

# REPUBLIC OF KENYA

## NYANDARUA COUNTY ASSEMBLY

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

#### OFFICIAL REPORT

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2017

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

*[Deputy Speaker (Hon. Zachary Njeru) in the Chair]*

Prayer

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

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

**Speaker:** Honourable members, the Standing Orders No. 35 states that;

- (1) A quorum of the Assembly or of a Committee of the whole Assembly shall be one third of its members.
- (2) If there is not a quorum present when the Chair is taken, at the time appointed for a meeting of the Assembly, immediately after the saying of the prayer, the Speaker shall order the bell to be rung for ten minutes, and if no quorum is present at the expiration of the ten minutes, the Speaker may direct that the bell be rung for a further five minutes and if there is still no quorum present, the Speaker shall adjourn the Assembly forthwith to the next sitting.

So, I order that the quorum bell be rung for another 10 minutes.

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

**Speaker:** Yes, thank you clerk-at-the-table. I now order the quorum bell to be disengaged.

First order.

#### PAPER(S)

1. COUNTY GOVERNMENT BUDGET IMPLEMENTATION REVIEW REPORT FOR HALF FINANCIAL YEAR 2016/2017

**Speaker:** Yes, Hon. Peter Gathungu Kamau, Leader of Majority Party.

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**Hon. Gathungu Kamau:** Mr Speaker, Sir, I have a paper to be tabled. It is the County Government Budget Implementation Review Report from the Office of Controller of Budget of Half Year of Financial Year 2016/17 and I table.

**Speaker:** The paper is duly tabled and it will be referred to the Committee on Budget and Appropriations, for further scrutiny and a report for the House. I now call the Chairman of the committee to indicate the time that it requires to scrutinize the document and to report to the House.

**Hon. James Gachomba:** Thank you Mr Speaker. On the County Government Budget Implementation Review Report from the Office of Controller of Budget for the fiscal 2016/2017, the committee we will be able to report to the House in the next two weeks.

**Speaker:** That means how many days?

**Hon. James Gachomba:** Fourteen days.

**Speaker:** Okay, Thank you.

Next order.

## 2. COUNTY GOVERNMENT BUDGET IMPLEMENTATION REVIEW REPORT FOR THE FIRST NINE MONTHS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2016/2017

**Speaker:** Yes Hon. Peter Gathungu Kamau, Leader of Majority Party.

**Hon. Gathungu Kamau:** Mr Speaker sir. I beg to table the County Government Budget Implementation Review Report from the Office of the Controller of Budget for the first nine months for the financial year 2016/17 and I table.

**Speaker:** Thank you. The paper is duly tabled and it will be referred to the Committee on Budget and Appropriations, for further scrutiny and to report to the house. I call upon the Chairperson of the Budget committee to indicate the time that the committee would require to scrutinize the document and to report to the House.

**Hon. James Gachomba:** Thank you Mr Speaker. I wish also to say that the County Government Budget Implementation Review Report from the Office of the Controller of Budget for the first nine months for the financial year 2016/17 will be available in this House in the next one month. Thank you.

**Speaker:** Okay, noted.

*(Hon. Kieru rises)*

**Hon. Kieru Wambui:** Mr Speaker, I would wish to seek clarification from the chair concerning the timelines given by the Chairperson of the Committee on Budget and Appropriations, on the matter that concerns the report as it appears under paper number two.

Mr Speaker, you will realize that the first paper is on half year and the second paper is on the first nine months. I don't know how you would guide this House. Would the House require two reports or they would require one report? One for the half year and one for the nine months, noting that the report covers the same financial year which is an issue of concern, instead of giving a report in the next two weeks, I would propose we go by the observations of the second paper which he needs one month to consider the whole nine months.

**Speaker:** Yes, Chairman of the Budget and Appropriations, Hon. Gachomba.

**Hon. James Gachomba:** Thank you Mr Speaker, I believe the reports are different because they have not indicated that we should only have the nine months report only. These are two reports from the Auditor General and I believe that the Hon. Member is not aware that the money spent by the government for the first half of the fiscal year 2016/17 is a report itself. We have another report to be made to this Hon. House for the nine months, so as I stated earlier,

the first one will take two weeks and the second one will require one month. There is another one which is coming and will take six months. Thank you Mr Speaker.

**Speaker:** Thank you, Chairperson of the Committee on Budget and Appropriations. Hon. Kieru, your concern is valid but as these are two documents; one for the first nine months and one for the half year. I think one month will be enough to consider both of them.

