
REPUBLIC OF KENYA
MURANG'A COUNTY ASSEMBLY
THE HANSARD

Tuesday, 27th June 2023

The House met at 3:24 p.m.

The Speaker (Hon. Johnson Mukuha) in the Chair

PRAYER

PAPERS

REPORT OF YOUTH, GENDER, CULTURE AND SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE ON
FIREFIGHTING SERVICES IN THE COUNTY.

Hon. Sharleen Wambui: Thank you Hon. Speaker. I beg to lay the following Paper;-

That, the Report of the sectoral Committee on Youth, Gender, Culture and Social Services on firefighting services in the County be laid on the Table of the Assembly June 27. 2023. Thank you Mr. Speaker. I beg to lay the Paper.

(Hon. Sharleene Wambui laid the Paper on the Table)

NOTICE OF MOTION

ADOPTION OF REPORT OF YOUTH, GENDER, CULTURE AND SOCIAL SERVICES
COMMITTEE ON FIREFIGHTING SERVICES IN THE COUNTY.

Hon. Sharlene Wambui: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I beg to give notice of the following Motion; -

That, the Report of sectoral Committee on Youth, Gender, Culture and Social Services on firefighting services in the County be laid on the Table of the Assembly June 27, 2023. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

STATEMENTS

STATEMENT ON APPROVED BUSINESS OF THE ASSEMBLY FROM THE WEEK COMMENCING TUESDAY JULY 4TH TO WEDNESDAY JULY 5, 2023.

Hon. Antony Marubu: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I beg to read the following Statement; that pursuant to Standing Order 46(2) a, the House Business and Rules Committee at its last meeting approved Business that will come before the Assembly from the week commencing Tuesday July 4, 2023 to Wednesday July 5, 2023 as per the attached program.

Tuesday July 4, 2023 morning sitting, number one, there is Papers; Report on welfare of Persons Living with Disabilities (PWDs) chairperson, Youth, Culture, Gender and Social Services. That the Report of the sectoral Committee on Youth, Gender, Culture and Social Services on welfare of Persons Living with Disabilities (PWDs) in the County be laid on the Table of the Assembly. Number two, there will be Papers; Report on Kenya Inter-County Sports and Cultural Association (KICOSCA) games held at Kisumu County from January 14, 2023 to January 21, 2023 Chairperson Youth, Gender, Culture and Social Services.

There will be notice of Motion, adoption of a Report welfare of Persons Living With Disabilities (PWDs) Chairperson, Youth, Gender, Culture and Social Services. There will be notice of a Motion on Kenya Inter-County Sports and Cultural Association (KICOSCA) games held at Kisumu County from January 14, 2023 to January 21, 2023 Chairperson Youth, Gender, Culture and Social Services.

There will also be a Motion adoption of a Report on firefighting services in the County Chairperson Youth, Gender, Culture and Social Services Committee.

On Tuesday July 4th 2023, afternoon sitting. Number one, there will be Petitions; Report on a public Petition on construction of modern markets and installation of street lights in Sabasaba town market and Kamahuha shopping centre that the Chairperson, Trade, Industrialization, Tourism and Wildlife Committee. There will also be Papers on the Report of status on Baraka Youth Polytechnic in Mbiri Ward, Chairperson Education and Child Welfare Committee. Number three, there will be notice of Motion; adoption of a Report on the status of Baraka youth polytechnic in Mbiri Ward, chairperson Education and Child Welfare Committee. There will be a Motion; Report on a visit to Gikono dispensary, chairperson Health Services Committee. Then on Wednesday, that is July 5, 2023, morning sitting, there will be an approved

business of the Assembly from the week commencing Tuesday, July 4 to Wednesday, July 5, that is a Member of the House Business and Rules Committee. Number two, there will be a request for Statement regarding Gakira market security light, Kangema and Karugia towns street lights and Muguru Ward high masts, that is Hon. Muchiri the Hon. Member from Muguru Ward.

There will also be a Statement regarding the state of Maragua level four hospital and all dispensaries in the County, chairperson Health Services Committee. And finally, there will be a Motion on that day, adoption of a Report on the welfare of persons living with disabilities, Chairperson Youth, Gender, Culture, and Social Services. That is all. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker (Hon. Johnson Mukuha): Next Order.

