

MACHAKOS COUNTY ASSEMBLY**OFFICIAL REPORT****Wednesday, 2nd March, 2016**

The House met at 4.56 p.m.

*[The Speaker (Mr. Mung'ata) in the Chair]***PRAYERS****Hon. Speaker:** Good afternoon Hon. Members. Let us move clerk.**COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR****CHANGE OF MAJORITY LEADERSHIP**

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Members and those in the public gallery, this Assembly was scheduled to sit at 2.30 p.m. in the afternoon and there was delay because of leadership issues that we had to resolve as the mood of the Assembly is volatile and not conducive to normal business. Issues have been raised on the matter of the Majority Leader and the matter of the Minority Leader and therefore, I will proceed and deliver my communication and the business of the day will be returned to the House Business Committee for further re-allocation.

The communication that I have at hand is dated 2nd March, 2016. This emanates from a letter that I received today this afternoon and due to the demands of the Hon. Members, I had to deliver on the matter and try and achieve a communication. In the matter of majority leadership, Hon. Members, I am in receipt of a letter dated 2nd March, 2016 from the majority coalition on change of majority leadership. According to the letter, the Majority Party convened a meeting to change the Majority leadership of the County Assembly of Machakos.

(Applause)

Standing Order No. 15 (3) (4) states that: "A member elected under paragraph (2) may be removed by a majority of votes of all members of the largest party or coalition of parties in the Assembly; the removal of a member from office under paragraph (3) shall not take effect until a member is elected in the manner provided for under paragraph (1) in his or her place."

In that regard, Hon. Members, I hereby announce that the Majority Coalition of the County Assembly of Machakos has elected Hon. Isaac Muinde as the new Majority Leader---

(Applause)

(Hon. Muinde escorted by other Members to the seat of Majority Leader in the Assembly)

Order, order, Hon. Members. The Majority Coalition of the County Assembly of Machakos has elected Hon... I think he was brought to his seat before I finished pronouncing his name.

(Laughter)

Hon. Chairperson, Budget, you may have to return and then allow me to finish this sentence.

(Laughter)

(Member returns to his earlier sitting position)

We need to have order in the House. I will repeat the entire paragraph; in that regard Hon. Members, I hereby announce that the Majority Coalition of the County Assembly of Machakos has elected Hon. Isaac Muinde as the new Majority Leader of the County Assembly. You may now proceed and take your seat.

(Hon. Muinde is escorted by other Members to the seat of Majority Leader in the Assembly)

(Applause)

Subsequently, Hon. Dominic Maitha has been elected as the new Majority Whip.

(Hon. Maitha is escorted by other Members to the seat of Majority Whip in the Assembly)

(Applause)

Hon. Members, there is a lot of content that I wanted to deliver on the procedure that is available for posterity. You will allow me to deliver a detailed paper on the procedure and the manner of doing this Tuesday next week. Therefore, I urge Hon. Members to take note of those changes on the matter of the Majority Leader.

(Applause)

In the matter of minority leadership, Hon. Members, I am in receipt of another letter dated 2nd March, 2016 and again this came this afternoon from the Minority Coalition of parties on change of minority leadership. According to the letter, the Minority Party convened a meeting to change the Minority leadership of the County Assembly. Standing Order Number 16 (3 and 4) states that: "A member elected under paragraph (2) may be removed by a majority of votes of all

members of the minority party or coalition of parties in the Assembly; the removal of a member from office under paragraph (3) shall not take effect until a member is elected in the manner provided for under paragraph (1).”

However, Hon. Members, I have realized that the composition of members who attended the meeting of the Minority Coalition are drawn from various parties. The Office of the Speaker is consulting with the Registrar of Political Parties to determine the current composition of the Minority coalition and communication on the minority leadership shall be done on Tuesday, next week. In the meantime, the *status quo* shall remain.

ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Members thank you and have a good evening.

The House rose at 5.04 p.m.