

REPUBLIC OF KENYA
KIAMBU COUNTY ASSEMBLY
THE HANSARD

Tuesday, 3rd July, 2018

The County Assembly met at the Assembly
Chamber at 2.30 P.M

(Temporary Speaker (Hon. Philip Njoroge) in the Chair)

PRAYER

(Consultations)

Temporary Speaker, (Hon. Philip): I have realized we do not have quorum and I want to instruct the Serjeant at Arms to ring the bell for ten minutes.

(Quorum Bell Rung for Ten Minutes)

Members, I want to call the House to order so that we may proceed with the business of the day.

STATEMENTS
ASSEMBLY WEEKLY BUSINESS

Leader of Majority, (Hon. Ikonya): Thank you Mr. Speaker and I wish to do the same so pursuant to Standing Orders.

Temporary Speaker, (Hon. Philip): I now call the Majority Leader to read the Statement of the Business.

Leader of Majority, (Hon. Ikonya): Hon. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order No. 62 on behalf of the Assembly Business Committee, I rise to give the following Statement, regarding the business appearing before the Assembly, the week beginning Tuesday, 3rd July 2018

Hon. Speaker, the Assembly Business Committee met this morning today, 3rd July, 2018 in order to prioritize the business of the Assembly. Hon. Speaker, they did approve the following business for the week.

- 1) **Tuesday,** 3rd July, 2018, the Assembly will debate the Motion for the Exposition of the Public Policy contained in the address of His Excellency the Governor being the first allotted day;

- 2) **Wednesday**, tomorrow 4th July, 2018 in the morning session, the Assembly will debate the Motion for the for the Exposition of the Public Policy contained in the address of His Excellency the Governor being the second allotted day;
- 3) **Wednesday**, tomorrow 4th July, 2018, in the afternoon session, the Assembly will do in the light of the fact that our Standing Orders are very clear that the exposition of this Statement by His Excellency is given for a allotted day , so tomorrow in the after we will still be doing the same thing for the third allotted day;
- 4) **Thursday**, 5th July, 2018 the Assembly will transact the following business
 1. The Assembly will consider a Motion urging the County Government to establish a county media House to complement the already existing county communication framework. It will ensure coverage of the County activities as well as to enhance regular access to information on the operations of the County Government.
 2. We will still do the exposition of the Governor's speech which will be the forth allotted day. Mr. Speaker with that brief I wish to lay the Statement on the Table of this Assembly thank you.

(Statement Laid)

MOTION

EXPOSITION OF PUBLIC POLICY CONTAINED IN THE ADDRESS OF THE GOVERNOR

Temporary Speaker, (Hon. Philip): Majority Leader?

Leader of Majority, (Hon. Ikonya): Thank you Mr. Speaker, I wish to move the following Motion:

That, the thanks of the Assembly be accorded for the exposition of public policy contained in the Address of His Excellency the Governor of the County of Kiambu delivered on Wednesday 9th May, 2018.

Mr. Speaker it is well known that the Governor is supposed to give an address on the state of the County which happened on 9th May, 2018. we were supposed to delve into that speech but due to the numerous business this Assembly has been transacting in, we kept on pushing forward to now when its appropriate for us to discuss it.

So Mr. Speaker, I wish to briefly touch on a few things that I want to be very lean in my presentation because we have been doing this for four allotted days. So, I want to give it in bits, so I will do the first bit today and one is to note that if you read the entire speech Mr. Speaker you will realize it takes cue with the Big Four Agenda that the President is trying to rally in the Country to prioritize for the purposes of having a prosperous Country.

So, one of the things that the Governor did that is to appreciate the work of this Assembly has been doing in its legislative duties. In exploring in what the Government tends to do. If you look at the documents that you already have in page two and three basically talks about health care.

We realize that one of the biggest agenda of Kiambu County has is in line with what the National Government is talking about in its biggest four agenda of this Country and one is health care. The Governor indicated that we have Thika Level 5 Hospital reproductive health Unit which is a new building being set and would be rolled out later this year for operation. Mr. Speaker, he also made Kiambu hospital has now acquired a Level 5 hospital status and would get Conditional Grant.

Mr. Speaker, to be precise, this year we will get Ksh. 360 Million in Kiambu Level 5 which has recently acquired that status. It is important at this day and night you realize that we have had things that have been peddled by the media and mostly the social media that most of them are true which is quite unfortunate.

You realize that certain members of our staff and to be precise, doctors who are doing a very shoddy job irrespective of the fact that we pride ourselves having acquired a level five status and I wish to tell the Members of this House that on Thursday we did summon the chief officer and the CEC for health and doctors who did a very unfortunate thing.