*(Hon. Ngumo Ngamau rises)*

**Speaker:** What is it Member for Gathanji?

**Hon. Ngumo Ngamau:** Mr Speaker I am hoping that the Chairperson of Budget and Appropriations committee will carry me along with him.

*(Laughter)*

*(Hon. Githinji Mwaniki rises on a point of order)*

**Speaker:** Thank you. What is it Hon. Githinji?

**Hon. Githinji Mwaniki:** Thank you Mr Speaker. I think you have given the ruling. You have enjoined the two reports in one report. Please make it clear.

**Speaker:** These are two different reports emanating from the two documents that have been laid. Therefore, it is just that the timeline is one month but they are two reports.

Next order.

3. NATIONAL GOVERNMENT BUDGET IMPLEMENTATION REVIEW REPORT, 3<sup>RD</sup> QUARTER FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2016/2017.

**Speaker:** Yes, Hon. Peter Kamau Gathungu, Leader of the Majority Party.

**Hon. Gathungu Kamau:** Mr Speaker, Sir. I want to table the National Budget Implementation Review Report, from the Office of Controller of Budget for 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of the financial year 2016/2017 and I table.

**Speaker:** Thank you leader of majority. The paper having been duly tabled and considering the content because it is for the national government, the county has no oversight role over the national government, so the paper is before the House for information purposes.

Next order.

*(Hon. James Gachomba rises on a point of order)*

What is it Hon. Gachomba?

**Hon. James Gachomba:** It is on the same, can you come again so that I can be able to digest what you have just said.

**Speaker:** Yes, Chairperson of the Committee on Budget and Appropriations, I said the paper having been duly tabled and considering the content, it is for the national government, the county has no oversight role over it, and therefore the document is before the house is for information only. Is it now clear Hon. Gachomba?

**Hon. James Gachomba:** Mr Speaker, I still stand to be guided. So, it was meant to just remain in the House.

**Speaker:** Yes, it was just for information purposes.

**Hon. James Gachomba:** But it ought to be taken through thorough scrutiny.

*(Laughter)*

But the same Assembly, this is an institution and another level of government that can even be able to interrogate more and give recommendations to the national government.

**Speaker:** Chair of the Budget committee, the document is for information purposes only.

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

Yes, what is it Member for Gatimu?

**Hon. Kieru Wambui:** Maybe the Member for Njabini/Kiburu should go to national Assembly and make his comments there because this House has no capacity. As you say and have ruled, he is just wasting time.

*(Hon. James Gachomba rises on a point of order)*

**Speaker:** Yes, what is it Hon. Gachomba?

**Hon. James Gachomba:** I think it is not in order for another member to insinuate that I should go to the National Assembly yet the paper was not laid in the National Assembly, it was laid in the County Assembly. That is why we needed your guidance on the same and you have guided us. Can the Hon Member withdraw?

**Speaker:** Hon Kieru, can you stick to your answer.

*(Hon. Ngumo Ngamau rises on a point of order)*

Yes, what is it Member for Gathanji?

**Hon. Ngumo Ngamau:** I wanted to say that Hon. Kieru could be the one to go to the National Assembly other than sending Mr Gachomba.

*(Laughter)*

**Speaker:** The document is for information purposes only as I have said earlier, so that is it.

*(Hon. Kariuki Muchiri rises on a point of order)*

Yes, what is it Member for Murungaru?

**Hon. Kariuki Muchiri:** For clarity, Mr Speaker. I stand to be guided because what I know, you are not supposed to stand on a point of order when another member is standing on a point of order.

**Speaker:** Yes, Hon. Member. That is the procedure but as you know, we are in a learning experience so the member never caught my eye and that is why sometimes we have to continue.

*(Hon. Gathungu Kamau rises on a point of order)*

What is it Leader of Majority Party?

**Hon. Gathungu Kamau:** Mr Speaker. I think on this debate of sending Hon. Kieru or Hon. Gachomba to the National Assembly, the year they can do that is 2022, the document will have already been overtaken by events.

*(Laughter)*

**Speaker:** Point noted Leader of Majority Party.

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

Yes, Member for Gatimu?

**Hon. Kieru Wambui:** Mr Speaker, is the point of order already overtaken by events? And, I know you saw, that the Member for Gathanji addressed the House seated. That is gross misconduct, lack of decorum and respect for your chair and the most punitive action should be taken against him now.

*(Laughter)*

**Speaker:** Hon. Kieru, as I said we are still learning and it is a reminder to Hon. Ngumo from Gathanji to always address the House when standing.