MOTION

ADOPTION OF REPORT OF HEALTH SERVICES COMMITTEE ON VISIT TO KAGAA DISPENSARY IN KIMORORI/WEMPA WARD

Hon. John Mwangi: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, I am the Chairperson Health Committee and the MCA, Nginda Ward. I beg to move the following Motion;-

That, this Assembly adopts the Report of the sectoral Committee on Health Services on a visit undertaken at Kagaa dispensary in Kimorori/Wempa Ward, laid on the Table of the Assembly on Wednesday, 19th April 2023.

The MCA for Kimorori/Wempa raised concern in one Health Services Committee meeting that Kagaa dispensary was suffering from lack of equipment and inconsistent drug supply. It is due to this reason that the Committee organized for a visit to the facility to ascertain on claim made by the area MCA and report back to the Assembly on its finding. The Committee made the following findings: Kagaa dispensary was offering services listed as requirement for Level two facility. Staff at the dispensary were experiencing burn out due to lack of other important medical practitioners such as health record officers and the pharmacists.

Kagaa dispensary experienced high number of patients as there was no facility of its category within its locality. The closest one was Gikono dispensary, which is seven kilometres away. The following were the outlined challenges at the facility.

1. Lack of laboratory.
2. Lack of employees.
3. Shortage of personnel.

4. Lack of emergency door.
5. Patients lack appointment card.
6. Lack of an incinerator.
7. Lack of a waiting bay.
8. The compound was not well levelled.
9. Lack of storage for expired drugs.
10. Shortage of chairs and desks.
11. There were stock outs for hypertension, diabetic, antibiotic and anti-asthmatic.
12. They also lacked non pharmaceutical such as gloves, cotton wools, and spirits.
13. Family planning contraceptives were only available for long term arrangements.

In connection to the above, there were challenges of lack of delivery vehicles; thus many of the orders failed to reach the facility on time. The Committee recommended that the County Executive Committee Member (CECM) for Health should undertake the following;

1. Liaise with the County Public Service Board on hiring of additional staff at the hospital as listed below; health record officer, pharmacist, and ground person.
2. The CECM for Health should also organize provision of hypertension, diabetic, antibiotic and asthmatic drugs and non-pharmaceutical such as cotton wool, spirit and gloves. In addition, family planning contraceptives should be available, even for short-term arrangements.

I humbly request Hon. Members of this House to adopt this Motion. At this point, I call my deputy chairperson to second the Motion. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Boniface Mbau: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I will start by saying that the precious gift that we can give to Murang'a people is only the health. As you obviously know, health is wealth. Concerning this Report of Kagaa dispensary, I wish to emphasize that in the hierarchy of health service facilities, dispensaries and health centres serves as busiest.

Mr. Speaker, dispensaries are the most accessible by the common citizens and also if you consider the number of patients that visited the facility are very high.

Mr. Speaker, in this Report it shows the number of challenges facing the dispensary and this one includes the malfunctioning of equipment such as microscopes and also lack of enough employees. I wish to state that there is need to build the confidence of many dispensaries that we have in Murang'a County by equipping them with full facilities and also provide them with enough

medicine, Kagaa dispensary being one of them. I request the Honourable Members of this Assembly to support the recommendations. I wish to conclude by saying that this is the precious time that we have to support this Motion Mr. Speaker. Therefore, I beg to second the Motion.

Thank you.

(Question proposed)

Hon. Morris Ngunu: Mr. Speaker, I rise to support the Motion with a rider. One, on the note number 4.1 the history about the facility; it is important to note that the year when the facility was opened, the Member of Parliament for the constituency was not Hon. Kamande Wa Mbuku; I think it is a typo error.

It is also important to note that on the challenges on page number eight, one of the challenges that has been bulleted as lack of pharmaceutical such as gooses, Mr. Speaker I would like to ask the Chair what is that? We are lucky that our Chair have a background in medical field.

Finally, Mr. Speaker, it is important to note that once this Motion is ... *(technical hitch)* *(no recording)*

The Speaker (Hon. Johnson Mukuha): What's up? You are off? Use a different microphone.

Hon. Morris Ngunu: Thank you Mr. Speaker, as I was saying, once this Motion is adopted by this honourable House, I believe the copy is usually submitted to the relevant department under the executive. Therefore, Mr. Speaker, I want to urge the Committee led by the secretariat that the quality of the content that we send to the executive will also determine the extent of how serious they will take our work.