We had a very unfortunate thing that a doctor can declare a child clinically dead only that when the burial has been arranged and the body is being put into a coffin the same child cries out. It is very unfortunate kind of malpractices and shoddy job which should come to a stop. So we can see the governor is endeavoring to ensure that our health facilities are up to standard. So when we have people working within the facilities we would want to water down this work.

Mr. Speaker the Assembly whose role is to oversight they will not take it plain and we will pursue that matter into a conclusion. In health care you realize that in Thika if you look at page 4, we are in the final stages of launching of an emergency disaster resource command centre in Thika level 5 hospital which is now going to be a hub where all these information will get to and then responses would be adhered to .

They say it is in the process of hiring 150 nurses to be deployed across the County which by now it has already been realized, they have already been employed and some of them have reported to their respective places of work.

There is quite a lot that is happening within the Health department and with those few remarks, I want to reserve, many things I would want to say for three other allotted days. I would want to tell Members of this House that we do not have to exhaust everything today because we still have to debate the same things.

We will be doing this tomorrow afternoon and we will be doing the same thing on Thursday. So, we can spread it amongst ourselves. Mr. Speaker, now that I am on the floor, I do not know if you will rule me out of order but it is important I urge the Hon. Members of this House to be attending sessions in time to avoid issues of quorum hitch like we had this afternoon where we had the quorum bell had to be rung. You realize most of us are normally not far, we are just around the vicinity, and others are just around the Assembly, thank you.

It is important that we do those other things early so that we are able to make it in time. So Mr. Speaker, without wasting too much time, let me call the Hon. Member for Kahawa Sukari to second this Motion

Kahawa Sukari MCA, (Hon. Waiganjo): As I second this Motion, I want to emphasize on what the Majority Leader has said that we have four days to discuss this Motion. So, we are not bound to exhaust this today but when I look at point eight about education of this County.

Mr. Speaker, this is a fact that already Ksh.120 Million was disbursed to our relevant Wards and this was a milestone because this was historical since there was no such amount that had been disbursed in history in this County.

Mr. Speaker, we are awaiting another Ksh.60 Million which will still go to the same and also education is the backbone of this County and I would want to really emphasize in this disbursement and say the Governor looked into the welfare of our children.

I want also to commend the Committee for education although the amount was delayed but they did all they could to communicate so in this case the committee for education did what it could. So Mr. Speaker with those few remarks I second.

Temporary Speaker, (Hon. Philip): Thank you Majority Leader and the Seconder!

(Question Proposed)

Hon. Members, I want to open the floor for your contributions, and I can see Hon. Kimani is ready for that.

Kinoo MCA, (Hon. Kimani): Thank you Mr. Speaker for this opportunity!

I must really express my gratitude towards our Governor's speech because it really touched on the very critical areas and agenda for our County. As we have been guided, even by our Majority Leader, for today I only want to touch on the very first aspect, on health.

As we all know, health is wealth, and I am so much impressed because I am totally convinced that this County Government is very committed in ensuring that its citizens are healthy. If you read in page 2, our Governor clearly indicates that now we no longer just have one level 5 hospital, but three level 5 hospitals in Kiambu. This is a major achievement as far as acquiring of these grants is concerned, and also for the betterment of our people. Specifically, there are Gatundu and Kiambu level 4 and Thika level 5 hospitals. The other two have been upgraded to level 5 hospitals, which is a great move.

The other thing is in regard to the Locum Policy; we have been talking about this since the time we came into this Assembly. I am so happy to see that the Executive has been committed in ensuring the same has been done. You realize that we never have enough health officers within our County and even across the Country. So, it is very prudent to engage this kind of policy so that *Wanjiku* outside there can benefit. It is so unfortunate to go to a hospital and then you realize there is no one to take care of you at that time of dire need.

Thirdly, in the fourth paragraph in page three, I can see the Governor confirmed that at the end of that week when he gave this speech that there would be a CT scan machine and endoscopy services at Thika level 5. I

wish that can be clarified; if it has not happened then it should happen because our Governor confirmed that within that week these services will be available for our people.

Mr. Speaker, it is good to note that most of the residents in our County have been suffering a lot, especially in acquiring the services of the CT scan. They have been forced to go to private practitioners to be able to get these services, and many at times the private hospitals are very expensive. This is something we need to follow up to know if it has been done, and if it has been done, then it will be very good. If it has not yet been done, the respective Committee should follow up to ensure that it has been done.

Finally is in regards to drugs in page 4. In paragraph two, the Governor confirmed that drugs worth Kshs. 140 million have already been supplied across the County. This I can confirm because in the past, in Kinoo dispensary we were suffering because you would realize that the only drugs that were available were the paracetamols and these other drugs could not be found. Last month, I went there in person and I realized that we even had more than enough. At some point, even our doctor confirmed to me that there is a time they even had to share because they had more than enough. I must really applaud this; it is a very good move and we are progressing on well.

