

REPUBLIC OF KENYA
MURANG'A COUNTY ASSEMBLY
THE HANSARD

Thursday, 16th May 2019

The House met at 2:38 p.m.

[Temporary Speaker (Hon. Alex Ndunda) in the Chair]

PRAYER

STATEMENT

**TENTATIVE BUSINESS OF THE ASSEMBLY FOR THE WEEK COMMENCING
TUESDAY MAY 21 TO THURSDAY MAY 23, 2019**

Hon. Sarah Njoroge: I stand to read the Statement on incoming business of the week. Pursuant to Standing Order 46 (2) (a), it is notified that the House Business Committee at their last meeting, approved the following tentative business that will come before the Assembly from the week commencing Tuesday May 21 to Thursday 23rd May 2019.

Tuesday Morning, report of the Auditor General on financial statements of Kahuti Water and Sanitation company for the year ended 30th June 2018, two report of the Auditor General on financial statements of Murang'a South Water and Sanitation company for the year ended 30th June 2018.

Petitions, Report on the public Petition from the people of Kiru hope for the disabled Murang'a County. Tuesday afternoon, report of the Auditor General on financial statements of Gatanga Community Water and Sanitation Company for the year ended 30th June 2018. Number two, Petitions, Report on public Petition by the people of Ithanga Ward in Gatanga Sub-County. Wednesday afternoon, Report on public Petition by the residents of Mangoto, Kimorori/Wempa ward Maragua Sub- County. Thursday afternoon, Petition, Report on public Petition by the residents of Kihoya, Kangema Sub-County. Two, statement, tentative business of the Assembly for the week commencing Tuesday May 28 to Thursday May 30, 2019

MOTION

**ADOPTION OF REPORT OF YOUTH, CULTURE, GENDER AND SOCIAL SERVICES
ON THE MURANG'A COUNTY HERITAGE**

Hon Lucy Ngugi: I beg to move the following Motion;-

That this Assembly adopts the Report of the Youth, Culture, Gender and Social Services Committee on the Murang'a County Heritage, laid on the Table of the Assembly on May 14, 2019.

Hon. Speaker, the Report on the Murang'a county heritage seeks to earmark the cultural sites in Murang'a County and most of the information contained came from the locals, the national museums of Kenya as well as history books available.

A good heritage conservation strategy is good to build a strong identity and pride in our societies. Heritage conservation is critical to job creation and poverty alleviation. A good heritage conservation strategy should be linked to the local economy in order to create jobs and alleviate

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poverty particularly in developing countries. Heritage conservation helps in preserving intangible local cultures. A good heritage conservation looks at both tangible and intangible heritage resources in an integrated manner. Honourable speaker, the Committee members have visited various sites in the County as follows: Fort hall, located in Murang'a town, Chief Karuri wa Gakure grave in Tuthu, Wangu wa Makeri home and grave. Honourable Speaker, the Committee also visited sites in Kisumu County on 22nd March 2019 in the company of National Museum officials. We visited the Kit Mikayi Cultural Shrine which is a composition of three rocks located off Kisumu- Bondo Road towards Bondo. We also visited the Kisumu Cultural Museum.

On 11th April 2019, the Committee visited sites in Mombasa County on a benchmarking mission as follows: Fort Jesus Museum, which is the most popular tourist attraction in the County and in the country. On 12th April 2019, the Committee visited Jumba la Mtwana in Kilifi County of the Coast region, which it was observed to be a great tourist site. The findings of the various visits were as follows:-

1. That, Mukurwe wa Nyagathanga is a white elephant project that lies unutilised and has great potential of earning this County huge revenues.
2. That, Fort Hall is a potential cultural site that sits unnoticed and has a rich history of Murang'a County.
3. That, Karuri wa Gakure grave is a site that regardless of its cultural importance, lies unutilised in Tuthu village.
4. That, there exists a cave in Mwisho wa Raha, Rwathia Ward, that is believed to be Dedan Kimathi's hiding place; such other caves were identified in Gatanga.
5. That, the first Kikuyu Central Association (KCA) political party was located in Kihumbu, Kirogo village, that is the place where Kenyatta was sent to negotiate memoranda in London by KCA party in 1946.
6. That, the first Member of Parliament (MP) for Kigumo Constituency was Mzee Jomo Kenyatta, the first President of the Republic of Kenya.
7. That, there exists a shrine in Tuthu earmarking the point where the first mass by the Consolata missionaries was conducted.
8. That, Wangu wa Makeri grave and home lie unmarked in Koimbi.
9. That, Mzee Jomo Kenyatta was the first MP for Kigumo Constituency.
10. That, Murang'a is a cradle for many heroes and heroines, among others, the late Hon. John Michuki, Hon. Dr. Gikonyo Kiano, Karuri wa Gakure and Wangu wa Makeri.

The Committee made the following recommendations:-

1. That the County Assembly Service Board should consider putting heroes' portraits in the Assembly Chambers in their honour. This will go a long way in motivating the current and future leaders.
2. That the County Government, through the County Executive Committee Member (CECM) should allocate funds for establishment of a museum on the Fort Hall land in the Budget for Financial Year (FY) 2019/2020 and the consecutive years. The museum should be the face of our culture.
3. That the County Government through the CECM for Culture should allocate funds in the FY 2019/2020 and the consecutive years to improve Mukurwe wa Nyagathanga.

