

REPUBLIC OF KENYA NYANDARUA COUNTY ASSEMBLY 1ST ASSEMBLY- 4TH SESSION



(The Hansard)

OFFICIAL REPORT

Thursday 30th June, 2016

The Assembly met at the Assembly Chamber (P.C.E.A Building) at 2.30 p.m.

The Hon. Speaker, 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: There being no quorum, I, pursuant to Standing Order 34, direct that the bell be rung for an initial ten minutes or until such within the ten minutes that quorum will have been achieved.

(The bell is rung for 4 minutes and quorum is achieved as confirmed by the clerk-at-the-table)

Hon. Members, quorum having been achieved we can proceed with the business for this afternoon's sitting.

First order

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

Speaker: Hon. Members, I wish to give a communication on how to handle the business for this afternoon's session pursuant to the discretion bestowed upon the Speaker under Article 42 of the Standing Orders:

For the reasons of the business at hand that we must dispense with, the House Business Committee has re-allocated the first motion (8.1 (i)) under order No. 8 to be moved by Hon. Silvester Kagiri to Wednesday, 6th July, 2016, at 9.00a.m. So, as listed in the order paper, under the Motions and Bills the House will start with the second motion (8.1 (ii)) to be moved by the Leader of Majority, Hon. Kariuki Muchiri. If the leave of the House is granted on the stated motion by Hon. Kariuki Muchiri, the House will move over to Bills (8.2) in order for the Nyandarua

County Appropriations Bill, 2016 to be tabled in the House.

Hon. Members, you are aware that the Appropriations Bill is not supposed to be tabled in the House before expiry of seven days. So the Appropriations Bill cannot be table unless the leave of the House is granted. Once the leave of the House is granted to table the Appropriations Bill, the Bill will be tabled and read the first time. Once the Bill is tabled and read the first time it will be referred to the relevant Committee, that is, the Committee on Budget and Appropriations. Because the Committee on Budget and Appropriations will require some time to go through the Bill and report to the House on the same, the Leader of Majority will move a motion of adjournment for the House to adjourn until 3.30p.m., a time when the Committee on Budget and Appropriations will have prepared the report on the Nyandarua County Appropriations Bill, 2016.

Hon. Members, you will also appreciate that, according to the law, an appropriations bill and a revenue bill cannot be discussed in the same sitting. That is why the House will have to adjourn and resume for a second sitting during which it will discuss the Appropriations Bill as part of a process towards enacting the same.

That is how we are going to conduct the business for this afternoon.

Next order

PROCEDURAL MOTION

INTRODUCTION OF THE NYANDARUA COUNTY APPROPRIATION BILL, 2016 TO

THE HOUSE

Speaker: Yes member for Murungaru and the Leader of Majority, Hon. Kariuki Muchiri

Hon. Kariuki Muchiri: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I beg to move the following procedural

motion:

That with the leave of the Assembly, The Nyandarua County Appropriation Bill, 2016 be

introduced to the House one day after its publication pursuant to the provision of Article

117 of the Standing Orders requiring that no appropriation bill shall be introduced unless

a period of seven days, beginning from the day of publication or such shorter period as the

Assembly may resolve with respect to the Bill, has ended.

It is important to note that the Nyandarua County Appropriations Bill, 2016 was published on

28th June, 2016. The Standing Order very clear that seven days must elapse before the Bill is

introduced in this House. But if the House so wishes, the said days can be reduced. I therefore urge

this House to adopt this motion in order to fully transact the business on the Appropriations Bill. I

remind my fellow Members that there are set timelines for the enactment of the Bill and that we

must beat the 30th June deadline, that is, by the midnight of today. The law requires that we pass

the Appropriations Bill to allow the County Government use the development and recurrent votes

of the 2016/2017 budget. If this House does not do this, we will be forced to resort to vote on

account, which is dangerous because the County Government, in such a circumstance, can only

expend recurrent money. So I urge this House to adopt this motion to allow it transact the business

on the Appropriations Bill.

I call upon Hon. Michael Kirumba to second.

Thank you Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Yes Member for Kipipiri and the Leader of Majority, Hon. Michael Kirumba

Hon. Michael Kirumba: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I rise to second the motion. Since you made yourself clear on the circumstances surrounding the Appropriations Bill at hand and considering that if we do not pass the Appropriations Bill the County Government's financial activities will be grounded it is only fair to go the route of transacting the business on the Nyandarua County Appropriations Bill.

Without talking a lot I wish to second the procedural motion.

(Question proposed)

(Question put and agreed to)

Speaker: The leave of this House has been granted to introduce the Nyandarua County Appropriations Bill, 2016.

Proceed appropriately Leader of Majority

Hon. Kariuki Muchiri: Mr. Speaker, I beg to table the Nyandarua County Appropriations Bill, 2016.

Thank you Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Very well; the Nyandarua County Appropriations Bill, 2016 has been duly tabled.

Next order

BILL

THE NYANDARUA COUNTY APPROPRIATIONS BILL, 2016

Speaker: Clerk, proceed to the first reading of the Appropriations Bill, 2016.

(The Nyandarua County Appropriations Bill is read for the first time)

Very well; the Bill has duly been read the first time. I now invoke the provision of Standing Order No. 121 (1) which states that:

A bill having been read for a first time, shall stand committee to the relevant sectoral committee without question being put.

In view of the forgoing, the Nyandarua County Appropriations Bill is now committed to the Committee on Budget and Appropriations.

Next order

MOTION

ADJOURNMENT OF THE HOUSE FOR THIRTY (30) MINUTES

Speaker: Yes member for Murungaru and the Leader of Majority, Hon. Kariuki Muchiri

Hon. Kariuki Muchiri: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Pursuant to Article 33 (b) of the Standing Orders I beg to move the following motion of adjournment:

Aware that, with the leave of the Assembly, the Nyandarua County Appropriations Bill, 2016 has been introduced to the House and read for the first time, I hereby do urge that this House does resolve to adjourn its sitting for this session and assemble in thirty minutes after the adjournment for purposes of consideration and passing the Nyandarua County Appropriations Bill, 2016.

Mr. Speaker, as I said earlier, it is important that we consider the matter at hand. Considering that full transaction of the matter cannot be done in one sitting, I am urging this House to adjourn for thirty minutes. As a House of rules and procedures, we must adhere to the procedures and laws that govern the matter at hand. Further, it is important to adjourn for the said thirty minutes in order for the Committee on Budget and Appropriations to have time to prepare the report concerning the Nyandarua County Appropriations Bill, 2016.

I now call upon the Member for Njabini Kiburu, Hon. James Gachomba to second this report.

Speaker: Yes Member for Njabini Kiburu and the Chairperson of the Committee on Budget and Appropriations, Hon. James Gachomba

Hon. James Gachomba: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I wish to second the motion of adjournment of the House for thirty minutes. This will allow the Committee on Budget and Appropriations to go through the Appropriations Bill, consider its authenticity and bring a report on the same in this House.

Thank you Mr. Speaker.

(Question proposed)

(Question put and agreed to)

Speaker: The House now stands adjourned to today, Thursday, the 30th day of June, 2016, at 3.30 p.m.

(The House rose at 2.56 p.m.)