

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

**Tuesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> July, 2024**

*The House met at the Assembly Chambers at 10.33 a.m.*

*[The Speaker (Hon. Lantano Nabaala) in the Chair]*

PRAYERS

QUORUM CALL

**Speaker:** Clerk, confirm if we have quorum.

*(Lack of quorum confirmed)*

**Speaker:** Now that we do not have quorum in the House, I direct that the bell be rang for ten minutes.

*(Quorum bell rang for three minutes)*

**Hon. Anthony Theuri:** Mr. Speaker, Sir, we now have the quorum.

**Speaker:** Clerk, confirm if we have the quorum.

*(Clerk confirmed achievement of Quorum)*

**Speaker:** Now that we quorum, I direct that the bell stops ringing and we proceed with the order of the day.

**COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR**

APOLOGY FOR PLENARY SESSION DELAY

**Speaker:** Hon. Members, I have two communications to make today. I want to give an apology for delaying to start our session today. We had problems, as you know we had been attacked sometimes back. Our systems have been very problematic and we are doing everything possible to ensure things get back to normal.

SELECTION PANEL FOR CPSB

The other communication I would like to make is as follows; that Hon. Members, Section 58(a) 1 of the County Government Amendment Act, 2020 provides that whenever a vacancy arises in a County Public Service Board, the Governor shall nominate and with the approval of the County Assembly, appoint Members to a Selection panel for the purposes of selecting suitable candidates for appointment as Members of the County Public Service Board.

Pursuant to the above provision, I wish to inform the House that the Governor has forwarded to the County Assembly through the Office of the Clerk, the names of Members of the Selection Panel tasked with the recruitment of the Chairperson and Members of the Laikipia County Public Service Board through a letter dated 28<sup>th</sup> June, 2024 for the consideration by this House.

The names of the nominees and their respective capacities as forwarded by the Governor are as follows;

1. Naftali Githua Karangu -Chairperson
2. Joseph Muchiri Mwangi -Law Society of Kenya
3. CPA Minne Nyambura Kinyanjui -Institute of Certified Public Accountancy of Kenya
4. Francis Seneiya Kimiri -Union Representative
5. Elizabeth Akieli Romero -Private Sector

Hon. Members, Pursuant to Standing Order 191(5)f and the first Schedule of the Standing Orders, the aforementioned Chairperson and Members shall be vetted by the Committee on Labour, Social Welfare and Community Services. I therefore urge this Committee to adhere to the time frame as set by the public appointments, County Assemblies Approval Act, 2017. I thank you.

### STATEMENT

#### WATER COMPANIES TARIFF AND FINES ESTABLISHMENT

**Hon. Nicholas Lempaira:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I wish to seek statement from the Chairperson for Agriculture, Environment and Natural Resources Committee regarding the subject mentioned above. Hon. Speaker, Article 43 (1d), of the Constitution of Kenya, stipulates that every person has the right to clean and safe water in adequate quantities.

Section 72, 1 and 2 of Water Act, 2016 provides that the powers and function of regulatory board shall be determined to prescribe the national standard for the provision of Water services and Asset development for water services and providers. Evaluate and recommend water and sewerage tariffs to the county, water service providers and approve the in possession of such tariffs in line with consumer protection standards.

Hon. Speaker, the water service providers in the county, namely Nanyuki and Nyahururu water and sewerage companies charge extra charges on tariffs on the fines during the last review. Hon. Speaker, I request the Chairperson for Agriculture, Environment and Natural Resources Committee to inform this House on;

- i. How the Water Companies established their 1,000 fines; and,
- ii. Whether their fines imposed can be a commensurate with the water bills in question.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Thank you. Let me ask the Chairperson. Kindly respond and tell us when probably you could be able to respond.

**Hon. Leila Hussein:** Thank you. Mr. Speaker. I will be able to respond in the next two weeks.

**Speaker:** Hon. Lempaira are you okay with that?

**Hon. Lempaira:** Yes

**Speaker:** Perfect. Thank you.

### PROCEDURAL MOTION

#### ALTERATION OF THE ASSEMBLY CALENDAR

**Hon. Stephen Ndiritu:** Asante, Bwana Spika. Kwanza nishukuru kwa kurudi Bunge baada ya likizo. Ni vizuri kwenda mashinani na kusikiza vile mwananchi anasema. Leo naweza simama na kusema tumeongea na wananchi na pia Gen-Z na kusalimiana salamu za High five na mambo yote tumesikizana kwamba nchi hii lazima iende kwa njia ambayo inafaa. Pia lazima mwananchi apate ujumbe ama habari ya pesa yake ambayo atozwa kodi itumike kwa uwazi na uajibikaji.

