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**NYANDARUA COUNTY ASSEMBLY**



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The assembly met at the Assembly Chambers at 2:30 PM

The Speaker, Hon. Ndegwa Wahome, on the chair

Prayer

**Speaker:** Your Excellency the Governor of Nyandarua County Hon. Daniel Waithaka Mwangi and your entire Executive and establishment and the Hon. Members of the County Assembly of Nyandarua, it is my singular honour to welcome you to this very auspicious occasion in the course of the business of the House for the year 2014.

By a letter dated 24 November 2014, your Excellency requested to address this House pursuant to article 21 of the standing orders. The same reads that (1);

The Governor shall address a special sitting of Assembly once every year and may address the Assembly at any other time.

In this regard Hon. Members, it is well recorded that the Governor did indeed make a special address to this Assembly on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> day of March 2014. Today's address is therefore informed by the provisions of the same standing orders to the effect that the Governor may address the Assembly at any other time.

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Hon. Members, on the receipt of the request by his Excellency the Governor, the Hon. Speaker by a letter dated 25<sup>th</sup> November 2014 did communicate to his Excellency about the Assembly's readiness for the address as requested. Hon. Members, pursuant to the same standing order, all members were notified of the place, date and time when the address would be made through various mediums.

Your Excellency the Governor and the Hon. Members, I would wish to assure the Governor and his entire establishment that this House will offer all the necessary support to ensure that you deliver on your promises to the people of Nyandarua in conformity with the constitution and as per the laws established. At this juncture Hon. Members, I do invite his Excellency to now address the House.

*(Applause)*

*(H.E the Governor rises to address the House)*

**H.E the Governor:** Good afternoon Hon. Members.

*(Applause)*

The Speaker of County Assembly Hon. Ndegwa Wahome, Hon. Members of the County Assembly, colleagues in the County Executive, ladies and gentlemen, I am delighted this afternoon to deliver my address before this Hon. Assembly on the State of Our County exactly eight months since I last stood here before you. During that time, on 27<sup>th</sup> March 2014, I tabled before this House a litany of programs undertaken by my administration as we marked the first year of taking office after the March 4<sup>th</sup> 2013 General Elections.

Mr. Speaker, my address today before this House is derived from my desire to share with the Hon. Members my vision for Nyandarua County in the years ahead so that members are informed of our programs and action plan in the service to our people. It is also an opportunity for my administration to recount the long route we have travelled during the last 20 months in office as we set out to fulfil the promises that we made to our people during the run up to the last general elections.

Mr. Speaker, it is only this week that I announced changes in my cabinet by nominating three new people to serve in the cabinet while assigning a different portfolio to one or two individuals already in service. Let me emphasize here Mr. Speaker that the changes I made in my

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administration are tailored to enhance service delivery to the public. It is not a public relations exercise.

*(Applause)*

Mr. Speaker, from now henceforth I expect those appointed to serve in the cabinet, their chief officers and other staff to serve with total dedication and commitment. Those who are interested in politicking at the expense of service delivery will not be tolerated.

*(Applause)*

During my last address to this House, I informed the Members of our activities during the first year in office. Great emphasis was placed in laying a firm foundation to enable our County take off in various spheres of the social economic development. I also informed this House that we have also encountered challenges mainly caused by poor infrastructure including lack adequate office space, inadequate number of technical staff and the slow pace in releasing the badly needed funds on the part of the National Government. Mr. Speaker sir some of these challenges have persisted to this day but my administration has pushed on with its vision of putting Nyandarua County on the road map to economic take off.

Allow me now Mr. Speaker sir to highlight the activities that are currently being undertaken by various departments in my administration. If I start with the roads and transport docket, between January 2014 and March 2014, we undertook massive construction of access roads, an exercise never witnessed in this County since independence. Hundreds of kilometres of access roads were graded in all the 25 wards of our County. Each Sub County was provided with five graders, four excavators, a roller and up to 30 tippers to open up the unclassified roads. Kinangop Sub County which is the largest among the five sub counties with eight wards was allocated 60 tippers to assist in putting up murrum in access roads. Thousands of youth were hired to provide manual labour and to complement the work done by the heavy machinery hence creating employment for this group.

