

**REPUBLIC OF KENYA**  
**COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF TURKANA**  
**HANSARD**

**Thursday, 25<sup>th</sup> May 2023.**

*The County Assembly Met at the County Assembly of Turkana Chamber at 9.30 a.m.*

*Temporary Speaker (Hon. Mike Ewoi) in the Chair.*

**PRAYER**

**T. Speaker:** Honourable members may get seated. Next order.

**COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR**

**T. Speaker:** Good morning Honourable Members. Honourable Members as you are aware, the County Executive submitted the Turkana County Integrated Development Plan (CIDP) Third Generation 2023/2027. The same was committed to the Sectoral Committee on Finance, Planning, Trade and ICT on 16<sup>th</sup> May 2023. The Office of the Clerk in Liaison with development partners, that is UNICEF, UNDP and RCK have organized an unpacking exercise of the County Integrated Development Plan Third Generation. Their main objective of undertaking this exercise is to ensure that the Members of County Assembly understand the priorities and objectives set out in the five-year plan for the County and more so the development priorities in their respective wards. In addition, it is anticipated that these will help strengthen the engagement between the Members of County Assembly and their constituents as their concerns and needs will be addressed. Honourable Members, it is important to note that this exercise will foster collaboration between the members of County Assembly and other stakeholders in their respective wards; thus, effective and coordinated development support.

This is therefore to inform the House that all the Honourable members have been invited to attend the County Integrated Development Plan unpacking exercise to be held in Black Gold Hotel in Lokichar from 29<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> May 2023. Traveling day is Sunday, 28<sup>th</sup> May 2023. The Office of the Clerk will communicate the time and other logistical arrangements. Thank you, Honourable Members. Next order.

**MESSAGES**

**T. Speaker:** Honourable Members on 13<sup>th</sup> April, 2023 the Office of the Clerk received a message from the Governor of Turkana County His excellency Jeremiah Lomorukai regarding nomination of Fr. Joseph Ekomwa for appointment to the position of Chairperson Turkana County Climate Change Fund Management Board. Honourable Members the Turkana County Assembly Standing Orders No. 47 (1), relating to Messages from the Governor provides; the Speaker shall read to the County Assembly any message from the Governor or the Senator of the County delivered to the Speaker for communication to the County Assembly.

Honourable Members, allow me to read the message. The letter was addressed to the Clerk Turkana County Assembly. RE: Nomination of Fr. Joseph Ekomwa for appointment as Chairperson of Turkana County Climate Change Fund Management Board, forwarded herewith, please find the nomination of Fr. Joseph Ekomwa as Chairperson of Turkana County Climate Change Fund Management Board for approval. The letter was written by Peter Eripete, County Secretary Head of the County Public Service and copied to His Excellency the Governor, His Excellency, the Deputy Governor, the County Executive Committee Member in charge of Tourism, Culture, Natural Resources and Climate Change and the County Attorney. Honourable Members that is the communication.

Honourable Members pursuant to provisions of standing order number 47 (iii) (c), I hereby refer the message together with curriculum vitae of the nominee to be dealt with by the Committee on Water Services, Environment and Natural Resources. Honourable Members the committee shall consider the nomination and table the report in the County Assembly for debate within 21 sitting days from the date in which the Committee first sits to consider the nomination in accordance with section 9 (i) of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act Number Five of 2017 and County Assembly of Turkana Standing Orders. It is therefore important that the Committee embarks on the vetting exercise to enable speedy conclusion of this task within timeline set by the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act Number Five of 2017. Thank you, Honourable Members. Next order.

#### PROCEDURAL MOTION

**T. Speaker:** Yes, the Honourable Leader of Majority, Honourable Stephen Edukon Proceed.

**Hon. Edukon:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker, I rise to move the procedural motion that pursuant to standing order 33 chapter 3, this County Assembly do now adjourn until Tuesday 20th June 2023 at 9:00 a.m. in accordance with the County Assembly Calendar.

