District Council.

(887).

The Council adjourned to meet again on Tuesday, 17th July, 1900.

Stephen J. Brown
17th July 1900

REPORT

Of the Conference of Representatives of the County Council and the Urban Districts of Naas and Athy, on the question of Adjustments, for confirmation by the respective Councils.

Saturday, 5th day of May, 1900.

The Conference between the Representatives of the County Council and the Urban Councils of Naas and Athy, for the purpose of making an adjustment, by agreement, of property rights and liabilities, pursuant to the provisions of the Local Government Act, and of the Order of the Local Government Board, constituting such Towns Urban Sanitary Districts, was held in the Council Chamber, Naas, on this date.

There attended:—On behalf of the Council—Messrs. S. J. Brown, M. J. Minch, J. P. Dowling, L. Malone, and S. Headon; on behalf of the Urban District of Naas—Messrs. W. Staples, Chairman of Urban Council, and H. J. Farrell; and on behalf of Athy Urban District—Messrs. J. A. Duncan and Thomas Plewman.

The letter of the Local Government Board, No. 22,071, dated 17th April, 1900, was read.

The following points were agreed on by the Conference:—

1. **Salaries of County Surveyor and Assistants**—That the Urban Districts are to be exempted from any contribution to the salaries of the Assistant Surveyors, but are to contribute to the salary of the County Surveyor in proportion to valuation.

2. **Rate Collector's Remuneration**.—That the Urban Districts are to be exempted from contribution to Rate Collectors' remuneration.

3. **Salaries of Secretary and Assistants**.—That the Urban Districts are to be exempted from contribution to the proportion of the salaries of the Secretary and his Assistants referable to the making and collecting of the rate, and checking and collecting of the rates, the amount of which proportion the Conference estimate at one-third the aggregate amount of those salaries; also from the cost of Printing and Advertising relating to the making and collecting of the rate, which, for the current year, is estimated at the sum of £150; also from the cost of temporary assistance (if any) required for making the rate.

4. **Registration of Electors and Jurors' Lists**.—That inasmuch as under Section 83, Sub-section 7 of Local Government Act, and powers and duties in relation to the Registration of Electors or to Jurors' Lists are transferred to the Clerk of the Urban Council of Athy, and will in future be exercised and discharged by such Clerk, instead of by the Secretary of the County Council, the Urban District of Athy is to be exempted from contribution to the costs and expenses incurred by the County Council in relation to the Registration of Electors or to Jurors' Lists in case such costs and expenses as regards the Urban Districts have in future to be borne direct by the Urban District of Athy, and not paid by the County Council. As regards the Urban District of Naas, a similar provision will apply if and when the powers and duties in relation to Registration of Electors and Jurors' Lists are transferred to the Clerk of that Council.

5. **Main Roads**.—The Urban District of Athy having, pursuant to Section 27, Sub-section 6 of Local Government Act, undertaken the entire maintenance of the Main Roads in their District, it is agreed that the contribution of the County towards the maintenance of Main Roads within the Athy Urban District be fixed at £200 per annum, such contribution to be paid in quarterly instalments to the Treasurer of the Urban District Council upon the certificate of the County Surveyor that the Main Roads within the Urban District are properly kept and maintained.

In case the Urban District of Naas should hereafter undertake the entire maintenance of its Main Roads, it is agreed that the contribution of the County thereto should be £240 subject to the like conditions as in the case of the Athy Urban District Council.

6. **Other County at Large Charges**.—All other County at Large charges to be apportioned in proportion to rateable value.

The foregoing is submitted to the County Council of Kildare, and the Urban Councils of Naas and Athy, as the basis for an agreement, with reference to the adjustment of property rights and liabilities.

Signed on behalf of the Representatives of the County Council and the Urban District Councils respectively,

STEPHEN J. BROWN.
M. J. MINCH.
J. P. DOWLING.
LAURENCE MALONE.
STEPHEN HEYDON.

WM. STAPLES.
HENRY J. FARRELL.
JOHN A. DUNCAN.
THOMAS PLEWMAN.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Tuesday, 17th July, 1900.

Minutes of Meeting of Finance Committee of the County Council, held in the Council Chamber, Naas, on Tuesday, 17th July, 1900, at 10.30 a.m.

(494)

Present—Messrs Stephen J. Brown, J.P. (Chairman of the County Council) in the Chair, Stephen Murphy, Charles J. Bergin, and William R. Ronaldson.

(495)

Minutes of meeting of 13th June, (printed copies of which had been sent to each member of the Committee) were taken as read, confirmed, and signed by the Chairman.

(496)

The Acting Secretary reported the receipt from Royal Irish Constabulary, Naas, of £12 10s 0d, being half-year's rent of Naas Police Barracks to 1st July, 1900, and produced Treasurer's receipt for lodgment of same.

(497)

On consideration of the letter from Clerk of Crown and Peace, re provision of safes under Local Registration of Title Act, and Mr Holmes's letter of 20th February, 1900, the County Surveyor and the Clerk of the Crown and Peace attended before the Committee.

The County Surveyor stated that on further examination of the Strong room in the office of the Clerk of the Crown and Peace he found it as "fire-proof" as it was possible to make it, and that, in his opinion, all that was necessary was to provide further safes to be kept therein.

The Committee came to the conclusion that the expense of providing such safes should be paid out of monies to be provided by Parliament, being portion of the expenses of carrying the

Act into effect within the meaning of Sec. 6, sub-sec. 3 of the Local Registration of Title (Ireland) Act, and the Committee were borne out in that view by the fact that a safe had been already provided at the expense of the Treasury which had been found to be insufficient for the purpose.

The County Surveyor was directed to formulate a proposal for such structural alterations in the Strong Room as Clerk of Crown and Peace required, and the Acting Secretary was directed to write to Mr Dane informing him of the decision of the Committee, and to return to him Mr Holmes's letter.

(498)

Recommended that the following payments be made by the Council:—

£245	14	9	To	W. Grove White, Esq., being the amount of his taxed costs.
49	1	3	To	Matthew Hanley, Brownstown, compen- sation awarded for malicious injury to property.
4	8	3	To	Frank Bradshaw, Frenchfurze, for do.
22	14	8	To	Rev. J. Eldon-Ellison, Timolin, for do.
116	9	0	To	Representative Church Body, 52, St. Steph- en's Green, Dublin, for do.
227	9	0	To	Baltinglass Board of Guardians, being sec- ond instalment of Annual Demand.

