

**REPUBLIC OF KENYA**  
**MURANG'A COUNTY ASSEMBLY**  
**THE HANSARD**

Thursday, October 18<sup>th</sup> 2018

The House met at 2:45 p.m.

*[The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Lucy Ngugi) in the Chair]*

**PRAYER**

**STATEMENTS**

TENTATIVE BUSINESS OF THE ASSEMBLY FROM THE WEEK COMMENCING  
TUESDAY OCTOBER 23<sup>RD</sup> TO THURSDAY OCTOBER 25<sup>TH</sup>, 2018

**Hon. Caroline Njoroge:** Thank you Madam Speaker on behalf of the House Business and Rules Committee I would like to give the following statement;

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 October 23<sup>rd</sup> to Thursday October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2018 as contained in the program.

Madam Speaker on Tuesday October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2018 morning sitting there will be;

1. Paper; The Controller Of Budget County Government Budget implementation review report for first nine months of FY 2017/2018 by Chair Budget Committee
2. Paper; Report on the extent of compliance with the national values and principles of governance and of public service in the Murang'a County Public Service for the period 31<sup>st</sup> December 2017 by the Chairperson Governance, Labour, Social Welfare and Justice and Legal Affairs Committee.
3. Notice of Motion; Formulation of a policy on regular inspection of access roads in shopping centres by Hon. Sospeter Nyoko.

Madam Speaker on Tuesday October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2018 afternoon sitting there will be;

1. Petition; Status on committed petition
  - a. There will be one on failure to put up a proper drainage system on the road neighbouring Mukami's Plaza off Kangema road in Township Ward by Chairperson, Public Works, Roads and Transport Committee.
  - b. There will be another one on construction of Gachuha River Bridge by Chairperson, Public Works, Roads and Transport Committee.
  - c. Report on a Petition by residents of Mangoto Kimorori Wempa Ward in Maragua Sub-County regarding provision of sanitation facilities, clean water and general maintenance of Mangoto B Nursery school. Committed on August 21, 2018. by Chairperson Education and Child Welfare, Research, Information Technology and E-Government Committee.
  - d. There will be another on allocation of funds for construction of the road from Kamukabi tea buying centre to Irati River by the Chairperson, Public Works, Roads and Transport Committee.

- e. Petition by residents of Ithanga Ward in Gatanga Sub-County on construction of an ECD Classroom in Ngurunga Primary school and employment of one ECD teacher at the facility by Chairperson Education and Child Welfare, Research, Information Technology and E-Government Committee.
2. Notice of Motion; Adoption of the report on the extent of compliance with the national values and principles of governance and of public service in the Murang'a County Public Service for the period 31<sup>st</sup> December 2017 by the Chairperson Governance, Labour, Social Welfare and Justice and Legal Affairs Committee.
3. Schedule of responses to Statements requested;
  - a. Response to a Statement requested on establishment of the alcoholic drinks control fund by Chairperson Finance and Economic Planning.
  - b. Response to a Statement requested on the Murang'a County musicians Sacco by Chairperson Trade, Industrialization, Cooperative Management, Tourism and Wildlife Committee.
  - c. Response to a Statement requested on safety of bodaboda riders in the County by the Chairperson Public Works, Roads and Transport Committee.
  - d. Response to a Statement requested on the status of alcoholics' rehabilitation program by Chairperson Health Services Committee.
  - e. Response to a statement requested on use of wood fuel in tea production in the county by Chairperson Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries Committee.

Madam Speaker on Wednesday October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2018 in the afternoon there will be;

1. Status on committed petitions;
  - a. Construction of Gacharage river bridge by Chairperson Public Works, Roads and Transport Committee.
  - b. One of allocation of funds for construction of Kapitanga-Gikono-Kang'ang'u road by Chairperson Public Works, Roads and Transport Committee.
  - c. Building of latrines for Ithanga Health centre by Chairperson Health Services Committee.
  - d. There will public petition by Gatanga community regarding the stalled/incomplete building in Kirwara level four hospital by Chairperson Health Services Committee.
2. Motion; Adoption of the report on the extent of compliance with the national values and principles of governance and of public service in the Murang'a County Public Service for the period 31<sup>st</sup> December 2017 by the Chairperson Governance, Labour, Social Welfare and Justice and Legal Affairs Committee.

