

ARKANSAS STATE CLAIMS COMMISSION

March 2020 Minutes

On March 12, 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.

Courtney Baird, Commissioner
Dexter Booth, Commissioner
Henry Kinslow, Chair Commissioner

Stephen A. Matt v. Arkansas Department of Transportation, Claim No. 17-0570-CC. Claimant filed his claim seeking \$1,000,000.00 in damages related to his July 22, 2014, motorcycle accident. Claimant alleged that the accident occurred due to the negligence of Respondent’s mowing crew. At the hearing, Jeff Priebe represented Claimant. Steven Abed appeared on behalf of Respondent. Based on the pleadings, the testimony and evidence presented, the argument of the parties, and the law of Arkansas, the Claims Commission found Respondent to be 70 percent at fault for the accident and Claimant to be 30 percent at fault. The Claims Commission found that Claimant was entitled to \$456,821.78 in damages, of which Respondent is liable for 70 percent, or \$319,775.25. The award was referred to the Arkansas General Assembly for review and placement on an appropriations bill pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. § 19-10-215(b).

The hearing scheduled for March 13, 2020, was continued due to the Covid-19 health emergency.

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



Kathryn Irby, Director

Date: May 13, 2020