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COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF KITUI THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY THIRD ASSEMBLY - (FIRST SESSION) VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS WEDNESDAY 21ST DECEMBER, 2022 AT 2.30 P.M.

- 1. The Assembly convened at Thirty Minutes Past Two O'clock.
- 2. The proceedings were opened with a prayer.
- 3. **PRESIDING** Honourable Speaker on the Chair.
- 4. COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

The Honourable Speaker Made the following Communications;

i. COMMUNICATION AS RELATES TO EXTENSION OF TIME FOR THE AD HOC COMMITTEE ON ENQUIRING INTO THE INSECURITY CAUSED BY THE CAMEL HERDERS IN THE SOUTH KITUI GAME RESERVE AND ALL OTHER AFFECTED AREAS.

Honorable Members,

You can all recall that on 1st and 2nd November, 2022 I appointed an ad hoc Committee on enquiry into the insecurity caused by the camel herders in the South Kitui Game Reserve and all other affected areas. The formation of the Committee was made pursuant to the provisions Section 14 (1) (b) of the County Government Act, 2012 and Standing

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Order No. 192 A (5).

Honorable Members,

This is an AD-HOC Committee whose lifetime is limited to one month and having been formed on 1st November, 2022, her term is expected to have expired on 30th November, 2022. However, noting the progress and that the Committee is yet to deliver in her mandate, I do now direct that the term of the said Committee be extended with an additional twenty-one (21) sitting days. This will allow them more time to proceed with the business as conferred to the Committee by the motion.

Honorable Members,

I thank you all for your continued support and I reiterate that my office is open for any assistance and guidance needed.

ii. COMMUNICATION AS RELATES TO THE ELECTION OF THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY SERVICE BOARD VICE CHAIRPERSON AND CHAIRPERSONS FOR BOTH MEMBERS' AND STAFF MORTGAGE AND CAR LOANS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEES.

Honorable Members,

The provisions of Section 46(3)(b) of the County Assemblies Services Act No. 24 of 2017 as read together with section 12 of the County Government's Act No 17 of 2012 provides for the position of the vice chairperson to the County Assembly Service Board.

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It is in regard to the above that I wish to notify the Assembly that the election of the vice chairperson to the Board was successfully conducted in a Board meeting held on 14th December, 2022 vide minute number KCASB 54/2022.

Hon. Mathew Vuthi Ngovi was successfully elected as the Vice Chairperson to the Board pursuant to the aforesaid provisions of the law.

Honorable Members,

I further wish to notify the Assembly that, Regulation No. 6 (1) of the Kitui County Assembly Service Board Members' Mortgage and Car Loan Scheme Regulations, 2018 establishes the Loans Management Committee which shall consist of; the chairperson (appointed by the Board from amongst its members who are members of the County Assembly), Leaders of the majority and minority parties, whips of the majority and minority parties, and two members of the County Assembly of the opposite gender appointed by the Board.

Honorable Members,

Informed by this, the following were appointed to form membership of the Members' Loans Management Committee: -

- i. Hon. Mathew Vuthi Ngovi Chairperson;
- ii. Hon. Harrison Maluki Mawia Leader of majority party
- iii. Hon. Jeremiah Musee Mutua Deputy Leader of minority party
- iv. Hon. Boniface Mukwate Katula Majority party whip

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v. Hon. Sylvester Munyalo - Minority party whip

vi. Hon. Daniel Kimanzi Ngoima - Member of County Assembly

vii. Hon. Grace Syoindo Mulandi - Member of County Assembly

Additionally, Regulation 6 of the Kitui County Assembly Service Board Staff Mortgage and Car Loan Scheme Regulations, 2018 establishes the Loans Management Committee which shall consist of; One Board Member to represent the Board who shall be the chairperson of the committee, the Deputy Clerk of the Assembly who shall be the vice –chairperson of the committee, the Principal Finance Officer, the Senior Legal Counsel, the person in-charge of Legislative and procedural Department, the Head of Human Resource Department and One senior Administrative Officer.

Honorable Members,

Informed by this, the following were appointed to form membership of the Staff Loans Management Committee: -

i. Hon. Hussein Mwandia - Chairperson

ii. Lucy Waema - Deputy Clerk

iii. Augustus Kyenze - Principal Finance Officer

iv. Gladys Mwendwa - Senior Legal Counsel

v. Cyrus Kiema - In-charge of Legislative & procedure

vi. Mary Musyoka - Head of Human Resources

vii. Harrison Otieno -Senior Administrative Officer

Honorable Members,

I congratulate the Members for their appointments to the said positions and I wish them all the best in the discharge of their duties.

