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

Tuesday, 21<sup>st</sup> February 2023.

The Assembly met at 2:50 p.m.

*[The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Antony Marubu) in the Chair]*

**PRAYER**

**PETITION**

**DENIAL OF SANITATION SERVICES IN TOWNSHIP WARD.**

**The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Antony Marubu):** Honourable Members, pursuant to Standing Order 214 (2) (b), I wish to report that on September 26, 2022, the County Assembly received a public Petition submitted by citizens of Kenya, representatives of consumers of water services in Murang'a town. The petitioner draws the attention of the Assembly to the matter of provision of sanitation services in Murang'a County and in particular denial of sanitation services around Murang'a High School in Township ward. I further wish to state that the Petition is signed by 126 petitioners. The petitioners' prayer is that;

- 1) The Petition be dealt with immediately in view of the urgency and gravity of the issues raised.
- 2) That the Honourable Assembly does investigations on this matter with the view of compelling the school to bear the costs expended in the construction of the sewer line they intentionally vandalized.
- 3) That the Assembly does resolve that the sewer line initially constructed to serve the school community be reinstated.

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Pursuant to provisions of Standing Order 216 (1), the Petition is hereby committed to Water and Irrigation Committee.

Further, pursuant to Standing Order 216 (2), the Committee shall in not more than 60 calendar days from today, respond to the petitioners by way of a Report addressed to the petitioners and laid on the Table of the Assembly.

## PAPERS

### REPORT ON EXECUTION OF THE FUNCTIONS OF COUNTY PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD FOR THE PERIOD ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022.

**Hon. Kibe Wasary:** I beg to lay the following Paper on the Table of the Assembly today Tuesday, February 21, 2023; -

The Report on the execution of the functions of the County Public Service Board for the period ended December 31 2022. Thank you, Honourable Speaker.

*(Hon. Kibe Wasary laid the Paper on the Table)*

### 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 BOARD FOR THE PERIOD ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022.

**Hon. Jane Mukami:** Thank you Honourable Speaker, I hereby lay the Paper;

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 Board for the period ended December 31, 2022. Thank you.

*(Hon. Jane Mukami laid the Paper on the Table)*

### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, LIVESTOCK AND FISHERIES ON THE STATUS OF THE NATIONAL RURAL INCLUSIVE GROWTH PROGRAM (NARIGP) AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2022.

**Hon. Kamwaga Mwangi:** Thank you, I am standing in for the Chair. I beg to lay the following Paper; -

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The Report on the sectoral Committee on Agriculture and Fisheries on the status of the National Rural Inclusive Growth Programme (NARIGP) as at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022. Thank you.

*(Hon. Kamwaga Mwangi laid the Paper on the Table)*

**The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Antony Marubu):** Next order.

### NOTICE OF MOTION

ADOPTION OF REPORT OF AGRICULTURE, LIVESTOCK AND FISHERIES  
COMMITTEE ON THE STATUS OF THE NATIONAL RURAL INCLUSIVE GROWTH  
PROGRAM (NARIGP) AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2022.

**Hon. Kamwaga Mwangi:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, I beg to give notice of Motion on the following;-

That, this Assembly adopts the Report on the sectoral Committee on Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries on the status of National Rural Inclusive Growth Program (NARIGP) as at December 31, 2022 laid on Table of this Assembly on Tuesday, February 21 2023.

Thankyou.

**The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Antony Marubu):** Next order.

### MOTION

ADOPTION OF REPORT OF HEALTH SERVICES COMMITTEE ON STATE OF  
TOBACCO ABUSE AND INTERVENTION MEASURES.

**Hon. John Mwangi:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, I beg to move the following Motion; -

That, this Assembly adopts the Report of the Health Services Committee on a workshop organized by the Tobacco Control Board on the status of tobacco abuse and its intervention, laid on the Table of the Assembly Tuesday, February 21, 2023.

The business at hand emanated from recommendations of an exit report generated by Health Services Committee of the second Assembly. Traditions and practices of Parliaments have proven that legacy reports outline pending activities that may have businesses which if conclusively considered can greatly impact on lives of citizens. Tobacco Control Board convened a meeting towards the lapse of the second Assembly in line with its nationwide public

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awareness sensitization program aimed at raising awareness to the public on dangers of tobacco and its newly emerging products. The awareness meetings were being conducted in clusters whereby Murang'a was grouped together with Nyeri and Kirinyaga Counties.

On statistics, according to the Report, tobacco epidemic had claimed more than 8 million people a year around the world. More than 7 million of these deaths were as a result of direct tobacco use while around 1.2 million were as a result of non-smokers being exposed to second hand smoke. Murang'a County residents are believably part of these statistics.

Tobacco industry has developed and continues to aggressively market new and re-emerging products such as electronic cigarettes, tobacco pouches for sucking, snuff, and vaporized products amongst others, mostly targeting the youth. These products are being used in learning institutions such as secondary/high schools, colleges and universities and not forgetting places of work and again Murang'a County is not an exemption. Since Tobacco Control Board is aimed at providing a legislative proposal aimed at controlling tobacco use, I hope that the youth in the County will be liberated from effects of tobacco use and abuse through the said legislation. The subject has been legislated before as a response to previously stated threats, whereby, state parties signed and ratified the Framework for Tobacco Control (FCTC), 2003. Kenya being a signatory to World Health Organization (WHO) and Framework for Tobacco Control, 2003, ratified the convention in 2004. The Tobacco Control Act (TCA) 2007 and the Tobacco Control Regulations 2014 implement and enforce the obligations of Framework for Tobacco Control.

The Committee made following recommendations out of the findings: one, ministry of Health through Tobacco Control Board should forward to the department of Health and Sanitation, a prototype of a legislation on Tobacco Control in the County. The Executive department should discuss the document together with the County Assembly and develop it in a law.

