

**BEFORE THE INSURANCE COMMISSIONER  
OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS**

**IN THE MATTER OF  
CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP OF  
ATKINSON FUNERAL HOME,  
CEDARVALE FUNERAL HOME, AND  
THORNTON FUNERAL HOME**

**RESPONDENTS**

**AID NO. 2019-59**

**ORDER**

Now on this day the matter of Change of Ownership of Atkinson Funeral Home, CedarVale Funeral Home, and Thornton Funeral Home is taken under consideration by Allen Kerr, Insurance Commissioner (“Commissioner”), with the Arkansas Insurance Department (the “Department”) appearing through Associate Counsel, Amanda Gibson, and from the facts, matters and other items before him, the Commissioner finds, as follows:

**FINDINGS PRESENTED**

1. The Commissioner has jurisdiction over the sale and licensing of prepaid funeral benefit contracts and prepaid funeral benefit organizations in this State under Ark. Code Ann. §23-40-107(a).
2. Hyde Park Allies, Inc. (Billy Curl & Walter Jordan) (referred to herein as “Seller”), is licensed by the Department to administer prepaid funeral benefit contracts in this State. The Seller desires to transfer ownership of its prepaid funeral benefits contracts to Jones Management, LLC (Scott Jones) (referred to herein as “Purchaser”).
3. The name of the funeral homes will remain the same. The Purchaser is currently licensed to sell prepaid funeral benefits contracts.

4. Pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. § 23-40-122(c), the Commissioner is required to approve a transfer or change of ownership of prepaid funeral benefits contracts.

5. The Department has received, reviewed and approved the proposed change of ownership, which includes a Stock Purchase and Sale Agreement that has been executed by Seller and Purchaser. Based upon the Seller's detailed list of outstanding and unfulfilled prepaid contracts, as of June 27, 2019, the number of contracts to be transferred and assumed by the Purchaser is 1,094, and totals \$3,445,620.90.

6. Pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. § 23-40-113(c), the Commissioner hereby finds: 1) the organization set forth in the application holds a valid, current permit pursuant to the provisions of the Arkansas Prepaid Funeral Benefits Law; 2) the accounting required is complete and accurate; and 3) all additional information and documents have been filed with and approved by the Department. The Purchaser has also tendered the requisite filing fees. Pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. § 23-40-113(d), the Commissioner waives any additional requirements not necessary or appropriate in the public interest or for the protection of contract purchasers.

**WHEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:**

That the above described change of ownership between Purchaser and Seller has been approved pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. § 23-40-113(c).

IT IS SO ORDERED this 8th day of August, 2019.



ALLEN KERR  
INSURANCE COMMISSIONER  
ARKANSAS INSURANCE DEPARTMENT