Mr. Speaker, it is also good to note on the recommendation, that one of the recommendations is to liaise with County Public Service Board on hiring an additional staff. One of the recommendations is we hire a pharmacist, I stand to be guided Mr. Speaker why we need a pharmacist in a dispensary. Chair, instead of a pharmacist technologist Mr. Speaker. I also think we need to correct on that. Finally, Mr. Speaker there are other challenges that are coming from the area in the Report and I believe the Member of County Assembly representing the area Hon. Warisper will go ahead and raise a Statement concerning the environmental problems that they are experiencing and one of it is the rape cases Mr. Speaker which is a very serious case at this age

and century that the area experiences two to three rape cases per year Mr. Speaker. I think that is a matter of urgency that needs to be addressed by this Honorable House on why we have such cases in a Ward within our County. I support the Motion.

Hon. Warisper Elizabeth: Thank you Hon. Speaker. I stand to support the Motion as it is with an addition that being the Member of Assembly representing Kimorori, it is true we visited and also being a member, I have been very observant about health issues and what I have observed is that in Kimorori we need to upgrade our dispensaries. We have three dispensaries that is; Gikono, Kagaa and Katipanga. The area does not have a health services.

The Speaker (Hon. Johnson Mukuha): Honorable I think you need to stick to the matters of this Report.

Hon. Warisper Elizabeth: Yes, it is an observation on the addition of what the recommendations is. That the area needs a health service an upgraded one whereby, we also have observed the workload within the area that we are in dire need of that. So, in the recommendation we have seen that there are other areas we need attention like; laboratory still within the Kagaa, we have seen there are other installation of an incinerator within the dispensary because there are those disposal waste materials from the dispensary which need to be burnt and they cannot be burnt in an open area. That is why we need an incinerator.

Hon Speaker, it is also good whenever we request something, the County Executive Committee (CEC) concerned to be serious on whatever the Member of Health Committee is required.

Hon. John Ngugi: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I rise to support this Motion. Indeed, our health centers and dispensaries are in very bad shape. I am a member of this Committee and we had a chance to visit several health centers and dispensaries and Mr. Speaker, the story line is the same, that most dispensaries and health centers are poorly funded. The infrastructure within the hospital is not sufficient to attend to the patients and also the working conditions for the nurses and the medical fraternity is not conducive.

Mr. Speaker, we need to have a logic of opening this health care facilities and dispensaries because you find out that we are stressing the system by building too many health centers and dispensaries yet we do not provide the basic requirements of a dispensary or a health centers. Most of these places don't have enough nurses, lab technicians and pharmacy technicians, so, our people are not getting value for their money. We need to rethink on how we are opening these dispensaries

and also the recommendations that we are coming with, we must ensure that those recommendations are supported by a budget, otherwise, what we shall do, will be a conveyor belt of going to visit dispensaries and health care facilities, come up with Reports, send them to the executive and the executive will just lay them in their cabinets to get dust.

I am of the opinion, Mr. Speaker, that there should be a concerted effort between this House and the line ministries to ensure that, when we do these visits, something comes out of it; because I think we are spending Wanjiku's resources not in the right way and going forward, we should have a logic of how we conduct these visits and how we construct health care centres and dispensaries.

I am also going to cite the Report, though I am a member of Committee, I want to agree with the Hon. Chief Whip, that the edict or the English used here is very wanting and I want to refer to 4.9 where the dispensary had no laboratory and fallows for laboratory tests were being made to Gikono. I do not think if you send such a Report to myself, I will probably put it in the dustbin. Thank you very much.

The Speaker (Hon. Johnson Mukuha): Hon. Liz.

Hon. Liz Mbugua: Thank you very much Mr. Speaker. I rise to support the Motion, with some few observations that we have realised when visiting the dispensaries in our villages. Where I would support what our Member of the Assembly from Gatanga has said that we are experiencing some difficulties and lack of human resources in our dispensaries and lack of equipment in our dispensaries. Where we find like in one sub- location, we have more than two health centres or dispensaries where in our County Government or even in the Executive, they are not even able to facilitate. One thing I was requesting our Honourable Members is that we sit down and we can even start doing the public participation to our people who we represent and we can come up with some ideas where we can combine our efforts and maybe we think of having one dispensary within one sub- location where that dispensary will be fully equipped, they will have everything they want, instead of having like three dispensaries where we cannot even get the medicine, we cannot get the laboratories but if we concentrate with one or two within one location, I think it can really serve our members. Then, within our sub-county level we can have one hospital that can be a referral from the dispensary or from the health centres. I wish we can have a plan, through the Chair, we see what we can do as we support this Motion.

