



THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF THARAKA NITHI

THIRD ASSEMBLY – (SECOND SESSION)

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY, JUNE 13TH, 2023 AT 9.30 A.M

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

The chair delivered the following communication;

“Honourable Members,

It is my pleasure to welcome you back from the short recess. As we resume sittings it is my sincere hope that you will continue exhibiting dedication and commitment in handling business before the Assembly as we seek to fully exercise the constitutional mandate of the County Assembly.

Honorable Members,

As you are aware, in line with the Public Finance Management Act, 2012 Section 130(1.b), the County Assembly received the Annual Budget Estimates for Financial Year 2023/2024 in support of planned programmes and projects and their budgeted allocations of expenditure in various county departments.

Consequently, the County Assembly is in the process of considering the said Budget Estimates pursuant to the provisions of Section 131 of the Public Finance Management Act, 2012.

Honorable Members,

The Public Finance Management Act, 2012 Section 132 provides that each year the County Executive Committee Member responsible for Finance shall make pronouncement of the revenue raising measures for the County Government in the County Assembly.

Further, Section 132(2) of the Public Finance Management Act, 2012 provides that on the same date that the revenue raising measures are pronounced, the County Executive Committee Member responsible for Finance shall submit to the County Assembly the County Finance Bill setting out the revenue raising measures for the County Government together with a policy statement expounding on those measures.

Honorable Members,

Pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 251 and 36(1)(a) of the Tharaka Nithi County Assembly Standing Orders, I shall admit the County Executive Committee Member responsible for Finance and the assisting Officer in the Chamber after the conclusion of today's House Business for the purpose of making a public pronouncement of the budget policy highlights and revenue raising measures for the county government for the financial year 2023/2024 together with a policy statement expounding on those measures as

contemplated under Section 132(2) of the Public Finance Management Act, 2012.

Further, I direct that the County Executive Committee Member responsible for Finance during the pronouncement of the Budget revenue raising measures shall be heard in silence and no question and comment shall follow.

The House is accordingly guided.

I thank you.

4. PAPERS LAID

The following papers were laid on the table of the House.

- i. The Tharaka Nithi County Climate Change Action Plan 2023-2028.

(Hon. Marengo Luke Nyagah Njeru, MCA -Leader of the Majority Party)

- ii. The Report of the County Assembly Delegation to Ethiopia on 19th-24thApril, 2023.

(Hon. Muchiri Godfrey Murithi, MCA)

- iii. Report of the Auditor-General on Tharaka Nithi County Emergency Fund for the Year ended 30th June, 2020.

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County Bursary Development Fund for the Year ended 30th
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- ix. Report of the Auditor-General on Tharaka Nithi County Bursary Development Fund for the Year ended 30th June, 2021.
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- x. Report of the Auditor-General on Tharaka Nithi County Executive Municipality of Kathwana for the Year ended 30th June, 2020.
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- xi. Report of the Auditor-General on Municipality of Kathwana for the Year ended 30th June, 2021.
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5. NOTICES OF MOTION

The following notice of motion was issued: -

1. ACCESS TO PALLIATIVE CARE BY CANCER PATIENTS

(Hon. Wanja Karuku, MCA)

AWARE THAT; The global cancer burden is estimated at 18.1 million and 9.6 million cancer deaths in 2018. In Kenya, cancer is the 3rd leading cause of death after infectious and cardiovascular diseases. The International Agency for Research in Cancer (IARC) GLOBOCAN report for 2018 shows

that the annual incidence of cancer was estimated at 47,887 new cancer cases, with an annual mortality of 32,987.

FURTHER AWARE THAT; Article 43 of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010 provides that every person has the right to the highest attainable standard of health, which includes the right to health care services, including reproductive health care;

COGNIZANT THAT; The Kenya Cancer Policy 2019-2030 provides for a framework to comprehensively address cancer control in Kenya through the systematic implementation of evidence-based interventions for prevention, screening, timely diagnosis, treatment, survivorship and palliative care, financing, monitoring, and research. It is meant to guide all stakeholders in cancer control in Kenya, including government ministries, departments and agencies, county governments, faith-based organizations, private sector players, patient groups, civil society organizations and development partners, among others, towards a coordinated response.

APPRECIATING THAT; The Ministry of Health in 2018 developed the National Guidelines for establishment of Cancer Management Centres in Kenya, as a result of the growing interest and need by various Counties to manage their cancer patients locally rather than refer them to the National Referral Hospitals.

ACKNOWLEDGING THAT; Tharaka Nithi County statistics on prevalence trends of cancer cases have been increasing for the last eight years with 171 positively screened cancer patients in 2022.

NOW THEREFORE, the County Assembly resolves that the County Executive through the County Executive Committee Member responsible for Health, Medical Services and ICT;

1. Establish a cancer patients' desk at Chuka Level Five Hospital with a qualified nurse, a well-equipped palliative care for the patients and professional counselling services to their caregivers.
2. Engaging oncology services at Chuka Level 5-Hospital at least fortnightly to reduce the transport costs for patients and overall cost of treatment and encourage screening.
3. Seek to collaborate and partner with Non- Governmental Organizations in resource mobilization to provide subsidized drugs and aids to the cancer patients.

6. STATEMENTS

The statement on Kenya Youth Inter-County Sports (KYISA) Games held on 23rd to 30th April, 2023 in Tharaka Nithi County was sought on the floor of the House by *Hon. Muchiri Godfrey Murithi, MCA-Karingani Ward* to be responded within fourteen days.

7. MOTION – ACCESS TO PALLIATIVE CARE BY CANCER PATIENTS

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Order Read;

Motion made and Question proposed;

Question put and **agreed to.**

RESOLVED ACCORDINGLY

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8. PRONOUNCEMENT OF BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS AND REVENUE RAISING MEASURES FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2023/2024

Budget highlights and revenue raising measures were pronounced by the County Executive Committee Member in charge of Finance and Economic planning.

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

MEMORANDUM

The Speaker will take the Chair on

Tuesday 27th June, 2023 at 9.30 am.