40 0 0 Baltinglass No. 3 Rural District Council for do.

15 4 2 To T. H. F. Bor, Clerk of Edenderry Union, being remuneration for bringing L.G. Act into operation.

52 9 1 To William Farrell, Clerk of Naas Union, for do.

28 8 9 To Martin E. Doyle, Clerk of Athy Union, for do.

14 15 2 To T. H. F. Bor, Clerk of Edenderry Union, Franchise Fees on 1968 Ratings.

2 16 4 To Thos. R. Flanagan, Poor Rate Collector, do. on 360 Ratings.

47 14 0 To Richd. R. Murray, Acting Secretary, do. on 6360 Ratings.

12 19 1 To same—Amount paid by him for postage, telegrams, etc., from 1st April to 1st July, 1900.

21 10 3 To Peter J. Murphy, Rate Collector, being refund of Irrecoverable Arrears. (499)

On the application of the County Surveyor it was ordered that the following payments, amounting to £38 1s 3d, be made out of the Subsidiary Account to Contractors or Workmen for works in the County Surveyor's charge, and County Form No. 16 for Paying Orders Nos. 115—119 was accordingly signed for same:—

Paying Order No.

115...£5 14 0 To John Gaffney, Ard-kill, Carberry.

116... 1 10 0 To Michael Byrne, Ballykelly, Monasterevan.

117...24 9 0 John Coleman, William Street, Athy.

118... 3 15 3 James Woods, Ferryhills, Rathmore, Naas.

119... 2 13 0 Owen Sullivan, Cromwellstown, Tinode. (500)

Recommended (1) That Paying Order No. 2180 for £4 0s 11d, in favour of Patrick Boland, Ballykelly, Monasterevan, be cancelled, and a new Paying Order for £2 12s 4d be issued in lieu thereof.

(2) That 'Paying' Order No. 2185 for £29 7s 0d, in favour of Joseph Mooney, Cowenstown, Maynooth, be cancelled, and a new Paying Order for £31 3s 5d be issued in lieu thereof.

(3) That Paying Order No. 2188 for 8s 3d in favour of Robert Downey Robertstown, be cancelled, and a new Paying Order for 6s 2d be issued in lieu thereof.

(501)

Mr Grove White, Solicitor to Council, submitted draft of Circular letter to be sent to the Councils of Counties through which the G. S. and Western Railway passes, asking for information relative to the valuation of the railway system in each county, and Acting Secretary was directed to write to Secretaries of County Councils in the manner suggested by Mr White.

(502)

The Committee adjourned.

Stephen J. Brown
th. 27 August 1900

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Tuesday, 31st July, 1900.

(503.)

Minutes of meeting of Finance Committee of the County Council held in the Council Chamber, Naas, on Tuesday, 31st July, 1900 at 10 o'clock a.m.

(504.)

Present—Messrs. Stephen J. Brown, J.P. (Chairman of the County Council) in the chair, Lawrence Malone, John Healy, William R. Ronaldson and Col. Sir Gerald R. Dease.

(505.)

The following payments were recommended:—

£1346 10 0 to Guardians of Athy Union being second instalment of Annual Demand.

£272 10 0 To Athy No. 1 Rural District Council for do.
4 0 0 To Patrick Boland, being part of fine imposed on him by Council for being late in closing his collection for half year ended 30th September, 1899.

Recommended that—Paying Order No. 2427 for £7 10s in favour of Peter Carroll of Rathleek, Dunboyne, and Paying Order No. 2438 for £8 17s 2d in favour of Martin Curley, Boggans-town, Dunboyne, be cancelled and new Paying Orders for same amount be issued in lieu thereof.

(507.)

The Acting Secretary produced Treasurer's receipt for a lodgement by him of 10s, being amount of a fine under the Food and Drugs Act received from R.I. Constabulary, Naas.

(508.)

The Acting Secretary reported that

he had received a letter dated July 22, 1900, from the late Secretary, Mr de Willis, informing him that he had remitted to the Hibernian Bank, Naas for credit of the County Council the sum of 5s., being the amount of a fine under the Food and Drugs' Act received by him from R. I. Constabulary in September, 1899, the lodgement of which he had overlooked.

(509.)

Letter dated 31st July, 1900, read from the Acting Secretary, applying to the Committee to let him as a residence the building known as the Male Hospital in Naas Gaol, with the use of the land inside the ~~prison~~ wall until required by the Council for other purposes, and offering a rent of £15 per annum for same, if put into a proper state of repair, and a water supply provided, and stating that he will deliver up possession of the premises whenever required by Council.

The Committee recommend that Mr Murray's application (as contained in his letter of 31st inst.) be granted, the sum to be expended on the premises not to exceed £45, and premises to be given up when ever required by Council and the County Surveyor was directed to include this work in his recommendations as to Proposals for New Works, etc., to be submitted to the Proposal Committee at their meeting on 8th August, 1900.

(510)

Re Safe for County Books and Records.

Mr Glover was requested to examine the safe in gaol premises as to its suitability for the purpose.

(511)

The Committee adjourned.

Stephen J. Brown
Ch. 27 August 1900

Hospital
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same as to taking in of
Water supply.

PROPOSAL COMMITTEE.

WEDNESDAY, 8th AUGUST, 1900.

Minutes of the Proceedings at a Meeting of the Proposal Committee of the County Council of Kildare, for the Quarter ended 30th June, 1900, held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Naas, on Wednesday, 8th August, 1900.

(512).

Present—Messrs. S. J. Brown, J.P., Chairman of the County Council, in the chair; Laurence Malone, Edward Fenelon, J.P.; John Healy, and Colonel Sir Gerald R. Dease, J.P.

A telegram was read from Geo. Wolfe, Esq., J.P., regretting his inability to attend meeting.

(513).

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Proposal Committee of 9th May and of the Adjourned Meeting of 19th May of which printed copies had been sent to each member were taken as read, confirmed, and signed by Chairman.

(514).

