

# REPUBLIC OF KENYA

## NYANDARUA COUNTY ASSEMBLY

### 2<sup>ND</sup> ASSEMBLY- 1<sup>ST</sup> SESSION

#### OFFICIAL REPORT

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2017

*The Assembly met at the Assembly Chamber at 2.30 p.m.*

*[The Speaker (Hon. Ndegwa Wahome) in the Chair]*

Prayer

#### QUORUM CALL AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE SITTING

*(The clerk-at-the-table confirms that there is no quorum)*

**Speaker:** Very well, quorum having not been recognized, I now direct, pursuant to Standing Order no. 35, that the quorum bell be rung for an initial ten minutes or until such a time within the ten minutes that quorum will have been achieved.

*(Quorum bell is rung for three minutes and quorum is achieved as confirmed by the clerk-at-the-table)*

**Speaker:** Very well, quorum having been recognized, we shall proceed with the business for the sitting.

First order.

#### COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

##### STRUCTURE OF DEPARTMENTS

Hon. Members, I have a brief communication to make and the same is in the following terms;

H.E. the Governor of Nyandarua Hon. Francis Thuita Kimemia, pursuant to article 179 (3) of the Constitution and section 30 (2) (e) of the County Governments' Act has established the County Executive Portfolio Structure. The County Executive Committee Member for Communication, Legal, I.C.T. and Intergovernmental Affairs, vide a letter dated 9<sup>th</sup> of October 2017 and which was received by the Office of the Speaker on 10<sup>th</sup> October 2017, communicated

that the said structure had been gazetted. Attached thereto is a gazette notice vol. CXIX- No. 147 Gazette Notice No. 9902.

The aforementioned gazette notice contains a list of the Departments of Nyandarua County Government, which shall be headed by the County Executive Committee Members (CECMs), and have the Chief Officers as follows:

1. Department of Public Administration and ICT
  - a) Chief officer: Public Administration and ICT
2. Department of Finance and Economic Development
  - a) Chief Officer: Finance
  - b) Chief Officer Economic Planning and Development
3. Department of Education, Gender Affairs, Culture and Social Services
  - a) Chief Officer: Education, Gender Affairs, Culture and Social Services

Hon. Members, you will notice that the list that was brought to the House had no the component of Social Services, which we highlighted to the Office of the Governor and it has actually been included.

4. Department of Youth, Sports and the Arts
  - a) Chief Officer: Youth, Sports and the Arts
5. Department of Industrialization, Trade and Co-operatives
  - a) Chief Officer: Industrialization and Trade
  - b) Chief Officer: Co-operatives Development

On that also, hon. Members, you note that Trade was left out. We highlighted to the Governor and it has since been included, and as aforementioned, it will have two chief officers.

6. Department of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries
  - a) Chief Officer: Agriculture
  - b) Chief Officer: Livestock and Fisheries
7. Department of Water, Environment, Tourism and Natural Resources
  - a) Chief Officer: Water and Environment
  - b) Chief Officer: Tourism and Natural Resources
8. Department of Transport, Energy and Public Works
  - a) Chief Officer: Transport and Energy
  - b) Chief Officer: Public Works
9. Department of Health Services
  - a) Chief Officer: Health Services
10. Department of Lands, Housing, Physical Planning and Urban Development
  - a) Chief Officer: Lands, Housing, Physical Planning and Urban Development.

Hon. Members, Standing Order No. 195 and the First Schedule thereto provides for appointment of Sectoral Committees - their structure and mandate. The Structure of the County Executive departments will be crucial in informing the respective creation of the Sectoral Committees of the County Assembly.

In light of the above, the House Business Committee shall sit, look at the structure as gazetted by the Governor and realign our Sectoral Committees in line with the structures as gazetted. We are expecting that the House Business Committee shall be able to bring forth to the House a report with all proposed departments to realign those committees with the departments.