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4. That, the County Government through the CECM for Culture should plant a monument in Tuthu in honour of Chief Karuri wa Gakure.
5. That, the County Government through the CECM for Culture should plant a monument in honour and remembrance of Wangu wa Makeri, as the first female Chief in Kenya.
6. That, the County Government through the CECM for Culture should plant a monument in Fort Hall Club in honour and remembrance of the two witch doctors who were killed as the first Africans to be killed through hanging.
7. That, the County Government through the CECM for Culture should plant a monument in Kigumo in honour of Mzee Jomo Kenyatta who was the first MP
8. That, the County Government through the CECM for Culture, in conjunction with the National Museum of Kenya should gazette the Karuri wa Gakure grave, Wangu wa Makeri grave, Fort Hall, Dedan Kimathi grave in Tuthu Mwisho wa Raha in Rwathia Ward and other Mau Mau caves within Murang'a County as national monuments.

I call Hon. Joel Murigi to second the Motion. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Joel Murigi: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I stand to second the Motion. On behalf of the Committee I wish to thank the office of the Honorable Speaker, Liaison Committee and the office of the Clerk for providing the necessary technical support thank you.

(Question Proposed)

Temporary Speaker (Hon. Alex Ndunda): Honorable members the Floor is now open. Hon. Duncan Muturi.

Hon. Duncan Muturi: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I stand to support the Motion being a member of the Youth, Culture, Gender and Social Services Committee. I was one of the people going round seeing what other Counties are doing. Murang'a County is a very rich County and it has got a lot of unexploited resources in terms of our heritage. I was feeling jealous going to a County like Kisumu and seeing how they have organized their heritage and their traditions. I believe this Motion will take our County to the next level.

Temporary Speaker (Hon. Alex Ndunda): Hon. Muiruri Githuka

Hon. Muiruri Githuka: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I rise to support this Motion simply because we have gone all over that is Kisumu and Mombasa which is a long distance and we have seen what others are doing to preserve their heritage. Even if we have Mukurwe Wa Nyagathanga we have other areas: Hon. John Michuki former Kangema Member of Parliament (MP) was the first to prophecy about Uhuru Kenyatta to become the President. We also have a member for Kigumo who did step aside as the MP and gave Uhuru Kenyatta's father to be the President again. We also have others like Kenneth Matiba and Bildad Kagia who did a very noble job towards this country. We have to recognize them.

We have other like Mugo wa Kibiru who hails from Kariara who also need to be honoured as a national prophet because what he prophesied came true about the railway and the white *mzungu* (white man) who came by that time. We have many areas each and every ward has something to bring to this Murang'a and make sure that it is combined in that summary. We also have this Mugomo tree which is everywhere in Murang'a which is also honoured as a sacred tree. It is also good to take care of these places because they are left idle. In my area, Mugumo-ini we have one and a half acre holding Mugumo trees and that is why my ward is called Mugumo-ini. If we

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preserve that area in an organized manner people can come and see where elders were slaughtering goats so that we can get rain and others. I therefore rise to support the as other members join us to support the Motion because it belongs to us all.

Temporary Speaker (Hon. Alex Ndunda): Hon. Sospeter Nyoko

Hon. Sospeter Nyoko: Thank you Mr. Speaker, for catching my eye; I rise to support this Motion. If we can only make these sites tourist attraction, we will create one employment to our youths and we shall also be able to get some revenue from the same. If you visit Kisumu town we have the grave for the first vice-president, father to Honorable Raila Odinga and something can be derived from that. If only this House is going to adopt this Motion, I as the chair to Implementation Committee I will make sure that this thing happens to the letter. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Temporary Speaker (Hon. Alex Ndunda): I now call the mover to respond.

Hon. Lucy Ngugi: Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir, I am thankful for the Hon. Members who has risen in support of the Motion. I thank Hon. Muturi and I agree with him when he says he is envious of other Counties like Kisumu County because of what they have been able to achieve following the preservation of their culture. I believe once this House adopts this Report in Murang'a we will be able to do that.

Thanks to Hon. Githuka for noticing some of the issues that we left in the report like *mundu mugo* Chege Wa Kibiru who was our seer and mentioned some of the things that we are now experiencing. We also have other heroes and I agree with him they also need to be honoured. Even if it is not by a monument may be when we have a museum, we will be able to display what each of these heroes achieved.

It is also an eye opener that there is a mugumo tree which is a sacred tree and it is already allocated some piece of land which can also be preserved if Budget is allocated but after only, we have adopted this Report.

Thank you Hon. Sospeter Nyoko and I agree with you. From what we saw in Kisumu having such cultural sites and having museums certainly empowers local people and also help County make a lot of revenue. Like the County museum of Kisumu told us that they make on a bad day 800,000, that is close to one million on daily basis and that is on a low season. So, I believe with all the history that we have as the people of Murang'a, we have a lot to show and we have a lot to preserve even for our children. I believe we have much more in terms of revenue and in terms of interest. And with that Mr. Speaker Sir I wish to urge this House to support this Report. It will help us in preserving our culture and passing on our heritage to our children and it will give them some learning.

Thank you Mr Speaker Sir and I thank this House because I believe you are going to adopt this Motion. Thank you.

(Question put and agreed to)

ADJOURNMENT

Temporary Speaker (Hon. Alex Ndunda): Hon. Members the House now stands adjourned until Tuesday 21st May 2019 at nine thirty in the morning.

The House rose at 3:00 p.m.

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