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

Friday, December 15, 2023

Co-Chairs:

The Claims Review/Litigation Reports Oversight Subcommittee met on Wednesday, December 13, 2023, in Committee Room A, MAC, at 3:00 p.m., and makes the following recommendations to the Arkansas Legislative Council:

A. Litigation Review

The Subcommittee reviewed four (4) litigation matters:

- 1. Arkansas Residential Contractors Committee v. Antonio Flowers, d/b/a Flowers and Son Lawn Express Solutions
- 2. Arkansas Residential Contractors Committee v. Chase Robertson, d/b/a Chase Robertson Roofing
- 3. Arkansas Residential Contractors Committee v. Jody Benson, d/b/a Benson Home Repair
- 4. Ralph T. Hudson, Director, Division of Labor, State of Arkansas v. Daniel Adrian Whitelocke, and Concierge Clinics LLC, *dba* Ozark MMJ Cards

B. Settlement Review

The Subcommittee reviewed two (2) settlement matters:

- 1. Demario Moss v. Arkansas Department of Corrections/Division of Community Correction
- 2. Spring Valley Rod and Gun Club LLC and Spring Valley Anglers LLC v. Larry Walther, in his official capacity as Secretary, Arkansas Department of Finance and Administration

C. Reissuance of Warrant/Unpaid Bills/Salary Corrections

The Subcommittee affirmed the decision of the Claims Commission concerning the following seven (7) claims:

- 1. #230963 Angela Lloyd v. University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences
 - Affirmed. Amount Awarded: \$34,845.05
- 2. #240157 Benjamin Sigel v. University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences
 - Affirmed. Amount Awarded: \$16,154.40
- 3. #231428 Arkansas Health and Wellness Health v. Arkansas Insurance Department
 - Affirmed. Amount Awarded: \$26,000.00
- 4. #230481 Verizon Wireless Network v. Arkansas Department of Finance and Administration **Affirmed. Amount Awarded: \$19,091.00**
- 5. #231130 Raul R. Das v. University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences
 - Affirmed. Amount Awarded: \$15,021.21
- 6. #231268 Hanna Henson Williams v. University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences
 - Affirmed. Amount Awarded: \$73,106.89
- 7. #231542 Centers for Youth and Families v. Arkansas Department of Human Services
 - Affirmed. Amount Awarded: \$73,224.00.

D. Negotiated Settlement Agreements

The subcommittee affirmed the decision of the Claims Commission concerning the following claim:

1. #190497 Lavon Tishette Perry, as the Personal Representative of the Estate of Tavon Jenkins, deceased, and Lori Braun, as the Administratrix of the Estate of Cassandra Braun v. Arkansas State Police

Affirmed. Amount Awarded to Claimant Perry: \$1,200,000.00 Amount Awarded to Claimant Braun: \$1,800,000.00

E. Corrections Denied and Dismissed Claims - Appealed by Claimant

The subcommittee affirmed the decision of the Claims Commission concerning the following claims:

1. #230414 Marcus Kellebrew v. Arkansas Division of Community Correction

Affirmed. Amount Awarded: \$0.00

2. #230565 Marcus Kellebrew v. Arkansas Division of Community Correction

Affirmed. Amount Awarded: \$0.00

3. #230636 Marcus Kellebrew v. Arkansas Division of Community Correction and Arkansas Division of Correction

Affirmed. Amount Awarded: \$0.00

4. #230327 Charles Hamner v. Arkansas Division of Correction and Arkansas Division of Community Correction

Affirmed. Amount Awarded: \$0.00

5. #221447 Brandon James v. Arkansas Division of Correction

Affirmed. Amount Awarded: \$0.00

6. #230997 Christopher Buchanan v. Arkansas Division of Correction

Affirmed. Amount Awarded: \$0.00

7. #230260 Steven Pinder v. Arkansas Division of Correction

Affirmed. Amount Awarded: \$0.00

8. #221100 Kwasi McKinney v. Arkansas Division of Correction

Affirmed. Amount Awarded: \$0.00

F. Appeals Received Outside the Timeframes Prescribed Under Ark. Code Ann. § 19-10-211(a)

The subcommittee declined to consider the following claims, which were filed outside the statutory timeframe for appeal in Arkansas Code Annotated § 19-10-211(a):

- 1. #230778 Jerry Ellis v. Arkansas Division of Correction
- 2. #191008 Marsha Frazier, as Administratrix of the Estate of Marshall Frazier, Jr. v. University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences
- 3. #221542 Danny Hooper v. Arkansas Division of Correction

Respectfully submitted by Subcommittee Co-Chairs, Representative DeAnn Vaught and Senator Jim Dotson