The Committee proceeded to consider the County Surveyor's Recommendations as to Proposals for New Works or involving New Contracts, also Provisional Proposals chargeable to the county at large and the following proposals were adopted:—

- (1) To Alter and Re-arrange Shelving, &c., of Presses in Strong Room, Clerk of the Crown and Peace Office, Naas Court House. Adopted at £5.
- (2) To strengthen Gangway leading to County Surveyor's Office, also to alter the Landing at Door entering County Council Room. Adopted at £8.
- (3) To provide Furniture for County Surveyor's Office. Adopted at £10.
- (4) To execute work at the Building known as the Male Hospital in Naas Gaol. Adopted at £40.
- (5) To Heat Council Chamber, Crown Court, Record Court, Witnesses' Room, Secretary's Offices, large Front Hall, Inner Hall and Vestibule at Stairs to Council and Offices of Clerk of Crown and Peace, and County

Surveyor's Offices if possible. Adopted at £200. The expense to be defrayed by a Loan from the Commissioners of Public Works to be repaid within 20 years subject to the approval of the Local Government Board.

- (6) To heat the Court House and Magistrate's Room in Athy Court House. Approved at £75, on condition that Trustees of Duke of Leinster pay half the expense.

The Committee were of opinion that it would be better to defer the passing of this application until the heating of Naas Court House was completed, but have approved of the proposal for the purpose of having the decision of the Council upon it.

(515).

Recommended — That the present Female Witness' Room be assigned to Court-House Keeper.

(516).

The Acting-Secretary was directed to write to Local Government Board for their approval of Loan for heating Naas Court House.

(517).

The Acting-Secretary handed in a printed Schedule of applications for payments for matters other than Public Works, containing 83 items. Same were considered "seriatim," and all applications as printed were recommended for payment, with the following exceptions, viz.:—

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| No. 31 | } Quarter's Salaries to Assistant County Surveyors were approved under protest |
| " 32 | |
| " 33 | |
| " 57 | —Quarter's Salary to Mr. Smith, V.S. Adjourned. |
| " 61 | —Dr. P. N. O'Neill's Expenditure as Coroner for six months ended 30th June, 1900. |

Approved less £5 5s. paid for analysis, and Voucher of lodgement of £1 1s. to Dr. Pigott's credit, to be produced before payment.

No 67—B. Kiely's Account for Fuel supplied to Naas Court House. Approved, subject to affidavit being made by Court-Keeper.

„ 68—E. Cuthbert's Account for Fael supplied to Kildare Court House, to 31st March, 1900. Approved at £3 3s., subject to affidavit being made.

(518)

The Acting-Secretary was directed to write to Sir Chas. A. Cameron, calling his attention to the fact that no fees for analysis have been lodged to credit of County Council, and requesting him to furnish a return of all fees received by him for analysis from this county since his appointment by the County Council.

(519)

The Committee adjourned to meet again on Saturday, 18th August, at 10.30 a.m.

*Stephen Brown Secy
7th Nov 1900*

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

WEDNESDAY, 8th AUGUST, 1900.

(520)

The chair was occupied by Mr S J Brown, J.P., Chairman of County Council, and the same members, with the exception of Col. Sir Gerald R Dease, were present as at the meeting of the Proposal Committee.

(521)

The minutes of the Meeting of the Finance Committee held on 31st July (printed copies of which had been sent to each member of the Committee) were taken as read, confirmed, and signed by Chairman.

(522)

The Committee proceeded to consider the applications for payments from Proposal Committee and from Rural District Councils.

The Acting-Secretary stated that he had carefully checked Forms 12 from the Rural Districts and Urban Councils with the original documents, and also with Forms 14, and found same correct except where noted by him in red ink on the Forms.

(523)

Payment of £24 15s. due to Joseph Boulger on foot of contract for connecting the town water supply with the closets and cisterns in the Court-house was approved and recommended.

(524)

Applications for payment from Rural District Councils.

ATHY No. 1 RURAL DISTRICT.—Applications for payments dealt with as noted on Form 12.

The Committee call the attention of the Council to the numerous alterations and obliterations in this Form, and to errors of calculation in two cases, in one of which application is made for 10s. too little, and in the other for £2 too much.

BALTINGLASS No 3 RURAL DISTRICT.—Applications for payments dealt with as noted on Form 12, Mr. Dagg's attention to be called to the errors in this Form.

CELBRIDGE No. 1 RURAL DISTRICT.—Applications for payment dealt with as noted on Form 12.

EDENDERRY No. 2 RURAL DISTRICT.—Applications for payment dealt with as noted on Form 12.

NAAS No. 1. RURAL DISTRICT.—Applications for payments dealt with as noted on Form 12.

NAAS URBAN DISTRICT.—Payments recommended as per Form 12. One quarter's payment only chargeable to Naas Urban District in the case of Contracts, Nos. 508 and 509.

ATHY URBAN DISTRICT.—Letter dated 7th August read from Mr. Lawlor, Clerk to Urban District Council, stating that that Council, at their Quarterly Meeting on 14th July last, had paid the whole cost of Main Roads.

Ordered that Acting Secretary write to Town Clerk that his letter is inconsistent with the statement made by Mr. Minch at last quarterly meeting of this Council; that the Urban Council would not take over Main Roads for six months, and on faith of which the roads were given into County Surveyor's charge, and request Town Clerk to send certified copy of Resolution of Urban Council taking over Main Roads and the Contractors' Receipts for the payments set out on Form 12, which receipts when inspected will be returned.

(525).

The following Payments out of the Subsidiary Account were passed, and County Form No. 16 for Paying Orders Nos. 120-128, amounting to £18 0s. 1d., was signed for the several payments above authorised.

Paying Order No 120—£1 1s 8d to District Inspector J R Sharpe expenses under Food and Drugs Acts for quarter ended 30th June, 1900.

Paying Order No 121—£1 7s 9d to District Inspector C C Yeldham for same.

Paying Order No 122—12s 5d to District Inspector J E St George for same.

Paying Order No 123—£1 0s 11d to District Inspector P Culhane for same.

Paying Order No 124—£1 16s 6d to District Inspector J R Sharpe for expenses incurred in conveyance of prisoners for quarter ended 30th June, 1900.

Paying Order No 125—£3 10s 9d to District Inspector C C Yoldham for same.

Paying Order No 126—£1 5s 6d to District Inspector J E St George for same.

Paying Order No 127—£4 8s 6d to District Inspector P Culhane for same.

Paying Order No 128—£2 16s 1d to County Surveyor for Office requisites, &c, on Certificate No 61.

(526)

The claim of District Inspector P Culhane for expenses incurred under the Weights and Measures Acts was adjourned for further consideration, the charges for car-hire, &c, being considered too high.

