
REPUBLIC OF KENYA
MURANG'A COUNTY ASSEMBLY
THE HANSARD

Thursday, 15th June 2023.

The Assembly met at 2:57 p.m.

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

PRAYER

STATEMENT

ASSEMBLY BUSINESS FOR PERIOD TUESDAY, JUNE 20, 2023 TO WEDNESDAY,
JUNE 21, 2023.

Hon. Gatheo Wa Njeri: Mr. Speaker, I request to lay the following Business of the Assembly for the week commencing on Tuesday, June 20 to Wednesday, June 21 2023. Mr. Speaker, I beg to issue the following statement. Pursuant to the Standing Order 46 (2) (a) the House Business and Rules Committee in its last meeting approved the Business that will come before the Assembly from the week commencing Tuesday, 20th June to Wednesday, 2nd June 2023 as per the attached program.

Mr. Speaker on Tuesday date 20 in the morning sitting we shall have Papers; a Report that will be laid by the Chairperson Agriculture Livestock and Fisheries Committee and then on the same morning we shall have Papers on Murang'a County Agro- Ecology Policy 2022/2032 laid by the Chairperson Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries Committee.

We shall have another third Paper on Report on visit to Gikono dispensary laid down by the Chairperson Health Services Committee and then Paper on Report of review of membership to County Assembly Committees and nomination of Members to the select Committee on Information, Communication Technology and e-government. It will be laid down by the Chairperson Committee on Selection.

The same Tuesday we shall have a Motion on the adoption of the Report on the statues of the fisheries sector in Murang'a County, Chairperson Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries Committee. We shall have Motion on adoption of the Report of review of members to County

Assembly Committee and nomination of members to the select Committee on Information Communication Technology and e-government.

Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday in the afternoon sitting we shall have Petitions on the equipping and facilitation of Kigumo level 4 hospital and other health facilities in the County. It will be committal by Hon. Speaker. On the same day afternoon section, we have Papers on Murang'a County Climate Change Action Plan 2022/2027, the chairperson Energy, Agriculture Forestry and Natural Resources Committee. We shall have Papers again on Report on audited financial statement for the Fort Industry company limited for the year ended June 30, 2019.

We shall have a Motion approval of the revised calendar of the House it will be laid by Hon. John Kamwaga, a Member of House Business and Rules Committee. We shall have another Motion; on adoption of a Report on audited financial statements for the Fort Beverage Industry company limited for the year ended 30th June 2019, chairperson Public Investment and Accounts Committee.

We shall have a Motion on a Report on a visit to Gikono dispensary by the Chairperson Health Services Committee. On Wednesday 21st June in the morning, we shall have Petitions; Report on the public Petition of a sewerage system chairperson Water and Irrigation Committee. We shall have schedule of Statements; approved Business of the Assembly for the week commencing Tuesday 27th to Wednesday 28, 2023 to be issued by a member of House Business and Rules Committee.

We shall have Statements regarding lack of an ambulance at Gikono dispensary Chairperson Health services Committee. We shall also have a Motion on adoption of the Report on the status of fisheries sector in Murang'a County, chairperson Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries Committee. We shall have a Motion on the approval of the revised calendar of the House Business by Hon. John Kamwaga member of House Business and Rules Committee. We shall have the final Motion on adoption of the Report on the review of members to County Assembly Committees and nomination of members to the sectoral Committee on Information, Communication Technology and e-Government that is ICT and e-Government. Those are the Statements I intend to lay to the House. Thank you.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Antony Marubu): Thank you Honourable Member, now we move to the next order.

REQUEST FOR STATEMENT ON MANAGEMENT OF AMBULANCES IN THE COUNTY.

Hon. Gathee wa Njeri: Thank you Mr. Speaker, on behalf of Hon. Isaac Chefman, Kahumbu Ward, I request for Statement of management of ambulances in the County.

