

**Special Meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners
Stevens County Fire Protection District #1
November 9, 2023, Station 8**

In attendance: Commissioners Skip Wells, Mark Whittaker, Georgia Davenport, & Chief Mike Bucy.

- Meeting called to order at 1430 by Commissioner Wells
 - Budget discussion
 - Presented updated 2024 budget drafts
 - 9 and 10 career FF options
 - 10 FF options was the one presented and discussed
 - Staffing projections to move the goal to 12 career FFs
 - SAFER; Budget, Using CPI
 - Fire commissioners agreed accept the “10 FF” budget draft as presented, with the CPI of 3% in addition to the 1% allowed, and the EMS budget draft as presented, for resolution at the November 20, 2023 meeting.
 - Hiring of a 10th Career FF for December 1. Chief Bucy asked the board to approve the hiring of the 2024 budgeted 10th firefighter Dec. 1. The money would come from excess salary due to being understaffed in the part-time category. The estimated expense for December would be \$13,737.23 with the surplus estimated at \$77,000. Commissioner Davenport made the motion to allow the early hiring of the 10 firefighter pending final approval of the 2024 budget on November 20.
 - SCBA purchase discussion.
 - Commissioner Whittaker moved to approve the purchase of the SCBA quote for 60 airpacks/60 masks/120 bottles from LN Curtis for \$528,810.96, including sales tax. Commissioner Davenport second. All in favor.
- Adjourned at 1427.



Commissioner Claude “Skip” Wells, Board Chair

Nov, 20, 2023