Finally, is on the issue of ambulances. This is great. We are talking about 12 ambulances that are available 24 hours a day, this is very impressive. Personally, I have been able to acquire these services. We had an accident of a young man who was found bleeding just along the highway and I was called by a Good Samaritan. I though calling for an ambulance would take too long. I think he had bled for more than one hour, so we even doubted that he was alive. I thought of engaging a taxi but they did not accept, and finally I had to make a call.

I am very impressed because within ten minutes, our ambulance was already on the spot. The young man was taken, and he brought all the way to Kiambu. Along the way they performed first aid on him, and we were able to save that life. Actually, the doctors confirmed that if he had stayed for only ten more minutes, he would not be alive today.

So, I am very much impressed by this, and I fully support this and congratulate our Governor and the entire County Government of Kiambu for honoring the very pledges we made for our people when we were looking for votes.

Thank you very much Mr. Speaker!

Temporary Speaker, (Hon. Philip): Hon. Gerishon Wangiri!

Kabete MCA, (Hon. Wangiri): Thank you Mr. Speaker!

I also rise to support this Motion. It is very conclusive and I thank the Leader of majority for starting off the ball. Mine is to touch a little on housing. I thank the Governor because he included the four big agenda for this nation including housing, health and the other two.

He was very categorical in identifying areas of construction, and also pledging that in two years being in the leadership, he is going to make sure that we have about 13000 units complete.

He also touched on the areas of investment, indicating that he is going to hasten, particularly the processes of registering and ensuring that they are registered in a proper way, so that they can enhance the prospects of investments, particularly in real estate.

We are lucky that we have gone a step further to approve the 6 Municipality boards. This has come at the right time because it will bring on board the development that we want within our County. What is left now is to hasten the process so that we can include this in the great speech that was made by our Governor.

The issuance of title deeds in our markets; as long as we have known them, most of the markets were allocated allotment letters, but they cannot go on to develop the plots that they acquired because they lack title deeds. He touched on that areas, and this was very important.

He had pledged that when we come on board to take on the leadership of this County, he would reduce the cost of fees levied on our people because they were exorbitant.

I stand to support this, and in the next four days as mentioned, we will go through this document extensively. We have just gotten it, and I know other Hon. Members will go through it so that they can contribute on the same.

I stand to support the Motion!

Temporary Speaker, (Hon. Philip): Hon. Peter Karuga!

Limuru East MCA, (Hon. Karuga): Thank you Mr. Speaker as I rise to support this Motion!

Mr. Speaker, I have a few things to say regarding the speech. I see that it is all round and from the Governor, he is fully supporting the big four agenda of the Jubilee Government. This is a commendable job and I can say that he is starting on the right footing.

Mr. Speaker, without much ado, I want to highlight that despite the hospitals and health centers being supplied with the Kshs. 140 million worth of drugs, this is still short of the expectations of many. You realize that the collection from these dispensaries goes to the County coffers, and it is getting hard for them even to procure the basic services like doing tests in the laboratories. I urge the Executive to think of a way of having a revolving fund for these hospitals so that they can be self sustaining.

Mr. Speaker, regarding education, everyone is more than happy that we have already done the first disbursements of Kshs. 2 million per Ward. People out there are very much appreciative and they are eagerly waiting for the remaining Kshs. 1 million, of which I have been informed that during the August break, the electorate will be able to apply for the remaining Kshs. 1 million.

Mr. Speaker, regarding the issue of garbage, we have 15 trucks and more are to be added. This will go a long way in making sure that our environment and urban centers are clean.

Mr. Speaker, allow me to highlight one of the major achievements of His Excellency the Governor for merging the water companies into one. And I am foreseeing that the water tariffs in our County will be lower than they are now.

Mr. Speaker, I am also seeing that we are going to break the barrier of the former water companies and the residents of Kiambu will be enjoying water regardless of where that water is coming from.

Mr. Speaker, the one thing that may be putting us off balance is the rehabilitation program for the drunkards. Indeed it is a good job because the drunkards are rehabilitated and they are earning a living. But there is a worry because the sometimes Governor says that there are about 4,000 reformers and other times he says that they are 5,000. We are being asked questions out there about which is which. Personally I say that it is 4,000 because that is what the written speech of the Governor says. But if you heard one of his interviews in one vernacular radio station, he stated clearly that it is 5,000. We want the number to be clear so that we do not rub the electorate's shoulders the wrong way.

Otherwise, the Governor is doing a good job and hopefully we will all support him to realize his manifesto as well as ours as we go along in harmony.

Temporary Speaker, (Hon. Phillip): Hon. Benson King'ara!

(Ndenderu MCA switched on His Microphone)

Mwihoko MCA, (Hon. King'ara): Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir!

