

COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF NAKURU

THE HANSARD

Thursday, 12th October, 2017

Assembly Building

The House met at 10.15am

[The Speaker (Hon. Joel Kairu) in the Chair]

PRAYERS

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

LIST OF COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS NOMINEES

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Kairu): I have a Communication. I have just received a list of nominees from his Excellency the Governor for the Members of County Executive Committees for the following dockets;

The nominee for the Department of Trade, Industry, Marketing and Tourism Dr. Peter Evans Kiplang'at.

The nominee for Lands, Housing and Physical Planning is Engineer Lucy Wanjiku Kariuki

The nominee for Public Service, Training and Devolution is Mr. Lawrence Mwangangi Mwanja

The nominee for Infrastructure is Engineer Joseph Irungu Mburu

The nominee for Youth, Gender, Culture, Sports and Social Services is Halima Gababa Abdullahi

The nominee for Water, Environment, Energy and Natural Resources is Engineer Festus Kipkoech Ng'eno

The nominee for Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries is Dr. Immaculate Njuthu

The nominee for Education, ICT and E-Government is Mr. Raymond Komen Kimutai

The nominee for Health Services is Dr. Jonah Manjari Mwangi

And finally, the nominee for Finance and Economic Planning is Mr. Joseph Wainaina Kiuna

(Loud consultations)

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Kairu): Order Members! Order! Order! Therefore, pursuant to Article 179 of the Constitution, Section 8 (1) (a), and 35 of the County Government's Act, 2012 and Section 6 of the Public Appointments and the County Assembly's Approval Act 2017. His

Excellency the Governor's nominees stand committed to the Committee on Appointments in line with Standing Order 187.

MOTION

ASSEMBLY CALENDAR

The Majority Leader (Hon. Stanley Kairu): Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir, I beg to move the Motion;

THAT pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 31 (1), the House Business Committee shall with approval of the Assembly determine the calendar of the Assembly. This House approves the County Assembly of Nakuru Calendar for the year 2017 as scheduled;

- a) Sitting days Thursday 21st to Thursday 12th October 2017. The sittings days are Tuesdays afternoon , Wednesdays morning and afternoon and Thursdays morning
- b) We have short recess from Friday 13th October running up to Monday 6th November 2017.
- c) We have sitting days starting from Tuesday afternoon 7th November running up to Thursday 7th December 2017. The sittings days are Tuesdays afternoon; Wednesdays morning and afternoon and Thursdays morning.
- d) Long Recess; Friday, 8th December, 2017 – Monday 12 February, 2018.

Mr. Speaker, I would like the Members of this House to take into consideration that what has been happening is that on Thursdays, Members have been attending the Session in the afternoon but it will now be in the mornings. I think this is good because Members will be able to finish the business of the House and go to *mashinani*.

Again Mr. Speaker, I would like Members as they deliberate on the Motion, to take note of the short recess that kicks off from 13th October running up to Monday 6th November 2017. As we would still have our Committees in progress and we are yet to do the elections of the Chairpersons, it would be good when the Committees kick off we be taken for induction and come back with better and sharper minds.

Mr. Speaker, yesterday as we were deliberating on the Governor's speech, he mentioned that we have talented and experienced Members. With induction we will become even sharper and so I urge Members to come up with a schedule that we can work on.

Thank you, I beg to move.

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Kairu): Who is seconding? Chief Whip

The Majority Whip (Hon. Irene Chebichi): Seconds. Mr. Speaker, first of all, as all the Members are aware, the Committees were put in place just some few days back and it is only the House Business Committee that met yesterday. We still have a lot to do at the Committees level and we have to go to induction.

We also need time to elect the Chairpersons and the Vice Chairpersons to the Committees, I feel that the short recess that we are about to begin will really assist the honorable Members to interact with the Chairpersons and have some time to go for the Induction Training of the various Committees and deliberate on other things. Some few minutes ago you have tabled the names of the proposed CECs and this is the right time the Appointment Committee will have a look at the list and invite them for vetting, so I am seconding the schedule that we pass it without amendment so that we can proceed with the House business as usual, thank you.

(Question proposed)

Hon. Josephat Murage: I wish to support this Motion because according to the way this County is moving it seems to be dragging behind. Other Counties are already ahead, they have approved their Ministers and this House need to move quickly so that we may be able to catch with others and start implementing laws, I support.

Hon. Douglas Ayabei: I want to congratulate the House Business Committee for having sat and brought this calendar. Looking at the way the Assembly has been constituted, it is giving the Members ample time to plan many things which is good and important to this House.

When looking at recess period, it is true that Members of this House are members of various Committees and I believe that this recess will be used to elect the leadership of these Committees because the business of this House largely depends on these Committees. I believe this Motion is good and I support the Motion. I know that after going through this calendar at the end of the session Members will be better, I want to say that the recess period coincide with the election period and it is good because we are politicians and it is giving us time to go and look for the votes for his Excellency the President, I beg to support the Motion.

