



COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF MOMBASA

OFFICIAL REPORT

Tuesday, 10th September, 2019
The House met at 10:30a.m.

(The Speaker (Hon. Aharub Ebrahim Khatri) in the Chair)

PRAYERS

The Speaker (Hon. Khatri): Hon. Members, You may be seated. Yes Clerk, next order?

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

Hon. Members good morning once again. I wish to extend a warm welcome to you; we meet again after being away for the recess which commenced on Thursday, 8th August, 2019 and ended on Monday 9th September, 2019 in line with our County Assembly Calendar. I know it has been a long recess and definitely you have had a lot of activities with your electorate and families.

Hon. Members as we are all aware, there has been a stalemate in Parliament for the past three months over which amount of shareable revenue should be allocated to the Counties. As a result, Counties are yet to receive their share of the nationally raised revenue due to the delayed enactment of the Division of Revenue Bill, 2019. However, the stalemate between the National Assembly and the Senate is over, and the Division of Revenue Bill, 2019 is expected to be passed. Thereafter, the Counties will be able to access their share of the revenue.

Hon. Members, I would like to commend our Governor His Excellency Hassan Ali Joho for his leadership, in making sure that the County government of Mombasa continued to deliver services to the residents of Mombasa despite the delay in funding by the National government. Moving forward, it is our hope that under our Governor's stewardship, Mombasa County will ascend to even higher heights.

Hon. Members, as you are all aware, top on the list of the pending business is the Mombasa County Investment Authority Bill, 2019. The Bill has already been subjected to the First Reading on Tuesday 23rd July, 2019 during the 63rd Sitting and thereafter public participation was conducted. I therefore urge the relevant Committee to fast-track the tabling of the public participation report, for the subsequent stages of the Bill to be undertaken. The Bill once passed will enhance investments in the County. In the same breath, I wish to encourage Members to continue generating more Bills in order to provide a legal framework for other important County functions.

Hon. Members, during the recess period, the County hosted its annual Mombasa Agricultural Society of Kenya Show. The County government was well represented with both the County government and the County Assembly having exhibition stands at the show. It is my hope that the residents and other visitors learned a few things about our County and how we can improve it.

Hon. Members, the County Assemblies Sports Association (CASA) games are scheduled to start in Uasin Gishu County on Friday, 27th September, 2019 and end on Saturday, 5th October, 2019. It is my hope that the preparations are well underway for the different disciplines and that when the time comes, those who will be representing the County Assembly will be able to perform well.

(Applause)

Hon. Members, the County Assembly is a House of rules and decorum and as such we must strive at all times to give this House a good image. We must remain alive to the values that we stand for as County Assembly of Mombasa and as espoused in Chapter six of the Constitution and the Leadership and Integrity Act.

Once again, Hon. Members, may I take this opportunity to officially welcome all of you and wish you fruitful engagements and deliberations.

(Applause)

I thank you all. Clerk, next order.

ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Members this House stands adjourned until Tuesday 10th September, 2019 at 10:00a.m.

The House rose at 10:40a.m.