

Kitui County Assembly

THE OFFICIAL REPORT {HANSARD}

First County Assembly – Third Session

Tuesday, 1st September, 2014

The County Assembly met at 2:44 pm

The Speaker {**Hon George Mutua Ndotto**} entered the chamber at sixteen minutes to three O'clock accompanied by the mace

The Mace was placed on the Table

PRAYERS

{The Speaker recited the prayer and proceed to the Chair}

The Speaker (Hon. George Mutua Ndotto): Next Order.

The County Assembly Clerk (Mr. Elijah Mwova Mutambuki): Order No. 1, Administration of Oath.

The Speaker (Hon. George Ndotto): Next order.

The County Assembly Clerk (Mr. Elijah Mwova Mutambuki): Order No. 2, Communication from the Chair.

The Speaker (Hon. George Mutua Ndotto): Hon Members, good afternoon. I want to make the following communication from the chair.

(The Speaker stood up to read a written speech which went as follows)

I wish to take this opportunity to welcome you back to the Assembly today the 1st of September, 2015 as we officially resume our duties after the recent recess. It is my genuine hope that you were able to get the adequate rest needed during this time and that you are quite replenished and ready for the legislative work that lies ahead of us.

Hon. Members, as members of this Assembly we were able to undertake a legislative training workshop as well as conduct a Midterm Review as from 10th to 15th August 2015. The main objective of the Midterm Review was to constructively appraise our performance, identify gaps in the enactment of legislative procedures and practices and to come up with appropriate recommendations on the way forward. I was delighted by your active participation during the sessions and I am certain that what we came up with shall positively impact this Assembly during the days to come.

This Assembly shall continually create such fora for discussion and capacity building of its members as part of a comprehensive approach to bring on board professionalism and best practices in handling matters pertaining to legislative procedures, oversight and representation practices of the Assembly.

I am aware that the Assembly Committees were able to draw their work plans for the Financial Year 2015/2016. The respective chairpersons of the Committees are expected to

approve these work plans and forward them to the Liaison Committee for harmonization as required by Standing Order no 192 (2)(b) of the Kitui County Assembly Standing Orders.

A number of committees were able to successfully conduct county project inspection tours from the 24th to the 29th of August, 2015, namely;

1. Agriculture, Water and Irrigation Committee
2. Basic Education, Training and Skills Development Committee
3. Lands, Infrastructure and Urban Development Committee
4. Culture, Youth, Sports and Social Services Committee

I wish to categorically state that these inspection tours are not only important but mandatory in ensuring that county projects are properly implemented and that the allocated funds are used transparently for the benefit of the people of Kitui County. It is our hope that the reports from these committees will inform the same and provide relevant recommendations that may be able to seal any possible gaps identified.

You will recall that before we went on recess, the Kitui County Assembly was able to achieve some legislative milestones with three (3) Bills being passed and forwarded to the Governor for assent. These Bills were, namely;

1. The Kitui County Supplementary Appropriations Bill I 2015 (Assembly Bill No.1)
2. The Kitui County Supplementary Appropriations Bill II 2015 (Assembly Bill No.2)
3. The Kitui County Appropriations Bill 2015 (Assembly Bill No. 4)

That period also witnessed the adoption of various motions, among them;

1. Motion on the recommencement of the project on construction of sand dams across Kitui County.
2. Motion on adoption of the Report of the Appointments Committee on consideration and Vetting of members of the Kitui County Land Management Board.
3. Motion on adoption of the Report of the Procedure and Rules Committee on amendments to the Kitui County Assembly Interim Standing Orders.
4. Motion on adoption of the Report of the Public Investments and Accounts Committee on consideration of audited accounts of the defunct councils of Kitui for the FY 2011/2012 and the financial operations of the County Government of Kitui for the period from 1st January to 30th June 2013.
5. Motion to update the County Assembly on the status of the human resources in Kitui County – Kitui County Public Service Board.

We still have some pending work that was not completely dispensed off previously which includes some reports, motions, petitions and statements. This work needs to be dealt with expeditiously moving forward.

You are aware that we are expected to dispense of the Kitui County Finance Bill 2015 within ninety (90) days of the passage of the Appropriations Bill which you may recall that we did pass on the 28th of July 2015. I wish to urge members to be keen in undertaking our legislative duty as the peoples' representatives when the Bill is forwarded to us for passing in order to try to avoid the possible public outcry witnessed during the same period last year.

I recall that at the beginning of the third session of this First Assembly I encouraged Honorable members to be more proactive in initiating legislation on issues affecting the electorate. I wish to extend this challenge once again to you since we have quite a lot of policy gaps that need to be sealed with proper legislation and policy formulation that we need to take up the initiative both as private members and also as members of the different assembly committees.

I wish to express my satisfaction in working with you members of the Kitui County Assembly and once again re-affirm my commitment to serving the Kitui County Assembly justly and to the best of my ability. My chief objective as your Speaker is to assist you to deliver your mandate and

advance your individual and collective responsibility to the people of Kitui County. This Assembly has so far shown resilience in handling the difficult challenges we encountered and embraced dialogue when needed. This has enabled us to serve efficiently and uphold our country's ethical values and therefore protecting good name of our Assembly.

I encourage you to continue with the same spirit as we carry out our Legislative, Oversight and Representation roles and as we endeavor to serve the people of Kitui. Never forget that we all need each other in order to attain a vision of a prosperous and self-sufficient County. Thank you and God bless you all.

(The Speaker resumed his seat)

Next order.

The County Assembly Clerk (Mr. Elijah Mwova Mutambuki): Order No.3-Messages

The Speaker (Hon. George Mutua Ndotto): Next Order. Next order.

The County Assembly Clerk (Mr. Elijah Mwova Mutambuki): Order No.4- Petitions

The Speaker (Hon. George Mutua Ndotto): Next Order.

The County Assembly Clerk (Mr. Elijah Mwova Mutambuki): Order No.5-Papers

The Speaker (Hon. George Mutua Ndotto): Next Order.

The County Assembly Clerk (Mr. Elijah Mwova Mutambuki): Order No.6-Notices of Motions

The Speaker (Hon. George Mutua Ndotto): Next Order.

The County Assembly Clerk (Mr. Elijah Mwova Mutambuki): Order No.7-Statements

The County Assembly Clerk (Mr. Elijah Mwova Mutambuki): Order No.8-Motions and Bills

The Speaker (Hon. George Mutua Ndotto): Hon members, that brings us to the end of our business today. Once again welcome back to the assembly. I am sure you need each other. You need to walk out there and talk, embrace, salute and get to know what each of you was doing during the recess. Thus it is fitting that after the brief business, we adjourn the House until tomorrow morning to allow you time to relax and enjoy the company of each other. Have I said everything?

Some Members: Yes

The Speaker (Hon. George Mutua Ndotto): Thus I have nothing more to add?

Some Members: Yes

The Speaker (Hon. George Mutua Ndotto): Ok, let's adjourn the House.

(The Members stood up in their places)

The Speaker (Hon. George Mutua Ndotto): The House now stands adjourned until tomorrow morning at 9.00 am.

The County Assembly rose at 2:56 pm