

**JOINT SPECIAL SESSION OF THE WABASH COUNTY COUNCIL AND THE
WABASH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

The Wabash County Council and The Wabash County Commissioners met in a Joint Special Session on Tuesday, May 7, 2013 at 12:30 P.M. in the Commissioners Meeting Room on the second floor of the Wabash County Courthouse. County Council members present were Jim Kaltenmark, Gary Nose, Jeff Dawes, Bill Ruppel, Mike Ridenour, Randy Curless and Claude Markstahler. County Commissioners present were Barry Eppley and Scott Givens. Also present at the meeting were County Auditor Linda Conrad, Chief Deputy Auditor B.J. Grube, Judge Robert McCallen and CASA Director Dee Street.

An executive session had been held just before the joint session of the County Council and County Commissioners for the purpose of discussing options available to continue the Wabash County CASA program as a result of the discontinued affiliation with the Youth Services Bureau. Judge Robert McCallen had requested that the CASA Program Director become a temporary full-time county employee for the balance of 2013. He had stated that the program is statutorily required of all counties and that the grant funding source, the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute would not approve grant funding for a contractual employee approach. He has stated that with the matching funds provided by Circuit and Superior Courts, United Way funds and the CASA grant funds, there should be enough money to pay the salary and benefits of the CASA director for the remainder of the year.

Council member Ruppel made a motion to make the CASA Director a permanent full-time salaried employee with benefits. Council member Ridenour seconded the motion and it passed by a vote of 7-0.

Ruppel made a motion to amend the 2013 Wabash County Salary Ordinance to reflect the addition of the CASA Director as a full-time county employee effective May 20, 2013. Markstahler seconded the motion and it passed by a vote of 7-0.

Ridenour made a motion to transfer the matching county funds from the Circuit Court and Superior Court budgets in the amount of \$15,910.00 into a personal services line item account in the CASA Program Fund. Nose seconded the motion and it passed by a vote of 7-0.