(527)

Letter dated 7th August read from Mr W A Lanphier, solicitor, enclosing Deed of Assignment from Richard Salts to James Ryan, of the sum of £115 due to Salts by the County Council on comple-

tion of his contract to build a wall at Ballycaghan—

The Acting-Secretary was directed to return the deed of assignment to Mr. Lanphier, and to inform him that the document must be properly stamped before it can be considered by the Council.

(528)

Letter, dated 7th August, read from Mr. Monks, solicitor, Athy, in reference to the case of Mullally v Finn, heard at last assizes, the judge's decision on which was given at the Wexford Assizes against the collector, and asking if the Council would be willing to give the indemnity to the plaintiff in respect of costs which the judge suggested should be given before he would state a case.

The Acting-Secretary was directed to obtain from Mr. Monks a copy of Judge's judgment to be laid before the Council before coming to any decision on this matter.

(529)

The Committee adjourned to meet again on Saturday, 18th August, immediately after adjourned meeting of Proposal Committee, which will be held on that date.

Stephens Brown
Ch. 27 August 1900

COUNTY COUNCIL.

Tuesday, 17th July, 1900.

Minutes of the Proceedings at a Special Meeting of the County Council of the County of Kildare, held in the Council Chamber, Naas, on Tuesday, 17th July, 1900.

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Present:—Messrs. Stephen J. Brown J.P., Chairman of the County Council in the chair, Ambrose More O'Ferrall, D.L., Edward Hayden, Stephen Heydon, James Kelly, J.P., (Maddenstown), John Field, J.P., Charles J. Bergin, John Cribbin, James Kelly, (Rathbride), Stephen Murphy, Francis Colgan, J.P., John Healy, Joseph O'Loughlin, William R. Ronaldson, Thomas Orford, Richard McKenna, J.P., Joseph Connolly, James E. Medlicott, J.P., George Mansfield, D.L., M. J. Minch, M.P.

Letters were read from Lord Frederick Fitzgerald, J.P., Mr. William T. Kirkpatrick, J.P., and Mr. Edward Fenelon, J.P., accounting for their absence.

889

Messrs. William R. Ronaldson and Thomas Orford made and signed declarations accepting office, Mr. Ronaldson as the representative on the Council of the Chairman of the Celbridge No. 1 Rural District Council, and Mr. Orford as the representative of the Chairman of Athy No. 1 Rural District Council.

890

The minutes of last meeting, printed copies of which had been sent to every member of the Council, were taken as read. Minute No. 832, being altered as shown in Chairman's copy, confirmed and signed by Chairman.

891.

The Chairman, having referred to the great loss the Council had sustained by the death of Mr Joseph P. Dowling, one of its members, it was proposed by Mr Edward Hayden, seconded by Mr John Field, J.P., and unanimously resolved—“That this Council take this their first opportunity of recording their sense of the

great loss which the Council has sustained by the death of Mr Joseph P. Dowling, and of tendering to Mrs Dowling and the other members of his family the sympathy of this Council in their sad bereavement.”

892.

Proposed by Mr James Kelly, Rathbride, seconded by Mr Joseph Connolly, and resolved—“That the vacancy created by the death of Mr Joseph P. Dowling be filled up at the quarterly meeting on 27th August and that in the meantime the Newbridge Town Commissioners be invited to suggest to this Council a name or names for co-option.

893.

ELECTION OF SECRETARY.—The Council proceeded to elect a Secretary in accordance with the terms of the advertisement publishing same, and applications for the position were received from Messrs. John T. Heffernan and Thomas J. Dempsey.

The Acting Secretary stated that Mr. Dempsey authorised him to inform the Council that he withdrew his application for the position of Secretary, and Mr. Heffernan's application and testimonials from Very Rev. Monsignor Murphy, P.P., and Rev. N. Staples, O.C.C., having been read, it was proposed by Mr. John Field, J.P., seconded by Mr. Charles Bergin, and unanimously resolved:—

“That Mr. John T. Heffernan be elected Secretary to the County Council of Kildare.”

Mr. Heffernan thanked the Council for the great honour they had paid him by electing him secretary, and promised to endeavour to discharge the duties of the office to the entire satisfaction of the Council.

MAKING OF RATE.—Proposed by Mr. Minch, M.P., seconded by Mr. Field, and unanimously resolved:—

“That the making of a rate, and the signing of the rate books be deferred until a special meeting to be held on Saturday, the 28th July, and in the meantime the Acting Secretary to make calculations to enable rate to be struck at that meeting on the Trunk Line of the G. S. & Western Railway, and the Kilkenny branch upon the new revised valuation.”

895.

Mr. O'Loughlin moved the following Notice of Motion standing in his name;—

“That I will call attention at the next Meeting of Council, to be held on July 17th, to the adjustment made by the Commissioner of Valuation in relation to Edenderry No. 2 Rural District, and refer them to Section 49 of the Act, and in the meantime the Acting-Secretary be directed to get all information possible from Local Government Board and Commissioner of Valuation.”

Letters No. 19,628, dated 6th July, 1900, from Commissioner of Valuation, and Letter No. 39,786, dated 10th July, from Local Government Board, on the subject, were read, and the matter having been fully discussed, the following Resolution was proposed by Mr. More O'Ferrall, seconded by Mr. Medlicott, and unanimously resolved:—

“That the attention of our new Secretary be directed to the correspondence with the Local Government Board, with a view of obtaining an answer from them to the larger question involved, with regard to the Standard Rates fixed by them in this County.”

896

The following notice of motion, standing in the name of Mr. Malone, was, in his absence, on Special Jury in Assize Court, moved by Mr. Charles J. Bergin, seconded by Mr. O'Loughlin, and it was unanimously resolved:—

“That Mr. John Healy, of Fiermount, be a Member of the Finance Committee.”

The notice of motion standing in the name of Mr. Minch, M.P., was, in his absence, moved by Mr. Ronaldson, seconded by Mr. Field, and it was unanimously resolved:—

“That a Rate of $\frac{1}{4}$ d. in the £ be struck in connection with the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction in Ireland for the half-year, beginning 30th September, 1900.” 898.

