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COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF TAITA TAVETA



COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF TAITA TAVETA SECOND ASSEMBLY –  
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ORDER PAPER

WEDNESDAY, JULY 21<sup>ST</sup>, 2021 AT 9:30 AM

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;

**8. MOTION: PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT AND MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND MINERAL RESOURCE FOR THE REGISTERED MINING YOUTH GROUPS IN THE COUNTY (HON. ROSE SHINGIRA, MCA, NOMINATED**

**AWARE** that, Article 55 (b) of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010 requires the state to take measures, including affirmative action programmes, to ensure that the youth have opportunities to associate, be represented and participate in political, social, economic and other spheres of life;

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\*Denotes Orders of the Day

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**FURTHER AWARE** that mineral excavations and quarrying activities in various part of the County has led to development of infrastructure, created employment opportunities, growth of towns and has contributed to the establishment of various industries;

**CONCERNED** that besides the economic gains, mineral extraction and quarry activities from sites cause environmental degradation and health hazards from the abandoned quarry pit without safety fences;

**DEEPLY CONCERNED** that due to poverty levels and educational level, most quarry workers operate without protective clothing and appliances, or use deteriorated protective gears that compromise safety;

**ACKNOWLEDGING** the provisions of Section 101 (1) of the Occupational Safety and Health Act, 2007 which provides that every employer should provide and maintain for the use of employees adequate, effective and suitable protective clothing and appliances, including, where necessary, suitable gloves, footwear, goggles and head coverings, especially the employees who are involved in activities such as breaking or dressing of stone, concrete or slag at their work place;

**FURTHER ACKNOWLEDGING** the need for the County Government of Taita Taveta in conjunction with the Ministry of Environment and Mineral Resource to empower, promote, and provide safety for the quarry workers in various sites in the County; this **ASSEMBLY RESOLVES** that the County Executive partners with the Ministry of Environment and Mineral Resource towards initiation of the following interventions for excavation and quarry workers; -

- i) Encourage all workers in such sites to register group cooperatives and SACCO that would attract recognitions for supply opportunities for the County Governments; ii) Undertake a Health and Occupational safety program that would see all quarry workers in the county issues with **FREE** protective clothing and appliances and sensitized on occupational safety; and,
- iii) A land refill levy be introduced and included in the subsequent County Finance Act with 40% of the soil refill per lorry being channeled for support and welfare of the registered Quarry SACCOs or Cooperatives. iv) County Government to encourage such SACCOs and Co-operatives to apply for government tenders relating to provision constructions materials for self-reliance

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**9. MOTION OF AMENDMENT: PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT AND MINISTRY AND MINERAL RESOURCE FOR REGISTERED MINING GROUPS IN THE COUNTY (HON. ABRAHAM JUMA, MCA KASIGHAU WARD, MAJORITY PARTY DEPUTY LEADER & CHAIR OF ENVIRONMENT, NATURAL RESOURCES, ENERGY AND FORESTRY COMMITTEE)**

THAT, the motion be amended in the following manner;

1. Inserting the words “in line with the provisions of Article 6(2) and 6(3) of the Constitution of Kenya 2010” immediately after the words ASSEMBLY RESOLVELS THAT, in the last paragraph;
2. Intervention no. (V) to be resolved by the House should include ensuring appropriate amendments in the proposed Taita Taveta County Environment, Mining and Natural Resources Bill 2021, still in the consultative stage.
3. The heading of the motion be amended by deleting the words “mineral resources” and replace with “forestry” to capture the rebranded title of the Ministry.