

**COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF SAMBURU**



**THE HANSARD**

**Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> February, 2019**

**The Assembly met at the County Assembly chambers at 2:30 p.m.**

*The Speaker, County Assembly of Samburu (Mr. Lempere Solomon) in the chair*

**PRAYER**

**GOVERNOR'S ADDRESS FOR THE THIRD SESSION OF THE SECOND ASSEMBLY**

**The Speaker,** (Mr. Solomon Lempere): Hon. Members, we have the pleasure of having His Excellency the Governor who is going to officially open the Third Session of the Assembly. I am going to proceed to read the convocation as an invite of His Excellency the Governor.

The Convocation is on convening of sitting of the Assembly for the year 2019 which will mark the Third Session of the County Assembly. Your Excellency the Governor, Hon. Moses Lenolkulal, Hon. Members of the County Assembly Article 30(1) (K) of the County Governments Act 2012, requires the Governor to address a sitting of the Assembly to open a Session of the Assembly.

He is at pleasure to address the Assembly any other time apart from the opening and the state of the County address. Further 30 (J) requires the Governor among others once every year to give a report and address the County implementation status, policies and plans. In this regard pursuant to 30(1) (K) of the County Government Act 2012 and the County Assembly Standing Order 22(1) (2) & (3) this sitting is now properly convened.

Hon. Members and invited guests, it is now my pleasure to invite His Excellency the Governor of Samburu County to address this sitting. Welcome Your Excellency.

**The Governor,** (His Excellency Moses Lenolkulal): Hon. Speaker of the County Assembly of Samburu, the Hon. Members of the County Assembly of Samburu, Hon. Members of Parliament present, distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen.

On this auspicious occasion of the opening of the Third Session of the Second House of this Assembly, I am indeed honoured and privileged to be part of this historic moment in the devolved governance for the people of the great County of Samburu.

Sincere thanks to the Almighty God for enabling us to see another year in good health as we all strive to deliver our respective leadership roles to the electorate who entrusted us to this public office.

Hon. Members, were it not for the cordial working relationship between this honourable House and the Executive arm of the County Government, we could not have achieved much in many of our progresses in the journey of service to our people.

My government acknowledges the legislative role performed by the Second House of this Assembly that have in one way or another set pace for operationalization of a number of our government programmes and projects. With crucial Bills passed and Acts enacted, the people of Samburu have indeed felt the impact of the devolved system of governance since the period dating back to the onset of devolution.

Hon Members, with ambitious development plans laid out by my administration for this remaining term, it is my hope that with concerted efforts, we will finally achieve our goals on the service to our people and set the County on the trajectory of development. The signing of the performance contracts by the County Executive Committee members serving in the respective departments is one of the ways that will be used to gauge the realization of thus goals. My administrations will also fast track the completion of stalled development projects across our wards.

I must however admit that the timely completion of many of these projects has mostly been a situation occasioned by the delay of funds from the national treasury. Such delays have also greatly contributed to the huge pending bills for the contractors at the county level alongside disadvantaging communities to whom development projects were to benefit.

To fast track delivery, the county government through the department of Economic Planning and ICT is developing a Monitoring and Evaluation Policy framework that will go a long way in tracking progress and evaluating the relevance, quality and sustainability of the development projects across the County. This will help us tame the work of unscrupulous contractors who don't offer value for money.

The Village Administrators will pay a pivotal role in the Monitoring of County Government projects. In recent days, we have also experienced a crisis with our health sector following industrial strike by our nurses grinding services at health facilities to a halt. We are doing all that we can and carrying out the necessary consultation for the health personnel to return to work. Meanwhile, we have undertaken the process to bring health services back to normality.

Hon. Members, to realize a number of these goals, our unity of purpose is therefore imminent for the sake of the people who elected us into public office. It is my sincere hope that consultative and collaborative working approach to issue related to such will help us to achieve a development oriented leadership target. Even on the face of the recent political

division and factious emanating not only at home but also across different parts of the Country, let these happenings not be deterrence to the quest for a common goal to the people of Samburu.

Hon. Members, yesterday a host of senior County Government officials were implicated by the Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission on graft allegations. Despite this being a matter of public interest, I stand before this House to uphold the law that every citizen of this Country, big or small, young or old is always innocent until otherwise proven. Therefore, let the law take its course for this matter until when justice is served. The Samburu County Government is committed to fighting corruption within its systems and as such will be a commitment not only for now but also in the future.

Hon. Members, today I presided over a signing ceremony for the lease agreement between the Samburu County Government and investors for the Maralal Safari Lodge as well as disbursement of Kshs.8.35 Million to various women and youth groups drawn from Samburu Central Sub-county. Kshs. 2.1 million and Kshs. 5.15 Million was disbursed in Samburu East and Samburu North Sub Counties respectively by County department of Trade and Enterprise last week.

The Maralal Safari Lodge is one of our Key public investments in the tourism sector. It is my hope that the facility will contribute to tourism in the region alongside providing considerable employment opportunities to our young people. Early this week, the County Government of Samburu also disbursed Kshs. 65 million in form of bursaries to students in secondary schools, colleges and universities.

As this house begins its sessions for 2019, I wish you all a blessed year full of blessings, success as you go about representing our people. As leaders we always have a moral obligation to serve and champion public interest. These were my remarks but I will be back for the state of address soon.

**The Speaker,** (Mr. Lempere Solomon): Hon. Members the time being 3:07 pm and there being no other business, this House now adjourns until Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> February, 2019 at 2:30 pm.