I believe that the Hon. Member was testing his microphone in preparation for his contribution.

Mr. Speaker Sir, I am impressed by the speech that His Excellency the Governor gave to the County through this Hon. Assembly. From the onset the Governor reiterated his commitment to working with us as an institution, and that is why he recognizes the Assembly, not only as an oversight arm, but also as a body that compliments the governance of his administration. I believe having a good working relationship between the Executive and the Legislature is key in ensuring that the promises that are made are not only achieved, but are achieved satisfactorily and in good time.

There are things that my fellow Hon. Colleagues have pointed out and I will not necessarily emphasize more on them, but I will like to note with appreciation how the electorate are receiving the services that we are offering to them. For example, as noted in the Governor's speech, the issue of bursaries touched many lives. For example in Mwihoko, there were many children who were at home, and by the time we gave them bursaries they were able to resume classes.

On Saturday, I witnessed a graduation ceremony at St. Kizito Institute which is one of the best technical institutes we have in Kiambu. In fact, I believe it is the best institute we have in Kiambu and I am proud that it is located in Mwihoko. One of the graduands told me that was it not for the bursary that was awarded to her by the County Government of Kiambu she would not have graduated this year; she would have graduated maybe

next year or some time to come. When we hear these testimonies, we know that even though there are challenges along the way, there are people who are happy by what we are delivering to them.

The issue of development of sports stadia is an issue that I would really urge the Committee on sports and youth to be pushing the Executive. There are many times we say that sports and other talents are a tool in rehabilitation and helping our youth to run away from drugs. But now that this docket is merged with education, it is very easy for the Education directorate to overshadow other directorates that are within that department. So I would urge Hon. Gathuru and other Members of the Committee and indeed all of us to always look at other developments apart from education in that directorate that will help in touching our youth.

When we were in Thika Stadium receiving kits for 16 teams from our Wards, I saw the enthusiasm that our sports men have, and we know if we just motivate them, maybe in the next World Cup they would be there. I have strong belief that Kenya will be in the 2022 World Cup. We have players from Mwihoko, and we can take that to the bank.

Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir, I support!

(Applause)

Temporary Speaker, (Hon. Phillip): Hon. Susan!

Specially Elected MCA, (Hon. (Ms.) Wamaitha): Thank you Mr. Speaker!

I would like to support the Motion, but I have a little bit of emphasis to make on the Health sector. WE have a bit of a problem because of the personnel. We have the infrastructure, but we do not have enough personnel and human resource. So I would urge all of us as the policy makers; we need to do more when it comes to having more personnel working for our people.

As you know, our hospitals touch the most vulnerable, and when some members of the public are touched or lose a life, that is something that people hardly forget. It takes such a long time for people to forget.

I wish to urge the Health Committee, House leadership and the docket which takes care of health to create more time to go round the hospitals and make time to go visit the doctors and nurses that we have for motivation and to check whether we are being sabotaged or not, because it is becoming a norm that every week we have such kind of problems.

I support the Motion and hope that we will continue with the same harmony and care that we always have.

Thank you!

Temporary Speaker, (Hon. Phillip): I want to believe that the policy makers and especially those that are on the Sectoral Committee on Health Services, led by the very able Chair Hon. Eddy can hear that and they will be able to look keenly into the issue and areas that are affecting the Health Sector.

Members, we can continue with the contributions.

POINT OF ORDER

(By Leader of Majority, Hon. Ikonya)

Yes, what is your Point of Order?

Leader of Majority, (Hon. Ikonya): Mr. Speaker, I think realization of the fact that we will be doing the exposition for the next four allotted days, we have three more to go, I think that is why the Members are a bit reserved in making contributions now. Maybe they want to go through the speech properly and maybe fine-tune the kind of comments they would wish to make on the same.

Mr. Speaker, because we do not put a question in this, I would ask that you call for the next order so that you may allow the Members to go and fine-tune their presentation for the other three allotted days.

Thank you Mr. Speaker!

Temporary Speaker, (Hon. Phillip): Hon. Members, I want to believe that this being the first Sitting for deliberating on the Governor's speech, as we have been told by the Leader of Majority, we still have the morning and afternoon Sittings tomorrow and on Thursday as well. I believe we will have ample time for every Member to contribute and give his/her sentiments.

I also wish to make this kind reminder, that we will be discussing this speech throughout this week. So, kindly remember to carry the copies that have been given to you so that you may go through the speech. In every sitting, please make sure that you come with your copy.

ADJOURNMENT

Temporary Speaker, (Hon. Phillip): Hon. Members, there being no other Business, this Assembly stands adjourned until Wednesday, 4th July, 2018 at 10.00 A.M.

Thank you!

The House rose at 3.18 P.M.