

REPUBLIC OF KENYA
MURANG'A COUNTY ASSEMBLY
THE HANSARD

Wednesday, 25th September 2024.

The Assembly met at 10:00 a.m.

[Temporary Speaker (Hon. Hanna Wairimu) in the Chair]

PRAYER

SCHEDULE OF STATEMENTS

Hon. Mark Wainaina: Thank you, Madam. Speaker. Hon. Speaker, I beg to issue the following Statement; that, pursuant to Standing Order 46 (2) (a), it is notified that the House Business and Rules Committee, at its last meeting, approved Business that will come before the Assembly on Tuesday, October 1, 2024 to Wednesday, October 2, 2024 as per the attached program.

Madam Speaker, on Tuesday, 1st October 2024, morning sitting there will be a Report on status of community- based projects as at August 2024. There will be notice of a Motion; report on status of community - based projects as at August 2024. There will be a Motion on adoption of a report on annual progress Report for the financial year 2023/2024 from the department of Public Service and Administration.

On Tuesday afternoon, there will be a Paper; the annual report from the office of the County Attorney for the year ended 30th June 2024, pursuant to section 28 of the County Attorney Act. There will be Papers on a report on annual work plan for FY 2024/2025; the County Public Service Board. There will be a notice of Motion on adoption of a Report on annual work plan for the year 2024/2025; the County Public Service Board. There will be a Motion on status of community- based projects as at August 2024.

On Wednesday Madam Speaker, in the morning sitting there will be a Paper; Report on review of nomination of Members to County Assembly Committees. There will be a schedule of statements; the approved Business of the Assembly from the week commencing Tuesday, October 8 to Wednesday, October 9. There will be a Motion on adoption of a report on the annual work plan for the financial year 2024/ 2025 from the County Public Service Board.

Thank you, Madam Speaker.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Hanna Wairimu): Thank you, Hon. Member. I now call upon----- Honourable Members if you know you are not in the correct dressing code, can you withdraw from the House and come back dressed properly. This is House of rules and order and according to Standing Orders 117; if you are an Honourable Member and you are not dressed properly, can you withdraw from the House. Hon. Wairagu, Hon. Muniyua, Hon. Moses can you withdraw from the House. I am using Standing Order 117. This is a House of rules and order and these are directives from the Chair. I am the Chair today.....(*inaudible*)..... No! Can you withdraw from the House. Next order.

MOTION

ADOPTION OF REPORT OF GOVERNANCE, LABOUR, JUSTICE AND LEGAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE ON ANNUAL WORKPLAN FOR FY 2023/2024 FROM THE COUNTY PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD

Hon. Pauline Njeri: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I am a member of the Governance Committee and I am standing in for the Chairperson. Hon. Speaker, I beg to move the following Motion;-

That, the Assembly adopts a Report of the sectoral Committee on Governance, Labour, Justice, and Legal Affairs on annual workplan for FY 2023/2024 from the County Public Service Board, laid on the Table of the Assembly on Tuesday, September 24, 2024.

Hon. Speaker, a work plan is a blueprint of the objectives that any particular entity seeks to achieve over a stipulated time frame. Madam Speaker, it is good practice that County Government entities prepare work plans for all the activities that they seek to accomplish in every financial year guided by the approved budget which provides for the programs to be undertaken versus the cost allocated to fulfil the same. The standard components of a work plan, Madam Speaker, are as follows: introduction, preamble, department/ entity functions, programs, key performance indicators, costing of activities, responsible persons to undertake the said activities, among others.

Madam Speaker, the Committee with the above-stated knowledge requested for work plans from the County Public Service Board. This was for it to study the said document as guided by the

Standing Order 204 on the roles of sectoral Committees, identify areas of compliance and gaps as per the above requirements and generate a report for consideration in the Assembly.

