

**REPORT OF THE
CLAIMS REVIEW/LITIGATION REPORTS OVERSIGHT SUBCOMMITTEE
OF THE ARKANSAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**

December 20, 2024

Co-Chairs:

The Claims Review/Litigation Reports Oversight Subcommittee met on Thursday, December 16, 2024, at 2:00 p.m., in Room B, MAC.

A. Litigation Reports

The Subcommittee reviewed the following litigation matters:

1. Ralph T. Hudson v. Roy F. Ewing III and Country Boys Detail and Property Restoration, LLC
2. Ralph T. Hudson v. Nicholas A. Moscon

B. Reissuance of Warrants/Unpaid Bills

The Subcommittee affirmed the decision of the Claims Commission regarding the following claims regarding reissuance of warrants or unpaid bills:

1. #250154 University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences v. Department of Human Services
Affirmed. Amount awarded: \$115,639.89
2. #250249 Barclays Bank v. Department of Finance and Administration
Affirmed. Amount awarded: \$447,267

C. Awarded Claim Referred Pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. § 19-10-215(b)

The Subcommittee affirmed the decision of the Claims Commission regarding the following awarded claim referred pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. § 19-10-215(b):

1. #241725 Milton Holliman v. Arkansas Department of Transportation
Affirmed. Amount awarded: \$53,035.08

D. Awarded Claims – Appealed by Respondent

The Subcommittee reversed the decision of the Claims Commission regarding the following awarded claim appealed by the respondent:

1. #190008 Sebrena Westcott v. University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences
Reversed. Amount awarded: \$0

The Subcommittee affirmed the decision of the Claims Commission regarding the following awarded claim appealed by the respondent:

2. #200817 Mary Ann Jones, as Special Administrator of the Estate of Oscar Odell “Bill” Jones, deceased, and on behalf of the wrongful death beneficiaries of Oscar Odell “Bill” Jones v. Arkansas Department of Veterans Affairs
Affirmed. Amount awarded: \$300,000

E. Awarded Claim – Appealed by Claimant

The Subcommittee amended the decision of the Claims Commission regarding the following awarded claim appealed by the claimant.

1. #220374 Christine McAuliffe, as Special Administrator of the Estate of David Cains, deceased
Amended. Amount awarded: \$400,000.
Decedent holds zero fault. Award to be apportioned among the various awardees in proportion with the percentages reflected in the Claims Commission’s original award.

F. Denied and Dismissed Claim – Appealed by Claimant

The Subcommittee affirmed the decision of the Claims Commission regarding the following denied and dismissed claim appealed by the claimant:

1. #240631 Aleatrice West v. Arkansas Department of Transportation
Affirmed. Amount awarded: \$0

G. Corrections Denied and Dismissed Claims – Appealed by Claimant

The Subcommittee affirmed the decision of the Claims Commission regarding the following denied and dismissed corrections claims appealed by the claimant:

1. #221169 Bart Woodard v. Arkansas Division of Correction
Affirmed. Amount awarded: \$0
2. #240060 Harold Holloway v. Arkansas Division of Correction
Affirmed. Amount awarded: \$0

H. Upon suspension of the rules, the Subcommittee considered two items submitted after the November 1, 2024, deadline for inclusion on the meeting’s agenda.

The Subcommittee reviewed the following litigation settlement:

1. Asplundh Tree Expert, LLC v. Larry Walther

The Subcommittee affirmed the decision of the Claims Commission regarding the following negotiated settlement agreement:

1. #230400 Katelyn Spicer v. Arkansas Department of Transportation
Affirmed. Amount awarded: \$95,000

Respectfully submitted,

Representative DeAnn Vaught, Co-Chair
Senator Jim Dotson, Co-Chair