Mr. Speaker sir, my administration is currently constructing the following roads; Kariamu-Shamata road, which will enable local residents to access Ol'kalou directly without passing through Nyahururu from Ndaragwa. Classified roads under construction include; Oljoro-orok-Dundori road, Njabini-Magumu road which is now complete, Githioro- Kinamba road, Nyahururu-Wiyumiririe road, Ngomongo-Boiman road and Mairo-Inya-Maili-Kumi road which

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is under construction. The remaining portion from Maili-Kumi to Kariamu has been earmarked for construction by the National Government during the current financial year. I am happy to inform this Assembly that the National Government has given a firm undertaking to construct Kirima-Engineer road and Kirima-Dinda road starting next year, 2015 January. The V-shaped road will connect Nyandarua County to our markets in Nakuru and Nairobi Counties. Mr. Speaker, the Ol'kalou-Gilgil highway which is critical in the economical lifeline of our people is complete and it is being marked now.

During the current financial year, we have set aside 235 million shillings for upgrading access roads/bridges. Of this amount, 110 million shillings will be spent on general road works and maintenance and another 125 million shillings will be used for upgrading the access roads in the wards. The County government will spend 40 million shillings to improve equipments including purchase of new tippers. This is in addition to the two graders that have so far been procured and a roller that I had commissioned five months ago. In future the department will put up offices for staff and construct a fully equipped fire station and have fire engines.

Mr. Speaker, my administration has a program to upgrade all bus terminuses in urban centres to enhance revenue collection. We have factored finances to ensure that all the bus terminuses in urban centres are improved to modern standards.

*(Applause)*

I wish to appeal to the Hon. Members to take keen interest in implementation of these projects in their respective areas as they have a direct impact in the livelihoods of our people. Once completed, the projects will improve businesses in various market centres across the County. The same goes to the ongoing construction of shades for motorcycle operators, which is being undertaken in our urban centres across the County. At the same time, the County Airstrip near Nyahururu town will be upgraded to help improve the transporting of tourists and agricultural produce as we go on.

*(Applause)*

Mr. Speaker I also wish to mention that this department has undertaken projects to light up our markets by erecting floodlights in strategic places. So far we have erected floodlights in selected locations in Ol'kalou town, Ndaragwa market, Mairo-Inya and Kasuku. Soon, we shall commission other floodlights in the following areas, Miharati, Ndunyu-Njeru, Engineer, Njabini,

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Geta, Fly-Over and Kwa-Muhindi in Gatimu ward. We expect to continue with this project to cover wide areas in market centres to enhance security and boost business even into the night.

Mr. Speaker, I also wish to inform members that roads within Ol'kalou town which is the County headquarters will be upgraded to tarmac standards by the National Government.

*(Applause)*

Under this project, we anticipate to cover some 10 kilometres of roads in the town which will go a long way in shaping the image of our capital town.

Mr. Speaker sir, let me turn into the department of Agriculture Livestock and Fisheries. Agriculture is the backbone of our economy and my administration has laid great emphasis in the implementation of projects that are geared towards boosting farming in our County. Indeed the large amounts of money that we have earmarked for road construction is informed by the need to upgrade our access roads especially in rural areas so that farmers can easily transport their produce to the market.

A value chain approach to extension has been adopted and 14 value chains have been adopted as follows: pyrethrum, dairy, wool-sheep, poultry, rabbit, fish value chains, potatoes, cut flower and temperate fruit trees. Other value chains are carrots, cabbages, commercial peas, cereals and bee keeping. Having said this Mr. Speaker, allow me to explain in detail some of the projects undertaken by this department geared towards improving the livelihood of our farmers. In order to protect our livestock, our livestock department has carried out vaccinations against foot and mouth disease and LSD in all the sub counties. Dogs baiting has also been done in towns and market centres to reduce rabies in our County.

In order to boost milk production, this department has continued to support artificial insemination services through the private-public partnership. In this connection, various public and private firms are being supported to carry out this exercise to the satisfaction of farmers. At the same time, my administration is working closely with major private firms to construct more milk processing plants across the County. This will enhance milk processing and marketing for the benefit of our farmers.

Mr. Speaker, fish rearing is taking shape in our County as more and more people venture into this lucrative business. Geta Trout Farm in Kipipiri sub-County was funded in the last financial to the tune of 5.7 million shillings and rehabilitation has been going on. Preliminary

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visits and bill of quantities are going on. Once the exercise is finalized, my administration will commit more funds to ensure that Geta Trout Farm is a success. A similar project is being carried out in Ndaragwa Fish Farm and this will continue to attract high quality trout fish. This is a special breed of fish that is not common in the tropics. If we can be able to do this seriously then we shall become a tourist centre because foreign nations and especially the Europeans do not believe that trout can grow in the tropics.

