



THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF THARAKA NITHI

SECOND ASSEMBLY – (FIFTH SESSION)

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23RD, 2021 AT 9. 30 A.M

1. The County Assembly assembled at thirty minutes past nine O'clock.
2. The proceedings were opened with prayer said by the Hon. Speaker.
3. **COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CHAIR**

The Chair made the following Communications:

- i. The County Assembly Standing Order 33 (2) provides that whenever the Governor addresses the Assembly the Speaker of the Assembly will take the seat on the right of the Governor and the Senator of the County shall take the seat on the Left of the Governor. However, as you are aware the Governor is not addressing the County Assembly today. Standing Order 36 provides that the Speaker may designate a suitable place in the Chamber for purposes of admitting a Member of the County Executive. Now therefore, Pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order One I admit His Excellency the Governor to take the seat on my left.

I request the Honorable Members to be up standing as the Sergeant at Arms escorts His Excellency the Governor to his seat.

I thank you

- ii. Honorable Members, it is my pleasure to welcome you this sitting where we continue to exercise our mandate as per the provisions of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010. Today is a historic sitting as the County Assembly will be playing its role in the constitutional amendment process as per the provisions of Article 257(6) of the Constitution of Kenya 2010.

Honorable Members, I wish to recognize the exemplary work done by the Adhoc Committee on Building Bridges Initiative Constitution of Kenya (Amendment) bill, 2020 as it considered and conducted public participation on the Constitution of Kenya (amendment) bill, 2020 laid on the Table of the House on 9th February, 2020.

It is my sincere hope that the same zeal and dedication that you have shown in handling the Constitution of Kenya (Amendment) Bill, 2020 before the Assembly, despite the challenges posed by the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, will be exhibited as we seek to fully exercise the County Assembly role of oversight, representation and legislation.

Honorable Members, I take this opportunity to most sincerely welcome His Excellency the Governor Onesimus Muthomi Njuki to this auspicious occasion when the county Assembly is discharging its constitutional mandate as set out under Article 257(6) of the constitution of Kenya 2010.

Your Excellency, it is the custom of the Assembly to recognize invited guest seated at the Speaker's gallery. I therefore wish to accord special recognition to the distinguished guests seated at the Speakers gallery.

When I call your name, I request that you stand and bow.

1. The Secretary – Mr. Micheni Birichi;
2. The Chief Officer Public Service - Mr. Stephen Mitugo;
3. The Chief of Staff -Mr. Wilson Murithi;
4. The Economic advisor -Mr. Wilberforce Muriungi

The County Building Bridges Initiative Secretariat:

1. Mr. Mwenda Kathendu -County coordinator;
2. Ms. Mary Mugambi -Maara Constituency Coordinator;
3. Ms. Rael Fatuma -Chuka/Igambang'ombe coordinator;
4. Mr. Samson Mbaruku -Tharaka Constituency coordinator.

The guests are all welcome to the Assembly during this momentous occasion.

Honorable Members, on 26th January 2021 I received the Building Bridges Initiative Constitutional of Kenya Amendment bill, 2020 from the Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission (IEBC) pursuant to the provisions of Article 257 (5) of the Constitution of Kenya 2010. On 9th of February 2021, I issued a communication directing that since the Assembly has no Justice and Legal affairs committee the liaison pursuant to provision of standing order 226 (2) read together with standing order 215 to consider forming an Adhoc committee to deliberate on the matter. The assembly by resolution approved the Adhoc Committee on the Building Bridges Initiative Constitution of Kenya (Amendment) Bill, 2020 with a mandate of considering the Constitution of Kenya (amendment) bill, 2020 after which it shall stand dissolved.

Honorable members this is to therefore confirm to the House that the motion is properly before the house having complied with all the relevant laws

Honorable Members, I urge you and members of staff to continue observing the Ministry of Health guidelines on social distancing, usage of masks and other hygiene measures since we are in unprecedented times, and have to be ready to conduct ourselves in new ways.

Honorable Members, I wish you all the best as you continue to fulfill your Constitutional mandate.

I thank you.

4. **PAPER LAID**

The following paper was laid on the Table of the House:

Report of the Adhoc Committee on (Building Bridges Initiative) Constitutional Amendment Bill, 2020 on the Constitution of Kenya (Amendment) Bill, 2020

(Hon. Kathenya Peterson Mwirigi, MCA – Chairperson Adhoc Committee on the Building Bridges Initiative Constitution of Kenya (Amendment) Bill, 2020)

5. NOTICE OF MOTION - APPROVAL OF THE CONSTITUTION OF KENYA (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2020

(Hon. Kathenya Peterson Mwirigi, MCA – Chairperson Adhoc Committee on the Building Bridges Initiative Constitution of Kenya (Amendment) Bill, 2020)

THAT; the County Assembly notes the Report of the Adhoc Committee on the Building Bridges Constitutional Amendment Bill, 2020 on its consideration of the Constitution of Kenya (Amendment) Bill, 2020 laid on the Table of the County Assembly on 9th February, 2021 and pursuant to Article 257(6) of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010 Approves the Constitution of Kenya (Amendment) Bill, 2020.

6. MOTION -APPROVAL OF THE CONSTITUTION OF KENYA(AMENDMENT) BILL, 2020

(Hon. Kathenya Peterson Mwirigi, MCA – Chairperson Adhoc Committee on the Building Bridges Initiative Constitution of Kenya (Amendment) Bill, 2020)

THAT; the County Assembly notes the Report of the Adhoc Committee on the Building Bridges Constitutional Amendment Bill, 2020 on its consideration of the Constitution of Kenya amendment Bill, 2020 laid on the Table of the County Assembly on 9th February, 2021 and pursuant to Article 257(6) of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010 Approves the Constitution of Kenya Amendment Bill, 2020.

Order read;

Motion made and question proposed;

THAT; the County Assembly notes the Report of the Adhoc Committee on the Building Bridges Constitutional Amendment Bill, 2020 on its consideration of the Constitution of Kenya amendment Bill, 2020 laid on the Table of the County Assembly on 9th February, 2021 and pursuant to Article 257(6) of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010 Approves the Constitution of Kenya Amendment Bill, 2020.

Debate arising;

There being no any other member willing to contribute mover replied;

Question put and agreed to.

RESOLVED ACCORDINGLY;

THAT; the County Assembly notes the Report of the Adhoc Committee on the Building Bridges Constitutional Amendment Bill, 2020 on its consideration of the Constitution of Kenya amendment Bill, 2020 laid on the Table of the County Assembly on 9th February, 2021 and pursuant to Article 257(6) of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010 Approves the Constitution of Kenya Amendment Bill, 2020.

7. **COUNTY ASSEMBLY ROSE** – at twenty-five minutes to twelve O'clock.

MEMORANDUM

*The Speaker will take the Chair on
Tuesday, 2nd March, 2021 at 9.30 a.m.*

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