

**REPUBLIC OF KENYA**  
**COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF KIAMBU**  
**THE HANSARD**

Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> July, 2018

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

*(The County Assembly Deputy Speaker (Hon. Phillip Mubea ) in the Chair)*

**PRAYER**

*(Consultations)*

**Deputy Speaker,** (Hon. Mubea): There is no quorum in the Assembly, so I will ask the Serjeant-at-Arms to ring the bell for ten minutes.

*(Quorum Bell rung for Ten Minutes)*

We now have quorum, so we can proceed!

**NOTICE OF MOTION**

We have a Notice of Motion from the Hon. Taki Julius Macharia, MCA for Witeithie.

*(Silence)*

If he is not in, we can proceed and he will give his Notice during the next sitting.

**STATEMENTS**

Hon. Taki Julius Macharia also has a request for Statements and it looks like he is still not in, so I think we shall defer that to another sitting as well.

**MOTION**

**EXPOSITION OF THE PUBLIC POLICY CONTAINED IN THE ADDRESS  
OF THE GOVERNOR  
THIRD ALLOTTED DAY**

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**Deputy Speaker,** (Hon. Mubea): Hon. Member, you realize that we are still doing the exposition of the public policy for the address of the Governor, so I think that is what we shall proceed on. We have had two sittings of the same, so this being our third, we shall just continue with the debate as it is. We still have another slotted day, so we can continue with the exposition of the said policy.

The debate is open to all and I know we have the address with us. For those who have not contributed, it is very important that you contribute to that so that you can give your sentiments on what the Governor stated in his address. So the debate is now open.

Yes Hon. Member for Uthiru. I can see you want to debate so you can proceed.

**Uthiru MCA,** (Hon. Erick): Thank you Hon. Speaker!

Unfortunately I do not have the speech with me, so I request that I debate after refreshing myself with the speech from His Excellency the Governor.

However, thank you for the opportunity.

**Deputy Speaker,** (Hon. Mubea): Actually I note with a lot of concern, and like you have rightfully said, it is unfortunate. If indeed you do not have that, it is very unfortunate because you should have it. You see the Deputy Leader of Majority has it, so I think you should keep yourself abreast with what is happening in the Assembly.

Yes Hon. Member for Limuru East!

**Limuru East MCA,** (Hon. Karuga): Thank you Mr. Speaker!

I am happy with the silence because it means that the Members concur with the speech of His Excellency the Governor. Owing to the fact that we may lose quorum; Mr. Speaker it is evident that Members concur with that speech and they are more than happy with it.

I request that we adjourn until tomorrow so that Members can have something to contribute. I am also very sure that most of those who are here contributed yesterday.

So, I seek your indulgence in that. Thank you!

**Deputy Speaker,** (Hon. Mubea): I was thinking that you were first of all going to address us before you read the mood of the House. I know you have a very good mood reader.

*(Laughter)*

**Limuru East MCA,** (Hon. Karuga): Thank you!

I contributed yesterday and owing to the fact that I cannot contribute to a Motion twice, that is why I am restraining myself from contributing further.

Thank you!

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**Deputy Speaker, (Hon. Mubea):** Are there any other Member who want to contribute to that?

*(Silence)*

We still have some Members who are coming in.

*(Silence)*

It seems like the Hon. Members seem to content with the speech and what has been contributed in earlier sessions.

I would wish to invoke the relevant Standing Order so that we go back to some of the orders that we had earlier on skipped. We had a Notice of Motion from Hon. Taki Julius Macharia and since I can see that he has come in, I would then give him an opportunity to to give his Notice of Motion.

### **NOTICE OF MOTION ESTABLISHMENT OF A COUNTY MEDIA HOUSE**

**Witeithie MCA, (Hon. Taki):** Thank you Hon. Speaker!

First I would like to apologize. I set my watch and it was stating that it was quarter to two. I would also like to apologize on behalf of the Hon. Member for Kinale because we were using my watch. It was not deliberate, and I apologize for the same.

Hon. Speaker, having said that, allow me to give Notice of the following Motion on the establishment of a County media house;

Aware that there exists a diverse media in the County offering coverage of County and National coverage issues, this includes vernacular radio stations, television stations, print media, websites among others which raise awareness on devolution and governance.

Noting with concern that most of these media houses are privately owned and as such are focused on profit making, the coverage of the County issues is insufficient.

Further to this, information communication technology platform such as websites are not easily accessible to a number of people as most residents reside there.

