

## MURANGA COUNTY ASSEMBLY THE HANSARD

Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> June 2015

*The House met at 9:31 a.m.*

*(The Speaker Hon. Nduati Kariuki in the Chair)*

### PRAYERS

#### COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

Hon, Members, I want to reiterate and ask the committees to pull up their socks so that we have more business in the House because as you can see even our sitting here may not last for 15 minutes, thank you

### NOTICES OF MOTION

#### PROCUREMENT OF LAND WHERE BLACK MURRAM WILL BE LIFTED BY TEA FACTORIES TO IMPROVE FEEDER ROADS TO THE FACTORIES

**Hon. Charles Kirigwi:** I wish to give notice of the following motion;-

Aware, that transport infrastructure is a key priority in the Kenyan development and growth strategy, further aware that feeder roads include any road off the primary paved network that provides a link between the primary network and the network of rural access roads, recognizing that development of agriculture through improved road access to growth centres is imperative to achieving economic benefits; this House urges the County Executive member for Public Works, Roads and Transport, to procure at least 10 acres of black murram land within the County to be lifted by the tea factories, for making feeder roads to improve access, further the County Executive Member to facilitate the factories by providing pedestrian or pneumatic rollers to flatten the roads.

### AGRICULTURE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

**Hon. Charity Rugu:** Aware that Agriculture is a fully devolved function as stipulated in part II of the Fourth Schedule of the Constitution of Kenya 2010, Further aware that it earns the Country foreign exchange, Cognizant of the fact that most of the farmers at the County practice it for both subsistence and commercial purposes; this House urges the County Executive Member for agriculture, livestock and fisheries to develop various programs such as easy access to loan facilities, exhibition for the various agricultural products and reward schemes to farmers who attain a mandatory retirement age of 65 years at the County level.

#### OFFSETTING DEBTS OWED BY COFFEE SOCIETIES AND FORMULATION OF A POLICY TO SAFEGUARD COFFEE FARMERS INTERESTS

**Hon. Caroline Njoroge:** On behalf of Hon. Bernard Kariuki, I wish to give notice of the following motion;-

Aware that the Coffee sector in Murang'a faces a myriad of challenges among them debts owed to suppliers and former employees arrears, recognizing the critical role that the sector plays in the economic development of this County, further aware that all coffee societies in Murang'a County are well structured, deeply concerned that the farmers get low returns per kilo of coffee due to creditors demands, and understanding the County Government has a role to play in the development of all co-operatives; this House urges the County Government to offset a certain percentage of the debts that coffee societies owe to external parties related to labour expenses and develop a policy

framework to safeguard the interests of farmers in ensuring a standard minimum returns per kilogram of coffee.

**ESTABLISHMENT OF A COMPREHENSIVE TRAINING PROGRAM FOR PEOPLE LIVING WITH DISABILITIES**

**Hon. James Kagoni:** on behalf of Hon. Esther Ngugi, I wish to give notice of the following motion;-

Aware that all persons with disabilities face challenges in access to education and acquisition of relevant skills, knowledge and to facilitate personal growth and development, recognising that persons with disabilities lack full access to formal training thus denying them formal employment, deeply concerned that persons with disabilities can contribute to meaningful development in Murang'a County; this House urges the County Executive Committee Member for Education and Child Welfare, Research, Information Technology and E- Government to establish a comprehensive program for training persons living with disabilities on appropriate skills and knowledge and provide devices, special equipment and support to enable them acquire skills to earn a decent living.

**STATEMENTS**

**ENCROACHMENT OF ACCESS ROAD IN KARINGA VILLAGE**

**Hon James Kariuki:** On behalf of Hon. John Njoroge, pursuant to standing order 45 (2) (c), I hereby request for a statement from the chairperson Public Works, Roads and Transport on the following;

1. Whether the chairperson is aware that an access road to Karinga village in Kamahuha location has been encroached by individual(s)?
2. That the land registrar visited the site surveyed and beaconed the said road?
3. That subsequently, the road was opened and the individuals who had encroached given notice to vacate?
4. That the said individual(s) ignored the order to vacate dug holes on the graded road and planted banana plants which are currently growing?
5. What is the County Government doing to ensure that the section of the road is opened as soon as possible to ensure free movement of goods and services to the said village?
6. Furnish the Assembly with the list of the persons who had encroached on the said road and the action the County Government will take against each of them.

**The Speaker:** Chair public works?

*(Hon. Eliud Gitau was not in the Chamber)*

No response, next business.

**ADJOURNMENT**

That being the unfortunate circumstance, the House is adjourned until 2:30 this afternoon, I will request the House Business committee to meet immediately after this, thank you.

*The House rose at 9: 40a.m.*