Madam Speaker on Thursday October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2018 afternoon sitting there will be;

1. Status on committed petitions;
  - a. Provision of sanitation facilities, clean water and general maintenance of Mangoto B nursery school by Chairperson Education, Child Welfare, Research, Information Technology and E-Government Committee.
  - b. Another on construction of ECD classroom in Ngurunga Primary School and employment of ECD teacher at the facility by the Chairperson Education Committee.
2. There will be schedule of response to Statements;

- a. Statement of tentative business for the Assembly for the week commencing Tuesday November 6<sup>th</sup> to Thursday November 8<sup>th</sup> by a member of the House Business and Rules Committee.
- b. There will also be a response to Statement requested on status of alcoholics' rehabilitation program by the Chairperson Health Services Committee.
- c. There will be a response to statement on use of wood fuel in tea processing the County by Chairperson Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries Committee.

I thank you Madam Speaker.

### MOTION

#### IMPROVEMENT OF ROADS NETWORK IN ALL WARDS

**Hon. Moses Gikonyo:** Thank you Madam Speaker, I beg to move the following Motion;

That, aware that Article 185 (3) (4) of the Constitution of Kenya 2010, provides for the oversight role of the County Assembly over the Executive Committee and its power to approve plans and policies pertaining to the management of County resources, management and development of infrastructure, further aware that Section 102 (g) of the County Governments Act 2012 contemplates equity in resource allocation within the County, cognizant of the fact that Section 6 (5) stipulates efficiency in service delivery, recognizing the fact that improvement of rural road network is a function of the County Government pursuant to the fourth Schedule of the Constitution of Kenya 2010, mindful of the fact that accessibility of public and social institutions such as schools, hospitals, police posts, churches, among others, improves service delivery, enhances handling of emergencies and enables the users of those facilities to access them with ease; this House urges the County Executive Committee Member for Transport and Infrastructure;

1. To improve road network leading to public and social institutions and amenities in all Wards;
2. Ensures that the report on the rolling out and implementation status of those roads is submitted to the County Assembly;
3. To liaise with the County Executive Committee member in-charge of Finance, IT and Economic Planning, to supplement the budget of the department of roads to ensure the program is implemented across the County.

Madam Speaker feeder roads leading to schools and polytechnics are supposed to be gravelled to ensure that teachers and students are able to access the schools. During rainy seasons those feeder roads are not passable and teachers and students get a lot of trouble accessing the institutions.

We have cases of insecurity due to bushes and thickets which leads to fear among the girls and local residents.

With that Madam Speaker I would like Hon. Beth to second the Motion.

**Hon. Waithera Ndung'u:** Thank you Madam Speaker, I take this opportunity to welcome the students who have come to learn what we do. I am the Chair education feel welcome in this House of order.

Madam Speaker I want to second this Motion by saying this, when we get good roads as we know most of our schools are day schools where most of our pupils have to walk every morning and every evening and most of them have to be in school before 7 a.m. if the roads are better our students will get to school on time. And most of the students they are expected to be there and when they are late as we know they are barred from getting into classes and we want them to perform.

Most of the students in form four you get them moving from school in late hours because as you know our homes in Murang'a do not have electricity and those schools that have electricity they want to spend most of the time there and they leave the school late. When they get home they just retire to bed after taking the meals. If the roads are good they would be secure as the honorable member has said about rape cases which can happen even to our male child it is not to only to the female.

Secondly about our hospitals, we know they are at a distance sometimes our people are dying at home because it is hard for them to get to hospitals but if roads are made, we will be able to save lives because sometimes to get our patients from home it gets hard they die on the way as they are carried by motorbike which are not able and at long. Last we use sacks to take them to hospitals. What about the markets which are social places whereby you know Murang'a County is a place whereby we do a lot of farming where we take our bananas and our avocados. As you know avocados are everything in Murang'a County so if those roads are made economically we will be a bit up.

For the second point I second the Motion and insist to our Members of County Assembly we got to do oversight and ensure our executive has done something on those roads because we are the people to talk on behalf of Wanjiku. Therefore I second the Motion so that our people can enjoy the roads which are devolved maybe the *mibutiti* which we call and we need them not only working on them but we put corrugation and marram because we are blessed with a lot of rain which makes trenches now and again. Thank you.

