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KENT COUNTY COUNCIL.

12th JANUARY, 1897, 2 p. m.

Council called to order by the Warden at 2 p. m. All Councillors present except Councillors McMaster and Murray. Minutes of last meeting of Council read and approved.

Resolved that Constable John Scott be appointed Constable to attend the Council at \$1.00 per day.

Resolved that the minutes of the committee meeting in July be read, and approved.

Resolved that all standing committees report to-morrow at 10 a. m.

Resolved that the Finance committee be composed of one Councillor from each Parish to be named by the Warden.

Councillor McKee, as a member of the wharf committee, asks until to-morrow at 2 p. m. to make the public wharf committee's report, as one of the committee has not yet arrived.

Resolved that the time be granted. Councillor McKee presents petition from ratepayers of Wellington concerning the "dog-tax."

Resolved that such petition be tabled until 10 a. m. to-morrow.

Resolved that the Council, as a whole, visit the Registry Office immediately after adjournment, and inspect its condition.

Resolved that the Council adjourn until 10 a. m. to-morrow, and the Finance Committee go into session.

WEDNESDAY, Jan. 13th, 10 a. m.

Council called to order at 10 a. m. All present except Councillor McMaster. Minutes of the last meeting read and approved.

Councillor McKee gives notice that at 2 p. m. on Thursday he will propose a by-law concerning the dog-tax.

Resolved the Wellington petition lie on the table until Wednesday at 2 p. m.

Moved by Councillor McKee, seconded by Councillor Poirier and resolved that Wellington be divided for Highway purposes as follows: No. 2 be all south of Big Buctouche River until it strikes the Dundas, Wellington and St. Marys Parish line; No. 1, all west of the post road and prolongation thereof north of Big Buctouche River; No. 3, all the rest of the Parish east of post road and a prolongation thereof to the Buctouche River.

Resolved that the ex-Inspector of Licenses get until Thursday at 2 p. m. to make his report.

Moved by Councillor Murphy, seconded by Councillor McKee and resolved that Welford be divided for Highway purposes as follows: No. 1, all that part of the Parish south of Richibucto River and east of McLaughlin Road; No. 2, all south of Richibucto River, west of McLaughlin Road; No. 3, all north of Richibucto River.

Moved by Councillor Wathen, seconded by Councillor Atkinson and resolved that Harcourt be divided into Highway District Divisions as follows: No. 1, all that part of the Parish east of the Dunn Farm also south by the south line of the Albert West lot and a prolongation eastward to the Welford Parish line and westward a prolongation thereof; No. 2, all west of the Dunn Farm; No. 3, all south of the south line of the Albert west lot and a prolongation thereof.

Auditor's report submitted, read and accepted.

Councillor Atkinson asks for opinion of Clerk of the Peace whether a collector of rates can employ a constable or must he act as a constable himself.

The Clerk of the Peace states that under the present Act the collector shall act as constable except in the cases indicated, and that under section 3 the collector may appoint a Deputy.

Councillor Wathen calls attention to the large delinquent non-resident list, and thinks something ought to be done in the matter.

The Clerk of the Peace gives a lengthy explanation of the Assessment Law.

Resolved that Council adjourn until 2 p. m. to-day.

WEDNESDAY, Jan. 13th, 2 p. m.

Council called to order at 2 p. m. All present except Councillor McMaster.

Councillor Wathen gives notice that he will to-morrow at 2 p. m. propose a by-law prohibiting rams running at large between August 15th and December 10th.

Resolved that U. Johnson, M. P. P., be heard.

Mr. Johnson asks for the views of the Council concerning certain matters of Legislation, amongst the rest the advisability of appointing Parish Officers for two years, the changing of the date for official appointments going into force, and the question of Railway Extension.

Councillors McKee, F. M. Richard, Wathen express their views.

Councillor Murphy presents communication from Councillor McMaster explaining his inability to be present at the meeting.

Resolved that Councillor McMaster be excused from attendance at this session.

Councillors Peters and Atkinson express

their views on the matter referred to by Mr. Johnson.

Councillor Murray submits the report of the public wharf committee, showing money expended on public wharf in 1896—\$320.40.

Resolved that the report be accepted and submitted to Finance Committee.

