



THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF THARAKA NITHI

THIRD ASSEMBLY – (SECOND SESSION)

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY, APRIL 18TH, 2023 AT 9.30 A.M

1. The House (County Assembly) assembled at thirty minutes past nine O'clock.
2. Communication from the Chair;

The chair gave the following communication; -

“Honorable Members,

It is my pleasure to welcome you back from the Short recess. In continuing to exercise our mandate, it is my earnest expectation that we will see more business transacted by the House.

Since the commencement of the third assembly in September 21st, 2022 the County Assembly has achieved the following among others.

- i.** Fifty-two (52) papers have been laid on the Table of the House.
- ii.** The County Assembly has processed a total of forty-three (43) Motions.
- iii.** The County assembly has considered two (2) regulations and resolved they be acceded to.

- iv.** One statement has been sought on the floor of the House and responded to accordingly. No petition has been sought so far in the third Assembly.
- v.** The County Assembly has been able to consider and approve the County Executive Committee Members, The County Attorney, The County Chief Officers, the County Secretary and the County Bursary Board and ward Bursary Committees.
- vi.** In line with the provisions of the Public Finance Management Act, 2012 and other statutes the County Assembly has been able to consider and approve the Annual Development Plan for the FY 2023/2024, The County Budget review and outlook paper, 2022, the County Fiscal Strategy Paper for the FY 2023/2024, the County Debt Management and Strategy Paper, 2023, the Supplementary Budget (I) for the Financial Year 2022/2023 and the Tharaka Nithi County Supplementary Appropriation Bill, 2023.

I wish to thank all the Honorable Members for their commitment in execution of their mandate of Oversight, Legislation and Representation.

Honorable Members,

Standing Order 27 of the County Assembly of Tharaka Nithi Standing Orders provides for the Majority Party Leadership. It states that the largest party or coalition of parties in the Assembly shall elect Members to the following positions –

- i. Leader of the Majority Party.
- ii. Deputy Leader of the Majority Party.
- iii. Majority Party Whip; and
- iv. Majority Party Deputy Whip.

It further states that in electing members under paragraph (1), the largest party or coalition of parties in the Assembly shall take into account –

- (a) any existing coalition agreement entered into pursuant to the Political Parties Act; and,
- (b) the need for gender balance.

Additionally, a Member elected under paragraph (1) may be removed by a majority of votes of all the Members belonging to the Majority Party in the Assembly.

Consequently, the removal of a member from office under paragraph (5) shall not take effect until a member is elected in the manner provided for under paragraph (1) in his or her place and the decision is so conveyed by the Speaker to the Assembly.

In addition, upon a decision being made by the Majority Party under this Standing Order relating to the removal of the Leader of the Majority Party or the Deputy Leader of the Majority Party, the decision of the Party or coalition together with the confirmed and duly signed minutes of the meeting at which the decision was made shall be communicated to the Speaker in writing by the Majority Party Whip.

Similarly, A Member designated by the Majority Party as the Majority Party Whip or Majority Party Deputy Whip may be discharged from office by the Majority Party in writing to the Speaker, but the removal shall not take effect until so conveyed to the Assembly by the Speaker within fourteen (14) days of receipt of such notice. Upon a decision being made by the Majority Party, the decision of the Party or coalition together with the confirmed and duly signed minutes of the meeting at which the decision was made shall be communicated to the Speaker in writing by the elected Leader of the Majority Party.

Honorable Members,

Am in receipt of a letter dated 17th April, 2023 from the Majority Party Whip Hon. Kabii Jones Kinengi communicating the Changes in Majority Party Leadership in the Assembly. The letter is accompanied by the confirmed and

duly signed minutes of the meeting held on 17th April, 2023 at UDA headquarters, Hustler Plaza at which the decision was made.

Additionally, I am in receipt of the correspondence REF: UDA/1/TRK/01/2023 dated 17th April, 2023 from Hon. Sen. Cleophas Malala the Secretary General of the United Democratic Alliance (UDA) relaying the Changes in the County Assembly Party Leadership having presided over the meeting where the decision was made.

Honorable Members,

Having received the written decision of the United Democratic Alliance together with the Confirmed and duly signed minutes of the meeting at which the decision was made as per the provisions of Standing Order 27, it is now my singular honor to announce the new Majority Party Leadership in the Assembly as Follows;

- i. Hon. Marengo Luke Nyaga - Leader of Majority Party
- ii. Hon. Joseph Kinyua - Deputy Leader of Majority Party
- iii. Hon. Kabii Jones Kinogeni - Majority Party Whip
- iv. Hon. Karuku Wanja - Deputy Majority Party Whip

I congratulate the Honorable Members and urge them to discharge their duties with devotion, integrity and dedication.

Honorable Members,

Honorable members I wish you all the best as you continue to fulfill your constitutional mandate.

I thank you.”

3. PAPERS LAID

The following papers were laid on the table of the House

- i. The Report of the Select Committee on Finance, Budget and Appropriations on the Tharaka Nithi County Government Entities Half Year Reports for The Financial Year 2022/2023.

(Hon. Muchiri Godfrey Murithi – Chairperson Committee on Finance Budget and Appropriations)

- ii. The Tharaka Nithi County Government Supplementary Budget (II) for the Financial Year 2022/2023.

4. NOTICES OF MOTION

The following notices of motion were issued: -

A. NOTICE OF MOTION – ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE SELECT COMMITTEE ON FINANCE, BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS ON THE THARAKA NITHI COUNTY GOVERNMENT ENTITIES HALF YEAR REPORTS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2022/2023.

(Hon. Muchiri Godfrey Murithi – Chairperson Committee on Finance Budget and Appropriations)

THAT; Pursuant to the provisions of section 166 of the Public Finance Management Act, 2012 and the provisions of Standing Order 221 of the County Assembly of Tharaka Nithi, this House adopts the report of the Committee on Finance, Budget and Appropriations on the Tharaka Nithi County Government entities half year reports for the Financial year 2022/2023.

5. STATEMENTS

The following statement on the grading of roads across the county was sought on the floor of the House by *(Hon. Mugao Salvestas Kanyaru, MCA Gatunga Ward)*

6. MOTION – ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE SELECT COMMITTEE ON FINANCE, BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS ON THE THARAKA NITHI COUNTY GOVERNMENT ENTITIES HALF YEAR REPORTS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2022/2023.

(Hon. Muchiri Godfrey Murithi – Chairperson Committee on Finance Budget and Appropriations)

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Order Read;

Motion made and Question proposed;

Question put and **agreed to.**

RESOLVED ACCORDINGLY

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7. COUNTY ASSEMBLY ROSE - at thirty minutes past twelve O'clock.

MEMORANDUM

The Speaker will take the Chair on

Tuesday 26th April, 2023 at 9.30 am.