*(Question proposed)*

**Temporary Speaker (Hon. Lucy Ngugi):** Honorable members the Floor is open for debate. Honorable member for Makuyu ward.

**Hon. Stanley Muhia:** Thank you Temporary Speaker, I wish to take this opportunity to thank the mover of this Motion which is so timely. If it is implemented at this time and hastily our roads are in a very bad condition. I want to emphasize the word equity which was in the Motion and I believe it was not here by chance it was meant to be there. Murang'a South has been marginalized for a long time.

Roads in Murang'a South cannot be equated to the roads in Upper Murang'a. For a long time Murang'a South has been suffering from very dilapidated roads in some of the roads. In Makuyu Ward when we have dead bodies to bury sometimes we are forced to carry them with our hands for long distances, sometimes a kilometre or two or more. Carrying dead bodies I understand it is a taboo you cannot put the body down. Sometimes when you have to carry very weighty person like--- not me because I have not been dead. When you have to take these bodies up the hill it is a very difficult task and therefore I beg this House to support this Motion and urge County Executive Committee Member (CECM) for Infrastructure to make sure that equity is followed so that Murang'a South and especially Makuyu ward which I represent to be well looked at so that we do not get equated to wards like--- I do not want to mention names that for a long time they have had their roads looked into therefore Honorable members let us support this Motion and support equity so that Murang'a South and Makuyu ward can be given a share at this time that we need to improve the grading let us also improve on the culverts that has been left out.

Murang'a South is known of having hilly condition where we have seasonal rivers during the rainy season those rains leave a lot of gullies that need culverts. In the Motion that we have

let us also recommend that the wards be provided for with a certain number of culverts that are able to improve the gullies and the valleys in these wards. Members let us support this Motion and hope that it is going to be implemented sooner than later. Thank you.

**Temporary Speaker (Hon. Lucy Ngugi):** Hon. Alex Makau.

**Hon. Alex Makau:** Thank you Madam Speaker, I stand to support the Motion which has come at the right time. I must say that these feeder roads have been neglected for long and they are very important roads because they lead to the market and institutions. Some of these roads are in bad state because they have not been done for quite some time in the market places. Like where I come from in Ithanga you cannot go round the market because there are some gullies there where vehicles cannot pass. Remember these business men and women pay tax thus there is need for these roads to be done.

The other issue is roads leading to institution like schools, it has happened many times whereby you find that during exams and it is during a rainy season you find that a vehicle cannot access a certain school and the exam has to be dropped in a far place, this is risk. As I stand to support this Motion I must say it needs urgent attention because our people are suffering and for the sake of taxpayer we need to do something. We do not have to go to our people to collect tax yet we are not giving them the required services. I stand to support this Motion. Thank you

**Temporary Speaker (Hon. Lucy Ngugi):** Honourable member for Ichagaki ward.

**Hon. Charles Mwangi:** Thank you madam Speaker for giving me the chance to support the Motion as it reads. I believe that when we are talking about improving of the road, we are talking about a very sensitive issue. The concept that we were elected and the moment we joined this Assembly, we had promised our voters that we are going to improve the road network and maintain the standards of whatever they have been looking for.

Madam Speaker, I do support the Motion as I heard about equitable sharing of all the resources in the County and maintenance of all the roads within the wards. Right now I believe we are having a 'Raslimali initiative' by our County, whereby we should start by our own incentive. That means when we are talking about sharing of resources to the full country, it means also that the County of Murang'a should be able to share all the resources in each of our wards and improve the standards of living at ward level.

Madam Speaker, I also believe that when we talk about improving of the roads we do mean that we are also improving the standards of living. We are also making the area where we come from improve. The real estates when the roads are there will make sure everything improve in terms of leasing the property and even selling the property. Thank you Madam Speaker.

**Temporary Speaker (Hon. Lucy Ngugi):** Honourable Waweru.

**Hon. Waweru Mwangi:** I rise to support this Motion. Why I am rising to support this Motion is because if it is implemented, people who will benefit from this Motion are people from Murang'a South and particularly Ithanga. I am sure very few of you have visited Ithanga and I am moving a Motion very soon to declare Ithanga, Kakuzi, Kambiti and Makuyu as marginalized areas that require funding. If you would distribute resources equally within all the wards in the County, then this area would still remain behind.

