Present: All commissioners, Mr. W. S. Donaldson, Mr. Oliver R. Guyther.

Engineer - Mr. Laforet Interviewed

Mr. Laforet said he is interested in relocating in St. Mary's County, and is a registered professional engineer, primary experience mechanical. General discussion concerning Mr. Laforet's experience and qualifications.

Discussed possible building code for the county, and Mr. Laforet stated that most counties have adopted the basic parts of the BOCA to suit their needs. Stated he does not work on road engineering, but is qualified for water, sewage, office buildings, hospitals, etc. Also stated he would want to earn approximately \$17,500 to \$20,000 per year. If the county hired him at less than this figure, and he could do private work to make up the difference, he would be willing to do this.

Mr. Burch said he could not say anything about Mr. Laforet opening an office in the county, and suggested he speak with some other business people in the area.

Scholarships

The commissioners reviewed list of eligibles for tuition scholarships and awarded same as follows: Education - Lynn Farrell, James Hamrick. Business - Ruth Stiefel, Mary Poe. These people and Mr. Kammerer will be so notified.

Discussed matter of \$150 half year scholarship not being used due to withdrawal of student awarded same. The commissioners agreed that this amount should be applied to the second semester charges, February to June of this year, for Miss Judith Hammond. Miss Hammond was on eligible list last year, but was not granted scholarship, and is now attending the college. A check in the amount of \$150 will be sent to St. Mary's College with letter of explanation, carbon copy to Miss Hammond.

Roads

Mr. Thom Hall reported that <u>larimer Street</u> in Piney Point Shores is in good condition and the ditches on the adjacent county road will be cleaned as soon as possible. Ditch near Lexington Park fire house is open and flowing free and SRC will maintain this from now on.

School bus turn-around at Gore Street, St. Clements Shores, has been completed. Mr. Perisho has moved the top soil and has grader ready to work in <u>Nicolet Park</u>, but weather has prevented this. As soon as the weather clears, the park will be bladed and this project will be finished.

Reviewed list of roads to be sign-posted in the county and revised same. Mr. Hall will have final list typed and furnish the commissioners office with same so that signs and posts needed can be ordered.

Budget Hearings

Held today from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. No attendees.

Assistant Jailor

The commissioners agreed that Mrs. Mary Agnes Buckler should be employed to assist the jailor and would be paid \$600 per year for this service, as of April 1st.

Meeting adjourned.

Approved,

F. Elliott Burch, President