Pursuant to Standing Order 46 (2) (c), I hereby request for a Statement from the Chairperson Health Services Committee on the following; -

- 1) Is the Chairperson aware of the total number of ambulances in our County health facilities?
- 2) Is he cognizant of the number of functional and dysfunctional ambulances including those that are repairable?
- 3) Is he privy to the information on the maintenance of the ambulances including where they undergo maintenance and specific maintenance period?
- 4) Can the Chairperson disclose the number of ambulances that currently have maintenance arrears with various garages?
- 5) Can the Chairperson provide information on how many have been donated and by which specific institutions?
- 6) Is he aware of any plan for disposing the dysfunctional ambulances?
- 7) Is the Chairperson also aware on how many ambulances should be there in every sub-County?
- 8) Is the Chairperson in a position to provide the above information before the County government procures new ones?

Thank you.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Antony Marubu): Thank you Gathee Wa Njeri. I am aware that you are standing on behalf of the member Hon. Chefman Kahumbu. Then my question is, how many days would you wish to give the Chairperson for Health to issue the response? Kindly.

Hon. Gathee Wa Njeri: Mr. Speaker because the Chairperson is here in the House, I would wish for him to tell us how many days he wants so that he can give us the statement on what has been requested. Thank you.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Antony Marubu): Thank you, so, can you stand up and give us the direction.

Hon. John Mwangi: Thank you Hon. Speaker, I kindly request you give me 21 days.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Antony Marubu): Okay, Hon. Gathee Wa Njeri are you satisfied with the number of days the Hon. Mwangi Mpesa have indicated?

Hon. Gathee Wa Njeri: Mr. Speaker, 21 days are so many. I think that as a Chair of a Committee he should have the information at hand. It is not a new thing, so I am requesting to agree with 20 instead of 21.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Antony Marubu): Okay, continue Hon. Mwangi.

Hon. John Mwangi: Thank Mr. Speaker, I am comfortable with that.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Antony Marubu): Thank you. We can go to the next order.

MOTION

ADOPTION OF REPORT OF HEALTH SERVICES COMMITTEE ON VISIT TO WANJENGI HEALTH CENTRE IN WANGU WARD TO INSPECT CONSTRUCTION OF A HOSPITAL BLOCK.

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

That, this Assembly adopts the Report on sectoral Committee on Health Services on a visit undertaken at Wanjengi health centre in Wangu Ward due to poor workmanship during the construction of new hospital block, laid on the Table of the Assembly on Tuesday, June 13, 2023.

The Member of County Assembly for Wangu Ward raised concern in one Health Services Committee meeting; that Kenya Pipeline sponsored construction of a hospital block at Wanjengi dispensary. This was supposed to have operational units such as casualty, theatre and a modern laboratory. Hon. Speaker, the committee made the following findings;-

There was an incomplete hospital block at Wanjengi health centre made to house modern laboratory, theatre and casualty section constructed by Kenya Pipeline.

The following were outlined by the nurse in charge as challenges experienced on maternity wing operations; The maternity wing was not functional due to shortage of personnel such as nurses, clinical officers and NHIF clerks. There were no curtains for windows and demarcation of wards thus compromising privacy. There were only three beds in the maternity ward which were insufficient depending with the catchment area that it serves.

The following services were not offered at Wanjengi health centre; maternity in-patient services, curative services, laboratory services, dental, counselling, diabetic and hypertension clinics, antenatal and postnatal services.

Recommendations Mr. Speaker; -

1. Liaise with the Public Service Board and ensure that additional personnel were deployed to Wanjengi health centre as per the following cadres so as to revive maternity operations:
 - a) Six nurses
 - b) One clinical officer
 - c) One laboratory technician
 - d) One NHIF clerk
 - e) One additional watchman
2. Spearhead requisition of the following items for the maternity at the health centre; -
 - a) Curtains for windows and demarcation of wards to enhance privacy
 - b) Sufficient beds in the maternity wards so as to serve the catchment area adequately
3. Ensure that Wanjengi health centre offers the following services as per its categorisation as a health centre; -
 - a) Maternity inpatient services
 - b) Curative services
 - c) Laboratory services
 - d) Dental
 - e) Counselling
 - f) Diabetic and hypertension clinics
 - g) Antenatal and postnatal services
4. Hon. Speaker, provision of drugs for diseases such as diabetic, hypertension, drugs for psychiatric patients, antibiotics for adults.
5. Supply of adequate non-pharmaceuticals such as syringes, gloves and cotton wool.
6. Address an infrastructure challenge of poor fencing by ensuring that facility challenges are properly fenced, preferably through construction of stone wall fence that would safeguard facility premises from burglars.
7. Ensure that spacious laboratory was constructed at the health centre.

