

# Kitui County Assembly

## THE HANSARD

First County Assembly – First Session

Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> July 2013

*The County Assembly met at 12noon*

*[The Speaker (Hon.George Ndotto) in the Chair]*

### PRAYERS

*(Communication from the Chair)*

**The Speaker:** Now Honourable Members, this Honourable House was adjourned on Thursday to 2:30pm Tuesday; that is yesterday! That was the official position of this house. But unfortunately I was away and I've been informed by those who were left behind on my behalf that you met in an informal meeting on Monday and you decided, in that informal meeting, to postpone the Tuesday meeting to Wednesday 2:30pm. That's the position I've been told, and you did so because there was something urgent and important that the members wanted to attend to; a funeral for the people who were killed in Mwingi, which was a noble cause.

This morning when I came; I was away in Nairobi on duty, I was told that was the position and I was told you were supposed to meet again today at 10 o'clock. So there is a bit of illegality involved in the process and I want to put the record straight for the future.

First, nobody! Nobody has power to change the calendar of the sittings of the house! Except, it can be changed in the house. Therefore, the meeting which was there on Monday and adjourned the house on Tuesday was wrong! Absolutely wrong! The house should have sat on Tuesday! Doesn't matter the circumstances, that's the law; the house should have sat on Tuesday at 2:30 and then maybe adjourn. So we made a mistake there! We are learning; we are human beings, we learn by mistakes – that was a mistake.

Secondly, the house sits at 2:30 in the afternoon and 9 o'clock in the morning. And unless the Speaker for good reason delays the sittings deliberately, the house should start at 2:30 or 9 o'clock in the morning.

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Therefore, in future, remember if the house is sitting in the afternoon it is 2:30pm, in the morning its 9 o'clock.

I don't know whether there was something arranged for this morning because of that confusion. There was nothing arranged for this morning. What I can see is arranged for 2:30pm this afternoon as you had agreed on Monday. I therefore want to correct that position.

In future, it doesn't matter what the circumstances are; whether the speaker has died, or the president has died – the house must meet and adjourn. The house cannot be adjourned in a meeting outside, NO! It must meet and adjourn. Even if there is no quorum, at least a few people have to come to the house, meet and then adjourn officially, and then go ahead. So in future, I plead with you, and this I direct that that kind of thing should not happen in future in case I'm not around.

Therefore accordingly there is no business to transact this morning, but I've made that Communication from the Chair which is very important, and what remains for me now is to tell you I want to meet you after I adjourn the house. Please remain on your seats, as soon as I adjourn the house I will come back in a minute and then we continue with our formal meeting. Can you stand up we adjourn the house.

The house now stands adjourned until 2:30pm this afternoon.

*The County Assembly rose at 12:05pm.*