You note that the issue of Intergovernmental Relations and Legal are very silent but the House Business Committee shall ensure that we shall have the County Attorney and Deputy County Attorney offices and the entire infrastructure and definitely, it will be put under the Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs. We also understand Intergovernmental Relations is in the Office of the Deputy Governor and therefore, we shall retain the Intergovernmental Relations sector in our committees to be in charge of oversight to the Office of the Deputy Governor. Nothing is lost from the entirety of the structure of our committees because some of those components need not be put there by the Governor for us to react to them. This is because intergovernmental relations is provided for under a substantive Act of parliament, that is, Intergovernmental Relations Act, and therefore whether they have that structure by name or not, this Assembly knows where to oversight under that particular component. The same case applies to the Legal and Justice components, we know that there is the County Attorney and Public Service and all those infrastructure in law and we are going to sustain our committees in a way, we are able to oversight each and every aspect of the County Executive. That's all.

Next order!

### NOTICES OF MOTIONS

#### 1. INITIATION OF A SCHOOL-BASED FEEDING PROGRAMME IN PRE-PRIMARY EDUCATION CENTRES

Very well, the Member for Charagita, Hon. Catherine Wairimu Njane.

**Hon. Wairimu Njane:** Mr. Speaker Sir, I beg to give notice of the following motion:

Aware that article 53 of the Constitution of Kenya provides a right for every Kenyan child to basic nutrition;

Noting that the government and in particular the County Governments have an enormous obligation in guaranteeing the said right;

Appreciating that this right would best be guaranteed by County Government by initiating a feeding programme in its pre-primary education centres;

This Assembly therefore urges the County Executive Committee of Nyandarua County Government to initiate a school-based feeding programme in its pre-primary education centres particularly by providing nutrients-fortified porridge to the children.

Thank you Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Very well, notice of that particular motion is duly given and the House Business Committee shall give directions on how the same shall be processed.

Next.

#### 2. INITIATION OF A PROGRAMME TO SUPPLY WATER TO ALL COUNTY VILLAGES THROUGH CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETIES

Yes, the Member for Githioro ward Hon. Simon Sambigi Mukuria

*(Hon. Sambigi Mukuria is not in the House)*

The mover or the person owning the motion being not here and not having delegated the same, the motion is hereby dropped.

Next order.

3. FULL IMPLEMENTATION OF A FREE PRE-PRIMARY EDUCATION PROGRAMME IN ITS  
PRE-PRIMARY EDUCATION CENTRES

Yes, the Member for Githioro ward Hon. Simon Sambigi Mukuria

*(Hon. Sambigi Mukuria is not in the House)*

Therefore, the owner of that motion not being there, the same is dropped.

Next order.

**MOTION(S)**

ADJOURNMENT MOTION

Yes, the Leader of Majority in the House, and Member for Leshau Pondo, Hon. Peter Gathungu Kamau

**Hon. Gathungu Kamau:** Mr. Speaker Sir, I beg to move the following motion:

That pursuant to articles 54 (1) (b) and 29 (3) of the Standing Orders, this House does resolve to adjourn to a day other than the next normal sitting day and the next normal sitting day being Wednesday the 11th day of October 2017 at 9.00 a.m. The House does adjourn to Wednesday the 11th day of October 2017 at 2.30 p.m. This will facilitate members to attend a development meeting of Nyandarua County Leaders in Nairobi.

As such, this House shall stand adjourned until tomorrow, Wednesday, the 11<sup>th</sup> day of October 2017 at 2.30p.m.

Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir.

**Speaker:** Leader of the Majority Party, if you think that that is sufficient for you, you should then call the seconder.

**Hon. Gathungu Kamau:** Mr Speaker, all the Hon. Members of this House are aware that there is a meeting to be attended today in the evening in Nairobi and it is of importance. That being the case, I call upon Hon. Kieru Wambui to second.

**Speaker:** Yes, Member for Gatimu.

**Hon. Kieru Wambui:** I second.

*(Question proposed)*

*(Question put and agreed to)*

**Speaker:** Next order.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Very well, the business for the sitting having been exhausted, this House will now as resolved, adjourn to tomorrow, Wednesday, the 11<sup>th</sup> day of October 2016 at 2.30 p.m.

*(The House rose at 2.50 pm)*