

COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF SAMBURU



THE HANSARD

Wednesday, 12th February, 2019

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

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

PRAYER

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

The Speaker, (Mr. Solomon Lempere): Communication 001/2019. Honourable Members, I take this opportunity to welcome you to the Third Session of this Second Assembly. It is one and a half years since we took oath of office and it has been an honour of my life serving as your Speaker. I am delighted that so far we have had time to grow together and perform our constitutional mandate. All of us have comprehensively appreciated the conduct of business in this House and our committees have delivered to their best.

As your Speaker, I want to appreciate your cooperation and commitment to service to our people. We have had Members present statements on issues of interests affecting our people. Many motions were considered and adopted in the first two sessions of this Second Assembly. We approved the second CIDP and passed the required Appropriation Bills for the government to deliver public services.

We have also enacted the following legislations to this end;

1. the Samburu County Livestock Sales Yard Act, 2018,
2. Health Services Act, 2018,
3. Samburu County Trade Act, 2018 and
4. The Spatial Planning Act, 2018 among others.

We must appreciate the small strides we have made and build on them as we now begin a new session.

Our efforts in the first two sessions addressed short term and emerging issues. Our efforts going forward should address issues in the long term. This can only be achieved through well thought legislations. The fact that this is a third session means that we still have only three sessions for the term of this Assembly

This should refresh our memory and humble us that this is a temporary privilege to serve our people. This is the people's assembly and it is all about them not us. All they want is a

government system that is honest, accountable and responsive to their needs.

We gather for the beginning of this third session when our people are facing a myriad of challenges. The cost of living is skyrocketing affecting basic services such as health care and food security. Unemployment is rampant and small businesses are struggling to be on its feet and our people are looking at us to fix it and give hope.

We must confront these issues head on and successfully transform the lives of our people. Let us move forward together, humble in our demeanor, steady in our principles and dedicated to proving worthy the trust and confidence that has been placed on us. If we brace ourselves to do our duty, and do what we say we are going to do, there is no feeling what together we can do for the great people of this county.

Honorable Members, Our people are hardworking and resilient and it behooves us that we should ameliorate their living standards. Our people expect us to pass legislations and policies that will provide efficient, effective and affordable healthcare that will improve food security, value addition to farm produce, improve business incentives and provide better roads network. As you can see, if we are able to achieve this, we will in our own way be pushing the Government's big four agenda which in essence seeks to address the basic underlying issues of our nation, Such business should populate our committee work plans for this session.

Honourable Members, much of our business this session should therefore be on legislation by way of new laws and or reviewing of the existing legislations with a view of addressing the long-term issues affecting our people. As they say, law is a tool of social engineering. Of course, I am alive to the fact that the achievement of a legislature cannot be measured by a number of laws passed but the transformative leadership we provide within our constitutional duties.

Honourable Members, We have also developed, and tabled for first reading, Samburu County Conservancies Bill, 2018 and was committed to the committee on Tourism, Cooperatives Development and Trade, This should be fast tracked as we embark on business this session. We

expect more such Bills under the Fourth Schedule of the constitution that will address general and specific concerns of our people.

As you are aware, almost all the statutory documents especially on budget that require passage by this House within a particular timeline were submitted by the Executive after the lapse of the time stipulated by the law. In this session, we shall not entertain such delays and I expect the chairpersons of every committee to ensure that such delays do not occur as it hampers the smooth running of the business of the House.

Honourable Members, Article 196(1) of the Constitution of Kenya states that; A county assembly shall— **(a)** conduct its business in an open manner, and hold its sittings and those of its committees, in public; and **(b)** facilitate public participation and involvement in the legislative and other business of the assembly and its committees, further, Fourth Schedule Part 2(14) states that; The functions and powers of the county are to coordinate and ensure the participation of communities in governance.

Counties are also to assist communities to develop the administrative capacity to enhance their exercise of power and participation in governance at the local level.

In View of this, Hon. Members, we would soon roll-out ‘Bunge Mashinani’ initiative that would see us hold our proceedings outside Maralal. Information must be availed to the people in an efficient and effective way before making a decision on every issue affecting the people. Our Assembly also has a very robust and interactive website that will enable our people access information. We also have social medial feeds-Twitter and Facebook- that provide instant information concerning the House and Committees’ business.

Honourable Members, as your Speaker, I also have Twitter and Facebook accounts, which I use to share information about my activities as the Speaker and the work of this Assembly. I urge the members of public to make use of these platforms to access timely and non-partisan information on the House as it facilitates the sharing and use of information about activities in the House affecting them. I also invite them to follow the proceedings of this House and even proceedings

in the committees and air their views through appropriate channels and in sittings outside Maralal.

Honourable Members, I am excited to have you all resume the business of this House. Let us endeavor to make the lives of our people richer in opportunity, fairer on how it rewards hard work, steadfast in demanding government responsibility and generous in fostering the peace and freedom to succeed. I thank you

Majority Leader, (Hon. Christopher Lentukunye): Thank you Mr. Speaker. Pursuant to Standing Orders 150 (1), the County Assembly approves the following Members nominated to serve in the House Business Committee in addition of the Speaker of the County Assembly who pursuant to Standing Orders 150 (1) (a) shall be the Chairperson of the Committee, the Majority Leader and the Minority Leader.

- 1) Hon. Asha Mohammed
- 2) Hon. Lesoipa Shadrack
- 3) Hon. Lucas Lekwale
- 4) Hon. Josphine Lesilampa

Thank you Mr. Speaker, I wish to call upon Hon. Stephanie Lanyasunya to second

(Hon. Stephania Lanyasunya bows to second the Motion)

The Speaker, (Mr. Solomon Lempere): Hon Members, I now wish to propose the question That Pursuant to Standing Orders 150 (1), the County Assembly approves the following Members nominated to serve in the House Business Committee in addition of the Speaker of the County Assembly who pursuant to Standing Orders 150 (1) (a) shall be the Chairperson of the Committee, the Majority Leader and the Minority Leader

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(The question is put and motion passed)

Hon. Members, the time being 3:42 Pm and there being no other business, this Assembly now adjourns until Wednesday 13th February, 2019 at 9:00 Am.