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COUNTY COUNCIL.

COURT HOUSE, Upper Woodstock, June 21st. The following is the order of business adopted by the council:

- Opening of council.
- Reading and confirming minutes.
- Report of secretary-treasurer.
- Report of county auditor.
- Appointment of officers.
- Report of standing committees.
- Report of special committees.
- Unfinished business.
- Petitions.
- Bills and accounts.
- Report of Scott Act Inspector.
- Fixing the amount of assessment for current year.
- Ordering payment of parish clerks, district clerks and rent of polls.
- Appointment of standing committees.
- Confirming parish officers.
- Confirming road masters returns and ordering payment of the commissioners.
- Fixing the amount to be assessed for poor purposes in the several parishes.
- Ordering assessment of land damages on the several parishes, where new roads are laid out, for road purposes.
- Receiving of report of Board of Health.
- New business.

The County Council met in semi-annual session at 10 o'clock. There were present from,

- Parish of Woodstock—H. B. Smith, F. B. Bull.
 - Parish of Richmond—John M. Hay, Alex Bell.
 - Town of Woodstock—A. G. Bailey, Wm. McDonald, Jos. Fewer.
 - Parish of Wakefield—F. R. Shaw, A. G. Bell.
 - Parish of Simonds—W. N. Raymond O. N. Miller.
 - Parish of Wilnot—John F. Williams, H. P. Carvell.
 - Parish of Wicklow—C. A. Giberson, G. W. Jamieson.
 - Parish of Kent—C. E. Gallagher, Ambers Giberson.
 - Parish of Aberdeen—D. H. Lamont, Edward Wiley.
 - Parish of Peel—Wm. Tompkins, David Phillips.
 - Parish of Brighton—C. J. Connolly, Allen Bradley.
 - Parish of Northampton—H. A. Phillips, Alex Brown.
- W. N. Raymond, Warden took the chair. He said the council met at a busy season, but that account no important business should be neglected. It would be the duty of the councillors to examine carefully the bills that came before them, and see that none were passed that were not regular and justifiable. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.
- On motion of Coun Gallagher the following officers were appointed for the parish of Kent:—John Hartsgrrove, Maplehurst, Edward Hawthorne, poundkeepers; Elijah Kinney, Chas. Crane, constables.
- On motion of Coun Connolly the following were appointed officers for the parish of Brighton:—E. B. Dickenson, John Murdoch, Wm. Henderson, Julius Miers, constable; E. B. Dickenson, George Lawson, Allen Harrington, Julius Miers, surveyors of wood and lumber. On motion, James McLaughlan was appointed game-warden for the parish of Richmond.
- The sec-treasurer said he had looked up the law on the subject and found that the county had authority to establish lockups in the

parishes, he had prepared two by-laws, one providing for a lockup in Hartland and one in Bristol.

Coun Gallagher moved that these be by-laws of the council. Coun A. Giberson seconded the motion.

Coun Bailey would oppose the motion if it put any liability on the county.

The sec-treasurer—The by-law sets out where they have provided a building there shall be lock-ups.

Coun Williams—Has the parish of Kent a building?

Coun Giberson—We have building that we are going to build over for the purpose. Motion Carried.

The sec-treasurer—I have looked up the minutes of 18 years ago, as instructed at last meeting, as to the county having built part of a fence as set forth by Joseph McGee. I found no record. Mr. McGee wrote it was about 23 years ago when the fence was built, that it was built by Wm. J. Boyer, now dead. I looked up the minutes for a record 23 years ago, I found no record. I doubt very much if there is a record of it. It was evidently done by the road commissioner of the parish of Wakefield, if done at all, if he did it it might not appear in that year's record. Mr. McGee asked in his letter that the county should build about 60 rods at a cost of about 60 cents a rod.

The sec-treasurer—Sometime ago the council authorized me to have copies of the by-laws printed. As the legislature was about having additions made to certain of the acts, and also having the statutes consolidated, I thought it better to wait. I have since corresponded with the King Printer, Mr. Tibbetts, as to the cost of printing, and I find it will cost about \$300.00 or \$350.00 for 2000 copies of the Acts printed and bound, together with the by-laws. My idea would be to have a number of copies of the by-laws printed, and a number of books printed with both acts pertaining to county affairs, and the by-laws together. I thought the following would cover the acts needed to be printed, the Municipality Act, the Act relating to Rates and Taxes, Act relating to the Poor, the Bastardy Act, the Act relating to fences, trespasses and pounds.

Coun Bailey asked how many copies would be needed.

Secretary-Treasurer—There must be 1200 or 1500 officers in the county, of course all do not need a copy of the by-laws but a good many do. Perhaps \$250.00 would cover the necessary expense.

Coun Williams—There is this difficulty. When the office changes, and one man goes out to give place to another, it should be provided that the officer only keeps the copy during his tenure of office. It should, I think, be made the duty of the secretary to notify the retiring officer to hand over his book to his successor.