Madam Speaker, where I come from there are schools, where for you to go there you will have to go through Masinga in Machakos County, simply because they are cut off. There are four main seasonal rivers and during the rains, teachers and students go to school as from 10a.m. because those rivers are full.

In Ithanga, sand is our oil but you cannot access that oil because the road network is very poor. Remember that area was occupied by the white men during the neo-colonial time. All those

people who are there have settled there and therefore the colonial person did not have any development in that area. The government that came after have not taken any development to that area. I can confirm here before you that since 1970 no single bridge has been done in my ward. What has been done there are drifts that are carried after one season. Therefore I have much at stake to support this Motion because it will really improve per capital for people in Ithanga. In terms of selling their fruits, vegetables and their whatever's. I rise to support this Motion. Thank you Madam Speaker.

**Temporary Speaker (Hon. Lucy Ngugi):** Hon. Amos.

**Hon. Murigi Amos:** Thank you Madam Speaker. I am here to support this Motion and I am very happy for my brother for coming up with this Motion. Though this Motion we need to take into consideration that as a House we are in charge of Budget. Sometimes we can come up with a Motion without provisions in the current Budget to implement. I hope my brother had consulted the Committee and the Budget. Let us not always blame the executive that they are not always implementing. Maybe we never set aside that Budget.

Can I also be allowed to talk? You know where I was seated to talk on behalf of the government today and that Hon. Erick because we are still negotiating with him. Very soon you are going to see a power sharing formula which will be in oathing very soon.

*(Laughter)*

**Hon. Murigi Amos:** In fact he had told me that he will not be available today and that is why I had seated where he is. Hon. Kongo and I are already in government. Taking that into consideration, I contribute and support this Motion.

Where I come from and especially in Kimorori/Wempa. It is on the other day that I was looking at the establishment of special schools in my ward. Majority of our primary schools have special classes. This one is mostly attributed to the poor state of roads because when women are in labour pains sometimes accessing hospitals is a problem. Because of prolonged labour pains they sometimes give birth to children with defects. That is why we have so many special units in almost all primary schools in the lower zones. If you look at the concentration of special classes they are mostly in the lower zone. That is a result of prolonged labour pains because of poor state of roads.

When we take into considerations the issue of Budget, it is not enough but the little that we have must be used prudently. I propose especially in the Committee of Infrastructure because the executive has not been able to come up with a policy. One of the policies that can help fix most of the roads here is to adopt a policy that was developed by the ministry of Roads back in the 1990's, on road 2000 strategy.

When we talk of the road 2000 strategy, most of the work is done manually. If we can adopt such a policy, I know we can use that one to create employment. I know right now we are fixing roads using graders. If we can be able to mobilize the unemployed youths so that they can manually fix these roads, I know they can sort the problem of youth unemployment. I know this is being done in some other counties and I believe the Committee will sit down and invite the CECM of Infrastructure so that we can come up with a policy because we are going to use a lot of money this FY. I believe when we count the maintenance of the roads and if they are not maintained, then within a year that road is totally destroyed and we have to put for some more resources. What I would advocate that once we put money into these roads, they are maintained and we can use the unemployed youths to be maintaining them.

The other issue that I would wish to bring forthwith is an issue to do with a Motion which was passed here and was brought by Hon. Muturi from Mbiri on how the County can acquire some road making equipment. If that one is implemented, and I cannot see the chairman Implementation Committee, if that Motion is implemented and every Sub-County gets a grader, roller and maybe two lorries, we will definitely be able to fix these roads. I believe with that we will not have much problems.

Madam Speaker, as we look at this issue to do with roads, it is also very important to consider that we are going to have a Supplementary Budget and we can then look into some of the things which were not considered in the Budget. With that, I stand to support but also urge these Members not to sabotage our power sharing formulae. Please support it. I know that Habire is going to sabotage; do not. We have been talking with my brother and very soon, we are going to reach into amicable solutions and there will be a lot of peace in this Assembly. Thank you Madam Speaker.

