

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

August 23, 2024

Co-Chairs:

The Claims Review/Litigation Reports Oversight Subcommittee met on Monday, August 19, 2024, at 3:00 p.m., in Room C, MAC.

A. Litigation Reports

The Subcommittee filed a report from the Department of Finance and Administration submitted pursuant to Act 557 of 2023.

The Subcommittee reviewed the following litigation matters:

1. First Electric Cooperative Corp. v. Arkansas Public Service Commission
2. Ralph T. Hudson, Director, Division of Labor v. Sky Marie Tapp, individually and d/b/a Sky Tapp Counseling
3. Ralph T. Hudson, Director, Division of Labor v. Tracy Lynn McCullough, fka Tracy Lynn Cocannouer, individually and d/b/a Angels All Around Me, LLC
4. HVACR Licensing Board v. James A. Kimble
5. HVACR Licensing Board v. Christopher Johnson

B. Litigation Settlements

The Subcommittee reviewed the following settlement matters:

1. ECS House Industries, Inc. v. Jim Hudson
2. Entergy Corp. et al. v. Larry Walther

C. Reissuance of Warrant/Unpaid Bill/Salary Correction

The Subcommittee affirmed the decision of the Claims Commission concerning the following claims regarding reissuances of warrants, unpaid bills, or salary corrections:

1. #221173 Biomat USA, Inc. v. Arkansas Department of Finance and Administration
Affirmed. Amount awarded: \$15,649.00

2. #221517 Verizon (Cellco) v. Arkansas Department of Agriculture
Affirmed. Amount awarded: \$17,720.16
3. #240653 Hewlett Packard Enterprise Company v. Arkansas Department of Finance and Administration
Affirmed. Amount awarded: \$71,947.47
4. #240914 Southwestern Bell Telephone Company v. Arkansas Department of Finance and Administration
Affirmed. Amount awarded: \$6,024,594.00
5. #240915 Southwestern Bell Telephone Company v. Arkansas Department of Finance and Administration
Affirmed. Amount awarded: \$2,106,556.61
6. #240919 G&C Tharaldson Dynasty Trust II FBO Bobbi Jo Tharaldson v. Arkansas Department of Finance and Administration
Affirmed. Amount awarded: \$19,204.34
7. #241437 Alyssa Kristine Burns v. University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences
Affirmed. Amount awarded: \$20,030.05

D. Awarded Claim – Appealed by Claimant

The Subcommittee amended the decision of the Claims Commission concerning the following awarded claim appealed by the claimant:¹

1. #220317 Davey Rhyne d/b/a Davey's Auto Body and Sales v. Prosecuting Attorney for the Fourteenth Judicial District
Amended. Amount awarded: \$10,000.00

E. Awarded Claim – Appealed by Respondent

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

1. #16-0497-CC Regions Bank Trust Department, as Special Administrator of the Estate of Jinglei Yi, Deceased v. Arkansas Department of Emergency Management
Affirmed. Amount awarded: \$15,000.00

F. Denied and Dismissed Claims – Appealed by Claimant

The Subcommittee affirmed the decision of the Claims Commission concerning the following denied and dismissed claims appealed by the claimants:

1. #231626 Clementine Bass v. Arkansas Department of Transportation
Affirmed. Amount awarded: \$0.00

¹ Senator Bryan King recused from the Subcommittee's decision on this claim.

2. #240613 Leticia Sanders v. State of Arkansas
Affirmed. Amount awarded: \$0.00

F. Corrections Awarded Claims – Appealed by Respondent

The Subcommittee held the following awarded corrections claim appealed by the respondent pending receipt of further information:

1. #221393 Michael Todd v. Arkansas Division of Correction
Held by Subcommittee.

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

1. #180886 Barry Turner v. Arkansas Division of Correction
Reversed. Amount awarded: \$0.00

The Subcommittee affirmed the decision of the Claims Commission concerning the following awarded corrections claims appealed by the respondent:

1. #200909 Kwasi McKinney v. Arkansas Division of Correction
Affirmed. Amount awarded: \$3,155.29
2. #201177 Leundra Davis v. Arkansas Division of Correction
Affirmed. Amount awarded: \$241.00
3. #220838 Darrell Williams v. Arkansas Division of Correction
Affirmed. Amount awarded: \$12,500.00

G. Awarded Claim Transmitted Pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. § 19-5-601(e)

Pursuant to Arkansas Code § 19-5-601(e), the amounts of additional revenues the City of Sheridan should have received based upon the census count, as determined by the Treasurer of State, were approved for inclusion in the Claims appropriation bill as follows:

1. #241488 City of Sheridan

General Revenues	\$2,913.61
Special Revenues	\$10,688.33
Highway Severance Revenues	\$877.48
Four Lane Highway Construction Revenues	\$5,024.95
Wholesale Fuel Tax Revenues	\$1,355.58

Respectfully submitted,

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