Coun McDonald moved that the secretary-treasurer be instructed to get 1000 copies of the Acts with the by-laws bound with them, and 1000 copies of the by-laws printed alone.

Coun Fewer seconded the motion, which was carried.

The secretary-treasurer announced that under instructions from the council he had prepared an order of business for the council.

On motion the order as read by the secretary was adopted and the following appointed a committee to arrange the pace of order in which the various subjects should come up:—Couns Williams, Shaw and Connolly.

The secretary read a petition from John A. Lindsay of the town of Woodstock setting forth that he had been assessed in the Parish of Wakefield for 1904 on real estate comprising 1/4 of an acre, having a ruined building

on it, \$100.00. He complained that the tax was excessive, that the property was not worth over \$25.00 and he would take that for it. His petition was supported by affidavit.

Coun Carvell thought the matter should be referred to the assessors of the Parish of Wakefield, as was done with a case he had up, which had been referred to the assessors concerned.

Coun Bailey—In the case referred to by Coun Carvell the man had refused to make a sworn statement. Mr. Lindsay said he had appealed to the assessors and failed to get redress, now he appeals to the council.

Coun Carvell—I do not understand the petition to say that he appealed to the assessors and was refused redress.

Coun Shaw—Are you quite sure Mr. Lindsay said he had asked the assessors for redress.

Coun Bailey—Yes, I put that to him very strongly. He said at one time when the house was fit to live he had been assessed \$300.00. The house was now only a ruin.

Coun Gallagher—The law governing assessment is very plain and distinct, if a man is aggrieved he appeals to the assessors, if they do not satisfy him he may appeal to the valuator, and the valuator will invariably give him redress. The law expressly says it is not within the duty of the council. Mr. Lindsay should appeal to the valuator.

Coun Bailey—If a man appeals to the assessors and valuator both and cannot get justice what is he to do. The council gave Coun Bradley redress.

Coun Shaw—They are not parallel cases.

Coun Bailey—They are not parallel inasmuch as Mr. Lindsay's case is the hardest from his statement.

Coun Carvell—Mr. Lindsay stated the case to me this morning. I told him it was a very small matter to bring before the council, it was only a question of 25 or 30 cents.

Coun Bell (Wakefield)—It is the principle of the thing, with that sworn statement I think the assessors will do Mr. Lindsay justice.

On motion the petition was referred back to the assessors concerned.

A petition was read from Andrew H. Scott, complaining that he was assessed on \$1400.00 real estate, which he had sold to one Wm. Wilson. He prayed that he be refunded the tax paid.

Coun Shaw—This might be neglect on the part of the petitioner in not having an understanding with Wilson as to who should pay the tax on the property that year.

Secretary—It was in October he sold out, the tax was for the next year.

Coun Bell (Wakefield)—It must have been through Mr. Scott's neglect that he was assessed on that property this year. However as he had sold the property, it was not right that he should pay the taxes, and I move that the amount be refunded and assessed to the Parish of Wakefield.

Motion seconded by Coun McDonald and carried.

Coun Smith called attention to the condition of the county lot in the town and expressed the wish that the building committee would have it fixed up. He also spoke of the band stand thereon, and said that the Agricultural Society wished the permission of the council to move it to their grounds over by the park. They wished to use it for their judging stand and for the band during exhibition week.

Coun Bailey moved seconded by Coun Fewer that the necessary permission be given.

Coun Bailey explained that the band stand was erected by subscription of the merchants of Woodstock, all the society wanted was to go on the land and take the stand.

Motion carried.

Council adjourned for dinner, a motion having first passed that they go into committee at one o'clock with Coun Bailey in the chair, and deal with the accounts.

Council resumed at one o'clock and went into committee with Coun Bailey in the chair. The following accounts were dealt with:—Albion R. Foster, \$410.50.

Coun Connolly asked as to a charge of \$6.00 for horse hire in connection with a certain search made by the sheriff, and also in connection with a trip the sheriff made to Little River.

The deputy-sheriff being heard said that this trip to Little River was made under three warrants he had for a man who gave his name as Albright, he committed forgery three times in the town of Woodstock. It was reported he was in Little River in Queens County. He went to Fredericton, got two constables and went to Little River. He had charged for five days from the time he left this county till he got back. He found the man had got over the lines. He charged \$2.50 a day and expenses. He got the property that was stolen and brought it back. The crime of forgery was committed in this county. The property he recovered was a horse stolen from a man in Houlton. As to the other charge, where he had three warrants he charged no horse hire, if there was only one all he was allowed was mileage, and in such a case where he drove he could not get enough to pay his horse hire, in that case he had to hire a horse and charge the county for it.

Coun McDonald moved seconded by Coun Fewer that the bill be paid.

Coun Williams said he noticed that in taking lunatics to the asylum Mr. Foster charged so much per day and for his meals. He moved seconded by Coun Bull that all items in the bill charged for the deputy's meals be struck out.

Coun McDonald said Mr. Foster had been a very successful officer. He was respected all over the county, and the county should show their appreciation of such good services as he rendered. He thought the sheriff should be allowed his square meals.

