IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF MISSISSIPPI DELTA DIVISION

DESOTO COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI BRANCH OF THE NAACP, ET AL.

PLAINTIFF

v.

CIVIL ACTION NO. 2:11CV00040-SA-JMV

DESOTO COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, ET AL.

DEFENDANTS

ORDER

After some inquiry, the court has determined that a critical issue of whether this case should proceed is currently pending in the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit in *Hancock County Board of Supervisors v. Ruhr*, No. 11-60446. The court concludes that this action should be stayed in the interest of the parties and judicial efficiency. Accordingly, it is ORDERED:

That this action is stayed until March 31, 2012, or until *Hancock County Board of Supervisors v. Ruhr*, No. 11-60446, is decided by the Fifth Circuit, whichever occurs first. If the Fifth Circuit decides the case before March 31, 2012, counsel must contact the court within fourteen days of that decision to obtain a date for a status conference.

This the 13th day of December, 2011.

/s/ Jane M. Virden

UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE