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**REPUBLIC OF KENYA**

# NYANDARUA COUNTY ASSEMBLY

## 3<sup>RD</sup> ASSEMBLY — 4<sup>TH</sup> SESSION

### OFFICIAL REPORT

Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> June 2025

*The Assembly met in the Assembly Chambers at 9.30 am.*

*(The Deputy Speaker, Hon. Chege Gathirimu, in the Chair)*

#### PRAYER

**Speaker:** Hon. Members, welcome to today's sitting. Today being Wednesday, the 11<sup>th</sup> day of June 2025, at 9.30 am.

#### QUORUM CALL AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE SITTING

*(There was no quorum, as confirmed by the Clerk-at-the-Table)*

There being no quorum to commence the business of the day, I direct that, pursuant to Standing Order 36, the quorum bell be rung for an initial 10 minutes or until such a time within the 10 minutes that the quorum will have been achieved.

Further, Hon. Members, pursuant to Standing Order 37 (3), I hereby direct the Serjeant-at-Arms to ensure the door remains unlocked but no Member leaves the Chamber except the Whips until the House becomes quorate.

*(The bell was rung for one minute, and quorum was achieved, as confirmed by the Clerk-at-the-Table)*

Hon. Members, quorum having been confirmed, we shall proceed with the business of the day.

First order.

#### PAPER(S)

1. NYANDARUA COUNTY REVENUE FUND HALF YEAR REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31<sup>ST</sup> 2024

**Speaker:** Hon. Zachary Mwangi Njeru, the Chairperson the Committee on Finance, Economic Planning and ICT, proceed.

**Hon. Zachary Njeru:** Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I was to table a report of the Committee on Finance, Economic Planning and ICT on the Nyandarua County Revenue Fund as we report in the Financial Statements for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024. I was ready with paper, Hon.

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Speaker, but arising from emerging issues, I wish to seek a further seven days so that we can consult on something. So, next week, same time and day will be sufficient.

**Speaker:** Very well. The leave sought is well explained and deserving, so I grant it as sought.

Next order.

2. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE, ADMINISTRATION AND DEVOLUTION BUDGET  
IMPLEMENTATION FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2023/2024

**Speaker:** Hon. Edinald Wambugu King'ori, the Chairperson of the Committee on Public Service, Administration and Devolution, proceed.

**Hon. Wambugu Kingori:** Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I beg to table the report of the Committee on Public Service, Administration and Devolution Budget Implementation for the Financial Year 2023/2024.

I table.

**Speaker:** The report is duly tabled and the same shall be processed as directed by the House Business Committee pursuant to Standing Order 157 (5) (d).

Next order.

**NOTICE(S) OF MOTION(S)**  
STATUS OF EMERGENCY RESPONSE SERVICES IN THE COUNTY

**Speaker:** Hon. James Mwangi Gichuki.

*(Hon. Zachary Njeru rose on behalf of Hon. Mwangi Gichuki)*

**Hon. Zachary Njeru:** Hon. Speaker, on behalf of the Member for Engineer, Hon. Mwangi Gichuki, I beg to give notice of the following motion:

Aware that Article 43(1) (d) of the Constitution of Kenya guarantees every person the right to access emergency medical treatment;

Further aware that Article 186(1) and the Fourth Schedule of the Constitution of Kenya assign County Governments the responsibility of disaster management and emergency response services;

Noting that the Nyandarua County Disaster Management Unit has the mandate to coordinate emergency responses but faces operational challenges, including understaffing, inadequate resources, and incapacity to handle certain disasters;

Further noting that the Nyandarua County Statistical Abstract, 2022 by the Kenya National Bureau of Statistics, demonstrates that there are two hundred and thirty-eight (238) dams, four hundred (400) shallow wells, and one hundred and seventy-one (171) water pans across the County, among other sources of water;

Conscious that these sources of water within our respective communities, pose existential risks including accidents, loss of life or other security threats;