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Kairu): I just want to say this for record purposes because honorable Murage said we are behind schedule as a House, but I just want to inform him that the names have just arrived now and we are quite in order because we were waiting for this list.

Hon. Isaack Wahome: I have gone through the scheduled time table and I want to congratulate the House Business Committee for coming with such a schedule, I am well convinced that the Members of this House come from different political parties and we are heading to electioneering period where we shall be helping our party leaders during this campaigns.

It is believed that most of the honorable Members will be the chief agents during the elections and we need to have a well-planned structured election, blending with the elections we also need to have the Sectorial Committees elect the Chairpersons and their deputies.

During this period we need to find time for inductions because in the previous induction we were promised that after we have been placed in different Sectorial Committees, we will be inducted to perform well and effectively in these committees, thank you.

Hon. Philip Nderitu: I rise to support the Motion by Leader of Majority on the County Assembly of Nakuru calendar schedule for 2017, I wish to say that this calendar is timely and it has come at

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the right time, we need a break. Like the other Members, I support that we need time for induction in our committees and probably time to bond because we do not know each other very well and we also need time to go through the list that we have just received.

We came to the House from our campaigns and we have not had time with our families and we have had no time to go and say thank you to our electorates.

Hon. Eddy Kiragu: I want to appreciate the effort shown by the House Business Committee for coming up with such a good calendar and I support because of some reason. We have around twenty days which is good for induction and know ourselves and appreciate each one of us and know who will be our Committee Chairpersons and their deputies, we are all entitled to such but again we shall look at gifts of individual talents each of us has.

Secondly, it is campaigns and we must go for votes and it will be a good time to preach peace within our wards and outside, I support.

Hon. Mary Waiganjo: I want to say thank you for bringing the list in time, it is important that as we go out for recess, which I think it will be time for us to bond and get conversant with different Committees, we shall have time to consult with each other and also time to possibly contemplate on the list so that when we comeback we shall be able to make informed decisions not just pass it because our five years will be based on whoever comes in from that list. So I think it is very important. We also need time to campaign and time with our families and also to do many other things. I support the Motion. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Kairu): Next, anyone who wants to contribute.

Hon. Douglas Ayabei. Thank you Mr. Speaker for giving me this opportunity to contribute, there is one thing I wanted to say. One of the Members have requested for training and induction of the Committees.

I was thinking maybe if there is induction we should not go to Masada Hotel. You are aware...

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Kairu): You are out of order. Hon. Kimani

Hon. Anne Kimani: Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir, for giving me this opportunity to give my input on the matter on the floor of the House.

First and foremost let me say I support the Motion, importantly allow me first to congratulate you as our Speaker, we thank you and honor you.

Also I congratulate honorable Members for being elected and nominated, there are so many people who wanted to be in this House but they did not make it, so we have a reason to thank God. I am humbled because of that.

Despite the calendar as presented in this Assembly, we Members shall be available for any urgent business for public concern that may require our input in accordance with the Standing Orders number 32 (1,2,3,4). Thank you I beg to support the Motion.

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Kairu): Thank you and it is in order to congratulate the Speaker because it is allowed when you give your maiden speech. Hon. Kajwang, at least the voice of the minority will be heard.

Hon. Peter Kajwang: Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir, I stand here to support the calendar that has been brought to us by the House Business Committee. I notice the appreciation. This calendar gives us a ample time for us to go out and have our bonding and training in various Committees and also for elections of Chairpersons of these Committees. But at the same time I would want to request that the administration wing of this House will also have days to facilitate some of the issues that they feel are still pending like establishment of our Ward offices and employees thereof.

As you can see if we are going for the long recess, shortly after that we will be going to meet the people and meeting the people in Barazas is not as welcome at this point and time. If we want to go there, we want to meet the electorate in our offices so whatever is pending, I urge your administrative wing to facilitate so that we are on track.

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Kairu): Hon. from Turi

Hon. John Macharia: Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir, I rise to support the Motion and start by congratulating the House Business Committee for coming up with a very good timetable.

Secondly I want to say that it is a good time and opportunity to elect Chairperson of various Committees and also if possible go for induction so that we can be able to serve the House effectively. I beg to support.

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Kairu): May I now put it to question.

(Question on Motion put and agreed to)

Next order.