**The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Lucy Ngugi):** Hon. Stephen Chege.

**Hon. Stephen Chege:** Thank you Madam Speaker, I am the Chairperson for the Youth, Culture, Gender and Social Services Committee and as I support the Motion, I would like to start by congratulating the Majority Leader because, yesterday, he withdrew the case that he had filed against Members---

**The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Lucy Ngugi):** Hon. Member, are you supporting the Motion?

**Hon. Stephen Chege:** I said as I stand to support the Motion, I want to start by congratulating the Majority Leader for showing leadership and a symbol of unity because yesterday he withdrew the case against the Members and I think that is why one of the Members who was in that case, Hon. Murigi, can afford a smile and I can see they have a handshake. At least we will have unity and that is what we were praying. Therefore, we appreciate the Majority Leader. However, Hon. Murigi, a Parliament without opposition will not be good; so I will propose you for a Minority Leader---

**The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Lucy Ngugi):** Hon. Member, let us stick to the business.

**Hon. Stephen Chege:** Yes Hon. Speaker, as I stand to support the Motion as the Chairperson for the Youth, Culture, Gender and Social Services Committee, the lifespan for most of our bodaboda youth and hustlers is supposed to be 10 years but with the feeder roads, you will find that within one year, the bodaboda is gone and they are hustlers. If at all we can implement this Motion, we will help those young people to continue hustling and the rate of crime will go down because that is the most populated employment sector of the young people. I therefore stand to support. Thank you Madam Speaker.

**The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Lucy Ngugi):** Okay Hon. Majority Leader.

**Hon. Erick Kimani:** Thank you Madam Speaker, I am the Member of County Assembly (MCA) for Kahumbu Ward and also the Leader of the Majority Party in Murang'a County Assembly. I rise to support this Motion considering few factors. One factor is that it becomes very hard, even during the dry spells, to access some of our public institutions because after the long rains, like the ones we had in the previous season, our roads are left in pathetic conditions and thus, they need to be properly supervised and done for proper and effective transportation.

Madam Speaker, the issue that I wanted the mover of the Motion to consider is that of equity. We understand when some of the Members rose to contribute to this Motion, like *Mheshimiwa* (honourable) Mburu from Makuyu, emphasized more on his area receiving more

funds than other areas. Maybe the mover of the Motion can consider putting it in a way that the issue of equity can be considered as well as those areas that are in dire need because some areas need more support than others. For example, you may find that most of the roads in my area have been done whereas some of the areas like Kambiti have not been done. Therefore, if we can talk about the issue of equity, it then means that when my area is receiving some funds to do two or three roads, it will apply the same two or three roads to Kambiti whereas maybe some of those areas need more.

Madam Speaker, the other issue is that I would advise the Committee on Public Works, Roads and Transport to consider doing or requesting for a policy document that will guide on how these roads and this money will be allocated to the specific Wards and specific projects. That is quite in order and I, therefore, support this. I am happy because most of us Members, including the Hon. Member for Makuyu and *Mheshimiwa* (honourable) Amos Murigi, have a lot of peace today because we had a case which I considered withdrawing due to the fact that we are all brothers and sisters. We need to forge ahead and have peace and that aspect of reconciliation. The issue of power sharing will take a long way. *Mheshimwa* (honourable) Murigi will have to wait until 2022 when he will seek for re-election to come back then seek for that Majority Leader's position. I support. Thank you very much Madam Speaker.

**The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Lucy Ngugi):** Hon. Members, there being no other contribution, I will now call upon the Mover to respond.

**Hon. Moses Murigi:** Madam Speaker, I thank the Hon. Members for participating in my Motion and supporting it. I thank Hon. Chege, Hon. Ndunda and Hon. Mwangi. The issue of equity, Hon. Mwangi, will be considered and will be looked into. I think Hon. Mwangi from Ithanga, is his name. The issue of equity will be looked into. I think Hon. Beth being the Chair of Education knows the need of those roads being gravelled. We participate in one Committee of Education and Child welfare, Research, Information, Technology and E-Government and today is our day because we are hosting students and teachers there and we know the problems they get during the rainy season. We know that in doing this, we are going to make them proud and those roads will be done. I am therefore very happy of the Members for supporting this Motion. Thank you Madam Speaker.

**The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Lucy Ngugi):** I will now put the question.

*(Question put and agreed to)*  
*(Applause)*

**The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Lucy Ngugi):** Hon. House, I wish to recognise the presence of Kariaini secondary school students and their teachers, I hope they have had a good learning and welcome again.

#### ADJOURNMENT

**The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Lucy Ngugi):** There being no other business, the House stands adjourned until Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> 2018 at 9:30 a.m.

*The House rose at 3.30 p.m.*