The Speaker (Hon. Johnson Mukuha): The Mover to respond.

Hon. John Mwangi: Thank you Hon. Speaker. First, I say thank you to all those members who have contributed positively. Starting with Member from Kiru, Hon Morris, I think there was a typo error, Hon. Kamande Wambuku was the financier he is the one who started the foundation of the Kagaa dispensary, I think there was that mistake. Then for goose, it is gauze not goose. Then, as you have said, in dispensary we do not have either pharm-tech or pharmacist but from health centre, we usually have a pharmaceutical technologist because pharmacists, like me, we start from level iv to level v.

Hon. Warisper, thank you. The problem, I can say it is not the CEC. the problem is within us, because you were in the Committee and you are a member of the Committee, we had allocated six million for the renovation of the same dispensary but the Chair Budget, I do not know what happened and the Health Committee members are feeling very under rated because of their effort then when it comes to there you are scrapping their money.

Hon. Member from Kinyona, Hon. Speaker, we usually allocate dispensaries in a distance of three kilometres and some of our locations like in my area, where Maragua level iv hospital is, if we say in a location have one dispensary, our people will suffer. So, it is better we first of all install the dispensaries which we have, we maintain the standards, we equip them; instead of opening the new ones, so the existing dispensaries, it is not advisable to be closed.

I congratulate all members of my Committee of a well-done job. I urge honourable members to support this Motion. Thank you.

(Question put and agreed to)

BILLS**THE MURANG'A COUNTY APPROPRIATION BILL NO 3 OF 2023- FIRST
READING**

(The Bill was Read for the First Time)

**THE MURANG'A COUNTY APPROPRIATION BILL NO 3 OF 2023- SECOND
READING**

Hon. Charles Machigo: Thank you very much Hon. Speaker. I beg to move the following Motion; -

That, the Murang'a County Appropriations Bill No. 3 of 2023 be now read a second time. Thank you Mr. Speaker and I call upon my able vice- chair to second the Motion.

Hon. Julian Njiri: Thank you Mr. Speaker and I rise to second the Motion.

(Question proposed)

(Question put and agreed to)

[COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ASSEMBLY]

[The Speaker left the Chair]

(Mace was lowered)

[IN THE COMMITTEE]

[The Chairperson (Hon. Gachui Mungai) in the Chair]

The Chairperson (Hon. Gachui Mungai): Let us get seated. Thank you, Honourable members, we are now in the Committee of the Whole. The Committee of the Whole as usual we are going to consider various parts of the Bill. We are going to start as follows; we start with clauses as provided excluding the clause providing for the citation of the Bill, the commencement if any and the interpretation.

Two, we are going to consider the new clauses the we go to schedules, we consider the new schedules. Then we go to interpretation, then we go to preamble if any and then we go to the title. Then finally to the clause providing for the citation of the Bill.

FIRST SCHEDULE

(Question proposed First Schedule be part of the Bill)

Hon. Charles Machigo: Thank you chair. I propose that, the First Schedule of the Bill be amended by deleting the entire Schedule and substituting thereof with the Schedule in the Order Paper.

Thank you, chairman.

(Question, that First Schedule as amended be part of the Bill proposed)

The Chairperson (Hon. Gachui Mungai): Members you have the report with you.

Hon. Morris Ngunu: Chair I do not have a report.

The Chairperson (Hon. Gachui Mungai): The Order Paper you have has the schedule.

Hon. Morris Ngunu: Hon. Sharleen has assisted me to locate the Report, we can now proceed.

