

REPUBLIC OF KENYA
MURANG'A COUNTY ASSEMBLY
THE HANSARD

Tuesday, 19th November 2024.

The Assembly met at 2:40 p.m.

[The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Grace Nduta) in the Chair]

PRAYER

PAPERS

REPORTS OF THE AUDITOR GENERAL ON MURIRANJAS LEVEL V HOSPITAL

Hon. Thomas Muteti: Thank you Hon. Chair I beg to lay the following Reports;

That the Report of the auditor general on Municipality of Murang'a for the year ended June 30, 2023.

I also beg to lay the following; -

That the report of auditor general on Muriranjas Level V Hospital for the year ended June 30, 2022 County Government of Murang'a.

The other one is the report of auditor general on Muriranjas Level V Hospital for the year ended June 2023 County Government of Murang'a.

The report of auditor general on Murang'a Level V Hospital for the year ended June 2022 County Government of Murang'a.

The report of auditor general on Murang'a Level V Hospital for the year ended June 30, 2023 County Government of Murang'a.

The report of auditor general on the County Government of Murang'a small traders' empowerment program fund for the year ended June 30, 2021.

The report of auditor general on the County Government of Murang'a small traders' empowerment program fund for the year ended June 30, 2022.

The report of auditor general on the County Government of Murang'a small traders' empowerment program fund for the year ended June 30, 2023.

The report of auditor general on Maragua Sub County Level IV Hospital for the year ended June 30, 2022 County Government of Murang'a.

The report of auditor general on Maragua Sub County Level IV Hospital for the year ended June 30, 2023 County Government of Murang'a.

Thank you Chair.

(Hon. Thomas Muteti laid the Papers on the Table)

REPORT OF GOVERNANCE, LABOUR, JUSTICE AND LEGAL AFFAIRS ON
CONSIDERATION OF ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORTS FOR FY 2023/2024 FROM
COUNTY PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD.

Hon. Bernard Ruiru: Thank you, Madam Speaker, I am the Member of County Assembly (MCA) for Mbiri Ward and the Member for the Committee on Governance, Labour, Justice and Legal Affairs. I beg to lay the following on the Table of the Assembly today, Tuesday, 19th November 2024; -

The Report of the sectoral Committee on Governance, Labour, Justice and Legal Affairs on Annual Progress Report for the Financial Year (FY) 2023/2024 from the County Public Service Board.

Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

(Hon. Benard Ruiru laid the Paper on the Table)

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Grace Nduta): Next order.

NOTICE OF MOTION

REPORT ON THE ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT FOR FY 2023/2024 FROM THE
COUNTY PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD

Hon. Benard Ruiru: Thank you Madam Speaker, I beg to give notice of the following Motion;-

That, this Assembly adopts a Report of the Sectoral committee on Governance, Labor, Justice and Legal Affairs on annual reports for the financial year 2023/2024 from the County Public Service Board laid on the table of the Assembly from Tuesday Nov 19, 2024.

Thank you, Madam Speaker.

MOTION

ADOPTION OF REPORT OF WATER AND IRRIGATION COMMITTEE ON A STUDY VISIT TO NYERI WATER AND SANITATION COMPANY

Hon. Chefman Njoroge: I stand for the Chair, Water Committee. I beg to move the following Motion; -

That, this Assembly adopts a Report of the sectoral Committee on Water and Irrigation on a study visit to Nyeri Water and Sanitation Company laid on the Table of the Assembly on Tuesday November 19, 2024.

Madam Speaker, the Committee for Water and Irrigation had a study and went to Nyeri for benchmarking. When we were there as members know in their report book, we end up having unmet challenges. Actually, we wanted to go and know why our companies are not able to perform well as per the constitution and others. Our neighbors are making good progress in terms of water service delivery, water services and wider range coverage of the water. We were very amazed when we went there because it is like we are living two different worlds with those companies.

In Nyeri we have only two companies and the main one is Nyeri Water and Sanitation Company (NYEWASCO) which has shown a lot of it. If you compare our companies here Nyeri is not that old company comparing with our existing company in Murang'a County. Basically, these companies are not giving services as required by the law as per the Murang'a people; if you compare with the Nyeri. We went throughout so many things and we saw about the tariffs adjustment application if members can read in their notes because of time but I will saw you two or three process; the following are the tariffs adjustment application process we found that:-

1. The regulatory board normally sends notification license to each licensed water service provider nine months prior to the expiry of the existing tariff including a copy to respective county government. If you check us, we just find that the tariffs have

been increasing in our water company but there they have nine months to report even to report to their consumers about the same.

