

COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF LAMU



THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF LAMU

THE HANSARD

Thursday, 23rd April, 2026

*The Assembly met at the
Main Chambers, at 2:30 p.m.*

[Madam Temporary Speaker (MCA Beatrice Wamaitha Munge) in the Chair]

PRAYERS

[**Madam Temporary Speaker** (MCA Beatrice Wamaitha Munge)]: Next Order.

Clerk-at-the-Table: Notices of motion.

NOTICES OF MOTION

MCA Aisha Ali Abdulrahman (Nominated): Thank you Madam Temporary Speaker. Madam Temporary Speaker, I beg to give the following notice of motion:-

AWARE THAT, Article 176 of the Constitution of Kenya 2010 establishes County Government consisting of a County Assembly and a County Executive.

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FURTHER AWARE THAT, Article 179 of the Constitution vests Executive Authority in the County Executive Committee which requires sound and Independent legal guidance to effectively discharge its mandate.

COGNIZANT THAT, Section 4 of the Office of the County Attorney Act 2020 provides for the establishment of the Office of the County Attorney in each County.

NOTING THAT, the Office of the County Attorney is mandated to Act as the Principal Legal Advisor to the County Government, represent the County in Court and other Legal Proceedings, negotiate, draft and vet contracts and ensure compliance with the Constitution and other laws.

FURTHER NOTING THAT, Lamu County continues to engage in major development projects, land matters and contractual agreements that require robust legal oversight to safeguard public resources.

CONCERNED THAT, the absence or inadequate operationalization of a fully functional County Attorney's Office in Lamu County exposes the County Government to avoidable litigation, weak contract enforcement and potential loss of public funds.

ALSO CONCERNED THAT, over-reliance on external legal counsel is costly, unsustainable and undermines institutional memory and efficiency in service delivery.

NOW THEREFORE, this Assembly resolves that:-

1. The County Executive Committee Member responsible for Legal Affairs in Lamu County takes immediate steps to fully establish and

operationalize the Office the County Attorney in strict compliance with the law.

2. A qualified and experienced County Attorney be competitively recruited and appointed in accordance with the relevant statutory provisions.
3. Adequate budgetary allocation be made in the County budget to support staffing, infrastructure and operational needs of the Office.
4. The Office of the County Attorney develops and implements a comprehensive legal services framework for Lamu County including contract management systems, dispute resolution mechanisms and legal compliance protocols.
5. All County Departments and Agencies be required to seek legal clearance from the Office of the County Attorney before entering into contracts or agreements.
6. The County Attorney submits periodic reports to the County Assembly on legal matters affecting the County including pending cases, financial exposure and compliance status.

AND FURTHER, that the County Public Service Board expedites the recruitment of competent legal personnel to support the effective functioning of the Office.

[Madam Temporary Speaker (MCA Beatrice Wamaitha Munge)]: Next Order.

Clerk-at-the-Table: Questions and Statements.

QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS

OUTBREAK OF PNEUMONIA IN BAHARI WARD

MCA Hope Wanjiku Mwaura (Nominated): Thank you Madam Temporary Speaker. Madam Temporary Speaker:-

Pursuant to the provisions of the Standing Order of this Honorable House, I rise to seek a Statement from the County Executive Committee Member (CECM) incharge of health services regarding the outbreak of pneumonia reported in Bahari Ward.

Madam Temporary Speaker, it has come to the attention of this House and the general public that there has been a concerning increase in cases of pneumonia within Bahari Ward, posing a serious public health risk particularly to children, the elderly and other vulnerable groups.

Madam Temporary Speaker, aware that pneumonia is a potentially life-threatening respiratory infection if not promptly and effectively managed.

Further aware that the County Government has a constitutional and statutory obligation under Article 43 of the Constitution of Kenya 2010, and the Fourth Schedule to provide accessible and quality healthcare services to all residents.

Concerned that delays in intervention may lead to increased morbidity and mortality as well as strain the already limited healthcare resources within the Ward.

Madam Temporary Speaker, I therefore request the County Executive Committee Member for health services to provide the following information to this House:

1. The current status and extent of the pneumonia outbreak in Bahari Ward including confirmed cases, fatalities (if any) and the most affected areas.