The recommendations of the Finance Committee of this date Minutes No. 497, 498, 499, 500, and 501 were adopted and confirmed and the following payments amounting to £935 15s 8d were sanctioned and County Forms Nos. 14 and 27 authorising the Treasurer to pay same were signed:—

Paying Order No. 1	£245 14 9	to W Grove White, Esq, being the amount of his taxed costs.
“ 2	£49 1 3	to Matthew Hanley, Brownstown, compensation awarded for malicious injury to property.
“ 3	£4 8 3	to Frank Bradshaw, Frenchfurze, for do.
“ 4	£22 14 8	to Rev. J. Eldon-Ellison, Timolin, for do.
“ 5	£116 9 0	to Representative Church Body, 52 St. Stephen's Green, Dublin, for do.
“ 6	£15 4 2	to T.H. F. Bor, Clerk of Edenderry Union, being remuneration for bringing L. G. Act into operation.
“ 7	£52 9 1	to Wm. Farrell, Clerk of Naas Union, for do.
“ 8	£14 15 2	to T.H. F. Bor, Clerk of Edenderry Union, Franchise Fees on 1968 Ratings.

Paying Order	9	£2 16 4	to Thos R. Flanagan, Poor Rate Collector, do. on 360 Ratings.
"	10	£47 14 0	to Richd. R. Murray, Acting Secretary, do. on 6360 Ratings.
"	11	£12 19 1	to same— Amount paid by him for postage, telegrams, &c., from 1st April to 1st July, 1900.
"	12	£31 3 5	to Joseph Mooney, Cowenstown, Maynooth, in lieu of Paying Order No. 2185, cancelled.
"	13	£21 10 3	to Peter J. Murphy, Emly Square, Athy, Refund of Irrecoverable Arrears.
"	14	£2 12 4	to Patk. Boland, Ballykelly, Monasterevan, in lieu of Paying Order No. 2180, cancelled.
"	15	£0 6 2	to Patrick Downey, Robertstown, in lieu of Paying Order No. 2188, cancelled.
"	16	£28 8 9	to Martin E. Doyle, Clerk of Athy Union, being Remuneration for bringing Local Government Act into operation.
"	A 11	£227 9 0	to Balinglass Board of Guardians, being second instalment of Annual Demand.
"	A 12	£40 0 0	to Balinglass No 3 Rural District Council, for do.

899

The letter of the Secretary Carlow County Infirmary, with reference to the terms on which patients from the electoral division of Ballaghmoon and the townland of Ballyhade and Knocknacree in this county would be admitted to the County

Carlow Infirmary (the consideration of which was adjourned from last meeting) was read, and after a discussion, Mr. E. Hayden handed in the following notice of motion for the quarterly meeting to be held on 27th proximo."

"That this county do contribute to the Carlow County Infirmary a sum bearing the same proportion to the sum contributed by the Carlow County Council as the valuation of the electoral divisions of Ballaghmoon and the townlands of Ballyhade and Knocknacree bears to the valuation of the County Carlow on condition that patients from those townlands be admitted to the infirmary as if they were residents of the County Carlow,"

900

Letter No. 35,058, dated 15th June, read from Local Government Board for Ireland, forwarding Forms of Queries, to be filled up by the person who may be elected Secretary to the Council. The form of queries was handed to the Secretary to be filled by him, and was then submitted to the Council and approved, after which it was signed by the Secretary and Chairman.

901

Letter No. 36,301, dated 16th June, read from same, acknowledging the receipt of the Acting Secretary's letter of 15th June, with reference to Collector Murphy's List of Irrecoverable Arrears.

902

Letter No. 36,251, dated 20th of June, read from same, acknowledging the receipt of Acting-Secretary's letter of the 14th June, and stating that, in view of the explanations furnished, the Local Government Board are satisfied that items 4,847, 633, and 983 on Arrear Sheets are not collectable.

903

Letter No. 36,343, dated 20th June, read from same, acknowledging receipt of Acting-Secretary's letter of 14th June, and stating that, under the circumstances set forth, the Board will not interpose any objections to the recommendation of the Council with regard to the refund to Collector Boland of a sum of £4 part of a fine imposed on him for failing to close his collection of the rate for the half-year ended 30th September

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last within the specified time. The Council decided to pay Collector Boland £4, to be placed before next Meeting of Finance Committee.

904

Letter No. 33,411, dated 22nd June, read from same, with reference to the Council's contention that the Board finally decided the salary to be paid to Assistant Surveyors without any communication with the Council, &c.

905

Letter No. 114M, dated 3rd July, read from same, requesting to be furnished, for the purpose of calculating future distributions of the Estate Duty Grant, with particulars as to the amounts expended by the Grand Jury during the year ended 31st December, 1887, on roads and bridges or portions of roads and bridges, within the areas now comprised in the Athy and Naas Urban Districts.

The Acting-Secretary stated that he had furnished the required particulars.

906

Letter No. 39,786, dated 5th July, read from same, acknowledging the receipt of Acting-Secretary's letter with reference to the information required by Mr. O'Loughlin, *vide* notice of motion.

907

Letter No. 113 M, dated 6th July, read from same, requesting to be furnished, immediately, with copies of the Notice of Rates having been made for the half-year ended 31st March, 1900, and also for the current half-year.

The Acting Secretary stated that he had furnished copy of Notice of Rates made for half-year ended 31st March last, and that for the current half-year would be furnished when the Rates were made.

908

Letter, dated 18th June, read from Chief Secretary's Office, Dublin Castle, requesting to be furnished with a Return of the Costs of Criminal Prosecutions for the year ended 31st March, 1900.

The Acting Secretary stated he had furnished the return asked for.

909

Letter, dated 21st June, read from same, acknowledging the receipt of the Returns, and requesting to be furnished with the number of Prosecutors and other witnesses.

910.

Letter, No. 19,401, dated 13th June, read from Commissioner of Valuation, forwarding List of Cases requiring revision, which had been furnished direct to that Department; and requesting the Acting Secretary to include same in the Lists of Tenements requiring revision to be furnished by him on the 27th June.

The Acting Secretary stated that he had dealt with this matter as requested by Commissioner of Valuation.

911.

Telegram, dated 2nd July, read from Chief Clerk, General Valuation Office, asking to have Lists of Tenements requiring revision forwarded to office that day.

The Acting Secretary stated that he had forwarded the Lists as requested.

912.

Letter, No. 19,631 same date, read from same, requesting that Supplemental Lists of Tenements requiring revision be forwarded to that office not later than the 7th inst.

The Acting Secretary stated he had forwarded the Lists.

913.