Recognizing that Article 35 of the Constitution of Kenya guarantees the right to access to information held by the state and further obligates the state to publish and publicize any information affecting the Nation;

Further appreciating that Section 94 and 95 of the County Governments' Act 2012 provides the objective of the County communication. This Assembly therefore **Urges** the

County Government to establish a Kiambu County Media house to compliment the already existing County communication framework that will ensure coverage of the County activities as well as enhance regular access to information on the operation of the County Government.

Thank you Hon. Speaker!

**Deputy Speaker,** (Hon. Mubea): Thank you!

That Motion will then be debated in our subsequent sessions.

I will also give you an opportunity to request for Statements as is indicated on the order paper. So you can proceed with the Statements.

### **STATEMENTS**

#### **STATUS OF THE PENDING BILLS IN THE COUNTY**

**Witeithie MCA,** (Hon. Taki): Thank you Hon. Speaker!

Pursuant to Standing Order 56 (3), I hereby request for a Statement from the Chairperson of the Committee on County Finance, Budget and Appropriations pertaining to the status of the pending bills in the County.

Hon. Speaker, in September 2016, a statement was requested regarding the status of pending bills within the County. The response stated that in the financial year 2015/2016 the total County pending bills amounted to Kshs. 395,117,657.75 out of which only Kshs. 44,268,331.50 was cleared within the financial year. The remaining bills were forwarded back to their respective departments for authentication with hope of clearing them. At the lapse of the first Assembly, it was not clear how much was outstanding. As such, there are numerous concerns that some contractors engaged at that time have never been paid their dues.

For instance, the contractor constructing Karamaine Primary School ECD class and the Ward administration office in Witeithie Ward, which I represent, have never been paid their dues. As a result of this, the construction of the ECD class and office block stalled at 90% and 80% completion respectively.

In February 2018, the Intergovernmental Budget and Economic Council (IBEC) resolved that an audit of all pending bills be undertaken by the Counties before their settlements.

Hon. Speaker, in view of the above, the Chairperson should inquire into and report on the following;

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1. The status of completion of the audit ordered by IBEC, including providing a list of all the pending bills incurred by the previous County Government and the service providers or contractors, and;
2. The elaborate plan from the County Government on how and when the pending bills stated above will be cleared.

Thank you!

**Deputy Speaker, (Hon. Mubea):** Thank you!

This is to the Chairperson Finance, Budget and Appropriations Committee. When do you expect to have a response on that?

**Chairperson, Finance, Budget and Appropriations Committee, (Hon. Daniel):** Thank you Mr. Speaker!

Mr. Speaker, allow me to notify this Assembly that I will do what I am supposed to do and I am going to respond to that at the earliest possible.

**Deputy Speaker, (Hon. Mubea):** Time frame?

**Chairperson, Finance, Budget and Appropriations Committee, (Hon. Daniel):** 21 days!

**Deputy Speaker, (Hon. Mubea):** Are you okay with that Hon. Member?

**Witeithie MCA, (Hon. Taki):** Thank you Hon. Speaker!

In reference to that, the Chairperson should also consider that we have KICOSCA games. I would like to request that he gives me the response before the games so that when I go there, I go and consume his response.

Thank you!

**Deputy Speaker, (Hon. Mubea):** Very well!

I think that should be in August, so I think by then 21 days will have been over. So 21 days it is and we hope you are going to get that Report by then.

You have another Statement?

**Witeithie MCA, (Hon. Taki):** Yes Hon. Speaker!

Hon. Speaker, Pursuant to Standing Order 56 (3), I hereby request for a Statement from the Chairperson of the Sectoral Committee on Youth, Sports and Social Services regarding the status...

*(Interruption)*

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**Deputy Speaker,** (Hon. Mubea): Hon. Member, are you a Member of the Committee on Youth and Sports?

**Witeithie MCA,** (Hon. Taki): Yes Hon. Speaker!

**Deputy Speaker,** (Hon. Mubea): If you read Standing Order no 56 (2) (vii), it reads very clearly that if you are a Member of that Committee, then you should be able to request that Statement within the Committee itself.

So I think we will drop that Statement and you will request it within your Committee.

Thank you Hon. Members, I wish to sincerely request you, that let us always maintain that we have quorum in this House. At times we are finding it very difficult to have session when Members are not here on time. We almost cancelled the morning session and we almost cancelled this afternoon session.

There are Members who come on time but we also have other members who are really taking their time to be here at the exact time.

Please let us look at that because it is very important for all of us.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

**Deputy Speaker,** (Hon. Mubea): Hon. Members, there being no other Business, this Assembly stands adjourned until Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> July, 2018 at 2.30 P.M.

Thank you!

The House rose at 2.58 P.M.