

**MACHAKOS COUNTY ASSEMBLY****OFFICIAL REPORT****Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup> March, 2016**

The House met at 10.10 a.m.

*[The Speaker (Mr. Mung'ata) in the Chair]***PRAYERS****Hon. Speaker:** Proceed, clerk. Good morning Hon. Members. Let us proceed, clerk.**NOTICE OF MOTION****PURCHASE OF MILK CHILLERS FOR LOCAL DAIRY FARMERS****Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Alexander Kathinzi.**Hon. Kathinzi:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I wish to give notice of the following motion: that this Hon. House discusses and approves purchase of milk chillers for dairy farmers in the key milk producing areas of Machakos County in the next financial year 2016/2017. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you. Notice of motion has been issued. Proceed.**MOTION****AUDITOR GENERAL'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2016****Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Joseph Kalunde. Hon. Kalunde is absent so the matter is deferred back to the House Business Committee.**PURCHASE OF MILK CHILLERS FOR LOCAL DAIRY FARMERS****Hon. Kathinzi:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker once again. Mr. Speaker, aware that agriculture is the predominant economic activity in Machakos county and it is leading in terms of employment, food security and income earnings; further aware that raw milk, at approximately 38 degrees Celsius, needs to be chilled to 4 degrees Celsius within an hour; cognizant that bacteria count doubles every 20 minutes at body temperature; informed that chilled milk stays cool, has long shelf life and tastes better.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, aware that many dairy farmers of Machakos County experience post-harvest losses of milk due to poor storage equipment; bearing in mind Machakos County in its strategic plan intends to produce 19,395,036 litres of milk per year with a value of Ksh. 564,768,900 by the year 2030, I wish to move a motion that this Hon. House discusses and approves purchase of milk chillers for dairy farmers in the key milk-producing areas of Machakos County in the next financial year 2016/2017. Mr. Speaker, I call upon Hon. Katumo to second my motion.

**Hon. Katumo:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir. I wish to second this motion that this House approves the purchase of milk chillers for dairy farmers in Machakos County. Thank you, Sir.

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you. The motion is presented for debate. Let me hear Hon. Kitheka. Is it a point of order or you want to contribute to the motion? Before contribution, there is a communication that I would wish to make that I will not be able to conduct business this morning for the reason that I need to respond to a lot of court papers and there is a matter coming tomorrow so I need to swear affidavits and I will not again be available in the afternoon so the House will be adjourned until tomorrow because I must respond. It is a matter that is urgent and I would wish that the case is adjourned on the part of the Assembly. I would be happy if somebody can rise up and agree with me.

**Hon. Kitheka:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker for the good dispensation of this motion. The best way is for the House to adjourn because of streamlining the affairs of this Assembly and because we want an Assembly where the rule of law is observed. I propose that we adjourn until tomorrow, by your agreement. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

*(Applause)*

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you. Let me hear the voice of Hon. Mueni.

**Hon. (Ms.) Mueni:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir. I hope you are still in the law of everything, you are not going outside the law because everything must be in the law. Thank you.

**Hon. Speaker:** Yes, let us get the points of concern.

**Hon. Maitha:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would not want to discuss about the issue because it is already deferred and actually I had even requested the mover to defer the motion to a later date when Hon. Members can be in a mood to discuss that motion and dispense it expeditiously. Mr. Speaker, I want to bring to your attention that while you were .....(inaudible), there was a lot of commotion in the Assembly where Hon. Members were threatened by guns, by one chief officer whom we employed in this House, one Mr. Mbai.

He forced his way in this Assembly, which is a protected House, and to some great extent he ferried goons who caused damage and destruction to our gate. I wish to inform you that our Hon. Members are not safe. One Mr. Mbai threatened the Deputy Speaker in my presence, he threatened Hon. Nguni in my presence, and he threatened the Majority Leader in my presence and forced his way into the Assembly. This is total disrespect. This is total misuse and abuse of resources given to this officer. I would like your office to intervene into this matter as immediately as possible so that the safety of our Hon. Members can be guaranteed, Mr. Speaker.

This House will not be held ransom by making its decisions that have far-reaching positive implications to its members. We don't want the Executive side of the government to be involved in matters that don't concern them and this propaganda is being taken round by some members who don't accept or concede defeat. Mr. Speaker, we want to sort our own issues in the House and I want to appreciate that you have taken enough time to go through the several court papers that you have so that justice can prevail in this House.

Address that matter that happened yesterday and even as at now, I want to bring to your attention that I have been informed that the same Mbai is mobilizing county inspectorate guys from all over the county to come and destabilize this Assembly. Mavoko has been called, Yatta has been called and the same people have called us because you remember, Mr. Speaker, there is a petition before this House where inspectorate guys are being misused, failure to receive their dues, failure to receive their letters; they have given us that hint.

We need to take immediate action, Mr. Speaker, because as we are talking now, Hon. Ngunzi's left thumb is already swollen because he was assaulted yesterday. Hon. Kasyoka's right arm; he was assaulted yesterday. Mr. Speaker, Hon. Members cannot live in fear and be expected to expedite business. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir.

*(Applause)*

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you. Let me finally hear my friend.

**Hon. Muli:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I concur with the adjournment of the Assembly over what you have already informed us but also, I am in doubt if you have told us all the things which are affecting the Assembly. Mr. Speaker, the fact remains that the House is under siege of unknown powers because, Mr. Speaker, you can see the mood of the members and I wonder, you have the Speaker's panel members who can represent you when you are not present but I believe maybe you are the one who is more courageous because you are still our boss that you can cater; you can sustain to be on that seat.

I believe the other members have been threatened to an extent that even the Deputy Speaker can't deputize, Mr. Speaker. Therefore, I concur with your point but still I am not convinced fully how having the Speaker's panel members not taking part. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Members, we are now eating on the time that I was requesting and we may have anyway proceeded with business. I think generally we agree that the request that I have made is granted. The matter that has been raised by Hon. Dominic Maitha is being considered, investigations are ongoing and security has been redoubled. I visited the scene of the event and I am conscious of what happened yesterday and part of the reason why I am retreating to the office is to address that issue.

*(Applause)*

### **ADJOURNMENT**

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Members I urge that we meet tomorrow for further business. Thank you and have a good day.

The House rose at 10.24 a.m.