Vilevile Gen-Z wamesema, ni vizuri wale ambao walichaguliwa kufanya kazi wafanye kazi bila kuungana na wale walianguka. Walioanguka wangojee serikali ifanye kazi kisha ikimalizika, mambo itakuwa sawa. Asante.

Honourable Speaker, on behalf of majority Leader, Hon. John Gichuki, I beg to move the following motion;

THAT, this Assembly approves the application of Standing Order No. 29(4) to allow it alter its calendar by adjourning its sittings from Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July, 2024 to Monday 12<sup>th</sup> August, 2024.

Mr. Speaker, this motion is addressing the alteration of the calendar and I would like this House to approve this so that we can adjourn the sittings from today up to August 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024. This is so that we can go deep in consultation with the people of Kenya and the people who have given us the mandate to represent them here. That is why on behalf of the Majority Leader, I am requesting the Hon. Members to support me on this one. By approving, we will be having a recess for about two weeks and that will help every Member to be with their electorates.

It is now my pleasure to call upon Hon. Lempaira to second me because this is a House of all Members. When altering the calendar, we must be united and speak in one voice and that is why I am calling my colleague who happens to be in the opposition and the Minority to support me in this one. I know that he is also a friend of Gen-Z, the people of Kenya and also his electorates who elected him. He is representing them here in passion and fashion.

**Hon. Nicholas Lempaira:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise in support of the motion that at least we have two more weeks so that we can get more time to engage in committee work and issues of oversight so that we can address a lot of questions raised. As Hon. Ndiritu has said about Gen-Z, we can have time to look at them and respond to some of these issues when we come back. Thank you.

*(Question proposed)*

**Speaker:** Hon. Members, I open the floor for deliberations.

**Hon. Mary Gathoni:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise in support of the alteration of the Assembly calendar. Thank you.

**Speaker:** Hon. Members, reading the mood of the House, the temperatures are quite low. Allow me to invite the mover of the motion to reply.

**Hon. Stephen Ndiritu:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I want to take this opportunity to thank the Hon. Members on their debate on this motion. I am requesting them to pass this motion and ensure that it passes. Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

*(Question put and agreed to)*

## MOTION

## PROCEDURAL MOTION ON ADJOURNMENT OF ASSEMBLY SITTINGS

**Hon. Stephen Ndiritu:** Hon. Speaker once again on behalf of Majority leader I beg to move the following motion;

THAT, this Assembly approves the application of Standing Order No. 29(3) to allow it adjourn its sittings from Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July, 2024 to Monday 12<sup>th</sup> August, 2024 and to resume on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> August, 2024.

I am now giving this motion and requesting Members to support me on this one. By approving the first motion, it is now my pleasure to request Hon. Members to support the adjournment of this House from today 24<sup>th</sup> July 2024 up to 12<sup>th</sup> August. The day that we will resume is on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup>. As I had said earlier, we need to consult our people and we have other duties that we are supposed to work on especially the work of oversight.

You know our co mandate is oversight and representation. By approving this motion, we will have a better time or humble time to oversight what the executive has been doing for the two weeks that we have been on recess. It is our duty to make sure that the government stands on its toes and delivers to the people of this County. I am taking this opportunity to call upon the Honourable Member from Segera to support me on this motion. Thank you.

**Hon. Salim Edung:** Bwana Spika, naunga mkono huu mjadala ulio kwenye hili Bunge wa kuenda likizo fupi ili kuwasikiza wananchi pamoja na vijana ambao wanaendelea na mipango yao. Tutakaporudi hapa, tutakuwa na mjadala mingi tutakayopewa kule vijijini. Tukienda likizoni, tuzingatie mambo tunayoambiwa na wananchi ili tukirudi hapa Bungeni tuwasilishe mapendekezo yao. Nashukuru.

**Speaker:** Thank you, Hon. Salim and Hon. Stephen.

*(Question proposed)*

**Speaker:** Hon. Members, I open the floor to allow Members to debate on the same. Thank you for your contribution. Let me call upon the Mover of the motion to reply.

**Hon. Stephen Ndiritu:** Thank you, Hon. Speaker. Once again, I want to take this opportunity to thank the Honourable House for approving this motion. This is a very wise decision and I would beg the Hon. Members to pass this motion as it is so that we can continue with our business. Thank you.

**Speaker:** Thank you, Hon. Members. I want to refer you to Standing Order No. 29 (3) which states as follows: *“On a day when the Assembly is scheduled to adjourn to a day other than the next normal sitting day in accordance with the Assembly Calendar, the Leader of the Majority Party or the Leader of the Minority Party or another Member of the House Business Committee shall move a motion of Adjournment which shall be debated for not more than three hours after which the Assembly shall adjourn without question put.”*

Thank you.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Speaker:** The sittings of this House now stand adjourned until Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> August, 2024 at 10.00 a.m.

The House rose at 10.56 a.m.