Mr. Speaker any institution that has the image to protect, it should have a program of activities. Its programme should be very clear; just the way we have a County Assembly calendar that guides the activities of this institution, rest days should also be clearly outlined. Mr. Speaker the recess we are going for will give members an opportunity to at least refresh their minds after a very rigorous exercise within the period that we have had sittings in the institution. It will help the members to go back to the wards and see what problems exist there in order to represent them better in form of statements and motions.

Since the elections, Honourable Members have not returned to all the areas in the wards they represent. This will be an opportunity for the Honourable Members to reach these areas, so that when they go back again when we approach the next elections, they will not be seen as imposters as we are normally referred to by some. It will give them the opportunity to at least go and say thank you for being elected as Members of this County Assembly. It is also an opportunity to go and relax with their families and discuss issues that affect them. This will be an opportunity to also keep an eye on the quality of food being distributed as relief to their people; we don't want our people being given poisonous food.

Going for this short recess, members will also follow up of the legal issues that are within the courts. You know, there are issues that within the courts, it is an opportune time for members to also follow up on those issues. They will have time to even link up with the legal minds so that these issues can be handled appropriately.

Mr. Speaker, we also have the CIDP unpacking forum, the Honourable Members need an opportunity to understand what is in the County Integrated Development Plan. This is a document that outlines all those projects that we prioritize for our people for the next 5 years. Therefore, it is important that we understand the CIDP properly.

Mr. Speaker, it is also an opportunity to conduct public participation, this is a very important exercise enshrined in the Constitution. Without public participation, you may not be able to proceed with any activity. We need to use this time to engage the community so that we can get feedback and ideas of what the electorates expects of us. This short recess, will be an opportune time to get this all this information, and lessons for the way forward for this House.

Honourable Members require time to rest at least some few weeks of rest will do us good. It is within our program of activities to take this short recess to just go and rest. With those few remarks, I want to call upon the Leader of Minority to second this procedural motion. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**T. Speaker:** Thank you, Honourable Leader of Minority proceed.

**Hon. Lomodo:** Thank you Honourable Speaker. I stand to second the procedural motion moved by the Leader of Majority, that this County Assembly adjourns until the 20th of June 2023 at 9:00 a.m. in accordance with the County Assembly Calendar.

Honourable Speaker recess is important, because it helps Members increase their physical activities, when they are back at the respective wards. Honourable Speaker at the same time recess is important because it improves memory retention. As you are aware, the Honourable Members gave promises during the elections and it is now time for them to return and deliver. This recess will help members to catch up with the agenda they sold to the citizens in their respective wards. A good opportunity to interact with the electorate one on one. Seemingly, this recess will also help this County Assembly to even get the money, currently, we write our names in the attendance book that *Kasuku* book. Maybe during this recess period, the County Assembly will acquire a proper attendance register.

Honourable Speaker without much ado, this recess is very clear and is on the calendar we approved. I will not take a lot of time to deliberate on this matter. We are guided by our Standing Orders. No question is going to be put regarding this matter, because we're not altering the calendar.

I want to urge the Honourable Members here to adopt the calendar as it is, from which our recess officially begins tomorrow. I appeal to my colleagues to take the shortest time possible to conclude on this matter. I sit as a I second.

**T. Speaker:** Thank you. Honourable Members, I will now propose the question that pursuant to standing order number 33 paragraph three this County Assembly do now adjourn until Tuesday 20 June 2023 at 9:00 a.m. in accordance with the County Assembly Calendar. The Honourable Member representing Kang'atosa ward proceed.

**Hon. Mathew Alany:** Mr. Speaker, I never wanted to contribute but just wanted to say it's like the mood of the house is that you go ahead and put the question so that we pass this procedural motion. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**T. Speaker:** Thank you. Pursuant to our standing orders, we will not put the question because when we approved the Turkana County Assembly Calendar. What we are doing today is affirming that by moving this procedural motion. Thank you. Next order.

ADJOURNMENT

**T. Speaker:** Honourable Members, before we adjourn, we will have the Liaison Committee meeting immediately after this sitting.

Honourable members there being no other business to transact this House stands adjourned until Tuesday, 20<sup>th</sup> June 2023 at 9:00 a.m. Thank you Honourable Members.

***House Rose At 9:56 a.m.***