Moved by Councillor Comeau, seconded by Councillor LeBlanc and resolved that the Warden appoint the public wharf committee.

Councillor Peters submits the Court House committee's report, showing an expenditure of \$139.35.

Resolved that the report be accepted. Constable James Thurott, by permission, addresses the Council concerning the attempted arrest of James Thompson, for breach of the Liquor License Act.

Resolved that constable Thurott's matter be referred to the Finance Committee.

Resolved that St. Louis be divided into Highway Divisions as follows: No. 1, all that part of the Parish from the mouth of Kouchibouguacis River to McLeod's Mills; No. 2, all that part of the Parish from McLeod's Mills up the Kouchibouguacis River; No. 3, all that part of the Parish on the north side of Aldouane River.

Warden appoints Councillors F. X. LeBlanc, Comeau and Peters, public wharf committee.

Resolved Council adjourn until 10 a. m. to-morrow and Finance Committee go into session.

THURSDAY, Jan. 14th, 10 a. m.

Council called to order at 10 a. m. All Councillors present except Councillor McMaster. Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

Moved by Councillor Peters, seconded by Councillor F. P. Richard and resolved that Richibucto be divided into Highway Divisions as follows: No. 1, all that part of the Parish west of Richibucto River and east of the Kent Northern Ry. and north of McAlmon's Bridge; No. 2, east of Richibucto River and John Wright's Eastern line, extending in a continuation thereof to intersect the post road and a continuation of post road to Wellington Parish line, including residents on south side of post road; No. 3, all the rest of Parish south of Richibucto River and from McAlmon's Bridge east of K. N. Ry. to the Welford Parish line; No. 4, the remaining part of Parish west of the Kent Northern Railway.

Moved by Councillor Cormier, seconded by Councillor Coates and resolved that St. Marys be divided into Highway Divisions as follows: No. 1, all that part of the Parish north of Buctouche River up to school house at the end of McLaughlin Road; No. 2, all that part of the Parish south of Buctouche River up to Frank U. Richard, running south to bounds of Parish; No. 3, all that part of the Parish east of McLaughlin Road to be boundaries of No. 1 and No. 2.

Councillor Wathen submits petition from 24 ratepayers of Harcourt praying for exemption from dog-tax.

Resolved that the consideration of the by-law concerning dog-tax be deferred until Saturday at 10 a. m.

Moved by Councillor Wathen, seconded by Councillor Murphy that the tax books and delinquent lists be left with the Secretary, who shall hand the same to the new collectors with instructions to proceed to collect delinquent taxes according to law—the Clerk of the Peace to advise the Collectors how to proceed regarding non-resident delinquents, whose instructions the Collectors are authorized to obey. Any expenses incurred in collecting non-resident taxes by the Collector not being able to realize enough out of the estate of said non-residents, such expenses to be chargeable to County contingencies and paid the Collector out of County funds.

Resolved that the further consideration of this motion be deferred until 10 a. m. to-morrow.

Moved by Councillor Daigle, seconded by Councillor McKee and resolved that Carleton be divided into Highway Divisions as follows: No. 1, all that part of the Parish west of the post road; No. 2, all that Parish east of the post road to Fountain's Creek; No. 3, all the rest of the Parish.

Councillor Murphy refers to the taking out of Auctioneers' licenses and to the fact that many act as Auctioneers who are not licensed.

The Clerk of the Peace states that Auctioneers must be appointed by the Local Government, and liable to pay the Municipal fees prescribed before they can act.

Councillor F. X. LeBlanc gives notice that to-morrow at 2 p. m. he will move a by-law preventing cattle, etc., running at large in certain parts of Wellington.

Councillor Murphy gives notice that to-morrow at 10 a. m. he will move that the fine for Auctioneers selling without paying their Municipal License fee be \$10 instead of \$20.

Resolved that the bonds of the Road Commissioners under the Highway Act be \$200, the Commissioner in \$100 and two sureties in \$50 each.

Resolved that the amount \$6.40, road money paid into Treasurer by collector District No. 2, Wellington, be taken out of the Treasury on order of the Council and paid to the Commissioner of No. 2, Wellington.

Resolved that Council adjourn until 2 p. m.

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