

STURGIS VISIONING MEETING SUMMARY

In Attendance: 5

Participants were asked to write several newspaper headlines for the “Meade County Times” in 2032.

MEADE COUNTY TIMES Headlines 2032	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduced county mill levy. • Zoning along I-90 approved. • Reliable, permanent funding for fire/emergency management system approved in Meade County. • County adopts event fees to ensure campgrounds cover their rally costs. • Meade County disallows residential development outside municipalities. • Summerset High School opens. • Sturgis annexation of developed property accomplished. • Sturgis population breaks 10,000. • Meade County median income 15% above state average. • Meade County per capita tourism dollars 25% higher than surrounding counties. • Business/infrastructure growth/improvements. • Business park expands again. • Road improvements. • Bike paths. • Paved roads with high traffic counts. • Business comes to the area to support growth. • County worked to keep up with tourism. • Counties infrastructure has kept up with demand. • Destination area. • County has planned for well balance between urban and rural areas. 	

Participants were placed into small groups and then asked to choose their top three headlines and to create goals for how to achieve these headlines.

Headline:	Infrastructure Improvements
Goals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pave roads with high-traffic counts. • Bike paths. • Improve snow removal. • Service road Tilford – Sturgis.
Headline:	Review of 8th Year of Infrastructure Plan Shows on Target for 10-year Completion
Goals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fifty percent of bridges that have been identified for future failure have been addressed. • Extend the service road from Tilford to Sturgis. • Broadband extended to more rural areas in Meade County. • Adequate charging stations along I-90 corridor, Highway 34, and Highway 212.

Headline:	Business Growth
Goals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Small business growth. • Ag business growth, increase irrigation infrastructure. • Industry. • Tourism.
Headline:	Meade County Median Income and Goals are Touted by Local Economic Development Groups
Goals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduce the average age by five years. • Average wages increase by five percent over inflation rate. • Retention of graduates of high schools, technical schools, and universities, increase by twenty percent. • Maintain zero percent discretionary formula to encourage investment in businesses that will retain and attract higher-paid youthful employees.
Headline:	Meade County Has Balanced Rural and Urban Growth Plan
Goals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fully employed and managed growth within municipality and three-mile jurisdiction. • Implement Meade County planning and zoning to manage growth three to five miles outside municipality. • Maintain zero percent discretionary formula to encourage investment in the county.
Headline:	Housing
Goals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elderly housing. • Starter housing.

Participants were last asked to complete the following phrase:

“In 2032, Meade County will be...”
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Model of properly managed growth. • Great place to raise a family. • Business growth. • Destination for business with above average wages. • High retention of high school graduates. • More respected. • A thriving area for business and families. • A great place to live, work, and raise a family. • Residential development outside municipalities costs the county more than it receives. The public safety and road maintenance costs for areas leading to those developments are subsidized by the rest of the county.