

ARKANSAS STATE CLAIMS COMMISSION

November 2020 Minutes

On November 13, 2020, 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.

Present at the hearings were Commissioners Dexter Booth, Paul Morris (Chair), and Sylvester Smith.

Johnny R. Hawes v. Arkansas Department of Transportation, Claim No. 190603. Claimant filed his claim seeking \$1,602.92 in property damage and personal injury damages incurred by Claimant as a result of a bicycle accident on a state highway. At the hearing on Respondent’s motion to hold claim in abeyance, Claimant proceeded *pro se*, and Steven W. Abed appeared on behalf of Respondent. Based on the pleadings, the argument of the parties, and the law of the State of Arkansas, the Claims Commission DENIED Respondent’s motion and instructed the parties to conduct discovery into Claimant’s negligent design claim.

Roy Tucker v. Arkansas State Police, Claim No. 200945. Claimant filed his claim seeking \$4,500.00 in damages related to the seizure of his vehicle. At the hearing on the claim, Claimant proceeded *pro se*, and Mary Claire McLaurin appeared on behalf of Respondent. Based on the pleadings, testimony, argument of the parties, and law of the State of Arkansas, the Claims Commission AWARDED Claimant \$2,009.00 in damages representing the reasonable value of the vehicle.

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



Kathryn Irby, Director

Date: December 1, 2020