



COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF KITUI

THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY

THIRD ASSEMBLY - (FIRST SESSION)

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY 7TH DECEMBER 2022 AT 9:00 A.M.

1. The House convened at Thirty minutes past Two o'clock.

2. The proceedings were opened with a word of Prayer.

3. **PRESIDING**-Honourable Speaker on the Chair.

4. **Quorum at the Commencement of the Business.**

Pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order No.31(2) Hon. Speaker informed members that there was no quorum at the commencement of the business and thereupon, he directed the quorum bell be rung for five minutes. Upon the expiry of five minutes, quorum was achieved.

4. **MOTION ON PENDING BILLS** (MCA – Kisasi Ward)

Motion Made, Question Proposed;

AWARE THAT, the law prioritizes the settlement of eligible pending bills and claims. Specifically, regulation 41 (2) of the Public Finance Management (County Government) Regulations, 2015, provides that debt service payment shall be a first charge in the County revenue fund.

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FURTHER AWARE THAT; the provision of essential services in Kitui County are adversely affected because the County is overburdened with pending bills totaling to two billion, four hundred and forty-five million (**Kshs. 2.445 Billion**) as outlined in the Governor's inaugural speech delivered in this Assembly on 11th October, 2022 and that the delay is hurting investor confidence and that the County risks losing reliable suppliers.

NOTING THAT; H.E. the Governor, in his inaugural speech on 25th August, 2022 expressed his resolve to deal with pending bills within the first 100 days of his administration by forming a technical review team to verify them and recommend modalities for payment of the same.

FURTHER NOTING THAT, in his address during the official opening of the Third County Assembly of Kitui, H.E the Governor reiterated his resolve to ensure that the pending bills are conclusively dealt with by budgeting for their settlement in the first supplementary budget of the current financial year for consideration by the County Assembly.

FURTHER COMMENDING the Governor for his timely and thoughtful approach in addressing the pending bills;

COGNISANT THAT, the Governor went ahead to constitute and Gazette a committee on verification of pending bills.

APPRECIATING THAT, the committee has been holding meetings for the last two months and has made progress in the verification exercise.

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THEREFORE, THIS HOUSE RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS;

1. That the County Executive Committee Member for County Treasury forwards the Report on the pending bills to this Assembly within seven (7) days of its completion.
2. That the Assembly constitutes a working committee comprising of thirteen (13) members drawn from each sectoral committee to undertake physical verification of the projects at the Ward level for purposes of confirming their authenticity.
3. That the report of the working Committee be tabled in the House within thirty (30) days after its constitution.

Hon Nicholas Mutemi- (M.C.A)

Debate arising;

Standing on a point of order and pursuant to provisions of standing Order No. 92 (1) Hon. Joseph Nzungi Ng'wele sought the leave of speaker to adjourned the debate to allow members consult on the motion before the house.

(With the leave of the Speaker the business was deferred to afternoon sitting 7th December, 2022.)

5.ADJOURNMENT-And the time being Twenty Six minutes past Eleven O'clock, the Honourable Speaker adjourned the House.

6.ASSEMBLY ROSE- Twenty Six minutes past Eleven O'clock

MEMORANDUM

*The Honourable Speaker will take the chair on the
Wednesday 7th December, 2022 at 2:30 P.M*

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