Letter, dated 3rd July, read from same, acknowledging the receipt of Lists of Tenements requiring revision in the several Rural Districts comprised in the county of Kildare.

914

Letter No. 19,628, dated 6th July, read from same, in reply to Acting Secretary's letter asking for the information required by Mr. O'Loughlin, *vide* notice of motion), and stating that there would appear to be some misconception in the matter, as the Government Grant made under the Local Government Ireland Act has nothing whatever to do with the contribution in lieu of rates paid by the Treasury on Government property.

915

Letter, dated 3rd July, read from Law Department, Office of Public Works, Dublin, forwarding notice, in duplicate, of the intention of the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland to advance a loan of £345 to the Edenderry No. 2 Rural District Council, under the Labourers Ireland Acts, 1883 to 1896, and requesting that one copy of the notice be transmitted to the Council's Treasurer.

916

Letter, dated 5th July, read from same, forwarding a similar notice to above, with respect to a loan of £2,000 to the Naas No. 1 Rural District Council under the Public Health Ireland Act, 1878.

917

Letter No. 1,147 dated 16th June, read from Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for Ireland, acknowledging the receipt of Acting Secretary's letter of the 15th inst., notifying the appointment of a local committee, etc.

918

Letter No. 1,468, dated 5th July, read from same, relative to the question of the salaries of Messrs. Holland, Black, and Wade, Veterinary Inspectors.

The Acting Secretary stated he had furnished the required information to the department.

919

Letter, dated 21st June, read from Clerk of Athy Union, requesting the Finance Committee to reconsider their decision in reference to his claim for compensation for loss of salary and for remuneration for his services in bringing Local Government Act into operation; and stating that he would be most happy to appear before them in reference to his claim, etc.

This matter was dealt with by Finance Committee, who recommended payment at the rate of 7s. 6d. per £1,000 valuation of rural district, which Mr. Doyle agreed to accept as remuneration for his services.

920

Letter, same date, read from same, inquiring what arrangement has been entered into between the County Council and the County Analyst, Sir Chas. A. Cameron.

The Acting-Secretary stated he furnished the information asked for.

921

Letter, same date, read from same, asking to be furnished with the dates appointed by the County Council for Quarterly Meetings.

922

Letter, dated 2nd July, read from same, informing the Council that Mathew J. Minch, Esq., M.P., has been appointed

Chairman of the Athy No. 1 Rural District, and that he accepted office on 27th June, 1900, by making and subscribing the required declaration.

923

Letter, dated 7th July, read from same informing the Council that, owing to Mr Minch being already a County Councillor the District Council have assigned Mr. Thomas Orford, Foxhill, Athy, to take during the term of office of that Chairman, his place as an additional member of the County Council.

924

Letter, dated 18th June, read from Clerk of Baltinglass Rural District Council No. 3, in reply to Acting-Secretary's letter of 15th June, furnishing particulars relative to the Graney Electoral Division, as affected by the Adjustment Order of the Local Government Board of 7th February, 1900.

925

Letter, dated 18th June, read from Clerk of Edenderry Union, requesting payment of £4 18s. 5d. due to him for checking Collector's Books for half-year ended 31st March, 1900.

The Acting-Secretary stated he had forwarded Paying Order for amount.

926

Letter, same date, read from same, with reference to his claim for Compensation for loss of salary, and for remuneration for his services in bringing Local Government Act into operation.

927

Letter, same date, read from same, inquiring what was the Amount of the Government Grant on Curragh Camp Property for the Standard Year.

928

Letter, dated 23rd June, read from same, furnishing an explanation as to statements contained in Collectors Wyer and Flanagan's letters *re* Franchise Forms handed them in blank.

929

Letter, dated 28th June, read from same, notifying his willingness to accept the remuneration offered by the Council for his services in bringing the Local Government Act into operation, viz.: 7s. 6d. per £1,000 of the Valuation of Edenderry No. 2 Rural District; and requesting payment of £15 4s. 2d., the amount he is entitled to in the matter.

This claim was dealt with by Finance Committee who recommended payment of amount claimed.

930.

Letter, dated July, read from same, requesting payment of £14 15s. 2d., being the amount due to him under the Parliamentary Registration Act.

This claim was also dealt with by Finance Committee and payment of same recommended.

931.

Letter, dated 2nd July, read from Clerk of Celbridge Union, forwarding copy of a Resolution passed by the Guardians of that Union, relative to the proposal to re-open the Kildare County Infirmary.

This letter was referred to Kildare Infirmary Committee.

932.

Letter, dated 22nd June, read from Town Clerk, Athy, forwarding copy of Resolution passed by Athy Urban District Council relative to the application of the portion of the Agricultural Grant payable by the County Council to the Council of that Urban District.

933.

Letter, dated 15th June, read from W. Grove White, Esq., Solicitor, stating that he has received an application from Mr. Lanphier, Solicitor, for payment of [1] £4 8s. 3d., being amount of Compensation and Costs awarded to Frank Bradshaw for Malicious Injury to Property; and [2] £49 1s. 3d., Compensation and Costs awarded to Mathew Hanley.

934.

Letter, dated 19th June, read from same, informing the Council that the Court of the Queen's Bench that day made absolute the Conditional Order to remove the Valuation of G. S. and W. Railway, for the purpose of quashing same, &c.

935

Letter, dated 26th June, read from same, enclosing Draft Agreement of the Council with the Secretary of State for War, for the hiring of a piece of ground near Newbridge Barracks, as a depot for road material, etc.

Mr. Mansfield was requested to consider draft agreement and communicate with solicitor thereon.

936

Letter dated 6th July, read from same, in reference to the Railway Valuation case, informing the Council that he was, on that day, served with Notice of Appeal to the Court of Appeal, against the Order of the 19th June, and as both his counsel will be on circuit on 20th July, the date fixed for the hearing of the Appeal, he requests to be authorised to employ a second senior counsel—Mr. Matheson or Mr. Roman—to act with Dr. Falconer and Mr. Kehoe.

Mr. White having stated he did not think it necessary to engage a second senior counsel no order was made on this letter.

937

Letter, dated 7th July, read from same, stating that he has received Notice of Appeal of the Great Southern and Western Railway against the Queen's Bench decision in making the Conditional Order absolute that the notice is served for Saturday, the 21st July; and that he has applied to the Court Reporter for the copy of the Chief Baron's judgment.