Next order.

### MOTION(S)

#### THANKS OF THE ASSEMBLY TO BE RECORDED FOR EXPOSITION OF PUBLIC POLICY

**Speaker:** Hon. Members, as you know, this is a continuation from the previous debate and I now call Hon. Peter Gathungu Kamau who is the mover.

**Hon. Gathungu Kamau:** Mr Speaker Sir, this is the continuation of the debate of the speech by H.E. the Governor. This is the fourth and the last date for the debate on the motion, that, ‘Thanks of the Assembly be recorded for the exposition of public policy contained in the address of the Governor delivered on Thursday the 14<sup>th</sup> day of September 2017’.

Thank you.

**Speaker:** Thank you Majority Leader. The debate is now open for further deliberations. Yes Hon. Githinji.

**Hon. Githinji Mwaniki:** Thank you Mr Speaker. I wish to give my remarks towards the speech that H.E. the Governor presented. He raised the bar high towards the development record and according to what he promised *Wanjiku*. It requires all leaders and stakeholders to synchronize their minds so that we can actualize what is a dream for now. It needs thorough support from the members, both from the national and county governments to actualize his dream.

Last week we had the Finance Bill that was being taken to *Wanjiku* for public participation and I happened to participate in one. I noticed that there were some clauses that were added. On maternal health services, according to the Jubilee manifesto, these services ought to be free. However, the bill introduces a clause that a patient should be charged between Kshs.5000 to Kshs.7500. So, what will be tabled in this Assembly should not be seen to raise the cost of living for *mwananchi*. In fact, we should ensure that our people are not treated differently so that we can be able to actualize the dream that is in the Governor’s speech.

I believe we have a role to play to ensure this thing is adhered to and that our people will not suffer because of this clause. We have to support it fully but it requires more funding than what is being allocated to the County Government from the National Government.

About the infrastructural projects, that speech was apparently pegged on points from the National Government. Sometimes we have to narrow down to what is being transferred to the County Assembly. However, the National Government also has its own budget, but it is

always good to have a work plan, though we have a long way to go. I support it but with some reservations.

**Speaker:** Thank you Member for Geta. Yes, Hon. Ngumo, Member for Gathanji.

**Hon. Ngumo Ngamau:** Thank you Mr Speaker. I want to support what Hon. Githinji has said, we read it in the Governor's speech about the issue of maternal health services. This might have escaped the eye of the Governor. Could you visit the Office of the Governor for clarity because I think it is a National issue and a Jubilee government's agenda? This House cannot change a Jubilee agenda. Through your good office, I think you can sort the same from the Governor's Office. Thank you.

**Speaker:** Point noted and communication will be ordered. Yes, county member from Rurii.

**Hon. Joseph Kariuki:** Thank you Mr Speaker Sir. I rise to support the Governor's speech by first congratulating his efforts on issues concerning our youths. I want to thank H.E. the Governor for guaranteeing the people of Nyandarua and this House that minister for youth will be under the age of 35 years.

Still on the issues of youth, H.E. the Governor assured us that there will be a lot to be done. One; the issue of nurturing talents and building of stadiums. There has been a problem in the previous regime concerning internships and personally, I have been a victim. We know there were some cartels in the last government who worked hard to ensure that the youths from Nyandarua were not able to access internships. We therefore request our county through H.E. the Governor, that in each ministry, we have at least five youths and a kitty put aside for them.

In the previous regime, the males had been disadvantaged in the County Government, so I request that they be considered for gender parity.

On the issue of agriculture, we request the County Government through the Office of the Governor to look into the issue of the subsidised fertilizer because there has been a problem to our farmers. Some people have been accessing even 2000 bags yet some of our farmers went without.

Mr Speaker I support the speech. Thank you.

**Speaker:** Thank you. That is well put county member. By the mood of the house, I think members have exhausted their contribution.

*(Question put and agreed to)*

Hon. Members, the HANSARD contains the remarks and the contribution of the Governor's address. It is prudent for the same to be submitted to the Office of the Governor for noting and preferably taking necessary action. I would equally commend our Governor for such a balanced manifesto from his address and it is good to note that the concerns raised by the Member for Geta will be subjected to necessary action from our Governor.

Next order.

## ADJOURNMENT

**Speaker:** Having no other business, this House stands adjourned to tomorrow, Wednesday the 4<sup>th</sup> day of October 2017 at 9.00 am.

*(The House rose at 9.33 am)*