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

Wednesday, 19<sup>th</sup> April 2023.

The Assembly met at 2:41 p.m.

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

**PRAYER**

**PAPER**

**REPORT ON A VISIT TO KAGAA DISPENSARY KIMORORI/WEMPA WARD.**

**Hon. John Mwangi:** Thank you Hon. Speaker, I beg to lay the following Paper on the Table of the Assembly today Wednesday, April 19, 2023;-

The Report of the Health Services sectoral Committee on a visit undertaken at Kagaa dispensary in Kimorori/Wempa ward.

Thank you.

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

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

**NOTICE OF MOTION**

**ADOPTION OF REPORT ON VISIT TO KAGAA DISPENSARY KIMORORI/WEMPA  
WARD.**

**Hon. John Mwangi:** Thank you Hon. Speaker, I beg to give Notice of the following Motion;-

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

Thank you.

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**MOTION.****ADOPTION OF REPORT OF THE HOUSE BUSINESS AND RULES COMMITTEE ON THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE STANDING ORDERS.**

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

That, this Assembly adopts the Report of the House Business and Rules Committee (HBRC) on proposed amendments to the Standing Orders, laid on the Table of the Assembly on Tuesday, April 11, 2023.

Hon. Speaker, the HBRC in line with its mandate and as guided by Standing Orders 165 and 244, it has proposed amendments to the Standing Orders to include Committee on ICT. The Standing Order 165 states that the Committee shall consider and report on all matters relating to the Standing Orders and Standing Order 244 states that the House Business and Rules Committee may, at any time, propose amendments to the Standing Orders and any such amendments shall upon approval by the Assembly take effect at the time appointed by the Assembly.

The country and our County have gone digital and hence the need to introduce this Committee on ICT. The objectives of the Committee;

- 1) To ensure application of ICT in all County Government functions and process.
- 2) To ensure that the County Government services go paperless.
- 3) To ensure that the department document, Information Communication Technology (ICT) standards and best practices to be applied uniformly across the County Government and its entities.
- 4) To reduce bureaucracies in accessing County Government services.

The legal framework that has guided the Committee:

- 1) Constitution of Kenya 2010.
- 2) Kenya Communication Act of 1998.
- 3) Kenya Information and Communications (amendment) Act of 2013.
- 4) Media Council Act 2013.
- 5) National Broadband Strategy and National ICT master plan.

The proposed name for the Committee is the sectoral Committee on ICT and e-government. Its mandate is to consider all matters relating to County communication, broadcasting, libraries electronic research and County technological advancement, ICT development and management.

The proposed amendments to the Standing Orders as per the second schedule of this Report, this Committee initially was attached to Education, Child Welfare, Research, Information Technology and e- government. So, the proposed amendment in education department is as follows that; the mandate of the Committee be amended by deleting the words “County communication, information, broadcasting development and management, libraries, research and county technological advancement” appearing immediately after the word “facilities” and replacing thereof the words and any other education support so as to read “education and child welfare committee”.

That the new mandate of Education and Child welfare Committee will read; “all matters related to pre-primary education, village polytechnic home crafts centres and children welfare including child care facilities and any other education support”. The new ICT Committee title that; Standing Order 204 be amended by inserting the new ICT Committee with the following mandate: to consider all matter relating to County communication, broadcasting including libraries, electronic research, county technological advancement ICT development and management.

Committee observations;

- 1) That establishment of sectoral Committee on ICT is timely in the wake of plans by the national and County governments to digitize service delivery to its citizen.
- 2) That Education Committee has been overwhelmed with extensive mandate of ICT and separating it will enable the Committee to concentrate on the devolved functions of education.
- 3) That the newly established ICT Committee will provide substantive oversight to the County executive department of ICT.

These are the recommendations Hon. Speaker;

- 1) That, the Assembly adopts the Committee report on proposed amendments to the Standing Orders.
- 2) That, once approved, the Committee on Selection should immediately nominate Members to serve in the Committee.
- 3) That, the office of the Clerk should appoint a secretariat and allocate a budget for the operationalization of the Committee.

Hon. Speaker I call upon Hon. Hanna Wairimu to second the Motion.