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iii. <u>COMMUNICATION AS RELATES TO THE DECEMBER RECESS</u>, 2022.

Honorable Members,

As you are aware, we have come to the end of the First Session of the Third Assembly and at the end of this sitting we will be approving a Motion to proceed for the December recess as from today, 21st December, 2022 up to the 28th February, 2023 to start the Second Session.

Honorable Members,

This session started on the 21st of September, 2022 when you were sworn in as Members of the Third County Assembly of Kitui. In the last four months we have collectively achieved a lot as an Assembly and grown in the delivery our mandate through workshops and trainings, and also through our daily legislative work.

Honorable Members,

It is my pleasure to note that this House was able to undertake a number of legislative works during the First Session of the Third Assembly. Allow me to recap the same in order to ensure that we remain on course even as we focus on what lies ahead of us. Some of these achievements are: -

- i. Accomplishing a total of thirty-eight (38) plenary sittings for the First Session;
- ii. Constitution of the County Assembly leadership;
- iii. Constitution of the Governing Council to represent the Assembly at the County Assemblies Forum (CAF);

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iv. Motion on the Insecurity caused by the camel herders in the Kitui South game reserve to the residents of Mutha ward in Kitui South constituency;

- v. Constitution of Assembly Committees, both Select and Sectoral pursuant to of Section 14 of County Government Acts, 2012 and the County Assembly Standing Orders. Consequently, twenty-one (21) committees have been established by this Assembly;
- vi. Election of the Committees' Chairpersons and Vice Chairpersons;
- vii. Consideration of the Supplementary Budget I for the financial year, 2022/2023 and its appropriation bill thereof;
- viii. Issuance of the Speaker's considered ruling on the Statement request on the vetting of the Kitui County Executive Committee Members nominees;
 - ix. Motion on Kitui County Government pending bills;
 - x. The County Assembly Service Board was able to vet and approve the appointment of two members to the County Assembly Service Board in compliance with Section 46 (d) of the County Assembly Service Act, 2017;
 - xi. Consideration of H.E The Governor's Memorandum on the Kitui County Supplementary I Appropriation Bill, 2022 (C/A Bill No. 4, 2022);
- xii. Preparation of Committees' workplans and their subsequent draft budgets; and
- xiii. Pursuant to Section 8 of the County Governments Act, 2012 you were able to vet and approve nine (9) County Executive Committee Members, among other achievements.

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Honorable Members,

I also wish to bring to your attention that following the committal of the Annual Development Plan (ADP) to the Committee on Finance and Economic Planning, the statutory planning document should be approved by this House by February, 2023. This is informed by the fact that the ADP informs the County Fiscal Strategy Paper (CFSP) which should be submitted to the Assembly by 28th February of each year as per the provisions of Section 117 of the Public Finance Management Act, 2012 since it informs the annual county budget.

Honorable Members,

My office will be making the necessary communications to you through the Assembly leadership as pertains to the programme and oversight/legislative activities to be undertaken by the whole House and specific committees during the December recess.

Honorable Members,

The people of this great County have bestowed on us a high calling which we should endeavor to deliver high as envisioned in Article 1 (2) of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010. We must remain committed in the execution of our mandate giving more emphasis to bridging the legislative gaps in our County in an effort to ensure proper representation.

Honorable Members,

It is my hope the break will provide you with much deserved rest. I trust that it will grant you an opportunity to interact with the electorate and

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attend to ward matters of utmost importance which will generate business for this House.

Honorable Members,

As your Speaker, I wish to once again re-affirm my commitment to serve the County Assembly of Kitui honestly and to the best of my ability. My objective is to assist you not only to deliver your mandate but also advance your individual and collective welfare. Through this we shall achieve the ultimate goal of steering our County to greater development heights.

Honorable Members,

I wish you a Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year, 2023.

5. PROCEDURAL MOTION ON ADJOURNMENT OF THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY (Leader of the Majority Party)

Motion Moved, Seconded and question proposed;

THAT, pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order No 25(3), this Assembly do now adjourn its sittings with effect from today Wednesday 21st December, 2022 to allow Members of the County Assembly to proceed for the December Recess and resume its sittings on Tuesday 28th February, 2023 at 9.00 AM

Debate arising;

With no Question Put; Pursuant to Standing order No 25 (3), the Hon. Speaker adjourned the House.

6. <u>ADJOURNMENT</u> - And the time being Five Minutes to Five O'clock, the Honourable Speaker adjourned the Assembly.

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7. **ASSEMBLY ROSE** - Five Minutes to Five O'clock,

MEMORANDUM

The Honourable Speaker will take the chair on Tuesday, 28th February, 2022 at 9.00 A.M.

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