

**COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF MOMBASA****OFFICIAL REPORT
SPECIAL SITTING**

Friday, 22nd January, 2021
The House met at 11:50a.m.

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

PRAYERS

The Speaker (Hon. Khatri): Honourable Members, you may be seated. Yes Clerk?

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

Thank you. Good morning, once again Hon. Members. Honourable Members, I take this opportunity to welcome you to this Special Sitting of the County Assembly. I hope you all had happy holidays. I hope that it is not too late for me to wish you all a Happy New Year. As you are all aware, this House commenced the long recess on Thursday, 3rd December, 2020. The recess will end on Monday 8th February, 2021.

The Corona pandemic which occurred in 2020 adversely affected normal operations of almost all institutions, including the County Assembly. We thus did not conduct our regular sittings as per the approved calendar for the year, 2020. This year has started on a positive note as children have gone back to school and businesses which had closed are now reopening. We thank the Almighty God for enabling us to see this New Year and my prayer is that it will be a better year than 2020 and that COVID-19 will either be totally eradicated or a way shall be found to contain it so that normalcy resumes.

Before we proceeded for the long recess, The Mombasa County Finance Bill, 2020 had undergone First reading on the 1st December, 2020. Pursuant to Standing Order 121, it stood committed to the Committee on Finance, Budget and Appropriations. The Committee was to conduct public participation as required by law and on the 8th January, 2021 an advertisement was made in the local dailies and other media platforms. I believe the report from the public participation is ready and hence this Special Sitting has been called to finalise the remaining processes of the Bill.

Honourable Members, in accordance with Standing Order 26 of the Mombasa County Standing Orders, today's Special Sitting is duly convened as it was published in the Kenya Gazette dated 22nd January 2021 vide Gazette Notice Number 496 which appeared on page 20. I hereby proceed to read the Gazette Notice;

Pursuant to Standing Order 26 (1-4) of the Mombasa County Assembly Standing Orders, it is notified for the information of the Members of the County Assembly of Mombasa and the general public that there shall be a Special Sitting on Friday, 22nd January, 2021 at the County Assembly Chambers, Mombasa County Assembly Buildings, Mombasa at 11:00a.m. for the purpose of consideration and approval of the Mombasa County Finance Bill, 2020 MR/1729290.

Hon. Members, Standing Order 26(4) specifies that on the day of the Special Sitting, the business specified in the notice shall be the only business before the County Assembly. We will therefore only transact business in relation to processing of the Mombasa County Finance Bill, 2020. Honourable Members, thank you for availing yourself today to transact this important and urgent business that will see the County effectively deliver services to its residents. Thank you.

[Applause]

Yes Clerk?

PAPERS

MOMBASA COUNTY FINANCE BILL, 2020

Yes Honourable Hamisi Musa Mwidani, Leader of Majority party.

The Leader of Majority (Hon. Mwidani): Thank you Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker Sir indeed this meeting is properly convened and we were to consider the Mombasa Finance Bill, 2020. Mr. Speaker, I wish to bring to your attention that an emergency has occurred which requires all MCAs attention, I rise under Standing order 28 and seek that this County Assembly do now adjourn and we will convene at the earliest opportunity time. Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir.

The Speaker (Hon. Khatri): Yes Hon. Fadhili, the Deputy Speaker.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Fadhili Mwalimu): I second.

The Speaker (Hon. Khatri): Thank you Hon. Fadhili. Honourable Members, I now put a question that pursuant to Standing Order 28 of the County Assembly; that a Member may, at any time for reason stated seek leave to move that this County Assembly do now adjourn.

[Question put and agreed to]

ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Members incase of a Special Sitting it will be communicated so this House stands adjourned until Tuesday 9th February, 2021.

The House rose at 11:58a.m.