

ARKANSAS STATE CLAIMS COMMISSION

September 2019 Minutes

On September 12–13, 2019, the Arkansas State Claims Commission (the “Claims Commission”) held hearings in the Claims Commission Hearing Room, 101 East Capitol Avenue, Suite 410, Little Rock, Arkansas.

Courtney Baird, Commissioner  
Dexter Booth, Commissioner  
Paul Morris, Chair Commissioner

*Stearns, Conrad and Schmidt, Consulting Engineers, Inc. v. Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality*, Claim No. 190618. Claimant filed its claim seeking damages in excess of \$350,000.00 based upon work performed outside the scope of Claimant’s contract with Respondent, for which Claimant has not been paid. Respondent’s motion to dismiss was denied by the Claims Commission by order dated May 2, 2019. At the hearing on Respondent’s motion for reconsideration, Clayborne S. Stone represented Claimant. Basil Hicks and Daniel Pilkington appeared on behalf of Respondent. Based on the pleadings, the argument of the parties, and Arkansas law, the Claims Commission DENIED Respondent’s motion for reconsideration and scheduled the claim for hearing.

*Linda Beach v. Arkansas Department of Human Services*, Claim No. 191239. Claimant filed her claim seeking \$1,000,000.00 in damages based upon alleged violations of Claimant’s civil rights by employees of Respondent. At the hearing on Respondent’s motion to dismiss, Joseph Churchwell represented Claimant. Shanice Johnson appeared on behalf of Respondent. Based on the pleadings, the argument of the parties, and Arkansas law, the Claims Commission agreed with Respondent that it does not have jurisdiction to consider Claimant’s claim, GRANTED Respondent’s motion to dismiss, and DENIED and DISMISSED Claimant’s claim.

This completed all of the business on the September 2019 Claims Commission docket.



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**Kathryn Irby, Director**

Date: October 1, 2019