938

Letter dated 22nd June, read from Valentine Kilbride, Esq., solicitor, informing the Council that he attended before Master Coffey on the taxation of Mr. White's costs, which were lodged for taxation at the sum of £315 4s. 11d., and on the taxation thereof the sum of £68 10s. 2d. was disallowed, leaving a balance of £246 14s. 9d. due Mr. White.

938a

Letter, dated 26th June, read from W. Grove White, Esq., solicitor to Council, enclosing certificate of taxation of his costs, amounting to £245 14s. 9d. This matter was dealt with by Finance Committee, who recommended payment of £245 14s. 9d. to Mr. White.

939

Letter, dated 30th day of June, read from W. A. Lanphier, Esq., solicitor for Frank Bradshaw and Mathew Hanley, requesting payment at next meeting of the Council, of the sum of £49 1s. 3d. in the case of Hanly v. County Council, and £4 8s. 3d. in the case of Bradshaw v. County Council, being the amounts

awarded by County Court Judge as compensation and costs for malicious injury to property in said cases.

This application was considered by Finance Committee, who recommend that £49 1s. 3d. be paid to Mathew Hanley and £4 8s. 3d. to Frank Bradshaw.

940.

Letters, read from Messrs. Joseph O'Connor, of Mylerstown; E. G. Plewman, of Kilcoo, Athy; Thomas Cooke Trench, J.P., of Millicent, Sallins; Very Rev. M. Devitt, Rector Clongowes Wood College; and Very Rev. Monsignor Tynan, P.P., of Newbridge, expressing their willingness to act on the Committee appointed by the Council under Sec. 14, 1, Part 2, of the Agricultural and Technical Instruction (Ireland) Act, 1899.

941.

Letter, dated 15th June, read from Mr. Thomas Anderson, Levinstown, Mageny, thanking the Council for the high honour done him in asking him to become a member of the Committee appointed under the Agriculture and Technical Instruction Act, but regretting his inability to comply with their request.

Proposed by Mr Minch, seconded by Mr Stephen Hayden, and unanimously resolved:—

“That Mr Richard Wright, J.P., Prumplestown House, Carlow, be appointed a member of the Committee of Agriculture in lieu of Mr Thomas Anderson.”

942.

Letter, registered, dated 5th July, read from Secretary to Great Southern and Western Railway Company, Kingsbridge Terminus, stating that he was directed by his Board to formerly ask for a revision of the Valuation of the Great Southern and Western system in the County of Kildare; and requesting the Acting Secretary to bring the matter before the Council.

The Council are of opinion that the request of the Secretary of the G. S. and W. Railway Company for revaluation is late and they take no action thereon.

943

Circular Letter read from the Council of the Royal Victoria Eye and Ear Hospital, Dublin, requesting the County Council to contribute a share of the County Funds in aid of the Building Fund for the new hospital, &c.

The Acting-Secretary was directed to write for information, as to contributions from other Councils, and as to conditions on which patients would be admitted.

944

Letter, dated 22nd June, read from Rev. A. Kinsella, P.P., requesting to be informed what position the movement made to put in force the School Attendance Law in the Prosperous and Clane districts stands at present; and what steps should be taken by him as a member of the School Attendance Boards of the districts referred to, in order to have the Act put into force in those districts.

The Acting-Secretary was directed to write to Father Kinsella, as directed by Chairman.

It appearing that the names of the Local Committees appointed have never been communicated to the Commissioners of National Education, it is ordered that this be done by Acting-Secretary forthwith, and that in any cases, in which persons appointed on Committees, have not consented to act, that a note be placed upon the Agenda Paper to elect a substitute or substitutes.

945

Letter, dated 25th June, read from Mr. Thomas D. Fitzgerald, 33 Lower Abbey Street, Dublin, asking for a list of the names and addresses of all the Nationalist members of the Council.

946

Letter, dated 28th June, read from Mr. Edward Cuthbert, Courthouse keeper, Kildare, relative to his claim for payment for fuel supplied to Kildare Courthouse, &c.

947

Letter, dated 4th July, read, from Treasurer, Hibernian Bank, Ltd., Naas, enclosing copy of a letter received by him from Thomas F. Monks, Esq., Solicitor, Athy, inquiring if he will be in a position to prove payments made by him as County Treasurer to Owen Cummins Kilberry, Athy, a Road Contractor to the Council, against whom a case will come on for hearing at the Naas Assizes, on Monday, the 16th inst.

948.

Notice, dated 5th day of July, read from James W. Drury, Esq., Local Government Auditor, stating that he shall

attend in the Council Chamber, Court-house, Naas, on Tuesday, the 24th day of July, 1900, at 10 o'clock, for the purpose of Auditing the Accounts of the Council for the half-year ended 30th September, 1899.

949.

Letter, dated 6th July, read from Collector Joseph Wyer, asking to be furnished with a copy or date of first resolution of Council obliging Collectors to attend Secretary's Office to have their accounts checked; and also the date of his first letter objecting to this arrangement for the purpose of appealing to Local Government Board against this order of the Council.

950.

Letter, dated 7th July, read from W. H. F. Verschoyle, 114 St. Stephen's Green, Dublin, inquiring if stone which has been raised in the Quarry at Kilberry, near Athy, has been raised by the Council's authority; and, if so, by what authority they claim to have a right to enter the Quarry. Also, if they claim said stone, and a right to continue raising it, &c.

The Acting Secretary stated he had replied to Mr Verschoyle's letter.

951.

Letter, read from Acting Secretary to Queen's County County Council, forwarding copy of a resolution passed by that Council at their meeting on 13th June, protesting against the action of the Local Government Board in fixing salaries of Assistant County Surveyors, &c., and calling on each County Council in Ireland to take united action in resisting this unjust action of the Local Government Board.

952.

Read, copy of a Resolution passed by the Council of the County Tipperary, North Riding, at their meeting, held on 13th June, 1900, calling on the Government to take the earliest opportunity of bringing in and carrying through Parliament a Compulsory Land Purchase Bill, &c.

Proposed by Mr Ronaldson, seconded by Mr. Cribbin, and unanimously resolved—

"That the resolution be adopted."

953

Letter No. 39,410, dated 10th July, read from Local Government Board, with

reference to the resolution of Council relative to the balance against the Graney Electoral Division, and stating that the instalment of loan referred to in the resolution could not be regarded as a credit of any particular electoral division. The Acting Secretary was directed to write suggesting that District Council should lodge the amount of loan received from Board of Works to credit of County Council, so that credit may be given to the Graney Electoral Division, to which, in the opinion of the Council, the amount of the loan ought in justice to be credited.