Two meetings dubbed “Eat More Fish Campaigns” were conducted in Ndaragwa and Oljoro-orok sub-counties in which over 350 farmers were trained on how to produce and add value to fish. Today Nyandarua has over 450 ponds that are producing various kinds of fish for domestic consumption and sale. Mr. Speaker, I wish to emphasize on the importance of these projects in our County as they are major sources of employment especially among the youths. Besides fish diet is an important alternative for beef and mutton as well as chicken and our people should be encouraged to rear fish not only for market but also as a source of food.

Beekeeping is also taking shape in the County. So far we have supplied 25 *Langstroth* to 25 beekeeping self-help groups. This is expected to multiply over a period of time. I wish to encourage farmers to redouble their efforts in this venture because the demand for honey is increasing day by day and the price offered is very attractive. Agriculture machinery Mr. Speaker sir is close to my heart. My administration is encouraging mechanisation in potato production and harvesting. Besides, potato peeling equipment has been tested in Njabini Agricultural Farmers’ Training Centre. The department of agriculture acquired and distributed certified potatoes seed worth 2.5 million shillings from ADC Molo to farmers groups in the 25 wards. These groups are expected to return the same amount which will be given to other farmers in different areas for further multiplication. *Shangi* (zangi) potato seeds worth 480,000 thousand shillings have been given to at least one farmer/group in each of the five sub counties for seed multiplication.

I am happy to inform members that two international firms have identified Nyandarua County to be the sole beneficiary of a multi-million potato project that will involve large-scale production, processing and marketing of the crop. The pilot project in Nyandarua will be similar to another one being undertaken in Nigeria by the International Potato Centre (CIP) and Deutsche Gesellschaft Internationale (GIZ) in the plateau state. In Kenya the Nyandarua project

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will be undertaken by the two organizations in collaboration with the National Potato Council of Kenya and other stakeholders. Mr. Speaker, this is the only project that is going to be undertaken for potato farming in Kenya on behalf of all the other counties. This is a great achievement for this County.

*(Applause)*

Mr. Speaker Sir, I recently visited Germany at the invitation of GIZ and learnt firsthand about the proposed project. I believe this project is a milestone for Nyandarua in terms of production, processing and marketing of potatoes. Once the project takes shape, I expect our partners to work with cooperative societies as well as individual farmers in undertaking large-scale potato production in this County. You are aware Mr. Speaker that Nyandarua produces 40% of all the potatoes that are grown in Kenya. Once implemented, this project could turn out to be the most important single financial undertaking for farmers in this County.

The Department has succeeded in championing for the enactment of laws related to packaging of potatoes in 50kg bags. These rules have been gazetted by the National Minister for Agriculture in the National Government and we expect to see changes soon. A decision has already been taken by all the Ministers for Agriculture in the twelve potato-growing Counties to make sure that by January we shall not sell potatoes in more than 50kg bags.

Mr. Speaker, I wish to inform members that the Department has also undertaken action to step up production of other crops especially horticultural and plans are at an advanced stage to revive pyrethrum production in our County. If I turn to Water and Energy, the Department is crucial as it deals with water and energy issues that are an important component of agriculture, which is the backbone of our economy. Of a particular importance Hon. Members is an agreement signed in April between my Government and Tahal International Group of Israel over the drawing of Water Master Plan for Nyandarua County.

*(Applause)*

Mr. Speaker the decision to sign this agreement was informed by the pro-financing in our budget for the water sector. To be precise, this department received a mere 17 million shillings during the financial year 2013/2014 and 26 million shillings during the financial year 2014/2015.

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Mr. Speaker, the County Integrated Development Plan (CIDP) of 2013 envisages the implementation of water projects across Nyandarua in the next five years to the tune of 1.2 billion shillings yet this money is not provided for in the budget through public financing. The Department is expected to raise the money through public-private partnership, the PPP method.

The agreement between my administration and the Tahal International Group provided for an inception report and review and design of Ol'kalou Water and Sewerage System at a cost of 50 million shillings. So far we have paid 50% of the agreement cost and the balance will be paid at the completion of the inception report.

