

# I-90 CORRIDOR MEETINGS SUMMARY

05/17/2022

IN ATTENDANCE: 20

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

- Good people **X2**
- Access to nature **X2**
- Four seasons
- Outdoor activities
- Diversity: rural/urban **X2**
- Schools
- Veteran population (Fort Meade)
- Diversity: Black Hills & Prairie
- Black Hills views but not crowded with people (homes)
- Family/friends
- Nature
- Small-town atmosphere **X3**
- Ruralness **X4**
- Safety
- Love Piedmont
- Outdoor recreation **X2**
- Culture
- Care about the community – know your neighbor
- Easy pace
- Comfortable here

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

- Open space
- Forest/Public Lands **X2**
- Sense of community **X4**
- Parks and recreation **X3**
- Historical areas
- Limited growth
- Green spaces
- Water (quality and quantity) **X4**
- Distance between neighbors
- Current industries
- Ag land

- VA and medical services **X2**
- Decent infrastructure
- Fort Meade history
- Bear Butte
- Small town feel/lifestyle **X4**
- Standard of living
- State parks
- Mineral rights
- Healthy school/classroom size **X3**
- Good transportation infrastructure
- Education opportunities & test scores
- Safe neighborhoods
- Hiking trails
- Every house should be on 3 acres or more
- Fire Trail (access)
- Rural lifestyle **X2**
- Agriculture
- Access to outdoor activities
- Hills area preservation
- Community growth
- History
- Resident owned businesses

### Biggest **Challenges** facing Meade County?

- School system, location, location, where the majority of the students live
- Gov't budget (CPI)
- Residential growth
- Educational infrastructure
- Road maintenance **X2**
- Less business expansion
- Sewer issues with growth
- California, Utah, Washington, Oregon
- Getting the right people in (leadership)
- Wide range of issues
- Ridiculous spending
- Damage to our national forest
- TIF districts
- Medical marijuana (potential crime issues)
- School growth with city/county growth **X2**
- Development philosophy to connect Rapid City to Spearfish
- Water (Bring from Missouri? Steal & Share with Box Elder NO)
- Schools – busing special ed – property taxes pay for it
- Responsible growth
- Major road development and maintenance

- Money/funding
- Controlled growth (needed)
- Dust control **X2**
- Septic systems in cities
- Small lots – lots of houses
- Schools (funding and size – keeping up with growth)
- Law enforcement (not enough)
- Keep up with growth (schools, water, roads, sewers) **X2**
- Water (quality & quantity) **X2**
- Aging rural population
- Lack of volunteers for fire dept and EMS
- “Progressive” ideas
- Rapid growth **X2**
- Budget spending authority
- Supply & demand (issue due to growth)
- Workforce vs housing needs
- Diversity commercial/housing
- Inflation
- Drug use
- Busy roads
- Aggressive developers **X3**
- Cheaper land brings more developers
- Affordable housing
- Infrastructure (updates and keeping up with maintenance)
- Differing opinions of growth
- Balancing commercial with residential
- Lack of high school
- Property tax (too high) **X4**

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

<b>Live</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Claw back on agriculture land that becomes developed</li> <li>• Better schools</li> <li>• Bigger property lots</li> <li>• Recruit/encourage volunteers</li> <li>• Green space</li> <li>• Life/work balance</li> <li>• Diversity of housing types</li> <li>• Community work projects</li> <li>• New schools</li> <li>• Larger lots - not as many houses</li> <li>• Creative funding for schools/ public facilities</li> </ul>
<b>Recreate</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Protect our hills</li> <li>• More organized recreation</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community recreation leagues i.e., softball, volleyball</li> <li>• Parks (more)</li> <li>• Green space (preserve)</li> <li>• Property tax for parks/recreational use</li> <li>• Public access to hills</li> <li>• Preserve trails- create updated maps</li> <li>• Open areas/shared facilities</li> <li>• Preserve roadways/trails</li> </ul>
<p><b>Get Around</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Promote more businesses</li> <li>• Planned retail developments</li> <li>• Sidewalk on side of the street from Summerset City Hall to Stagebarn Middle School</li> <li>• Zoning</li> <li>• Roads are sufficient</li> <li>• Return Little Elk Creek road to Dalton</li> <li>• Bike/walking paths <b>X4</b></li> <li>• Safe bike lanes</li> <li>• Ensure safe sidewalks</li> <li>• Hiking trails</li> <li>• School transportation</li> </ul>
<p><b>Work &amp; Do Business</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lower taxes <b>X2</b></li> <li>• Planned development of retail area, industry/commercial and business incentives to move to Meade county</li> <li>• Put more regulations on developers- money for roads, money for schools, money for repairs</li> <li>• Veteran owned businesses</li> <li>• Encourage more business development</li> <li>• Sales tax for Meade County</li> <li>• If ag land is developed- claw back 5 years for property tax when used for housing</li> <li>• Keep VA hospital</li> <li>• Diversity in community - commercial housing</li> <li>• Businesses along I-90</li> <li>• Create more commercial opportunities</li> <li>• Developers pitching in for infrastructure</li> </ul>
<p><b>Farm &amp; Ranch</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Less agriculture influences</li> <li>• Zoning</li> <li>• Make ag property distinction achievable</li> <li>• Protect ag land <b>X2</b></li> <li>• Protect from developers</li> <li>• More farm/ranch owners</li> <li>• Claw back on property tax</li> <li>• Crop rotation</li> <li>• Better cattle prices</li> <li>• U.S. beef</li> <li>• State Foreign trade corps</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Water infrastructure</li></ul>
<b>Visit</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Limit TIFS</li><li>• More businesses than new homes</li><li>• More reasons to visit</li><li>• Bring back old businesses</li><li>• Family attractions</li><li>• More tourist-oriented businesses</li><li>• Open Stagebarn Cave</li><li>• Tourism opportunities in community</li><li>• Commercial opportunity for guided tours on trails</li><li>• Build-up current campgrounds</li><li>• Consumption taxes</li></ul>