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**REPUBLIC OF KENYA
 COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF MACHAKOS
 COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF MACHAKOS**

THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY

ORDER OF THE DAY

WEDNESDAY, 14TH FEBRUARY, 2024 AT 2.30 P.M.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

PRAYERS

1. Administration of Oath
2. Communication from the Chair
3. Messages
4. Petitions
5. Papers (As listed in the Appendix)
6. Notices of motion (As listed in the Appendix)
7. Statements(As listed in the Appendix)

8*MOTION – APPROVAL OF REPORT ON CONSIDERATION OF THE ANNUAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2024-2025**

(Continuation of Debate interrupted on 14th February, 2024 at 12.30 p.m.)

(Hon. Jeremiah Kaloi - Chairperson, Trade, Economic Planning and Industrialization Committee)

THAT, this honorable House discusses and approves the Report of Trade, Economic Planning and Industrialization Committee on consideration of the Annual Development Plan for the Financial Year 2024-2025

The House adjourns to Tuesday, 20th February, 2024 at 10.00 a.m.

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APPENDIX (I)
WEDNESDAY 14TH FEBRUARY 2024 AT 2.30 P.M.

1. PAPERS

(a) Papers laid: Hon. Nicholas Nzioka- MCA, Machakos Central Ward / Leader of Majority

Honorable Speaker, I wish to lay the following papers on the table of the Assembly today, 14th February, 2024

- (a) Second Quarter report and financial statements for the Machakos County Climate Change Fund for the FY 2023/2024
- (b) Full year performance report Department of Water, Sanitation, Irrigation, Environment and Climate Change for the FY 2022/2023
- (c) Half year performance report Department of Water, Sanitation, Irrigation, Environment and Climate Change for the FY 2023/2024

2. NOTICES OF MOTION

(a) Notice of Motion: Hon. Daniel Ndwiki; MCA, Mlolongo/ syokimau ward

Hon. Speaker, THAT aware that every person has the right to accessible and adequate housing, and to reasonable standards of sanitation as provided under Article 43 (1) (b) of the Constitution;

Further aware that the Kenya National Housing Policy provides for goals and objectives of housing and one of the objectives is to facilitate progressive realization of the right to adequate housing by all;

Informed that in every financial year, the County Government of Machakos enacts a Finance Act, which is a policy document guiding on revenue raising measures and that building approvals is one of the leading revenue streams in terms of funding own source revenue collection which is a sub set of the County Budget;

Cognizant that the building industry is one of the fastest growing industries in the Counties following the high demand for housing and the rapid rural to urban migration; Noting that this fast growth has made Machakos County an investment destination for many Kenyans resulting to numerous construction of homes and other commercial buildings;

Appreciating that the process of approving building plans is rigorous and requires that the individuals concerned to physically present before the office of the County Director Planning, the proposed building plans and other relevant documents;

Noting that almost all Government services have been digitized in line with the National Government ICT Policy which includes online transactions and other web - based management information systems;

Honorable Speaker, I wish to give notice of Motion that, this House urges that the County Executive Committee Member for Lands, Housing and Urban Development to develop a digital platform to support online approval of building plans in order to increase efficiency in the approval process and seal loopholes of loses of revenue collection.

3. STATEMENTS

Response on the Strategies Put In Place To Ensure Conservation And Rational Utilization Of Forest Resources In Kithatani, Ngulini And Kanzokea Forests In Kangundo Central Ward

(Hon, Fredrick Kitetu-Chairperson, Environment and Natural Resources Committee)

Honorable Speaker, a statement was sought by Hon. Dickson Maundu on strategies put in place to ensure conservation and rational utilization of forest resources in Kithatani, Ngulini and Kanzokea forests in Kangundo Central Ward.

The sought statement was consequently conveyed to the Department of Water, Irrigation, Sanitation, Environment and Climate Change; vide a letter **REF: MKSCA/PCS/CMM/ELENRV/VOL.4/ 25** and the department responded to the aforementioned statement through a letter dated 23rd November, 2023 as follows:

After the inauguration of the Constitution of Kenya 2010, some forests functions were devolved to Counties which informed the development of forest Transition Implementation Plans (TIPS) for devolved forestry functions.

Among the forests devolved are the community trust lands which include;

1. Kalimanzalu hill forest – 110.0 Ha
2. Mangu Hill forest -45.0 Ha
3. Kibauni Hill Forest -1619.4 Ha
4. Ngilini Forest -28.8 Ha
5. Matetani – Muisoni 42 Ha
6. Kithatani Forest -12 Ha

Kanzokea is not one of the County forest

These forests are adversely threatened by encroachment, grazing and illegal logging which has significantly reduced forest cover, subsequently causing severe degradation of the forests. All the county forests lack active community forest associations and forest guards that can be used to preserve them hence the vulnerability to the above –mentioned threats.

As a department, we have written to the County Public Service Board, requesting the employment/deployment of county forest officers, Natural Resources Officers, and forest guard for deployment to the various county forests.

Further the department is in the process on initiating the development of a county tree policy that will guide in implementation of the devolved functions.

NOTICE PAPER

Tentative Business for

Tuesday 20th February, 2024 Morning Sitting

(Published pursuant to Standing Order 35(1))

It is notified that the following business is ***tentatively*** scheduled to appear in the Order Paper for Tuesday, 20th February, 2024 (Morning)

A. MOTION – CONSIDERATION OF THE ASSEMBLY CALENDAR FOR THE THIRD SESSION OF THE THIRD ASSEMBLY

(Hon. Stephen Mwanthi, Deputy Speaker/MCA Ekalakala Ward)