8 Ensure that the facility received its full quarterly disbursement to cater for its operational expense such as electricity and water bills.

Hon. Speaker, I humbly request Honourable Members of this House to adopt this Motion. At this point, I wish to call upon Hon. Elizabeth, of this committee to Second this Motion. Thank you.

Hon. Warisper Elizabeth: Thank you Hon. Speaker, I stand to second the Motion.

(Question proposed)

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Antony Marubu): Honourable members, the Floor is open for the debate.

(No debate arose)

(Question put and agreed to)

[SUPPLEMENTARY ORDER PAPER]

STATEMENT

REQUEST FOR A STATEMENT ON CONSTRUCTION OF KENNETH MATIBA LEVEL V HOSPITAL IN MAKENJI DELMONTE LAND

Hon. Warisper Elizabeth: Thank you Hon. Speaker, this afternoon I stand to request for this statement. Pursuant to Standing Order 46 (2) (c), I hereby request for a Statement from the Chairperson Land, Housing, Physical Planning and Settlement Committee on the following; -

1. Is the Chairperson aware of the public participation being undertaken today June 15, 2023 on the up-coming construction of the Kenol Kenneth Matiba Level v hospital in Makenji land -Delmonte?
2. Is the Chairperson also aware of the Kshs120 million allocated in the supplementary budget FY 2022/23 for construction of the Kenneth Matiba hospital on the 34 acres of land that the county already owns in Kimorori/ Wempa?
3. What is the ownership status of the said land where the hospital is to be constructed?
4. Can the Chairperson organize with relevant stakeholders to discuss the status of the Delmonte land before construction of the hospital in the said land.

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5. As the year is coming to an end in the next few weeks what will happen to the money allocated as there is no time to start construction?

Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Antony Marubu): Thank you, Hon. Elizabeth, how many days would you wish to give the Chairperson for Land to issue the response?

Hon. Warisper Elizabeth: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, I wish this thing can be fastened because it is very sad if our money can be returned and utilized and you know we already have the land where we can come up or put up the hospital, rather than having stories of where we are going to up the hospital and yet we have not owned the land. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Antony Marubu): So, Chairperson for Land, can you respond.

Hon. John Mwangi: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the Chairperson for Land, two weeks are enough because the year is ending.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Antony Marubu): Thank you, Hon. Member, Hon. Warisper, are you comfortable with the number of the days that have been mentioned?

Hon. Elizabeth Warisper: Two weeks is too many days not forgetting I am from the public participation right now whereby the community has shown the officers the urgency of putting up the hospital. So, it is my humble request it can be done within a week. Please, with all due respect. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Antony Marubu): Hon. Chairperson, can you respond?

Hon. John Mwangi: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, kindly Hon. Member from Kimorori, because the Chairperson has other commitments, in the one coming week, kindly, let it be two weeks.

Hon. Elizabeth Warisper: Okay, thank you Mr. Speaker, due to what he has said, I can say it is true we have so many tasks ahead and there are so many Statements coming up in the Health Committee. It is good that we have prioritized this and we have given the 14 days. I think two weeks is 14 days, whereby, I am comfortable and I know you will come up with that very concrete and complete information.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Antony Marubu): Thank you Hon. Warisper from Kimorori, for being satisfied with the number of the days. So, we go to the next Order.

ADJOURNMENT

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Antony Marubu): Hon. Members, there being no further debate, we now adjourn this House until Tuesday 20th June 2023 at 9:30 a.m.

The Assembly rose at 3:22 p.m.