Cognizant that the County's emergency response team also faces logistical challenges, such as poor coordination among stakeholders, inadequate capacity building and training for respective personnel, and the absence of a centralized emergency call center;

Further cognizant that communities in Nyandarua County remain vulnerable to disasters due to limited public awareness on emergency preparedness and response mechanisms;

Appreciating that the County Government has made preliminary efforts to establish an emergency response unit which necessitates the need for additional support to fully operationalize it including initiating partnerships with national and international agencies, as well as neighboring counties, to enhance capacity building and resource mobilization for the Emergency Response Service Programme;

Concerned that Nyandarua County is yet to attain a fully operationalized and empowered Emergency Response Service Programme, leading to delayed responses to emergencies such as road accidents, fires, medical emergencies, and natural disasters and

Further Concerned that the County's emergency response unit is understaffed, underfunded, lacks essential equipment, including ambulances, fire engines, and communication tools, hindering effective service delivery;

Now therefore, this House does resolve that:

1. The County Executive Committee Member (CECM) for Health Services, in collaboration with the County Executive Committee Member (CECM) for Roads, Transport, energy and public works, shall fast-track the development and implementation of a comprehensive Emergency Response Service Policy within 60 days, outlining clear guidelines for emergency preparedness, response, and recovery;
2. The Department of Public Works, Roads, Transport, Housing and Energy shall within fourteen days, consult with the Department of Finance and Economic Planning and ICT and County Public Service Board, and submit a report on the funds required for an initial set up of the following within the budget estimates for FY 2025/26 for appropriation by the County Assembly:
  - a. Recruitment of at least three professional divers across the County
  - b. Functional ambulances and fire engines;
  - c. Modern communication and dispatch systems;
  - d. Essential rescue equipment and protective gear for personnel;
3. Upon the provision of a budgetary allocation, the Department of Public Service and Disaster Management, in consultation with the County Public Service Board, shall within thirty (30) days recruit and conduct training for additional emergency response personnel, including paramedics, firefighters, and disaster management experts, to ensure a proper staff-to-ward ratio;
4. The County Government shall within ninety (90) days establish a 24/7 Emergency Call Center to coordinate responses and deploy resources efficiently, leveraging technology for real-time monitoring and reporting;
5. The County Government does foster partnerships with the National Disaster Management Unit (NDMU), Kenya Red Cross, and neighboring counties to enhance capacity building, resource sharing, and joint emergency drills;

6. The County Executive Committee Member (CECM) for Roads, Transport, energy and public works shall oversee the establishment of a robust emergency response framework and provide quarterly progress reports to the County Assembly.

Thank you, Mr Speaker Sir.

**Speaker:** The Notice of Motion is duly given and the same shall be processed as directed by the House Business Committee pursuant to Standing Order 157(5) (d).

Next order.

## STATEMENTS

### STATUS OF QUALITY AND SAFETY OF POTATOES IN NYANDARUA COUNTY

**Speaker:** Hon. Cathryn Nyawira proceed

**Hon. Cate Nyawira:** Ahsante sana Mheshimiwa Speaker. Naomba kuahirisha taarifa ambayo inanuia kutafuta habari kuhusu utumizi wa dawa kwa viazi na mimea mingineo. Naomba kuahirisha taarifa hii kwa sababu ripoti ambayo iliandikwa na msomi mmoja kutoka Chuo Kikuu cha Egerton imeleta mambo mengi; kuna watu ambao wanataka kuongea zaidi kuihusu. Tena kuna mambo kadha wa kadha ambayo yameibuka ambayo yanastahili kujumlishwa katika taarifa hiyo. Kwa hivyo ninaomba. Shukan.

**Speaker:** Thank you. The leave is well explained and deserving. I grant it as sought. Hon. Cathryn Nyawira Mathenge, ensure that you seek the statement within the required time.

Next order.

## ADJOURNMENT

**Speaker:** There being no other business to transact during this sitting, I now adjourn the Sitting until today Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> day June 2025 at 2.30 pm.

*(The House rose at 9.46 am)*

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