Mr. Speaker you are aware that two weeks ago I led a high powered delegation from this County to Israel to learn firsthand about the implementation of the water projects contained under this agreement. My delegation, which included members of this House and the Hon. Speaker, also visited agricultural firms which we hope to strike a deal with to enable our farmers exploit some of the technologies we witnessed in Israel. As far as the water projects are concerned, my delegation received the inception report of the Water Master Plan and soon we expect to receive the remaining report touching on Ol'kalou Water and Sewerage System.

Mr. Speaker, a lot has been said about the agreement between my administration and Tahal. Some of the comments made borders on the theatre of absurd as people making them lack even the most basic information. The inception report we have received from Tahal is a foundation for the main water plan whose funds will be sourced by Tahal to the tune of 150 million shillings which we cannot achieve within our budget. Further, Tahal is expected to source for funds for financing of major water projects resulting from the Water Master Plan in all the 25 wards in our County.

*(Applause)*

These projects are expected to take two years, between 2014 and 2016 and form part of the quick fixes envisaged by the agreement to enable our people get piped water for domestic use, livestock and agriculture. They will not only get piped water but clean piped water. I wish to point out that the major master plan covering the entire County is expected to take at least two

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years. I am aware that there exists a master water plan that was undertaken by JICA a few years ago. But Nyandarua County is simply given a footnote in this report since it covered the whole of Kenya.

Having said that Mr. Speaker, I wish to inform the House that the financing of water projects in Nyandarua County can only be done under public-private partnership (PPP), hence my administration found it necessary to approach Tahal through the Israel Embassy to partner with us. Similarly, we have approached Tana and Athi Rivers Development Authority (TARDA) and which is technically in charge of all water resources in our region.

Mr. Speaker, it is important that all Hon. Members be informed that before undertaking the trip to Israel, I held a meeting in early October with the Deputy President, His Excellency William Ruto in Nairobi to discuss water projects for Nyandarua. During that meeting the Deputy President directed the management of TARDA to work closely with Nyandarua County in making the proposed water projects in our County a success.

*(Applause)*

I am aware that the County Assembly Committee responsible for water will be writing its reports touching on the Tahal project. I appeal to members to support this project so that we can give water to our people and boost farming in our County.

Turning to other issues, this department is undertaking tree planting campaigns in various schools to boost energy. His Excellency the President, you may recall, launched the tree planting exercise by schools in Ndaragwa Sub-County on 6<sup>th</sup> December 2013 and we hope to achieve planting of one million trees per year. My administration is also partnering with the Nairobi Water Company under the banner 'Sasumua Half Marathon' to promote alternative fuel gas with the intention of promoting better tree cover in the neighbourhood of the dam. We have also entered into partnership with TARDA which will be de-silting several dams in Kinangop Sub-County and will be constructing a mega water dam in the Aberdares to serve the dry parts of Ndaragwa Sub County. Further we have launched Lake Ol-bolosat Half Marathon to help market this unique lake and promote tree planting.

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On the department of Education Mr. Speaker Sir, we initiated the construction of 35 ECDE classrooms, 85% of which are complete and ready for occupation. We are currently constructing ECDE classes in selected schools. We have 46 ongoing ECDE centres under construction at a cost of 28 million shillings and we are equipping 25 others at a cost of 7.6 million shillings. We also renovated the ECDE offices in Ol'kalou town that are now occupied by some of the County Ministers.

Mr. Speaker you are aware that we have 13 youth polytechnics in the County that are operational. Six of them received development funds for various projects ranging from construction of hostels, workshops and installation of electricity. In the current financial year other youth polytechnics will receive funds for identified programmes while others whose construction is ongoing will receive more funds appropriately.

Mr. Speaker, the Nyandarua County Bursary Fund was enacted into law on 26<sup>th</sup> August 2014. As a result, two weeks ago a total of 25 million shillings was disbursed to the beneficiaries, which addressed the concerns of frequent absenteeism due to lack of school fees. This is on top of 32.5 million shillings distributed under the kitty one year ago. In the current financial year, more funds will be disbursed through the ward Bursary Allocation Committees.

