

# Douglas County established affordable housing group

The inaugural meeting of Douglas County's housing task force will be Nov. 6. However, the meeting is closed to the public.

The Affordable Housing Task Force was created to develop quality affordable housing opportunities.

The initial goals include establishing:

- Current pricing for affordable housing in the area or areas where it will have been determined that any affordable housing to-be-developed or supported in connection with the Initiative would be best situated, and should be provided.
- A process by which Nevada Rural Housing Authority can and will assist Douglas County in its on-going efforts to transition qualified real estate owned assets into viable and reliable affordable housing initiatives.
- The availability and viability of specific undeveloped land sites, and/or existing improved property required to initially support Douglas County's affordable housing initiative in those defined areas.
- An initial and preliminary working list of realistically proposed housing development initiatives.

This list of potential affordable housing projects will be created utilizing specific guidelines that will need to be established.

Task force members include:

- Douglas County Community Development – Heather Ferris
- Douglas County Community Services – Karen Beckerbauer

- Community Leader Representing Housing – Rex Massey
- Community Leaders representing the real estate industry – Dennis McDuffee (valley) and Torry Johnson (lake)
- WAVE- Carl Schnock
- Douglas County Business Council – Brandy Thomson
- Douglas County District Attorney's Office – Mary Anne Martin.