**Hon. Hanna Wairimu:** Mr. Speaker, I stand to second the Motion.

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*(Question proposed)*

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

**Hon. John Mwangi:** Thank you Hon. Speaker. I rise to support the Motion, majorly hoping that from dispensary up to our hospitals level five will be digitized. To enhance the services of our clients in the hospitals. Thank you.

**The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Antony Marubu):** Thank you, Hon. Benard.

**Hon. Ruiru Benard:** Thank you Hon. Speaker. I rise to support the Motion, noting that as a County we are at a point whereby digitization of our services is quite key. Having observed that the County government is making efforts, to make most of these services to go digital. It is only fair that we set up a Committee to enhance the implementation of these objectives that have been set out by the County government.

Notably I am sure we have noted and we have seen the digitization of payment of parking fees, market charges, business permits, among other services. In addition to that, as my colleague Hon. Mwangi has mentioned, the question of our health facilities. The question of medicine in our health facilities and quite a number of issues, they can only be properly accounted if only we go digital.

As an Assembly with our objective and responsibility to oversight, it is only fair, right and objective that we set up such a Committee to ensure that those services are implemented as the people of Murang'a would want. I rise to support.

**The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Antony Marubu):** Thank you. Hon. Chefman Njoroge.

**Hon. Chefman Njoroge:** Thank you very much Mr. Speaker sir, I rise to support the Motion with addition of some points, which I think when establishment of the Committee, it will assist us to move forward. Especially as the way the majority leader has said, I think our County is growing and a number of youth are more in ICT level. Actually, it will create a lot of employment in terms of our youth.

And I am also of the opinion that if the Committee is set up, some of the things that we want the Committee to capture is the 35 wards within the County, to have a course in ICT in terms of capturing the data. As Member of Nginda, my friend Mpesa and Hon. Ruiru as they have said,

this is the beginning of getting of all the facts, figures and correct information to our great County of Murang'a.

I am requesting through the Chair, the Committee should propose that all the polytechnics within our areas of representation, that is in the 35 wards at least we open and have an ICT course. Where our youth will not only be educated, but also a centre of excellence in terms of trying to bring our youth in those centres. Nowadays the world is a global village, start of this ICT Committee is a great honour to do to our youth. It will be a great honour to get information, it will be a great honour of starting the courses as I said earlier on and it will be a great honour to our older generation parents, grandparents to also start learning. In future we can have a course on that because most of them are using in quotes the *kabambe*... (non smart) .... phones and they may end up also using smart phones. And then it will assist us in some of the information being brought down in the spirit which we had when we were being elected of the bottom up. That all the things should be brought down the ICT and all the stuff. The information should be gotten there.

I rise to support and I request the leader of majority and the Committee to make sure that it is a reality. It is something we make sure that all ward levels we have a course for the ICT. So that as we speak now in the Assembly, somebody will be following out there because there will be a setup of something like that.

So, I rise to support and I think it is a way forward to make sure Murang'a County is a great County in our Republic. Thank you.

**The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Antony Marubu):** Thank you. Hon. Muniyua.

**Hon. John Muniyua:** Thank you Mr. Speaker for giving me a chance, I would like to say I support the Motion because I am a member of Education Committee and we have got quite a huge mandate and for us now we will be able to serve better and do follow up for our people. I thank the majority leader for coming up with the idea. It is the time to digitize our country and our County to ensure revenue is collected and utilized in the best way possible. Thank you.

**The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Antony Marubu):** Thank you, I call mover to respond.

**Hon. Kibe Wasary:** Thank you Hon. Speaker, let me take this opportunity to thank the Hon. House and the Hon. Members for their support on this Motion. Hon. Speaker you can see the desire that is with the Hon. Members to see our County going digital. One thing I have noted and been mentioned by Hon. Chefman is that we need to introduce ICT courses in our village polytechnics which is a good caption and I know at one point we will reach there. Hon. Speaker

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the bottom line is that, we go digital in all the services in our County and the Committee on ICT will put on check the department on ICT. I urge the Hon. House to adopt this Motion.

Thank you.

*(Question put and agreed to)*

### **ADJOURNMENT**

**The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Antony Marubu):** This House now stands adjourned until tomorrow Thursday, April 20, 2023 at 2:30 p.m.

*The Assembly rose at 3:00 p.m.*