Mr. Speaker, advertisements were placed in the media to draw the attention of our people about the membership of both the County Alcohol Control Board and the sub-County Alcohol Regulations Committees. Applications are already being received and soon the relevant boards and Regulations Committees will be in place and will commence their responsibilities accordingly. May I also mention that during the past twenty months, the department of education has summoned stakeholders meetings to discuss challenges faced in the provision of quality education. This is critical because educational standards in our County have fallen over the years and we needed to take action to make sure that Nyandarua regains its lost glory as an academic giant.

The County government has organised common tests for pupils in upper primary section across the County in order to gauge the performance of schools ahead of the National Examinations. We hope that this will help teachers address weak areas.

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Mr. Speaker Sir, we intend to carry on with the expansion of youth polytechnics across the County and we have a target of 25 units. We shall also continue to expand centres and targets at 1,250 classrooms. The Department also projects to equip 50 youth polytechnics and address the needs of the youth. My administration hopes to construct sport stadia with a target of 25 across the County; that means that we shall have a stadium for every ward.

*(Applause)*

The department of sports will put up five sports academies while that of Culture and Social Services targets to put up five cultural centres, one in each sub County. My administration is also aiming at constructing hostels and workshops for the students in the youth polytechnics, in total 25 hostels and 25 workshops.

The department of the County Attorney, ICT and Intergovernmental Relations, Mr. Speaker Sir is instrumental in the management of many lawsuits, litigation and other legal challenges that the County government inherited from the defunct local authorities. This department is committed to the rule of law and the principle of devolution in offering legal support to other County departments and formulation of Legal Policy for the County. Recently my government established an administrative unit of intergovernmental relations in the docket. This department is expected to formulate and implement Inter-County, National and International Policies beneficial to our people. Such policies will alleviate and solve historical and geographical challenges.

Mr. Speaker, the department is in the process of stabling cabinet paper on the matters touching on Nyahururu town that will be subject to debate in this Hon. House.

*(Applause)*

The County Attorney has so far presented several bills to the County Assembly which have been legislated as laws. These laws are currently being implemented. The Nyandarua County Alcoholic Drinks Control Act 2014 is at the implementation stage and relevant Licensing and Regulatory Boards will be put in place so that activities can commence without any further delay.

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The Trade Law, the Bursary Law and The Symbols and Emblems Law have been legislated. Ten more legislations are on their way to the County Assembly and are at policy level. In order to respond to socio-economic needs of the people, the Department is in the process of creating capacity by way of documentation, registry and staffing.

It is expected that Nyandarua County Public Participation Bill will be deliberated upon. Laws that will enhance revenue collection and growth of other sectors will be forwarded to the County Assembly for debate soon.

On its part, the Department of ICT has moved to implement County ICT Policy and Recruitment of staff is on the way. It has also conducted various trainings for the staff to make them conversant with various ICT programmes. The Department has already conducted County ICT department needs assessment and relevant ICT needs report has also been drafted and awaits implementation. Mr. Speaker, equipping the sub counties and departments with ICT gargets such as computers is critical. The automation of County departments remains the priority of the department.

On Media and Communications, the department has marked its needs and has conducted a strategy meeting to deliberate on how to effectively come up with a media communication strategy. This effort will be realised soon when we launch the County Media and Communication Strategy. Under the Department of Lands, Housing and Physical Planning; during the year 2013, my administration was able to have local physical development plans approved by the Cabinet Secretary in charge of Lands, Housing and Urban Development for two centres in the County namely Koinange and Mbuyu trading centres.

On the other hand, the physical planning section has been able to initiate the process of digitising the development plan for Ol'kalou urban area. Other programmes of digitising development plans for market centres and townships are in the pipeline. Townships earmarked for digitisation include Oljoro-orok, Miharati and Engineer. At the same time the Cabinet Secretary in charge of Lands, Housing and Urban Development approved a plan for the settlement of squatters in Ngorika Township and developmental plan for Koinange Township which is largely occupied by squatters. The programme of settlement has been initiated. The

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settlement of squatters in Mukeu is ongoing while other similar activities are proceeding smoothly in Heni, Gathudia, Passenga, Igwa-miti, Matindiri and Kanyagia Townships.

The surveying section has been able to deliver services to various stake holders. This include opening of roads in a number of wards, resolving land boundary disputes and identification of public utility plots, in addition to performing land subdivision for registration purpose and amendment of the registry index maps. It has also participated in the boundary identification of land parcels held in public interests for example dams and schools.

