

# THARAKA NITHI COUNTY ASSEMBLY

## THE HANSARD

23<sup>rd</sup> June 2020

*The County Assembly met at the  
County Assembly chambers in Kathwana at 11.00 Am*

*[The Speaker (Hon. D.J. Mbaya) in the Chair]*

### PRAYERS

**Hon. Speaker:** Honourable members let's get seated.

### COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

**Hon. Speaker:** Honourable member's good morning. I am in resit of a ruling by the political party dispute tribunal complete number 6 of 2020 dated 18<sup>th</sup> June 2020. In the ruling it was ordered that the matter be referred back to the respondent (Jubilee Party) to conduct fresh elections for the positions of the Majority party leader, Deputy Majority party leader, Majority party whip, Deputy Majority party whip and the representative of the majority party to the county assembly service board in Tharaka Nithi county Assembly within 30 day from the date hereof in accordance with the party rules. The house is accordingly guided.

### NOTICES OF MOTION

**Hon. Speaker:** Yes, honourable member for Mugwe honourable denies.

**Hon. Dennis:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. I give a notice of motion of establishment of a street children rescue centre. Aware that article 43 of the constitution of Kenya 2010 under economic and social rights provides that every person has the right to the highest attainable standard of health, accessibility and adequate housing and to reasonable standard of sanitation; and the right to be free from hunger to have adequate food of acceptable quality. Further aware that, Article 53 of the Kenya constitution of Kenya 2010 gives every child to a name and nationality from birth; right to free and compulsory basic education and the right to be protected from abuse, neglect and harmful cultural practices. Concerned that; despite the existence of an extensive legal framework, many of our youths have not had access to relevant education and training neither have they accessed employment as envisioned under article 55 of the constitution of Kenya 2010. Deeply concerned that; the county government of Tharaka Nithi has not established a street children rescue centre where the county in conjunction with the area advisory committee and the children department can take rescued street children and do contact tracing with the aim of reuniting the children with their families

while empowering them. Noting that the county should provide and take measures including affirmative action program to ensure that the youth have opportunities to participate in political, social, economic and other spheres of life since most of the street children in the county engage in petty crimes and drug abuse due to idleness and lack of guidance; now therefore the county assembly calls upon the county department of youth in collaboration with the county children office to take measures to; establish a street children rescue centre within the county which can be used as a contact tracing centre and where possible reunite the children with their families. Two provide treatment and counselling services to the rescued children while assisting them apply and access legal document like identification cards. Three partner with the recovered youths to establish small businesses like car wash, shoe shines, and road maintenance program to economically empower the youth while generating income for the county.

**Hon. Speaker:** Honourable members pursuant to the provision of article 67 the notice of motion by one Denies Mutwiri for establishment of a street children rescue centre is hereby acknowledged.

## STATEMENTS

**Hon. Speaker:** Yes, honourable Anita Karimi.

**Hon. Anita:** Thank you Mr. Speaker sir, I rise pursuant to the provision of standing order number 55(1) (a) to seek a statement from the chairperson committee on water, Environment and Natural Resources on water conservation in part of Mariani ward. Nithi water and sanitation company (NIWASCO) is established pursuant to section 77 of the water act, 2016 and has been extending water services to rural or developing areas in line with section 81. Three years ago NIWASCO undertook water connection assessments in some parts of Mariani ward namely; Mwanjati, Kathanhani, and kaanwa (Ndigo). Having confirmed viability of water connection, the residents paid the connection fee. However, neither the water connection has been done nor refund of the said fees. In the Tharaka Nithi county government budget estimate for financial year 2019/2020 the county government allocated funds to NIWASCO towards new water connections and extensions. In the statement I would like the chair person to respond to the following; How has the allocated funds been utilized? What are the guidelines for the water connection to the said areas considering that the residents paid the connection fees? Which measures has the department of lands, physical planning, urban development, water, irrigation, environment and natural resources put in place to ensure that the service water provider (NIWASCO) continues to connect water to the assessed areas? Thank you.

