



COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF MOMBASA THE HANSARD

Tuesday, 20th February, 2024
Third Assembly – Third Session
FIRST SITTING

*[The County Assembly met at 10:15a.m. at the County Assembly Buildings]
[The Speaker (Honourable Aharub Ebrahim Khatri) in the Chair]*

PRAYERS

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

[Consultations]

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

OPENING REMARKS

Good morning again Honourable Members. Honourable Members, it is with great pleasure and enthusiasm that I welcome you all from the long recess that commenced on Thursday 7th December, 2023 and was scheduled to end on Monday 12th February, 2024. The House was scheduled to resume regular sittings on Tuesday 13th February, 2024 but due to unforeseen reasons resumption of regular sittings had to be postponed to today Tuesday 20th February, 2024. The change of date of resumption was duly published in the Kenya Gazette dated 12th February, 2024 vide Gazette Notice Number 1765. In addition, the Members of County Assembly and public were duly notified about the postponement through the Standard Newspaper dated 13th February, 2024. Honourable Members, I trust that each and every one of you had a restful and rejuvenating break, during which time you had the opportunity to reconnect with your constituents and engage in meaningful interactions with them. Honourable Members, as we reconvene, my prayer is that you have ushered in the new year in good health and with expectations that it will be a good year for you. May this year bring you success, fulfillment and prosperity in all your endeavors both personal and professional. Honourable Members, before we proceeded for the long recess, the following legislative proposals were submitted to my office pursuant to Standing Order 110;

- i. The Mombasa County Health Improvement Financing Bill
- ii. The Mombasa County Community Health Services Bill
- iii. The Mombasa County Street Naming and Property Addressing Bill

iv. The Mombasa County Climate Change Bill.

Honourable Members, I did refer the legislative proposals to the Clerk in accordance with Standing Order 110 (2) and after following the laid down procedures, I found the legislative proposals to be acceptable and thus certified that they be published as provided for in Standing Order 110(4). I, therefore urge that since we have resumed our regular sittings, the Committees concerned and as a House we will expedite the process of considering the Bills. Honourable Members, your active participation and engagement in the legislative process is crucial in ensuring that the interests and welfare of our constituents are well represented and safeguarded. Let us therefore prioritize transaction of important business, including Motions and Bills that are essential for the progress and development of our County. Honourable Members, the significance of legislative Committees in facilitating the efficient functioning of the County Assembly cannot be over emphasized.

These Committees play a crucial role in scrutinizing legislation, conducting inquiries, and overseeing the implementation of policies and programs. I, therefore urge you to fully engage with and support the work of your Committees as they are instrumental in advancing the agenda of the Assembly. Honourable Members, as you are all aware, we are currently in the third quarter of the budget process that commenced on 1st January, 2024 and will conclude on 31st March, 2024. It is imperative that we remain focused on this process, as it directly impacts on the allocation of resources and funding for various projects and initiatives within our Wards and County at large. Honourable Members, by 28th February, 2024 the County Treasury is scheduled to table the County Fiscal Strategy Paper (CFSP) before the County Assembly. It is incumbent upon us to diligently review and scrutinize the CFSP to ensure that it aligns with the needs and priorities of our constituents. Subsequently, by 14th March, 2024 the County Assembly is required to approve the CFSP, further underscoring the importance of our role in the budgetary process. Honourable Members, as I conclude, I wish to emphasize that the role of Members of the County Assembly in legislation, representation and oversight cannot be overstated. Your dedication and commitment to serving the people of Mombasa are vital as we strive to address the needs and concerns of our people. I urge each one of us to approach our responsibilities with diligence, integrity, and a genuine desire to effect positive change in our communities. I am confident that together, we can overcome any challenges that may arise and achieve meaningful progress for the benefit of the people we serve. Let us strive for unity and uphold a shared commitment to excellence. Once again, welcome back, and I look forward to our collective efforts culminating in making Mombasa a better place for all. Thank you.

[Applause]

Yes, Clerk next order please?

ADJOURNMENT

Honourable Members, this House Stands adjourned until Tuesday 20th February, 2024 at 2:30p.m.

The House rose at 10:28a.m