The County Government with the help of National Land Commission has been able to initiate the repossession exercise of land parcel No. Nyandarua/Ol'kalou/Salient No 11. It is also in the process of taking full possession of 95 acres plot of land to be used in setting up of public facilities including a training institute for youth. The department, with the blessings of my administration, has been able to create and operationalize lands and planning Committees whose sole mandate is to deliberate on development issues and administrative land matters.

The creation of these Committees was necessitated by the collapse of the former Town Planning and Works Committee domiciled in the Defunct Local Authorities. The County Government through the departments has initiated the process for procuring land for public purposes within the immediate areas of Nyairoko, Ma-Store, Engineer and Mwenda-Andu centres. A taskforce which was set up in January has already tabled its preliminary report, and now that the County Land Management Board is already in place, we expect that all public land that has been illegally alienated will be recovered.

Mr. Speaker, the Department of Lands had made various provisions for setting up of County Headquarters through reorganizing space and accommodation for the new government structures as stipulated in the constitution, year 2010. This has facilitated the ground breaking of the County Assembly prefabricated structure currently under construction. The development of executive offices is in pipeline as the land is available.

Mr. Speaker the National Housing Programme of Ol'kalou town indicated identification and valuation of rental houses domiciled in the Defunct Local Authority for purposes of

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centralizing housing and rent collection matters as well as maintenance of Houses and buildings. But the most important accomplishment is the recent signing of an M.O.U with the National Social Security Fund in connection with the proposed construction of 500 housing units in the town at a cost of one billion shillings. It is important to note that Nyandarua County is the first of the 47 counties to have entered into an MOU of this kind with NSSF. I urge the members to support this project and I am sure it is going to change the face of our headquarters. At the same time this project, once completed, will help to house the staff of the County Government and the County Assembly who are currently being sheltered in other towns outside this County.

On the matter of health Mr. Speaker, the Department of Health has embraced its mandate as a fully devolved function. My administration has streamlined some of the teething problems that had been experienced during the initial stages of the implementation of free maternity services in all health centres. Some of the major strides made in the health sector include:

Stocking of all our health facilities with essential drugs; hospitals have adequate supplies of medicine for special cases. A total of 70 million Kenya shillings has been spent in the procurement of these commodities. Patient referral system within and outside the County is continuously being strengthened through the maintenance of existing ambulances and the County government has purchased an additional 4 ambulances. These have been distributed to Geta, Wanjohi, Heni and Silibwet Health centres. The department of health services has budgeted for one more ambulance this year to be used at J. M. Memorial Hospital, Ol'kalou. The acute shortage of health workforce has been addressed and the County Public Service Board has hired an additional 136 middle level cadre health workers to fill the critical gaps.

The process of garbage collection has been streamlined and the County government has purchased 3 new garbage collection trucks for this purpose. One has already been delivered and the other two are almost ready. Mr. Speaker health infrastructure has been factored in as major capital development projects in the County budget and various projects are currently ongoing. This includes Engineer District Hospital which is being upgraded to be a County Referral Hospital and currently state of the art maternity unit and x-ray block are under construction at a cost of 60 million shillings. The hospital theatre is being equipped and an x-ray machine

installed. A mortuary for the hospital will be constructed in this financial year to ease the burden of our people taking bodies to other hospitals.

Additionally, the hospital will receive a major facelift to reflect the new status as a Level 4 healthy facility. J.M. Memorial Hospital will be upgraded to Level 5 status, and let me also hasten to add that the National Government will give us facilities to upgrade Engineer Hospital to a Level 5 hospital in the course of the year. The expansion of the operating theatre, mortuary, and installation of CT-Scan, establishment of Renal unit, establishment of medical training facilities and recruitment of medical specialists are on-going. The health centres and dispensaries are being refurbished and equipped at the cost of 82 million Kenya shillings. The process of identifying individual needs for each health facility is ongoing. Extensive consultation with members of County Assembly and communities within respective areas will be encouraged.

Mr. Speaker, the County government in collaboration with Kenya Medical Training College (KMTC) has established a campus at J. M. Kariuki Hospital and admitted the first class of 40 community nutrition students in September this year. The department has budgeted for construction of additional classrooms to accommodate nursing students in September 2015. This will go a long way in providing education opportunities to our youth as well as health workforce for the health facilities in the County and beyond. During the same period, the Department of Health undertook a successful campaign against polio and immunized nearly 100,000 children in the age bracket of 2-5 years, surpassing the earlier target of 93,000 children. The department has also initiated private-public partnership by working closely with the private health providers like *Afya-Plus*, Centre for Health Solutions and Kenya Institute of Public Health. This has been done in an effort to ensure the activities of those offering health facilities are harmonized for the good of the residents.