The County Executive Committee Member (CECM) for Health and Sanitation should consider spearheading allocation of more funds to County hospitals. This is to facilitate them undertake therapies and interventions towards rehabilitation persons affected by tobacco abuse.

The department of Health and Sanitation should encourage County residents to whistle-blow on use of *shisha* which was previously banned but still being used especially in night clubs.

The proposed tobacco control legislation should have a provision on consultation between the County Government and national security organs based in the Counties on matters related to tobacco control since security is not a devolved function.

The department of Health and Sanitation should undertake research on the newly adopted tobacco products in the County. This would provide statistics on the same and help in planning on generation of a mechanism to avert further use of these newly invented products.

The County department of Health and Sanitation in consultation with the department of Finance and Planning should propose tax increases to reduce intake of alcohol products either at the national or County level, especially during parliament's budget making process.

A toll-free help line should be established for use by addicts who wish to be rehabilitated. This should be managed by Murang'a County level five hospital.

I humbly request Hon. Members of this House to adopt this Motion. At this point, I wish to call upon Hon. Boniface Mbau, the Vice Chairperson of Health Services Committee to second this Motion.

**Hon. Boniface Mbau:** Honourable Speaker, I am an elected Member of County Assembly representing the people of Muthithi. I beg to second the Motion. Thank you.

*(Question proposed)*

**The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Antony Marubu):** Hon. Members, the Floor is open for the debate. Yes, Hon. Munyua.

**Hon. John Munyua:** Thank you Hon. Speaker, I stand to support the Motion. But before I do that Hon. Kagori, Rwathia ward, is he in order to be the way his tie is? So, I am asking for your intervention Mr. Speaker.

I stand to support the Motion, it is a good one, the recommendation, what we do is as the House we come up with a good law to support this and we make more recommendations to be added in the Bill. So, our able Chairman that was good and we will support this to the end. As a House I will be in the frontline. Thank you.

**The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Antony Marubu):** Thank you Member for Gaichanjiru. Hon. Kagori you are out of order; I see that your tie is not tied very well. Do the necessary.

*(Hon. Kenneth Kamau adjusted his neck tie)*

**The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Antony Marubu):** Hon. Kagori as you continue to adjust your tie, I want to remind you that this a House of decorum a House of Order, so next time do whatever is required of you. Thank you. Yes, Hon. Pauline.

**Hon. Pauline Njeri:** Thank You Mr. Speaker, I wish to state that I am so happy to see you seated on that hot seat. Congratulation Hon. Speaker.

I stand to support the Motion on the state of tobacco abuse and intervention measures in regards to the workshop that is supposed to be held, I do not know if it is being held Mr. Speaker but I support.

I am a bit concerned, as much as I support this, we have a serious problem in Murang'a County and that is about alcohol. I do not know how we are going to do things in this House as Hon. Members because right now we should fight alcoholism and even before we find a way, even before we find the solution we have already jumped into tobacco. As much as support this and I support because I know, like where I come from Nginda ward and my MCA who happens to be the Chair of the Health Services Committee can agree with me, we have problems in secondary schools when it comes to tobacco abuse. These high school students, immediately they leave school the first thing they start doing is smoking and I accept that this is a real trouble. But, we have more trouble which is alcoholism. Alcohol menace in Murang'a is wanting, and up to now Mr. Speaker, we do not have a solution. We are only laying on the Table, doing a lot of policies but when are we going to find the solution on alcohol? Now that we have jumped into tobacco which I said I support. Mr. Speaker we really need to think as a House on how we are going to fight alcohol and now then we can move in into tobacco. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, for your chance.

**The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Antony Marubu):** Yes Hon. of Ithiru ward Leader of Majority

**Hon. Kibe Wasary:** Number one, I would encourage Hon. Pauline for she has raised the issue of alcoholism, yes, we do accept that it is a very serious matter with a lot of seriousness and this Assembly needs at least come up with something that will ensure that the uptake of alcohol is reduced as much as possible. I would request Hon. Pauline to go through the Act that was made previously and maybe from the Act, because she is a Member of this Honourable House to at least come up with something that all of us will support and fight alcoholism. It is good that my sister should not fight tobacco because we have not handled alcoholism. So I would encourage her to come up with something that we will support as an Assembly so that we can move up together.

Number two, and I note with a lot of concern and number one I want to appreciate that we do not have smokers in this Assembly. I have not seen any Member of the County Assembly smoking not unless they smoke in bushes, I have not seen anyone. Even the members of the staff I have not seen anyone smoking, but I have seen from this Report that we are all at risk. 1.2 million people die because of being exposed to those people who smoke. This is a very serious matter and I have noted from point number six on the recommendations that the Committee has made is that the price of alcohol should be increased and I think at this point they should have noted that the price of cigarettes should be increased, so that we can reduce the uptake of smoking in in the County and in the country. Thank you, Hon. Speaker, I support.

**The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Antony Marubu):** I now call the Mover to respond.

**Hon. John Mwangi:** Thank you Members and thank you for the support to the Motion.

Thank you, my Leader of Majority, thank you Hon. Pauline, thank you Hon. Kamunyua for a positive feedback. I would like as Members, let us work as a team so that we make Murang'a better than where we got it. Thank you Hon. Boniface for your request to propose the Motion. Thank you, Hon. Speaker for that opportunity.

*(Question put and agreed to)*

## ADJOURNMENT

**The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Antony Marubu):** Honourable Members, there being no other business, this House now stands adjourned until tomorrow Wednesday, February 22, 2023 at 2:30 p.m.

*The Assembly rose at 3:20 p.m.*