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COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF LAMU

COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF LAMU

THIRD ASSEMBLY – FOURTH SESSION

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY, JULY 9, 2025, 2:30 PM

1. The Assembly assembled at Two thirty O'clock.
2. The Proceedings were opened with prayers
3. **STATEMENT TO BE REQUESTED**
 - ❖ MCA Paul Kimani Njuguna raised a statement to the Departmental Committee on Transport and Public Works on matters pertaining to Street lights.
4. **NOTICE OF MOTION - THE PROVISION OF CLEAN AND SAFE WATER IN LAMU COUNTY**

Mr. Speaker Sir, I beg to give the following Notice of Motion

AWARE THAT access to clean and safe water is a fundamental human right as provided under Article 43(1)(d) of the Constitution of Kenya, which guarantees every person the right to clean and safe water in adequate quantities;

FURTHER AWARE THAT many residents of Lamu County, especially in rural and marginalized areas, continue to face serious water shortages and rely on unsafe water sources, thereby exposing them to waterborne diseases such as cholera, typhoid, and dysentery;

CONCERNED THAT the lack of access to clean water affects not only health but also education, food security, and overall economic productivity of the people of Lamu;

COGNIZANT THAT the County Government has the responsibility to provide and maintain infrastructure for sustainable water supply and sanitation under the Fourth Schedule of the Constitution;

NOTING THAT Lamu County is endowed with various water sources including lakes, streams, boreholes, shallow wells, rainwater harvesting, and piped systems that, if properly maintained and expanded, can provide adequate water for domestic and agricultural use;

THIS COUNTY ASSEMBLY RESOLVES THAT:

1. The County Executive Committee Member In charge of Water, Environment and Natural Resources undertakes an immediate assessment of all water infrastructure within the County to identify gaps and urgent needs;
2. The County Government prioritizes the rehabilitation of broken boreholes, installation of solar-powered water pumps, and expansion of piped water networks in underserved areas;
3. Rainwater harvesting systems be installed in public institutions such as schools, dispensaries, and community centers, especially in areas without reliable water sources;
4. The County Government allocates adequate budgetary resources for the provision of clean water and partners with national agencies and development partners to scale up access;
5. A public sensitization campaign be launched to promote water conservation, hygiene, and protection of water sources;
6. A progress report on water access programs in Lamu County be tabled in this Assembly every six (6) months for oversight and accountability.

(MCA PAUL KIMANI NJUGUNA)

5. NOTICE OF MOTION : PROTECTION AND WELFARE OF DONKEYS

Mr. Speaker Sir, I beg to give the following Notice of Motion

AWARE THAT, donkeys plays significant role in the socio-economic lives of many rural and peri-urban household, particularly in transportation of goods, water, firewood and farm produce.

FURTHER AWARE THAT, there have been overburdened, mishandled, neglected and subjected to cruelty, with little to no oversight regarding their welfare.

CONCERNED THAT, the continued mistreatment and overworking of donkeys not only amounts to animal cruelty but also undermines their health, productivity and life span, which directly affects the livelihoods of the people who depend on them.

COGNIZANT THAT, the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act (Cap360) of the Laws of Kenya and related International Conventions calls for the humane treatment of animals, including working animals like donkeys.

NOTING THAT, Article 69(1),(g) of the Constitution obligates the State to eliminate processes and activities that are harmful to the environment, and the mistreatment of donkeys can have environmental and public health impacts.

THIS ASSEMBLY RESOLVES THAT:

1. The County Executive Member responsible for livestock and Animal Welfare develop and implement a County Policy and Regulation Framework on the welfare and protection of working Animals, especially donkeys.
2. The County Government establishes rescue and rehabilitation centres or partner with animal welfare organizations to support injured or abandoned donkeys.
3. The County Government, through its veterinary and livestock departments, conduct public awareness and education campaigns on proper handling, feeding, treatment and sheltering of donkeys

4. The County enforces licensing and inspection mechanisms to regulate the use of donkeys, especially in urban centres, to curb overburdening and cruelty

4. The Assembly through the relevant committee, undertake oversight on the implementation of donkey welfare programmes and reports periodically to this House

(MCA ATWAA SALIM MOHAMED)

6. MOTION- TIMELY INJECTION OF ANTI-RABIES DRUGS IN LAMU COUNTY

Mr. Speaker Sir, I beg to move the following Motion:-

AWARE THAT rabies is a deadly but preventable viral disease that is commonly transmitted to humans through bites from infected animals, especially dogs;

FURTHER AWARE THAT Lamu County has recorded increasing incidents of dog bites, posing a serious public health risk, particularly in rural and marginalized areas where access to prompt medical intervention is limited;

CONCERNED THAT delays in the administration of anti-rabies vaccines following exposure can lead to fatal consequences, and that the County Health Department has previously experienced shortages or delays in the distribution of the life-saving vaccines;

COGNIZANT THAT the World Health Organization (WHO) recommends immediate administration of post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP) to prevent the onset of rabies in individuals who have been bitten or scratched by a suspected rabid animal;

NOTING THAT Article 43(1)(a) of the Constitution of Kenya provides for the right of every person to the highest attainable standard of health, which includes access to timely and adequate medical care;

THIS COUNTY ASSEMBLY RESOLVES THAT:

1. The County Executive Committee Member for Health ensures the continuous availability and timely administration of anti-rabies vaccines in all health facilities across Lamu County;
2. A clear and responsive emergency protocol is established to ensure immediate treatment of animal bite victims, especially in remote areas;
3. The County Government intensifies public awareness campaigns on rabies prevention and responsible pet ownership;
4. The County Veterinary Department conducts regular vaccination of domestic animals, particularly dogs, to reduce the spread of rabies;
5. A quarterly report be submitted to this Assembly on the status of rabies control efforts, including the stock levels and administration rates of anti-rabies drugs.

(MCA AISHA ALI ABDURAHMAN)

1. **THE ASSEMBLY ROSE** – at fifteen minutes past three O'clock.

MEMORANDUM

*The Speaker will take the Chair
On Wednesday 10th July 2025 in the Afternoon.*