2. Licensed water provider shall be required to lodge a new tariffs application in not less than six months prior to the existing tariffs.

The WSP shall submit the tariff adjustment application that is the proposal to the regulatory board, in the prescribed format accompanied by documents such as forwarding letter duly signed by the accounting officer, duly filled tariff application annexes, board resolution to submit tariff proposal to WASREB, a letter of support from respective County Governments to the tariff review signed by respective CEC Water. Centrally to what we normally go through herein Murang'a. To them it is a very systematic way of confirmation from the head, the Governor, down there to the consumer.

The timing for the submission of proposals shall be all year round. Number five, is upon receipt at WASREB, the application will be screened for completeness and sufficiency of the supporting documents, sufficient application we move to the evaluation stage.

And we also have others, we have like seven of them but because of time and also because of other things that are in front of our Members will just cut it from there.

Number two, which we also got concerns as Committee Members is, how do NYEWASCO customers react to instances of water tariff adjustments? Responses; majority of customers understand the reasons as to why there are changes. Sensitization as means of public participation is undertaken prior to adjustments through media and even to the churches. Open days are also convened so as to ---

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Grcae Nduta): Hon. Member, I believe Members have the Report in their files and you can go direct to the recommendations and then we move on to other Businesses.

Hon. Chefman Njoroge: Thank you Chair well guided. Let me move to the recommendations. Members you allow me that you read also the but let me go directly to the recommendations. Whereby they are almost like

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Grace Nduta): Just put them in brief because Members already have them in their files

Hon. Chefman Njoroge: There are like 20 of them but I will just read three of them for the sake of the Hansard.

Temporary Speaker (Hon. Grace Nduta): Thank you.

Hon. Chefman Njoroge: The recommendation was that the County Executive Committee Member for water should ensure the following:

One, that all WSPs are fully owned by Murang'a County Government for easier management of their operations. Number two, All WSPs that is Water Service Providers had calibration departments for testing water meters for accuracy. This would help in managing customer complaints through repairing or replacing meters on time. It would further alleviate matters of non-revenue water. And finally, the Managing Directors of water companies that had proposed water tariff increments namely; Gatanga, GATAMATHI and MWEWASCO (formerly KAHUTI) provide evidence that they adhered to tariff adjustment procedures as provided by WASREB guidelines. The same should be copied to the County Assembly within 60 days upon receipt of this report.

So, Madam let me stop there, the other response and recommendation I will encourage members to read. So, I urge all the members to support the motion. Thank you.

Madam Speaker, let me call Mr. Kibaiya who is also a member of this Committee to second the Motion.

Hon. John Ngugi: Madam Speaker. I rise to second the Motion and congratulate my Committee which is chaired by Wa Kang'ata for a job well done. But I must say that Nyeri Water Company is a recipient of one-billion-shilling grant from DANIDA that was none refundable, so the standards are different. Thank you.

(Question proposed)

Hon. John Mwangi: Hon. Samson Ngigi: Thank you, Hon. Chair. I want to thank the Committee for a job well done and I stand to support the Motion.

(Question put and agreed to)

[SUPPLEMENTARY ORDER PAPER]

PAPER

THE MURANG'A COUNTY CHILDREN POLICY

Hon. Sharleen Wambui: Hon. Speaker, I beg that the Murang'a County Children Policy, 2024 be laid on the Table of the Assembly, today.

REPORT ON THE MURANG'A COUNTY CHILDREN POLICY, 2024.

Hon. Sharleen Wambui: I beg that the Report of the sectoral Committee on Youth, Culture, Gender and Social Services on its consideration of the Murang'a County Children Policy, 2024, be laid on the Table of the Assembly today.

NOTICE OF MOTION

**ADOPTION OF A REPORT ON THE MURANG'A COUNTY CHILDREN POLICY,
2024**

Hon. Sharleen Wambui: Thank you Hon. Speaker. I beg to give a notice on; -
The Report on the Murang'a County Children Policy, 2024, Thank you Hon. Speaker.

ADJOURNMENT

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Grace Nduta): Hon. Members, there being no other Business, this House stands adjourned until tomorrow Wednesday, November 20, 2024, at 9:30 a.m.

The House rose at 2:58 p.m.