

COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF TAITA TAVETA



COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF TAITA TAVETA
SECOND ASSEMBLY – (FOURTH SESSION)

ORDER PAPER

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24TH, 2020 AT 9:00 A.M

ORDER OF BUSINESS

PRAYERS

1. Administration of Oath
2. Communication from the Chair
3. Messages
4. Petitions
5. Papers
6. Notices of Motion
7. Statements (*as listed in the appendix*)
8. **MOTION: DEVELOPMENT OF MACADAMIA IN THE COUNTY OF TAITA TAVETA (HON. JASON TUJA MWAMODENYI, MCA, WERUGHA WARD, MAJORITY LEADER, SECOND TAITA TAVETA COUNTY ASSEMBLY)**

AWARE THAT while Agriculture is listed as the first function mandated to the County Governments in PART 2 of the FOURTH SCHEDULE of Constitution of Kenya, 2010; the same schedule provides trade development and regulation including fair trading practices as the seventh function;

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NOTHING THAT macadamia has become a precious cash crop to most residents in the County of Taita Taveta;

FURTHER NOTING THAT the macadamia farmers are not protected from the unscrupulous brokers posing as middlemen controlling the cash crop's market;

COGNIZANT THAT while this lack of regulation in macadamia trade unfortunately retards its development, **WE NOW THEREFORE URGE** the County Government to embark on the following;

- i. Public participation exercise with macadamia farmers with the aim and objective of agreeing on the actual standardized price in the purchase of the commodity;
- ii. Allocation of finances in the 2020/2021 County Budgetary process where the Department of Agriculture will be purchasing the macadamia commodity from the farmers;
- iii. Austerity measure to supply the macadamia seedlings in subsidized prices to farmers in each financial year in areas favourable to the plant.

APPENDIX

STATEMENTS

1. STATEMENT: STATUS ON THE AERIAL MAPPING OF
MINERAL DEPOSITS IN THE TAITA TAVETA COUNTY.
(HON. RONALD SAGURANI, MCA, MAHOO WARD, MINORITY
LEADER)

Mr. Speaker, Sir, in line with the provisions of the Taita Taveta County Assembly Standing Order No. 42 (2) (c), a Member of the House can seek a statement requiring availability of information, clarification or appearance on any substantive issue, circumstances, situations and matters appertaining to the attention of County Governments, the National Government, or any Public Entity where such mandates related to the management of service and leadership to the citizens and institutions, as per the Constitution of Kenya, 2010, and our current laws are concerned. In view of the above, I stand to seek a statement on the status report on mineral deposits in the Taita Taveta County.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, in 2015 the then Cabinet Secretary for Mining; Hon Dan Kazungu visited our County with the aim of assessing ways of promoting the mining sector in the County. During the visit, he met the Artisanal Small Scale Miner's (ASMs) groups in Kasighau and Zungulukani area where the miners presented their grievances and challenges in the mining sector in a bid to come up with a way forward on how to promote mining activities in the area.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, in his remarks, the Cabinet Secretary pointed out that the National Government had set aside funds to carry out aerial survey to map out areas with minerals deposits in the entire County and to determine the quantity of production of the said minerals.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, it is over five years now and no information of the same has been forthcoming. It is in this regard therefore, that I seek a statement from the Chairperson Lands, Housing and Human Wildlife Conflict resolutions Committee on the following:

- 1) Was the aerial mapping for mineral deposits conducted or not?
- 2) If it was conducted when will the report be made public?
- 3) If not, what caused the delay and what is the current position of the National Government Ministry of mining on the same?

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- 4) What is the National Government currently doing to assist miners in the County?
- 5) What is the County Government doing to promote mining activities in the County?