MOTION

HOUSE TO ADJOURN FOR SHORT RECESS

Majority Leader (Hon. Stanley Karanja): Mr. Speaker, Sir, I beg to move the Motion;

THAT, Pursuant to Standing Order 31 (3) this House adjourns from today 12th October 2017 and resumes on 7th November, 2017 in line with the Assembly' calendar.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, if you go through the Standing Order quoted above, the Members will bear me witness that the Standing Order States "...a Motion of adjournment which shall be debated not for more than three hours". When we are adjourning this House today there are several issues that I do pray need our input. One of them being elections. As you have seen today there are some several... and we here urge our Members mostly from opposition not to engage on demonstrations, we want everybody of us back. We do not want anyone to be shot, so we are asking them to participate in this election in one piece. Let us vote other than throwing stones because stones are never counted, no returning officer will indicate how many stones you threw. The only thing it

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will do is to harm your neighbor. Let us sober up, we want everyone to participate in a democratic election in a democratic way and if we do that we will appreciate one another.

I also ask Members from the wing that I come from, we are optimistic. We pray day and night and from what you saw even the judges have now received the Holy Spirit and come our way.

If you check, political temperatures for yesterday is not like today. We can see the Lord has really intervened and now it is time to go and cast our votes.

I also ask those that come from my party. Let us be serious, and Nakuru County we are not serious, we think the votes are automatic, which is not the case. Although we can see so many people defecting let us also mobilize people so that we can be seen as doing something...

The Speaker (Hon Joel Kairu): Order! Leader of the Majority; you can do your campaigns outside the House

The Majority Leader (Hon Stanley Karanja): Mr. Speaker as a leader of the Majority, that is why we are happy to go for recess because when we come back, we have a new President and you will also be happy. Having a new President is not like when having a President in an acting capacity. I do move this Motion and I think Members will bear me witness, let us work hard, let us have people and let us liberate them to cross the hilly side. I do move the Motion.

The Speaker (Hon Joel Kairu): The Motion has no seconder; Chief Whip

Hon Irene Chebichii: Thank Mr. Speaker, Sir, I am kindly requesting that you protect me because I am sitting next to Minority Leader, he is disturbing me but it is like he wants to defect to Jubilee. I second the Motion that we adjourn this House from today 13th October to 6th November 2017.

Mr. Speaker Sir this is a very short recess and in the other Motion I think you have actually heard that the honorable Members want to proceed for recess. We are much eager to get out and do other things. There is a lot of expectation from the voters and we believe that maybe before the end of the short recess, you are going to call us to come and vet the CECs and proceed with other business of this House such as following up on ward projects.

A Member has raised that we are having issues and we are supposed to be having offices because that is the right to meet our voters. However right now we do not have offices and we actually believe that during this short recess we can get offices so that we can serve our constituents at the right place. There are other things that honorable Members have been patiently waiting for such as medical cover and we feel that within this short recess, we are going to get medical cover because as you are aware, during the campaigns period most of these honorable Members went through a lot and some of them are not feeling well, and it is good to think about and ensure they get medical cover at the right time and ensure our families are well covered especially during campaign period. Personally when I am seated next to Minority Leader and maybe he can throw a stone at me and I am not covered, I might have problems when looking for medication if I do not have medical cover.

We really want to serve this county in a unique way, during this short recess we will be coming for committee meetings and the honorable Members are ready to attend all the committee meetings so that we can create a good impact. I believe when we come after short recess we will be having a lot of pending Motions. The honorable Members will want to discuss on matters of county importance. Otherwise I do second the Motion that we adjourn today until 7th of November 2017.

The Speaker (Hon Joel Kairu): Hon Njuguna from Elburgon

Hon Peter Mwaura: Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir, I would like to support the Motion that we go for recess as from today. We just came from the campaigns and some of my colleagues would like to go on holiday in Mombasa and be able to focus on the way forward. It was a very strenuous moment during the campaign and we are trying to catch up with the political momentums in the country. I believe it was very brilliant for the committee that sat down and brainstormed about it because I believe this is the time we are laying ward development foundation. Majority of Members have been rushing to offices here and there seeking direction to ensure that development programs have taken off and will be expedited.

As you have said about induction of the committees. I believe that majority of the Members will know what pertains to various committees to which we were selected to. By so doing they will have information and when they will be coming back, come with laws and how they can improve those Sectorial committees that we have in the House.

You also know that as we go for recess there will be campaigns for the president, that is our party leader, I can see the Minority Leader looking at me, it has been a tough moment for the country and we want to ensure that in our county campaigns are held in a peaceful manner. It is time for us to hit the ground running and to campaign for peaceful elections during and after the voting day. I am sure with our presence in the ground, the ground will remain peaceful. We will interact with them and encourage them to be peaceful. Thank you Mr. Speaker, I beg to support.

Hon Eddy Wambui: We will be having three weeks from today. For those three weeks, if possible, we can have three things; one, induction, secondly we are supposed to go for sports on 19th November, again what about the trainings. When are we start training so that we can organize ourselves for the competition? Because I see honorable Members in the House need training to avoid injuries, so I will appreciate that as a great concern.

(Question proposed)

(Question put and agreed to)

ADJOURNMENT

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Kairu): This House stands adjourned until 7th November, 2017 in line with County Assembly Calendar.

The House rose at 11.00 am