954

Letter No. 39,786, same date, read from same relative to the notice of motion handed in by Mr. O'Loughlin.

955

Letter, No. 40,919, same date, read from same, stating that they had not yet received the Abstract of the Accounts of the Kildare County Council for the half-year ended 30th September, 1899, and requesting that same may be furnished with as little delay as possible.

956

Letter No. 40,524, dated 11th July, read from same, returning Collector Murphy's Lists of Arrears of Rates, with their observations on same.

957

Letter No. 39,410, dated 13th July, read from same, expressing their sanction to the proposal of the County Council to allow the Clerk of Baltinglass No. 3 Rural District Council a sum of £6 as remuneration for his services in bringing into operation the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898.

Ordered that Mr. Dagg be paid £6, as sanctioned by Local Government Board.

958

Circular Letter No. 36,058, dated 12th July, read from same, on the subject of Stamp Duties, payable by County and District Councils and Boards of Guardians on bonds and other instruments.

Ordered that Copy of Letter be sent to Council's Solicitor.

959

Letter, No. 41,932, dated 16th July, read from same, acknowledging the receipt of the Abstract of the Accounts of

the Kildare County Council for the half-year ended 30th September, 1899.

960

Letter, No. 2,594, dated 11th July, read from the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for Ireland, requesting to be furnished with a Statement, showing the amounts of the apportionments in each instance of the salaries of Messrs. Black, Holland, and Wade, payable by the respective Counties concerned.

The Acting-Secretary stated he had furnished the statement asked for to the Department.

961

Letter, dated 9th July, read from Commissioner of Valuation, acknowledging the receipt of Lists of Tenements, requiring revision in the County Kildare.

962

Letter, dated 11th July, read from same, informing the Council that he had appointed Mr. J. Carbury to make the Annual Revision of the Valuation of several Rural Districts in the County of Kildare, and that it would be commenced about the 16th inst.

963

Letter, dated 10th July, read from W. H. F. Verschoyle, Esq., asking for specific replies to the queries contained in his letter of 7th inst. *re* Quarry at Kilberry.

964

Letter, dated 11th July, read from Mr. John Holland, V.S., applying for a fortnight's leave of absence and stating he would procure a substitute to act during his absence.

It was ordered that Mr Holland furnish the name of proposed substitute.

965

Letter, dated 12th July, read from Owen Cogan, Esq., Mullaghmast House, Ballitore, thanking the Chairman and members of the Council for selecting him as one of the Committee under the Agriculture and Technical Instruction [Ireland] Act.

966

Letter No. 12,964, read from Under Secretary, Dublin Castle, transmitting

Vouchers for Witness' Expenses, sent to that office for the purpose of audit.

967

Letter, dated 13th July, read from Patrick F. Daly, Esq., Solicitor, Monasterevan, forwarding a Petition of Ratepayers, seeking to have road between M'Cartney's Lock and High Bridge maintained out of the County Rates.

The Acting-Secretary was directed to inform Mr. Daly that the application should be made to the District Council.

968

Letter, dated 16th July, 1900, read from Mr. Grove White, Solicitor, informing the Council that the Judge, that day, affirmed the Order of the County Court Judge, refusing the claim of £60, for alleged Malicious Burning, in the case of Grandy *v.* County Council.

969

Letter, dated 17th July, read from Mr. Farrell, Clerk of Naas Union, expressing his willingness to accept the remuneration proposed by the County Council, for bringing the Local Government Act into operation in the Naas No. 1 Rural District. This matter was dealt with by Finance Committee, who recommended payment.

970

Letter from J. K. Toomey, Esq., Solicitor, Athy, forwarding Decrees, made at last Sessions, against the Council, in the case of Rev. J. Eldon Ellison's claim for compensation for Malicious Injury to Property, for £22 14s. 8d.; and in the case of the Church Representative Body against the Council for £116 9s., and requesting payment of same.

These claims were dealt with by Finance Committee, who recommended payment.

971

Statements of the Annual Expenditure on Officers' Maintenance, &c. of the County Infirmaries of Wicklow, Carlow, Wexford, Queen's County, Meath, and King's County, were received, and referred to the Kildare Infirmary Committee.

972

The Council adjourned to Saturday, the 28th July, 1900, at 10.30 a.m.

Stephen Brown 27 August 1900

COUNTY COUNCIL.

TUESDAY, 31st JULY, 1900.

Minutes of Proceedings at a Special Meeting of the County Council of Kildare, held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Naas, on Tuesday, 31st July, 1900, to which date the Meeting of the Council fixed for Saturday, the 28th inst, was postponed by orders of the Chairman, as the hearing of the G. S. and Western Railway Valuation Appeal case was fixed for that date.

973

Present:—Messrs. Stephen J. Brown, J.P., in the chair, John Cribbin, Laurence Malone, Owen Cogan, Ambrose More O'Ferrall, D.L., James E. Medlicott, J.P., Joseph O'Loughlin, John Healy, William R. Ronaldson, Peter Crosbie, Edward J. Cassidy, and Col. Sir Gerald R. Dease, J.P.

Letter of apology for non-attendance

was read from Lord Frederick Fitz-Gerald, J.P., and telegram from Mr. Stephen Heydon.

974.

Proposed by Col. Sir Gerald R. Dease, seconded by Owen Cogan, and unanimously resolved:—

“That the General District Rate and separate charges for the half-year ending 30th September, 1900, be as follows:—

Rural District of Athy No 1

	To be Levied on Agricultural Land. Pence.	Sums deducted in respect of the Agricultural Grant. Pence.	To be levied on other Hereditaments Pence.
In respect of County Charges	5 596	1 372	6 968
„ Union Charges	2 502	4 198	6 7
„ District Charges	4 243	3 706	7 949
Total	12 341	9 276	21 617
Rate agreed to	(1s 0d)		(1s 10d)
ADJUSTMENT ORDER.			
Bert Electoral Division	...	Balance to Debit of Electoral Divisions, as shown in the Final Account of the Guardians of Athy Union, as constituted before the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898, came into operation.	3d in the £
Churchtown	„		3d in the £
Dunmanogue	„		1d in the £
Kilberry	„		3d in the £
Monasterevan	„		2d in the £
Moone	„		1½ in the £