ARKANSAS STATE CLAIMS COMMISSION

January 2020 Minutes

On January 16, 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 Henry Kinslow, Chair Commissioner

Christopher Burks v. Arkansas Department of Human Services, Claim No. 191198. Claimant filed his claim seeking \$6,608.50 in attorney's fees and costs related to a Pulaski County Circuit Court lawsuit pursuant to the Arkansas Freedom of Information Act. Respondent filed a motion to dismiss. At the hearing on the motion to dismiss, Christopher Burks was present. David A. Warford, Jr. appeared on behalf of Respondent. Based on the pleadings, the argument of the parties, and the law of Arkansas, the Claims Commission DENIED Respondent's motion to dismiss and placed the claim in abeyance for a period of 90 days to permit the parties to seek additional findings from the circuit court.

Gloria Ann Cole v. Arkansas State Police, Claim No. 191143. Claimant filed her claim seeking damages related to Respondent's actions in towing her vehicle after it broke down on Interstate 40. At the hearing on the claim, Claimant appeared pro se. Kelli LaPorte appeared on behalf of Respondent. Based on the pleadings, the argument of the parties, and the law of Arkansas, the Claims Commission found that Claimant's vehicle was an unattended vehicle as defined by Arkansas law and was properly towed by Respondent. The Claims Commission DENIED and DISMISSED Claimant's claim.

No hearings were held on January 17, 2020.

This completed all of the business on the January 2020 Claims Commission docket.

Kathryn Irby, Director

<u>Date</u>: January 29, 2020