The department is also undertaking construction of *iko* toilets. These projects are meant to enhance cleanliness and assist in the fight against diseases. I appeal to the members to support this project as they have a direct impact to the health and the well being to our people. During this financial year, a total of 82 million shillings has been set aside for selected ward projects while procurement of more ambulances is ongoing. Some 23 projects are ongoing and we expect

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to have them completed soon. The construction of Engineer Hospital modern maternity is ongoing and will be completed by February 2014. That will be a great achievement.

The other department I will mention about is Tourism, Industrialization and Cooperatives. The department of tourism is crucial in marketing our County as a tourist destination. Apart from organising Miss. Tourism Nyandarua contest in September 2013, the department also organised a Tourism Stakeholder's Workshop that lead to development of a draft Eco-tourism Strategy Paper for Nyandarua County. We have made the follow up on the gazettelement of Lake Ol-bolosat in line with our plans to make it a tourism destination.

The department conducted a survey of tourism attraction in Nyandarua County and produced a draft report and maps for these tourist attractions. It has documented 23 tourist attraction sites including nine former white settlers' houses in Kipipiri Sub-County. Other survey of tourist attractions in Nyandarua County has documented 15 tourist attraction sites found in Kinangop Sub-County. Currently the department of tourism is hiring staff of the County office and is busy clearing the *Mau Mau* caves in Kipipiri Sub-County. We are also developing a tourist website and mapping tourist attractions in Ol'kalou and Oljoro-orok Sub-Counties. The identification of Miss. Tourism Nyandarua and Cultural Weekend Talent Show is also ongoing.

In the Cooperative Sector, the department has worked hard for the revival of the dormant societies and registration of new ones. Mr. Speaker the department has so far promoted the registration of 25 more new societies and revived 13 others across the County. We have also done capacity building for 50 societies and drafted Cooperative Development Revolving Fund Law which is at the centre stage. I need to emphasize the importance of this sector in promoting culture of savings which is critical in wealth creation especially among vulnerable members of our society. I appeal to the Hon. Members to support the setting up of Savings and Credit Societies to enable the women and youth to access funds that have been floated by the National Government.

Finally, the Trade Department has done a lot to promote the construction of market sheds in urban centres. Besides, we are promoting the availability of Joint Loan Schemes and we are in the process of vetting the board members. The department has also promoted three producer

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business groups and undertaken capacity building for traders and business communities in three sub counties.

Mr. Speaker sir, I wish to conclude my remarks by appealing to the Hon. Members of this Assembly to support my administration in the implementation of the projects as I have enumerated. I wish to emphasise on my personal commitment and that of my administration to ensure that public projects are executed efficiently and with speed so that our people can get the desired results. The time for politicking is over. Let us join hands for the common good of our people and let us focus on uplifting the welfare of the people of our County. Mr. Speaker sir I beg to end there.

*(The Governor takes his seat.)*

*(Applause)*

*(Hon. Gichuki rises)*

**Speaker:** What is it member for Engineer and the leader of majority Hon. James Mwangi Gichuki?

**Hon. Gichuki:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2014, I wish to lay the address on his Excellency the Governor to the Assembly during the sitting of 27<sup>th</sup> November 2014 at 2.30 pm. I lay it with the clerk.

**Speaker:** Very well. Hon. Members the address of his Excellency the Governor is duly laid on the table of the House and is therefore in the custody of the House.

**Hon. Gichuki:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, I further would like to give notice of the following motion:-

That the Thanks of the Assembly be recorded for the exposition of public policy contained in the Address of the Governor.

**Speaker:** Very well, but as you are aware Hon. Members, no debate would be entertained immediately on that motion but it is directed that the same be captured in the order papers of 2<sup>nd</sup>

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to 4<sup>th</sup> December, when the members are able to interrogate the Address by the Governor and make their recommendations. At this point, but at the very absolute discretion and pleasure of the Governor you will be allowed to leave the plenary. Next order.