Madam Speaker, the secretary to the County Public Service Board submitted the work plan to the Assembly for the financial year 2024/2025 on July 22, 2024. Madam Speaker, there were identified areas of compliance as well as gaps on the content of the work plan for the County Public Service Board. The said are outlined in the report under the Committee observations and findings. One, the Committee made the following observations in respect to the workplan from the County Public Service Board; in areas of compliance, the County Public Service Board had displayed compliance in respect to submission of reports to the County Assembly on the extent to which values and principles of Article 10 and 232 were complied with in the Public Service. They had committed to submit the same in FY 2024/25.

The workplan had no introduction/preamble. County Public Service Board functions were not provided. There was no breakdown on timeframes regarding implementation of programmes/sub-programmes as per the quarters indicated in the workplan. On the gaps we identified; there was no activity making provision for consultative meetings between the County Public Service Board and the County Assembly Committee on Governance, Labour, Justice and Legal Affairs. All the outlined activities in the workplan were not costed.

The recommendations were as follows;-

1. The County Public Service Board in an effort to address the gaps identified in some sections of its annual workplan for FY 2024/25 should amend the same and include the following;
 - i. Provision for consultative meetings between the County Public Service Board and County Assembly Committee on Governance, Labour, Justice and Legal Affairs.
 - ii. Costing on all the outlined activities in the work plan, since we have already seen that they did not do the costing.

Madam Speaker, the secretary to the County Public Service Board should amend their annual work plans for FY 2024/2025 as advised and forward the revised versions within 14 days upon receipt of this report.

I now call upon Hon. Mark Wainaina who is a Member of Governance Committee to second the Motion. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Mark Wainaina: Thank you, Madam Speaker, I stand to second the Motion.

(Question proposed)

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Hanna Wairimu): Silence means consent, I will now put the question.

(Question put and agreed to)

[SUPPLEMENTARY ORDER PAPER]

STATEMENT

REQUEST FOR STATEMENT ON POOR TEA BONUS PAYMENT

Hon. Grace Nduta: Hon. Speaker, I represent the good people of Kanyenya-ini in Murang'a County and I have a request for a Statement on poor tea bonus payment in Murang'a to Kenya Tea Development Agency (KTDA) farmers. Pursuant to Standing Order 46 (2) (c), I hereby request for a Statement from the Chairperson sectoral Committee on Agriculture, Livestock, and Fisheries on the following;

1. Is the Chairperson aware that tea farmers in majority of the KTDA managed factories in the County have decried poor bonus payment for the Financial Year (FY) 2023/2024?
2. Is the Chairperson aware that tea farmers were harassed and manhandled by police while expressing displeasure and demanding for answers through peaceful demonstrations in some parts of the County?
3. Is the chairperson aware, agriculture being a devolved function, can the Chairperson inform this Assembly how the County Government is supporting tea farmers in Murang'a to attain low production costs in order to stabilize farmers net profits?
4. In the interest of tea farmers and to avert further uproar, can the Chairperson clarify on why some KTDA factories in the County, such as Kanyenya-ini in my Ward of representation have delayed declaration of the annual bonus, an exercise which was to be completed by September 20, 2024?

Thank you.

Temporary Speaker (Hon Hanna Wairimu): Chairperson Hon. Sharleen, do you have a response to that Statement and how many days do you wish to be granted to bring a response to the House?

Hon. Pauline Muchiri: I am aware of the concerns of my sister Hon. Grace Nduta City from Kanyenya-ini, Hon Speaker, this is a serious matter to the farmers in our County who I fully support as the chair Agriculture. I request that you grant me 14 days so that I may sit down together with my Committee of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries and that we may be able to provide a comprehensive statement or Report to Hon. Grace Nduta City, MCA Kanyenya-ini.

ADJOURNMENT

Temporary Speaker (Hon Hanna Wairimu): Hon. Grace, it is agreed that the chairperson will give a response on your Statement request within 14 days. Honourable members, there being no other Business, this House now stands adjourned until Tuesday, October 1, 2024 at 9:30 a.m.

The House rose at 10:20 a.m.