

**Jefferson Highway Association
Organized.**

The Crawford County branch of the Jefferson Highway Association was organized, in Girard, last Monday. The purpose of the organization is to promote the construction of a rock road through Crawford county, to constitute a section of the Jefferson Highway which will extend from Winnepeg, Canada, to New Orleans.

Representatives were present from Pittsburg, Beulah, Farlington, Girard, and Baker, Sheridan, Crawford, and

this kind of road can be built from Pittsburg for \$800 per mile. W. H. Ryan favors a chat road. J. P. Biddle expressed a desire for hard roads, but seemed inclined to favor some kind of highway that can be constructed for less than \$3,000 or \$4,000 per mile. Senator E. F. Porter called attention to chapter 367 of the statutes of 1905, which provides for the calling of a special election by the county commissioners in any township, upon receipt of a proper petition from the voters of that township, requesting the construction of a road therein. If a majority of the

votes shall be cast in favor of such road the commissioners are authorized to levy a tax, or to issue bonds against that township for the construction of the road. This plan places the burden of building hard roads upon the whole township, and the expense of maintaining the road upon the entire county.

Senator Porter procured the passage of this law, by the state legislature in 1905. It applies only to Crawford and Bourbon counties.

J. A. Gibson, of Pittsburg, was chosen temporary chairman of the meeting and Harry Bouck, temporary secretary. Oscar Schaeffer was elected president of the association and C. E. Grandle secretary and treasurer.

The following vice presidents were chosen: J. D. Ozbun and Owen Dunlap, from Baker township; C. E. Grandle and C. C. Montee, from Sheridan township; H. H. Janssen and Ed Conder, from Crawford township; J. P. Riddle and E. Simon, from Sherman township; R. Martin and J. S. Pyle, from Farlington; Wm. McDonald and James Cassin, from Girard; J. H. Seeley and M. H. Skourup, from Pittsburg, J. H. Drayer and B. H. Stonehouse, from Beulah.

These officers are to constitute a permanent committee to devise plans for pushing the work on the proposed road from Pittsburg, through Beulah, Girard, and Farlington to the Bourbon county line.