

## COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF TAITA TAVETA

### THIRD ASSEMBLY - SECOND SESSION

## THE HANSARD

**Sitting no. 058**

**Tuesday, August 6, 2024**

The House met at 10:24 a.m. in the County Assembly Chamber

*[The Acting Speaker (Hon. Anselm Mwadime) in the Chair]*

PRAYER

### QUORUM

**The Acting Speaker:** Honourable Members, I confirm that there is quorum to proceed with the Sitting. Clerks-at-the-Table, read the Orders of the day.

### COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

**The Acting Speaker:** Honourable Members, the Chair has the following communication to make:

#### COMMITTAL OF QUARTERLY REPORT TO THE COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATION

The County Assembly is in receipt of the fourth departmental quarterly report from the Department of Devolution, Public Service and Administration for the period April to June 2024 which stands committed to the Committee on Administration, Security, Devolution, Public Participation, Community Services and Drugs Control. Thank you. Next Order.

### STATEMENTS

#### STATUS OF REMITTANCE OF STATUTORY AND LOAN DEDUCTIONS

**Hon. Duncan Wangama (MCA, Wusi/Kishamba):** Thank you, Mr. Acting Speaker, Sir. I beg to seek the following Statement:

In line with the parliamentary best practices, precedents and conventions, and pursuant to the provisions of the Third Taita Taveta County Assembly Standing Order no. 42(2)(c) relating to the Sitting's Order no. 7, Statements, a Member of the House can seek a Statement requiring

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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 (CoK), 2010, and our current laws are concerned;

In view of the foregoing, I beg to seek a Statement on the status of remittance of statutory and loan deductions on account of County Government. It is in the public domain that County Government employees are going through untold suffering as a result of failure by the County Treasury to remit statutory and loan deductions from County employees' salaries. This failure by the County Treasury has occasioned denial of key services to County employees, loss of interest on social security contributions and penalties/interest on such defaulted loans.

In view of the above, I would like the Department of Finance and Economic Planning through the Chairperson of the County Budget, Finance and Appropriations Committee to furnish this House with the following information:

1. The accrued pending remittances with the respective institutions to which the remittances should be remitted.
2. The reasons for the accrual of such unremitted deductions yet the same are budgeted for.
3. Strategies put in place to ensure that remittances are remitted on time within the respective disbursements.

Thank you, Mr. Acting Speaker.

**The Acting Speaker:** Chairperson of the County Budget, Finance and Appropriations Committee, Vice Chairperson or any Committee Member, kindly give a commitment. Yes, Honourable Minority Whip.

**Hon. Newton Salim (MCA, Wumingu/Kishushe):** Thank you, Mr. Acting Speaker, Sir. On behalf of the Chairperson and Vice Chairperson, it will be appropriate if we are given 14 days because we have to inform the leadership of the Committee.

**The Acting Speaker:** Statement seeker, are you comfortable with the commitment given?

**Hon. Duncan Wangama (MCA, Wusi/Kishamba):** Yes, the time suffices.

**The Acting Speaker:** Honourable Members, I would like to open the Floor for any Member who has a remark to make on the Statement sought. Let us also bear at the back of our minds that contribution per Member is limited to three minutes and a maximum cumulative of 20 minutes for this particular Sitting. Thank you.

*(Silence)*

Next Order.

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## COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

### ATTENDANCE AT THE GALLERY

**The Acting Speaker:** Honourable Members, I would like to acknowledge the attendance at the public gallery of the Taita Taveta Students Association leadership led by:

1. Mr. David Msongori who is the President.
2. Mr. Manfred Wachenje, the Administrator General.
3. Mr. Stephano Eyapani, Chairperson Mwatate sub-County.
4. Ms. Jane Mwambi, Cabinet Secretary (CS) for Trade, Tourism and Innovation.
5. Mr. Julius Wamola, CS for Youth, Sports and Culture.
6. Ms. Agnes Nyambu, Head of Communication.
7. Mr. Justine Maghanga, CS for Environment and Climate Change.
8. Ms. Bahati Zainab, Chief of Staff.

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### ADJOURNMENT

**The Acting Speaker:** Honourable Members, there being no other business, the House stands adjourned until Tuesday, 6<sup>th</sup> August 2024 at 2:30 p.m.

*(House rose at 10:34 a.m.)*