FIRST SCHEDULE

(Question on the first schedule as amended proposed)

(Question on the first schedule as amended put and agreed to)

SECOND SCHEDULE

(Question on the second schedule proposed)

Hon. Charles Machigo: I propose that the second schedule of the Bill be amended by deleting the entire schedule and substituting therefore with the schedule in the Order Paper as stated below

(Question on the second schedule as amended proposed)

(Question on the second schedule as amended put and agreed to)

CLAUSE 2

(Question on Clause 2 proposed)

(Question on Clause 2 put and agreed to)

CLAUSE 1

(Question on Clause 1 be the short title of the Bill proposed)

(Question on Clause 1 be the short title of the Bill put and agreed to)

LONG TITLE

(Question on the long title be the long title of the bill proposed)

(Question on the long title be the long title put and agreed to)

**REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ASSEMBLY ON MURANG'A
COUNTY APPROPRIATIONS BILL NUMBER 3 OF 2023**

Hon. Charles Machigo: I beg to move that the committee do Report to the Assembly its consideration of Murang'a County Appropriations Bill no. 3 of 2023 and the approval thereof with amendments, I call upon my able vice chair to second the Motion

Hon. Julian Njiri: I rise to second the Motion

(Question on the Committee to Report to the Assembly its consideration of Murang'a County Appropriations Bill number 3 of 2023 and its approval thereof with Amendments proposed)

(Question on the Committee to Report to the Assembly its consideration of Murang'a County Appropriations Bill number 3 of 2023 and its approval thereof with Amendments put and agreed to)

The Chairperson (Hon. Gachui Mungai): Honorable members, since we have been able to complete the passage of the Bill with amendments, the House will resume shortly.

(Mace was raised)

(The House resumed)

(The Speaker Hon. Johnson Mukuha in the chair)

Hon. Gachui Mungai: Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir; I beg to report that the Committee of the Whole Assembly has considered the Murang'a County Appropriations Bill No.3 of 2023 and its approval thereof with amendment.

Hon. Charles Machigo: Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir, I beg to move the Motion that this Assembly do agree with the Committee in the said Report. I call upon my able vice- chairperson to second the Motion. Thank you.

Hon. Julian Njiri: Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir, I stand to second the second the Motion.

(Question proposed)

The Speaker (Hon. Johnson Mukuha): Honorable members the Floor is open for debate.

(No debate arose)

The Speaker (Hon. Johnson Mukuha): The mover to respond

Hon. Charles Machigo: Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir, mine is to thank this House for the way they have participated in the amendments of this Appropriation Bill and I will look forward as we go to the second reading members will approve. Thank you.

Hon. Charles Machigo: Third reading, Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker (Hon. Johnson Mukuha): Thank you for the correction.

(Question put and agreed to)

Hon. Charles Machigo: Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir, I beg to move that the Murang'a County Appropriations Bill No.3 of 2023 be now read a third time. I call upon my vice chairperson to second the Motion. Thank you.

Hon. Julian Njiri: Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir, I stand to second the second the Motion.

(Question that the Bill be read a third time proposed)

The Speaker (Hon. Johnson Mukuha): Honorable members the Floor is open for debate. Yes Hon. John Munyua.

Hon. John Munyua: Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir, you are right it is like the House is amazed on how things are going. I believe in future we will do it better because I needed a chance to get some explanation and I do not know where it was to come in. There are changes in the whole documents and money has been moved from one point to the other. I do not know whether the chairperson Budget and Appropriations Committee or I will be guided by our able Speaker. When the question was to be raised. I support the Motion.

Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Johnson Mukuha): Just for record when I left the seat you had an opportunity to ask those questions and to query. The House is still open for debate honorable members. Yes Hon. Moses.

Hon. Gachui Mungai: Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir, just for clarification to the honorable member for Gaichanjiru Ward; during the Committee of the Whole that is on point of information is when during the second reading is when a member can move amendment. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Johnson Mukuha): The clerk I think we need refresher courses, the Floor is still open for debate.

(No more debate arose)

The Speaker (Hon. Johnson Mukuha): In absence of further debate, I think the mover can respond.

Hon. Charles Machigo: Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir, I take this opportunity to thank all the members for the way they have contributed to this Appropriation Bill and as a Committee of Budget and Appropriations we assure members that we are going to relook keenly on the implementation of this Budget and again and for the Implementation Committee to be taking through whatever resolution is passed in this Assembly so that we can see forward. Thank you.

(Question that the Bill be read a third time put)

(The Bill was read for the Third Time)

ADJOURNMENT

The Speaker (Hon. Johnson Mukuha): Honorable members that denotes the orders of today.

This House stands adjourned until Tuesday July 4, 2023 at 9:30 a.m.

The Assembly rose at 4:13 p.m.