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The County Assembly met at 2: 43 p.m.

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

PRAYERS

Hon. Speaker (Hon. George Ndotto): Hon. Members we have some visitors from a school called Hon. Charles Nyamai Muvitha Secondary School from Kitui Rural Yatta Kwa- Vonza Ward. The students are accompanied by the following teachers: Mr. Mangolo Alfonse, Mr. Nyamai Joshua and Ms Esther Mukenyi. The students are sixty in number and they are here to see how the Assembly operates. I welcome them into this Assembly. Apparently, they come from the ward of the Minority leader Hon. Mbakimbaki who is in the house. Next order.

MOTION

MOTION ON ADDITIONAL COUNTY ASSEMBLY SITTINGS

Hon. Speaker (Hon. George Ndotto): Hon. Peter Kilonzo

Hon. Kilonzo (Majority Party Leader): Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir. Mr. Speaker, this is a motion on additional County Assembly sittings.

THAT; Pursuant to the provisions of the County Assembly standing order 27 part 3 b and c this assembly hereby resolves to have additional sittings on Thursday 27th and Friday 28th June 2019 both morning and afternoon sittings. This is to allow members adequate time to prosecute both supplementary budget for the year 2018/2019 and the County Budget estimates for the year 2019/2020.

Mr. Speaker this is a paramount duty for this House and everybody is eager and the entire County is waiting to see what is going to come out of this and especially when already the National

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Government has submitted and already done their Budget estimates for the year 2019/2020. All the County Governments by law by 30th of this month are supposed to have their submissions.

Mr. Speaker Sir, this is just a way and for the fact that we have received the two estimates today, Mr. Speaker it would have been very good that these members go through them so that they can do the necessary amendments and we can allow them to get them submitted before tomorrow when we will be prosecuting them.

Mr. Speaker I think out of the lots of work we did out of this, my expectation was that the Budget estimates of 2019/2020 would be prosecuted earlier. Earlier, I mean when we have no pressure for any deadlines. Having said it is just a tradition or practice to have these two days for the vital job. I would want to mention about the special sittings and Mr. Speaker you will have to hear me this time. The special sittings which are actually gazette. Immediately, they are gazzeted, this Assembly usually has a whole day sitting and they are never paid.

I have no problem with the Thursday sitting but Mr. Speaker with your office and the office of the Clerk you must ensure that this Friday the 28th, these members are paid. It is their time and they need to be paid. With those few remarks Mr. Speaker, I want to request the minority leader to second the Motion.

Hon. Speaker (Hon. George Ndotto): Hon. Mbaki Mbaki (Hon. Kisangau).

Hon. Kisangau (Minority Leader): Thank you Mr. Speaker. I rise to strongly second that motion on special sitting ...

Hon. Speaker (Hon. George Ndotto): Before you proceed Hon. Mbaki Mbaki, I am glad to announce to you that the persons walking into the Speaker's gallery are some officers from the Senate who are here for meetings with our Clerk and the other Departmental Heads in preparation for their visit in September. They are sitting in the Speaker's gallery to see what happens in our House. We welcome you into the Assembly. Continue Hon. Kisangau.

Hon. Kisangau (Minority Leader): Thank you Mr. Speaker. It is good to have them around. I know we are awaiting to host the Senate sometimes in September. So I want to send them to tell the Speaker of the Senate to tell him that we are really waiting to host them in your wisdom and through your guidance.

Mr. Speaker Sir, I also want to appreciate Muvitha Secondary school which is seated in the public gallery, I know they are here and let them feel appreciated by their Member of County Assembly.

Mr. Speaker Sir, away from that I want to strongly second this motion on special sittings on tomorrow Thursday morning session and on Friday. Mr. Speaker Sir, the work ahead of us is really tedious. We have the supplementary budget to look into and we have main budget for the year 2019/2020 which we are supposed to debate and approve before the 30th of this month which is the deadline.

Mr. Speaker Sir, it has been a norm that we always do this in a hurry. We have to do this every other time. We had to gazette today, this Friday in a rush. That is exactly what happened in the last financial year. I would want to request your office and the Committee on budget to always make sure that we have this document in time so that we can ventilate on it and make our necessary amendments in good time before the motion can be moved.

Mr. Speaker, this budget is very critical and it is what will make this Assembly be noticed to be doing something in this next financial year. We really want to encourage members of this House to thoroughly check this document and come up with necessary amendments if any before tomorrow so that we can listen to their input and Hon. Members will make the necessary measures to either adopt or reject the amendments we are talking about.

With those few remarks I want to second this Motion and request your office and that of the Clerk to ensure Hon. Members are paid when they attend the Friday sittings. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

(Question proposed)

(Question put and agreed to)

Hon. Speaker (Hon. George Ndotto): Hon. Members that is all we had on the Order Paper today. We are starting tomorrow morning with the Supplementary Budget then we move to the main Budget and I think it is now time to adjourn the House.

ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Members, the House now stands adjourned until tomorrow 27th June, 2019 at 9 a.m.

The County Assembly rose at 3: 07 p. m.