Coun Phillips (Peel)—thought it a very small matter to throw out the amount charged for meals.

Coun Fewer spoke of the statement of Gee who said he would give himself up to Foster and no other man as showing the worth of the officer.

Coun Gallagher thought the remuneration was fair and would go for paying the bill. Amendment lost and bill ordered paid.

Following bills were ordered paid.

Francis Doherty.....	5.50
W. W. Melville.....	8.70
James Broad.....	5.60
J. C. Hartley.....	7.00
Albert Broad.....	5.60
Theodore Rogers.....	5.00 paid when attested
John E. Kinney.....	5.60
J. C. Hartley.....	22.60
J. R. Murphy.....	\$ 90.70 less \$1.50 overcharge
Thos McCarron.....	2.00
Hugh Hay & Son.....	1.20
Neil McKinnon.....	53.00
Owen Kelly.....	4.00
W. A. Hayward.....	162.50
W. H. Hayward, sheriff.....	134.00
Press Pub. Co.....	6.50
Jas. W. Woolverton.....	26.70
Carleton Sentinel Co.....	32.25
John Farley.....	20.00
John Farley.....	10.50

James Cullen's bill \$23.00 for work in connection with laying out a road from Gage's line to the South Johnville road, was on motion of Coun Gallagher laid over till January session. George W. Somerville, M. D. \$5.00 laid over till January. Sarah Broker \$3.90, ordered paid.

Dr. Cummins \$202.40. Coun Gallagher moved seconded by Coun McDonald that this bill be paid.

Coun Williams moved seconded by Coun Brown, that it be paid less three items of \$10. \$30. and \$24. It was claimed there was a question as to the legality of these items, if the council was satisfied as to them in January, they could be paid then. Amendment carried.

These following items were then ordered paid:

Estate of S. B. Appleby.....	31.40
J. S. McManus.....	2.00
Dispatch.....	17.00
J. S. McManus.....	\$ 2.00 when attested
H. E. & J. W. Gallagher.....	4.00
Wm. Kimball.....	2.00 when attested

Committee reported, and report received and accepted. Coun Williams for the committee on the sec-treas' bonds say they are satisfied with inquiries so far, and ask leave to be continued in office so that a bond may be furnished and filled by the sec-treas. with sureties satisfactory to the committee as soon as possible.

On motion request of committee acceded to.

Coun Connolly moved the following resolution seconded by Coun Bradley: whereas at the present time the reporting and printing the proceedings of the council is very expensive, therefore resolved that this council ask for tenders from the papers in the county for the reporting and printing of the proceedings of the council of 1905.

Coun Carvell said no one person, or very few indeed took all the papers, and it was advisable that the report should be circulated so that all could read it. While it might be cheaper to do as the resolution proposed it would not work. We now have an official report, and he thought it the best way.

Coun Connolly believed in the official report being in one paper. The other papers would have to get the news of the council for their readers. He believed the present system was too expensive, it cost \$150 a year.

Coun Carvell again expressed himself in favor of the present system. On another occasion it was decided to ask for tenders and the newspapers put their heads together, and it cost only ten dollars less than the present system.

Coun Connolly said there was a good many things in the report of the January session that were quite incorrect, he quoted an instance of where the amount of money paid to a certain party was wrong.

Coun Williams said he was reported as speaking of the smallpox as the itch, he had spoken of it as the rash, and not the itch. His remarks being misquoted caused considerable bad feeling, and he wished now to set himself right.

Coun Smith said he had called the reporter's attention to the names of a committee which was left out in the report.

The reporter being heard said that it was difficult to get correctly always everything that was said and done, as much of the work was done so quickly, especially in the appointment of officers, and in many cases it was difficult to hear some of the councillors. It might be that a mistake was the fault of the newspaper and not the reporter.

Coun Lamont said that in one instance he had found something incorrectly reported in one paper, in another paper it was all right, which bore out what the reporter had said.

Coun Gallagher moved seconded my Coun Bell in amendment that this resolution lay over till January session. Carried.

On motion of Coun A. Bell seconded by Coun Hay \$5.96 was ordered refunded to Franklyn Cunliffe and charged to parish of Richmond.

Coun Bradley for the committee to whom was referred the petition against the return of Coun Ambers Giberson of Kent reported that the petitioner had withdrawn his petition and asked that no further proceedings be taken.

The committee to draw up a by-law as to licenses, composed of Couns Smith, Brown and Fewer reported the following by-law. A By-law to fix the scale of fees to be charged for licences under the provisions of the municipalities Act, Section 95, subsection 44. Whereas by the said Municipalities Act the county council of the Municipality of Carleton is authorized by By-law to fix a scale of fees to be charged to persons not residents of the county of Carleton, or ratepayers therein, to use any art trade, mystery or occupation, or to carry on or engage in any profession or mercantile or other business, or employment within such county. Be it therefore enacted by the county council of the said municipality of Carleton that the

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