**Clerk:** Administration of oath.

*(The House rises)*

*(The Hon. Speaker, Hon. Ndegwa Wahome, leaves the chair and escorts the Governor out of the chambers)*

*(Hon. Kirumba assumes the chair)*

**Speaker:** Hon. Members, next order.

**Clerk:** Communication from the chair.

**Speaker:** Next.

**Clerk:** Messages.

**Speaker:** Next.

**Clerk:** Petitions, we don't have petitions.

**Speaker:** Next.

**Clerk:** Papers, we don't have papers.

*(The Hon. Speaker, Hon. Ndegwa Wahome, enters the Assembly chambers and takes the Governor's chair in the Assembly chambers)*

**Speaker:** Next.

**Clerk:** Notices of motion. There is a notice of motion of by Hon. Eldnard Wambugu King'ori.

**Speaker:** Notice of motion by Hon. Eldnard Wambugu King'ori.

*(The Hon. Member is not in the House)*

*(Hon. Gichuki rises)*

Yes, what is it Hon. Mwangi Gichuki

**Hon. Mwangi Gichuki:** I wish to table on behalf of the chairman of The Liaison Committee the report of the liaison Committee.

**Speaker:** Proceed.

**Hon. Mwangi Gichuki:** I beg to give the notice of the following motion;

That this House does adopt the report of the Concentrated Committee Progress Reports by the liaison Committee as a report of this House and the recommendations therein as resolutions of this House.

**Speaker:** That report having been tabled, the matter will be referred to the House Business Committee for allocation of time. The clerk should take note of that. Next order.

**Clerk:** Statements, Mr. Speaker sir, we don't have statements today.

**Speaker:** No statements so we move on to the next order.

**Clerk:** Motion and bills. We have a motion by Hon. Kieru Wambui; Resumption of Business at the point of interruption during the sitting of November 26<sup>th</sup> 2014.

**Speaker:** Thank you very much, that motion was interrupted yesterday and therefore Hon. Kieru Wambui, you can proceed.

*(Hon. Gichuki rises on a point of order.)*

**Hon. Mwangi Gichuki:** Mr. Speaker I wish to seek leave by consensus because the members feel that having exhausted the Governor's address, the Assembly needs to adjourn for the benefit of meditating on what the Governor has just addressed and resume on Tuesday so the business of today be rescheduled to next week from Tuesday.

*(Applause)*

I call on Hon. Njiraini to second.

**Speaker:** Very well. Hon Njiraini.

**Hon Njiraini:** Thank you Mr. Speaker sir I do second the agreement for the members to meditate on the issue.

*(Loud Consultations)*

**Speaker:** Hon members that motion of adjournment having been seconded and I have not seen any dissenting opinion of the same.

*(Hon. Kieru rises on a point of order)*

Yes hon. Kieru

**Hon. Kieru:** I really wanted to understand, what provision of the standing order provided that motion. I would really want to understand which standing order is that.

**Speaker:** Hon. Mwangi Gichuki I thought you would have cited the standing order. It is number thirty...

**Hon. Mwangi Gichuki:** Yes Mr. Speaker, I am citing standing order 31(1).

**Speaker:** 31(1) is the order that you have cited

A Member may at any time, for reasons stated, seek leave to move “That, this House do now adjourn.”

That is what you have done and whatever you have done was seconded. So hon. Kieru I think we are together on that. So hon. members I direct that in view of that motion, all the businesses that were slotted for deliberation today, the clerk to ensure that there will be the first businesses when the Assembly sits next. That will be on Tuesday the...

*(Hon. Kieru rises on a point of order)*

**Speaker:** Yes Hon. Kieru.

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**Hon. Kieru:** Mr. Speaker you are directing what will come up next. If you read below the second order for that standing order 31(2) after proposing the question and the question is put, then that is when you give the orders. This part has not been decided upon.

**Speaker:** Alright, I had that but all I wanted is to prepare you so that you can appreciate...

*(Laughter)*

Where I am coming from and when I am putting the questions. So hon. members the motion of adjournment has been proposed and seconded and then therefore hon. members I wish to propose the question that this House stand adjourns until on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December, 2014 at 2.30pm. Hon. Members I propose that expected if any interjections are there.

*(Hon. Kieru rises)*

What is it hon. Kieru?

*(Laughter)*

*(Question on the motion put and agreed to)*

*(Laughter)*

Now the House stands adjourned until on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December, 2014 at 2.30pm