2. The underlying causes or contributing factors to the outbreak including environmental or public health conditions.
3. Measures that the County Department of Health has put in place to contain and manage the outbreak.
4. Availability of medical supplies including antibiotics, oxygen and healthcare personnel in facilities serving Bahari Ward.
5. Steps being taken to enhance public awareness, early detection and prevention of pneumonia within the Ward.
6. Whether there are any collaborations with the National Government or other partners to address the outbreak.
7. Long-term strategies being implemented to prevent recurrence of such outbreaks in the future.

Madam Temporary Speaker, I urge the County Executive Committee Member to treat this matter with the urgency it deserves and provide a comprehensive response to safeguard the health and well-being of residents of Bahari Ward.

[Temporary Speaker (MCA Beatrice Wamaitha Munge)]: Any addition to that statement? If there isn't can we get the response from the Chairperson of the Departmental Committee on health services, water and environment.

MCA John Mburu Gitonga (Hongwe): Asante Bi Spika. Bi Spika kwa niaba ya Mwenyekiti wa kamati ya afya ningeomba tupewe wiki mbili ndio tuje na majibu sahihi.

[Madam Temporary Speaker (MCA Beatrice Wamaitha Munge)]: Honorable Hope, are you satisfied with two weeks?

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MCA Hope Wanjiku Mwaura (Nominated): Yes, I am satisfied Madam Temporary Speaker.

[Madam Temporary Speaker (MCA Beatrice Wamaitha Munge): Next Order.

Clerk-at-the-Table: Motion

MOTION

THIRD READING OF THE LAMU COUNTY BURSARY FUND AMENDMENT BILL 2026

MCA Hope Wanjiku Mwaura (Nominated): Thank you Madam Temporary Speaker. Madam Temporary Speaker on behalf of the Chairperson I beg to move the following motion:-

THAT, the Lamu County Bursary Fund (Amendment) Bill 2026 be now read a third time.

(Seconded)

Motion Proposed

Members Contributions

MCA Aisha Ali Abdulrahman (Nominated): Thank you Madam Temporary Speaker. Madam Temporary Speaker, I stand to support this motion as we all know this is an important Bill to our County.

MCA Francis Ngure Gakonga (Bahari): Asante sana Bi Spika. Bi Spika hata mimi nimesimama kuunga mkono kusomwa kwa mara ya tatu kwa mswada huu ambao ni wa ufadhili wa masomo ndani ya Kaunti hii yetu ya Lamu.

MCA John Mburu Gitonga (Hongwe): Asante sana Bi Spika. Bi Spika nimesimama kuunga mkono kusomwa kwa mara ya tatu kwa mswada huu.

Mover's Response

MCA Hope Wanjiku Mwaura (Nominated): Asante sana Bi Spika kwa kunipa nafasi hii. Bi Spika nimesimama kuwashukuru Waheshimiwa waliochangia mswada huu tukizingatia ya kwamba ni mswada muhimu sana kwa kuwa ni marekebisho ya sheria ya kupeana basari kwa watoto wetu. Sheria hiyo inanuiya kuwa na nafasi ya ajira ya Msimamizi wa Fedha ambaye atateuliwa na Waziri wa Fedha. Na iwapo tutaupitisha mswada huu watoto wetu watakorudi shule katika muhula wa pili wataweza kupata basari na waweze kuendelea na masomo. Pia ningependa kuishukuru Ofisi yako pamoja na Ofisi ya Karani Mkuu kwa kutupatia Karani mchapakazi.

(Question put and agreed upon)

[Madam Temporary Speaker (MCA Beatrice Wamaitha Munge): Next Motion.

Clerk-at-the-Table: The Lamu County bursary fund amendment Bill 2026 has been read a third time.

ADJOURNMENT

[Madam Temporary Speaker (MCA Beatrice Wamaitha Munge): Honorable Members, there being no other business, the Assembly stands adjourned until next week Tuesday 28th April 2026 at 2:30pm.

The Assembly rose at 4pm