#### **COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF TAITA TAVETA**



# COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF TAITA TAVETA THIRD ASSEMBLY – FOURTH SESSION ORDER PAPER WEDNESDAY, MAY 21<sup>ST</sup>, 2025 AT 2:30 P.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.** Questions and Statements; (As listed in the Appendix)
- 8. Motions & Bills:

\*Denotes Orders of the Day

### **APPENDICES**

#### **STATEMENTS**

- 1. STATEMENT: STATUS OF PAYMENT OF COMMUNITY HEALTH PROMOTERS STIPEND (Hon. Jimmy Mwamidi, MCA, Wundanyi/Mbale Ward, Chairperson Budget, Finance & Appropriations Committee)
- **Mr. Speaker, Sir,** in line with the parliamentary best practices, precedents and conventions, and pursuant to the provisions of the Taita Taveta County Assembly Standing Order no. 61(1) relating to the Sitting's ORDER NO. 7 (QUESTIONS & STATEMENTS), 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.
- **Mr. Speaker, Sir,** on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> October, 2024 during the Afternoon Sitting No. 087, a Statement was sought on the floor of this House on the status of payment of Community Health Promoters by Hon. Stephen Nzai.
- **Mr. Speaker, Sir,** the response received from the County Executive Committee Member for Health Services on 5<sup>th</sup> November, 2024 highlighted the following concerning payments by the County Government;
  - i. The County Government has not made any stipend payments to the CHPs despite a budget of 24.4 million being provided for in the 2023/2024 financial year and Ksh. 38.6 million in the 2024/2025 financial year.
  - ii. The County department opened a Special Purpose Account (SPA) and to date, this account has been credited with only 2 million which is not enough to pay the 1,288 CHPs a stipend of one month.
- iii. A minimum of Ksh. 3,220,000 that is (1,288 CHPs x Ksh. 2,500) is required to pay CHPs stipends for one month.
- iv. The Ksh. 2 million is still in the SPA account unutilized because it would be unfair to pay some CHPs and leave out others.

- v. The department also stated that they had notified the Finance and Economic Planning department on the same and that the Finance department promised to provide funds when the County's funds flow situation improves.
- **Mr. Speaker, Sir,** during a recent meeting held with Wundanyi/Mbale Ward Community Health Promoters it was brought to the attention of the Hon. Members, that the County Government has only paid stipend for a period of 3 months leaving arrears balance of 13 months.
- **Mr. Speaker, Sir,** in furtherance of the above, I would like the Chairperson of the Health and Sanitation Committee to furnish this House with the following information;
  - a. Comprehensive list of all paid Community Health Promoters Countywide for the 3 months.
  - b. Reasons why the County Government has not paid the remaining stipend for the 13 months and when will the same be paid?
- 2. STATEMENT: OWNERSHIP STATUS OF LAND UNDER CONSTRUCTION FOR AN ICT HUB IN MWATATE WARD ALLEGEDLY BELONGING TO ACK ST. JAMES CHURCH (Hon. Joseph Mwalegha, MCA, Mwatate Ward, Chairperson, Mining and Natural Resources Committee)
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In view of the foregoing, I rise to seek a statement regarding the ownership status of land under construction for an ICT Hub in Mwatate Ward allegedly belonging to ACK St. James church.

- **Mr. Speaker, Sir,** the National Government is set to establish 1,450 ICT Hubs across the Country, one in each Ward as part of the government's digital economy agenda with the aim of promoting digital literacy, facilitate access to government services and create employment opportunities, particularly for the Youth.
- **Mr. Speaker, Sir,** it has come to my attention that the ICT Hub in Mwatate Ward is already under construction on a parcel of land that is allegedly part of property belonging to ACK St. James Church, Mwatate. This situation has sparked concern among congregants and members of the community regarding the legitimacy of the land acquisition.
- **Mr. Speaker, Sir,** in view of the foregoing and in the spirit of cooperation, collaboration and transparency between the National and County Governments, I would like the Chairperson of the Lands, Physical Planning and Urban Development to furnish this House with information regarding the current legal status and ownership details of the above mentioned parcel of land in Mwatate.

## 3. RESPONSE TO STATEMENT SOUGHT BY HON. AMOS MAKALO ON THE COUNTY OWN SOURCE REVENUE

(Hon. Jimmy Mwamidi, MCA, Wundanyi/Mbale Ward, Chairperson, Budget, Finance & Appropriations Committee)