



**COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF MOMBASA
THE HANSARD**

Tuesday, 16th April, 2024
Third Assembly – Third Session
TWENTY FIRST SITTING

*[The County Assembly met at 10:30a.m. at the County Assembly Buildings]
[The Speaker (Honourable Aharub Ebrahim Khatri) in the Chair]*

PRAYERS

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

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

OPENING REMARKS

Good morning again, Honorable Members. Honourable Members, it is with great pleasure that I stand before you this Tuesday, the 16th day of April, 2024 to officiate the commencement of the second part of the Third Session of this August House. Our convening today is preceded by a recess which commenced on Thursday, 21st of March, 2024 and elapsed on Monday, 15th April, 2024. Honourable Members, will agree with me that it was a period that was necessary to enable us to not only to attend to the needs of our constituents but also afforded us ample time to observe our religious obligations and celebrations. While the Muslim fraternity observed the month-long Holy month of Ramadhan that culminated in the Eid El-Fitr celebrations that was marked on Wednesday, 10th April, 2024, our Christian brothers and sisters celebrated the Good Friday and Easter Monday on 29th of March, 2024 and 1st of April, 2024 respectively.

Honourable Members, it is my sincere prayer that Allah accepts our prayers and fasting and also that our Christian brothers and sisters embraced and appreciated the religious significance of Good Friday and Easter. Honourable Members, I once again welcome you all from the festivities and recess; now that we have resumed our regular sittings, I wish to remind us all of our constitutional roles and the business ahead of us. It is important that we prioritize our legislative business so that we can serve our people better. Honourable Members, the Assembly has received a number of Reports from the Auditor General and County Departments which were laid before this House and committed to the relevant Committees. However, our Committees are yet to finalize and table the Reports from the aforementioned institutions in the House for consideration.

I, therefore urge the Committees which have pending business to first track the preparation of the Reports for their subsequent tabling and consideration by this Assembly. In addition, there were petitions which were presented before the Assembly and are yet to be finalized. I urge us to adhere to Standing Order 201(2) on the period for consideration of petitions. On the same breath, there are Bills which have been successfully subjected to public participation and await approval by this House. The Bills are namely; one, the Mombasa County Finance Bill, 2024, the Mombasa County Health Facilities Improvement Financing Bill, 2024, the Mombasa Community, the Mombasa County Community Health Service Bill, 2024. I urge the relevant Committees to expedite and conclude their Report for tabling in this House. Honourable Members, as you are all aware, the resolutions passed by this Assembly are only impactful upon their implementations.

Since the beginning of the Third Assembly, we have passed a total of 109 Motions. The Committee on Implementation is mandated to follow up and report to this House on the implementation status of the Motion passed. I, therefore urge us to make use of the structures that have been created by law, including our Standing Orders, to ascertain the extent to which we as legislature are making positive impact in the lives of Mombasa residents. Honourable Members, the Meteorological Department has forecasted that the coastal belt, Mombasa County included, will receive more than average rains in the coming days. As leaders, it is important to impress upon our people living in low-lying areas and flooded-prone areas to remain vigilant and move out to higher ground in order to avoid disasters.

In addition, residents should avoid blocking drainages and other waterways by throwing litter in these areas so as to ensure smooth flow of rainwater during the current rainy season. The relevant County emergency response institutions and units should also remain alert as to provide any interventions needed by the Mombasa residents during the current rainy season. Honourable Members, as I conclude, I encourage us to foster unity of purpose in this pursuit of positive transformation of the lives of our people. It is only when our desires for positive socio-economic progress for people supersede our individual pursuits of the same that we shall confidently say we provide a great leadership. Honourable Members, I have received communication from the Clerk via the letter dated 15th March, 2024, reference CAM/CAC/ECM/7/21 on the election of Chairperson Committee on Education and Digital Transformation which I now proceeded to read.

Election of the Chairperson for the Committee on Education and Digital Transformation pursuant to the Mombasa County Assembly Standing Order 159(2). The Committee on Education and Digital Transformation conducted an election on 15th of March, 2024 to fill the vacant position of the Chairperson. This vacancy arose following the Committee's resolution to hold a vote of no confidence in the previous Chairperson. This is therefore to inform you that Honourable Ibrahim Oyugi Omondi was elected and opposed by the Committee to serve as the Chairperson.

Attached here with, is the minutes of the proceeding for your reference.

Thank you. In anticipation, Salim Juma, Clerk, County Assembly.
Yes, Clerk, next order please?

[Applause]

ADJOURNMENT

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Honourable Members, this House stands adjourned until Tuesday 16th of April, 2024 at 2:30p.m.

The House rose at 10:3a.m.