

KITUI COUNTY GOVERNMENT



THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY FIRST ASSEMBLY - (FIFTH SESSION)

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR ON RESUMPTION OF THE HOUSE FROM THE APRIL RECESS ON TUESDAY, THE 2ND OF MAY, 2017

Honorable Members,

Good Afternoon.

I take this opportunity to welcome you all back to the Assembly after the short recess period. In accordance with our Sessional Calendar, this House proceeded on a short recess with effect from 6th April to 2nd May, 2017. It is of importance to note that during the recess, our Country's political scene was undeniably dominated by party primaries/nominations as dictated by the Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission (IEBC) calendar. The primaries were to be conducted from 13th to 26th of April, 2017. It is my sincere hope that

the just concluded recess provided you with much deserved rest and opportunity to attend to Ward matters. Honorable Members, as we resume our legislative duties as bestowed upon us by Article 185 of the Constitution; I wish to urge you to uphold and exhibit the same zeal of servitude you have depicted over the past four years.

Honorable Members,

You will recall that before proceeding to recess this House was able to perform a number of legislative activities. It is my pleasant duty as your Speaker to recap the same for the purpose of ensuring we remain on the right track as legislators. The Assembly therefore during the period was able to achieve the following milestones:-

(A) County Assembly Bills as provided under part XVIII of the standing orders.

During the period preceding the April recess the following Bills were fully legislated and forwarded for assent by His Excellency the Governor:-

- i) The Kitui County Business Licensing (Amendment) Bill, 2016.
- ii) The Kitui County Health Facilities Management Committee (Amendment) Bill, 2016.
- iii) The Kitui County Supplementary Appropriation Bill, 2017.

The Assembly also passed the Kitui County Supplementary Budget 2016/2017 and the Kitui County Budget 2017/2018. This will allow

accessibility and withdrawal of funds in order to fund County projects in the next Financial Year.

(B) Statements. Pursuant to Standing Order No. 41.

During the period under review one statement was requested on the floor of the Assembly this being;

- i) A Statement request on grant of waiver on County land rates by Hon. Mary Mbandi.
- ii) The Assembly also received a few responses to statements requested in the previous sessions.

(C) Motions as provided under part XII of the Standing Orders.

The County Assembly during the period has passed a number of Motions as follows:-

- i) A Motion on Adoption of the Report by the Committee on Budget and Appropriations on Consideration of the Kitui County Supplementary Budget Estimates for the Financial Year 2016/ 2017.
- ii) A Motion on Adoption of the Report by the Committee on Administration and Co-ordination of County Affairs on Consideration of the Operational Framework for the Community Level Infrastructure Development Programme (CLIDP) and Pro- Poor Support Programme (PPS).
- iii) A Motion on Adoption of the Report by the Committee on Agriculture, Water and Irrigation on Bench Marking trip to the State of Israel on Dry Land farming.

- iv) A Motion on Approval of the Report by the Committee on Budget and Appropriations on Consideration of the Kitui County Fiscal Strategy Paper for the Financial Year 2017/ 2018.
- v) A Motion on Adoption of the Report by the Committee on Basic Education, Training and Skills Development on the Benchmarking Exercise to the County Assembly of Kwale and ECDE Centres within Kwale County.
- vi) A Motion on Adoption of the Report by the Committee on Public Investments and Accounts on Consideration of the Audited Financial Statements for Kitui Water and Sanitation Company (KITWASCO) and Kiambere Mwingi Water and Sanitation Company (KIMWASCO) for the FY 2014/ 2015.
- vii) A Motion on Approval of the Report by the Appointment Committee on Consideration and Vetting of the Nominee for the Position of Secretary Kitui County Public Service Board.

The above motions have been forwarded to the executive for action by the relevant Ministries.

(D) Trainings and bench marking by County Assembly Committees.

During the period under review the County Assembly in addition was able to undertake the following activities:-

- i) Participate in the County Assemblies Legislative Summit, 2017 held in Prideinn Hotel Mombasa from 20th to 24th March, 2017. This enabled sharing of experiences,

milestones and best practices across all Counties in the republic of Kenya.

- ii) Undertake a training on Powers and Privilege's Act 2016, Ethics and Anti-Corruption Act, 2012 and Financial Management after political Career. From 6th -10th February, 2017 at the Kenya Revenue School in Mombasa.
- iii) The Committee on Trade, Industry, ICT and Cooperatives went on a benchmarking trip to Germany from 25th January to 1st February, 2017 to learn best practices on the trade and industry sector.

In this regard, I commend you members for your tireless dedication to serving the people of Kitui County. I also wish to extend appreciation to the members of the public who over the past four years undertook their civic duty and presented their views on the various Bills debated and passed by this County Assembly of Kitui.

Honorable Members,

Hon. Members, you have distinguished yourself before and this is yet another time that will call for that sobriety so that we may uphold a legacy of dedicated service as members of the first County Assembly of Kitui. Your quality of leadership is inferior to none and neither is your sense of dedication to the good of this County. Our commitment to elevate of our people has always been paramount. Our vision is clear; our sense of mission remains ever resolute. It has been a noble and humbling experience to serve and safeguard the interests of the people of Kitui County. We are indeed privileged to be the first

members of this Assembly, the new generation of devolution to whom the torch of leadership was passed on by our electorate. As we approach the next general elections may we endeavor to uphold the sacred trust bestowed on us by our people and purpose to fulfill our manifest destiny.

Honorable Members,

As the Assembly resumes its sitting, I wish to remind you that in accordance with our legislative calendar, this House is expected to proceed to a sine dine recess in June 15th, 2017. This will give members of Kitui County Assembly and all other Assemblies Country wide, enough room to participate in the campaigns gearing up to the fast approaching general elections to be held in the month of August, 2017. However, it is of importance to note that during this recess the House may be recalled for special sittings in case of urgent need. Finally Honorable members, I welcome you all back to the house and wish you good deliberations in the coming weeks.

Thank you!

God bless you all.

THE HON GEORGE M. NDOTTO
SPEAKER OF KITUI COUNTY ASSEMBLY

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