

**REPORT OF THE CLAIMS REVIEW/LITIGATION REPORTS OVERSIGHT
SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE
ARKANSAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
Friday, August 26, 2022**

Co-Chairs:

The Claims Review/Litigation Reports Oversight Subcommittee met on Monday, August 22, 2022, in Committee Room A at 1:30 p.m., and makes the following recommendations to the Arkansas Legislative Council:

- A. Litigation Oversight:** The subcommittee reviewed seven (7) litigation review matters and one (1) proposed settlement:
1. Kristopher Stepps v. University of Arkansas Medical System
 2. Director of Labor v. Joint Forces K9 Group, LLC
 3. Director of Labor v. Dan Rice and Sarah Rice, *et al.*
 4. Angela Armstrong v. Board of Trustees of the University of Arkansas System
 5. Heather Wojtarowicz v. University of Arkansas, AKA University of Arkansas – Little Rock
 6. Arkansas Residential Contractors Committee v. Aaron Morrissey, d/b/a Morrissey Construction and Carpentry
 7. Arkansas Contractors Licensing Board v. West River Construction, LLC
 8. Monica Huseman v. Arkansas Rehabilitation Services
- B. Reissuance of Warrant/Unpaid Bills**
1. #220493 Eric Smidt and Susan Smidt v. Arkansas Department of Finance and Administration
Affirmed. Amount awarded: \$69,424.00
 2. #220725 Richa Parikh v. University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences
Affirmed. Amount awarded: \$25,912.80
 3. #221342 Nucor Corporation v. Arkansas Department of Finance and Administration
Affirmed. Amount awarded: \$392,623.29
- C. Negotiated Settlement Agreements**
1. #211352 Greg Gasaway and Lance Gasaway d/b/a G&L Gasaway Farms v. Arkansas Division of Correction
Affirmed. Amount awarded: \$27,000.00
- D. Awarded Claim Referred Pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. § 19-10-215(b)**
1. #200115 James Construction Group, LLC v. Arkansas Department of Transportation and Arkansas State Highway Commission
Affirmed. Amount awarded: \$294,191.60
- E. Denied and Dismissed Claims – Appealed by Claimant**
1. #210604 Richard Gentle v. Arkansas Department of Transportation
Affirmed. Amount awarded: \$0.00
 2. #200356 Daphane P. Lathrop v. Arkansas Department of Transportation
Affirmed. Amount awarded: \$0.00
 3. #180341 Christopher Martin v. Arkansas State Police
Affirmed. Amount awarded: \$0.00

4. #211091 Temetria Tucker v. Arkansas Department of Transportation
Affirmed. Amount awarded: \$0.00
5. #211185 James Kuehnert v. Arkansas Department of Transportation
Affirmed. Amount awarded: \$0.00
6. #220058 Andrew Martin v. Arkansas Department of Transportation
Affirmed. Amount awarded: \$0.00
7. #200850 Mitchell Wine v. Arkansas Alcohol Beverage Control
Affirmed. Amount awarded: \$0.00

F. Corrections Denied and Dismissed Claims - Appealed by Claimant

1. #201170 Deverick Scott v. Arkansas Division of Correction
Affirmed. Amount awarded: \$0.00
2. #210410 Rickie Green v. Arkansas Division of Correction
Affirmed. Amount awarded: \$0.00
3. #210656 Brandon James v. Arkansas Division of Correction
Affirmed. Amount awarded: \$0.00
4. #191197 Marcus Fields v. Arkansas Division of Correction
Affirmed. Amount awarded: \$0.00
5. #190793 Michael Pickens v. Arkansas Division of Correction
Affirmed. Amount awarded: \$0.00
6. #190720 Steven Cody v. Arkansas Division of Correction
Affirmed. Amount awarded: \$0.00
7. #201179 Jerry Ellis v. Arkansas Division of Correction
Affirmed. Amount awarded: \$0.00

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

The subcommittee declined to consider the following five (5) claims, which were submitted outside the statutory timeframes for appeal in Arkansas Code Annotated § 19-10-211(a), and directed staff to send a letter to the parties reporting the subcommittee's action:

1. #220652 Belinda Floyd v. Arkansas Department of Transportation
2. #190880 Billy M. Nichols, Jr. v. Arkansas Division of Correction
3. #210211 Rickie Green v. Arkansas Division of Correction
4. #201227 Ricky Ashley v. Arkansas Division of Correction
5. #201173 Damien Ford v. Arkansas Division of Correction

Respectfully submitted by Subcommittee Co-Chairs, Senator Bart Hester and Representative Bruce Cozart