

**INSURANCE COMMITTEE MEETING  
MAY 4, 2022**

**ATTENDANCE:** Chairman Justice Reggie Cullom; Justice Molly Jackson; Justice Cecil McDonald; Justice Betty Hepler; Justice Neil Burge; Justice Tobby McClanahan; Justice Rick Ash; Attorney Jacob Holmes; Finance Kelli Jones; Treasurer Peggy Meatte; Public Affairs Tom Henry; Judge John Alan Nelson; NEA Town Courier Revis Blaylock.

1. Meeting was called to order by Justice Reggie Cullom. Justice Cullom asked if the 50% settlement would jeopardize the other counties. Justice Ash said the TPA would write the checks for the settlement. Money should be available for the \$14,000.00 full cost and get an estimated time when those claims would be paid. Judge Nelson said Mr. Nichol could let us know when the payments were made and the county would pursue their options.

2. Mr. Nichol joined the meeting. Judge Nelson asked for an update. Mr. Nichol said he went over the list with Kelli Jones and was confused by the spreadsheet and wanted to make sure they were accurate. Duplicate payments may have been made. Mr. Nichol was waiting on a signed agreement from Cigna and Carecentrix. Judge Nelson said the county was ready to finish and move on. He asked Mr. Nichol to communicate with the Finance Department in the future on the progress. The county would explore options on what could be done to finish. The county would be in touch by e-mail or certified mail. Complete documentation was needed for all funds that were spent from the Gerber settlement money. Mr. Nichol said the county had been receiving complete documentation.

3. Justice Cullom asked if Mr. Nichol made the spreadsheets. Kelli Jones said he gave the original claims and the information received were documented. Justice Jackson said the county was down to \$63,000.00 on unpaid claims. Gerber agreed on a settlement amount. Money probably went to the insurance company Mr. Nichol represented. Accounting of escrow account had not been received. Gerber gave money to settle all counties and Mississippi County received a percent to pay our claims. Kelli Jones said the county had paid around \$111,000.00.

4. Justice Cullom thought the county should go thru the Attorney General's Office to keep Performance Health from selling insurance in Arkansas. Insurance brokers would be asked to attend meetings to help the county purchase insurance in the future. Justice Jackson said Performance Health never mentioned they were a self insured company. The county thought the policy would be fine because of the name Gerber. Insurance companies should be licensed with the State of Arkansas. Insurance companies would like to see loss ratio before quotes were given.

5. Meeting adjourned.

Minutes submitted by: Cindy George