



FAITH MEETING SUMMARY

06/02/2022

IN ATTENDANCE: 5

#1 Reason why you live in Meade County? Aka: Favorite thing about Meade County?

- People
- Rural areas
- People are wonderful
- Don't have to worry about locking doors in eastern Meade County
- People are awesome/welcoming/kind
- Beauty
- People – multi generational ranches
- Rich history
- Peace and quiet
- Wide open spaces
- Take care of ourselves (Faith)
- Diverse (Faith)

What should be **Preserved** in Meade County?

- Sense of community (rely on each other)
- Strong community (know your neighbors)
- Preserve prairies (native grasslands)
- Satellite office (Faith – well utilized by rural community)
- Preserve culture (ranching)
- Feel safe
- Connections between communities and generations

Biggest **Challenges** facing Meade County?

- Cost of materials (for building and farming equipment)
- Inflation (making it even harder for young rancher families)
- Young families can't start a ranch (land/cattle/equipment too expensive)
- Keeping young people in ranching
- Finding contactors (getting contractors in general, but added difficulty to get contractors in more rural areas)
- Finding workforce
- Water (quantity)
- County roads (quality gone down after missile base left)

- Buildable lots (Faith)
- Housing affordability
- Different culture between ranchers and farmers
- Size of Meade County (different cultures, needs, industries)
- Split up Meade County
- Different industries/different needs (east Meade – west Meade)
- Meals on wheels (underutilized)
- Keeping ambulance running (lack of volunteers – EMS and fire)
- Growth out pacing the availability of emergency services
- Growth along I-90 (pace and amount)
- Industry/workers/housing/water (need all)
- Local involvement
- Volunteers/helpers

Opportunities to make Meade County even better as a place to...

Live	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Build community – work together • County getting more involved with fire and ambulance (\$) • Split up Meade County
Recreate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community foundation
Get Around	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Blade man work flexible hours (allow for them to cut after it rains – flexible hours may encourage more people to apply) • Test gravel periodically (not all gravel is the same) • Create a 10-year plan for roads (and stick to it)
Work & Do Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opportunities to support young-new entrepreneurs/businesses (source community funds/community foundation) • Commercial development (Piedmont and Summerset area) • Developing local economies • Work from home (broadband – encourage youth to stay in the area) • Create industrial park
Farm & Ranch	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commissioners who understand “ag” issues • Keep encouraging schools to teach ag and trades
Visit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promote hunting • Museum (promote – Faith)