



COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF KITUI

THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY

FIRST COUNTY ASSEMBLY – (FOURTH SESSION)

ORDERS OF THE DAY

THURSDAY 27TH OCTOBER, 2016 AT 2.30 P.M.

PRAYERS

1. Administration of Oath;
2. Communication from the Chair;
3. Messages;
4. Petitions;
5. Papers;
6. Notices of Motions;
7. Statements;
 - i. Schedule of Committee Sittings and Plenary for the week ending 4th November 2016
(Designated Member of the County Assembly Business Committee)

COMMENCEMENT OF BUSINESS

8.*. MOTION ON EMPOWERING THE YOUTH IN KITUI COUNTY – MEMBER, KITUI TOWNSHIP WARD

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CONCERNED THAT, Kenya's youth population is swelling at a high rate and there are many idling youth who, if given the required support can contribute meaningfully to the County Development.

FURTHER CONCERNED THAT, large numbers of unemployed, poor, frustrated and unemployable youth undermine prosperity, pose a significant risk to the County stability and fall prey to falsehoods spread by extremists and fanatic groups.

AWARE THAT, that Article 21(3) of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010 mandates all state organs and all the public officers the duty to address the needs of the youth among other vulnerable groups within the society.

FURTHER AWARE THAT, the Fourth Schedule of the Constitution of Kenya 2010, part 2(9) empowers County governments to invest in village polytechnics and home craft centres to give youth the appropriate education and skills that will enable them to participate in the economy and provide the needed labor for its growth.

CONVINCED THAT, County Government should ensure active participation of youth in the County development; where there is need to be supported and encouraged by both governments, private sector, civil society and their parents.

PERSUADED THAT, the County Government Act Section 6(3) provides for the County Government to enter into partnerships with any public or private organization in accordance with the provisions of any law relating to public or private partnership for any work.

COGNIZANT THAT, the youth represent the most abundant asset Kenya has and will have in the near future.

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FURTHER COGNIZANT THAT, the County needs more qualified engineers, doctors, plumbers, economists, tailors and journalists among others to lead us to our development aspirations.

NOTING THAT, that, the youth are, and will remain, a significant share of Kenya's population for the foreseeable future.

ALSO NOTING THAT, developing and implementing appropriate strategies, policies and programmes to mitigate the risks and challenges they face must be much more of a priority for the government than it currently is.

FURTHER NOTING THAT, any failure to provide appropriate opportunities for this large segment of the population could have enormous economic, political, cultural, and social consequences. Engaging the youth population fully is therefore no longer a choice but an imperative in the development process.

This house resolves that

1. The Ministry of Basic education, Training and Skills Development should establish a sustainable County Education Revolving fund in collaboration with Higher Education Loan Board (HELB) as way of financing our youth to attain higher education at subsidized cost.
2. The Ministry of Youth, Culture, Sports and Social Services to formulate a policy on youth and Women Enterprise Fund as a revolving fund to sustainably empower the Youth through the provision of grants and loans to better themselves.
3. The County government to partner with public and private institutions to secure opportunities for the qualified youth to improve youth employability, by providing youth with work experience and skills through the creation of internships and relevant training in the formal and informal sector.

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4. The County government to finance labor-intensive projects that provide income opportunities to participating youth, and at the same time, enhance the communities' access to social and economic infrastructure.
5. The County government to strengthen efforts to include young people in policy programmes and decision-making process that benefit their future.

(Hon Daniel N. Kimanzi)

****Denotes order of the day****