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you honourable Anita. Honourable members the statement by honourable Anita statement on water connections in parts of Mariani ward is hereby referred to the committee on water, environment and natural resources. Where is the chair person, yes honourable Margret honourable member for Chogoria, how much time do you need to provide your response.

**Hon. Margret:** Mr. Speaker I require 21 days.

**Hon. Speaker:** Are you comfortable with that honourable Karimi.

**Hon. Anitah:** Mr. Speaker bearing the tough times we are in I will appreciate that.

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you. Yes honourable member for Karingani.

**Hon. Muchiri:** Thank you honourable speaker, I still stand on the statement. The other day the last time we were in session.

**Hon. Speaker:** Let me conclude with that statement honourable member.

**Hon. Muchiri:** Sorry I thought you had concluded.

**Hon. Speaker:** Honourable members a response on the statements on water connections in parts of Mariani ward be brought to this house within 21 days thank you. Yes honourable member for Karingani.

**Hon. Muchiri:** Honourable Speaker in the order paper I cannot see the response of my statement that u gave an order last week that the response should be brought to this house in the next sitting which is today. It is my concern because I cannot see it in the order paper.

**Hon. Speaker:** It is equally my concern honourable member for Karingani for this is a house of order and the speakers orders cannot be issued in vain. This house will recall that last time when we sat here I did direct that the response on the position of the status of that statement be brought in the floor of this house. The secretariat is now consulting. Yes honourable member for Magumoni honourable Kithinji.

**Hon. Kithinji:** Thank you Mr. Speaker I agree with your observation this house should not act in vain. It is unfortunate because we had not sort to notify the speaker of the deliberation of the committee, because indeed the committee sat but we could not get some answers therefore we intend to call the C.E.C and we have written a letter to her telling her to attend the committee on Tuesday of next week and it is unfortunate if the member for Karingani has not yet received an invitation letter. We have extended our generosity to invite him to our sitting so that he can also ask this questions, infact get them from first hand much as we will be communicated to this honourable house. So it's not a dishonour to this honourable house we are really on course only that there was not enough to table today. At the same time because we are meeting this C.E.C on Tuesday I request for more 14 days and I want to believe by then the responses to the statement will be complete.

**Hon. Speaker:** Is it possible honourable member for Magumoni regard being taken to of course your vigour that you now provide this statement and answers within the next 7 days. To take care of your brother who has been waiting for this response for many days.

**Hon. Kithinji:** Mr. Speaker I have already said that we are requesting the C.E.C when she will be available and she indicated that he will be available on Tuesday of next week. So it is not possible to bring that statement here that is why I was requesting for 14 day.

**Hon. Speaker:** Honourable member for Karingani kindly feel persuaded that the response be made within the next 14 days.

**Hon. Muchiri:** I think honourable Speaker

**Hon. Speaker:** The rest on matters as pertains the administration. I will give a brief communication shortly after this sitting because I am alive and aware of the fact that we have another sitting after this.

**Hon. Muchiri:** Thank you.

**Hon. Speaker:** On matters concerning that response I am trying to persuade you that the response be made within the next 14 days so that you indulge the committee on lands, regard being taken to the circumstances we are living in. yes honourable Anitah.

**Hon. Anitah:** Thank you Mr. Speaker I am also raising on an issue about a statement to the committee on trade. Today as I was listening to news I heard that the Governor has disbanded the cereals cooperatives in Tharaka, and I had raised a statement on the that this county assembly looks for the buying of ndengu and the committee never brought the response to show us if the matter was repaid or what happened to the matter. I don't know if the committee will be disbanded with our money which will not benefit the people of Tharaka Nithi County.

**Hon. Speaker:** Honourable Anitah I will again seek that I give a brief communication in the next sitting.

**Hon. Anitah:** Most obliged Mr. Speaker.

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you. Honourable Members there being no any other business on the order paper the house stands adjourned until the next sitting.

**\*\*\*The House Rose at 11:20Am\*\*\***