

Third Assembly
(No. 042)

Fourth Session
(220)

COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF TAITA TAVETA



COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF TAITA TAVETA
THIRD ASSEMBLY – FOURTH SESSION
ORDER PAPER
TUESDAY, JUNE 17TH, 2025 AT 9:30 A.M
ORDER OF BUSINESS

PRAYERS

1. Administration of Oath;
2. Communication from the Chair;
3. Messages;
4. Petitions;
5. Papers; (*As listed in the Appendix*)
6. Notices of Motion; (*As listed in the Appendix*)
7. Questions and Statements; (*As Listed in the Appendix*)
8. PROCEDURAL MOTION: **PROCEDURAL RESOLUTION OF THE THIRD TAITA TAVETA COUNTY ASSEMBLY** (Hon. Anthony Warighe, MCA, Bura Ward, Majority Leader)

THAT, pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order No. 264, this Third County Assembly of Taita Taveta **resolves that**, Motion (No. 9) appearing on today's Order Paper be notified and moved in this same Morning Sitting No.042.

*Denotes Orders of the Day

**9. MOTION: ADOPTION AND APPROVAL OF THE REPORT OF
THE COMMITTEE ON POWERS, PRIVILEGES, IMMUNITIES
AND OBLIGATIONS ON INQUIRY OWN ITS OWN MOTION,
INTO ALLEGATIONS OF DEFAMATION OF THE COUNTY
ASSEMBLY OF TAITA TAVETA AND BREACH OF PRIVILEGE
BY HON. AZHAR DIN, HON. HALIFA TARAYA, HON. CRISPUS
TONDOO AND HON. DORCAS MLUGHU (HON.JIMMY
MWAMIDI)**

THAT, this Third County Assembly adopts and approves the report of the Committee on Powers, Privileges, Immunities and Obligations on Inquiry, own its own motion, into allegations of Defamation of The County Assembly of Taita Taveta and Breach of Privilege by Hon. Azhar Din, Hon. Halifa Taraya, Hon. Crispus Tondoo and Hon. Dorcas Mlughu laid on the Table of this House on Tuesday, 17th June, 2025, Morning Sitting No. 042 and its recommendations thereof.

Hon. Members, the floor is open for debate.

APPENDICES

PAPERS

1. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON POWERS, PRIVILEGES, IMMUNITIES AND OBLIGATIONS ON INQUIRY OWN ITS OWN MOTION, INTO ALLEGATIONS OF DEFAMATION OF THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF TAITA TAVETA AND BREACH OF PRIVILEGE BY HON. AZHAR DIN, HON. HALIFA TARAYA, HON. CRISPUS TONDOO AND HON. DORCAS MLUGHU

NOTICE OF MOTION

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STATEMENTS

1. STATEMENT: STATUS OF REMUNERATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY BOARDS (Hon. Peter Shambi, Nominated MCA, Chairperson, Human-Wildlife Conflict Resolution and Social Welfare 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 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.

In view of the foregoing, I rise to seek a statement regarding the status of remuneration of the Municipality Boards in the County.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, the Urban Areas and Cities Act, 2011 (as amended in 2019), particularly in Section 14 and Section 20, provides for the establishment of Municipality Boards, their roles, and functions. The Act further provides that members of the Municipality Boards shall be appointed through a competitive process and are entitled to remuneration and allowances as determined by the Salaries and Remuneration Commission (SRC) and the County Executive Committee. However, concerns have been raised that the Municipality Board members in Taita Taveta County, including Mwatate, Voi and Taveta Municipalities, have not been receiving regular or any remuneration and sitting allowances, contrary to the expectations under the law.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, the County Executive has not allocated or disbursed adequate operations funds to the municipalities to support essential services and administrative functions, leading to near paralysis of municipal activities.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, failure to remunerate Board members and provide operational support contradicts the spirit of urban governance and devolution as envisaged under the Constitution of Kenya, 2010. It further discourages civic participation, weakens municipal institutions, and limits service delivery to urban populations.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, in view of the foregoing, I would like the Chairperson of the Budget, Finance and Appropriations Committee to furnish this House with the following information;

1. What is the current status of payment of sitting allowances and other remuneration for members of Municipality Boards in Taita Taveta County?
2. What budgetary provisions were made in the current and previous financial years to cater for the remuneration of the board members of Voi, Taveta and Mwatate Municipalities?
3. Have the Municipality Board members received their dues consistently and on time since their appointment? If not, what are the reasons for delays or non-payment?
4. What mechanisms are in place to ensure transparency, accountability, and sustainability in the financing and facilitation of urban governance structures such as these boards?

NOTICE PAPER I

Tentative Business for Tuesday, June 17, 2025

(Published pursuant to Standing Order 36 (1))

It is notified that the County Assembly Business Committee has approved the following **tentative** business to appear in the Order Paper for **Tuesday, June 17, 2025 Afternoon Sitting No. 043.**

STATEMENTS

1. STATEMENT: OWNERSHIP STATUS OF BACHUMA MULTIPLICATION CENTER LAND (Hon. Peter Shambi, Nominated MCA, Chairperson, Human-Wildlife Conflict Resolution and Social Welfare 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 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.

In view of the foregoing, I rise to seek a statement regarding the ownership status of the land under Bachuma Multiplication center.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, Bachuma Multiplication Center was initially established to support livestock development through breeding and multiplication of improved livestock breeds for local farmers and institutions. However, since the advent of devolution under the Constitution of Kenya 2010, and the subsequent transfer of agricultural functions to County Governments, the rightful ownership, control, and utilization of this land has become a matter of contention between the two levels of government.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, there have been increasing reports of administrative impasses, restricted access, unclarified land registration status, and conflicting claims by both the Ministry of Agriculture and the County Government of Taita Taveta, to the extent of the former issuing an international tender notice to sell out the Bachuma breeding ground, which have hampered agricultural development, public investment, and community benefit from the center.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, in view of the foregoing, and given the strategic importance of the Bachuma Multiplication Center in promoting livestock farming and economic development in Taita Taveta County, I would like the Chairperson of the Lands, Physical Planning and Urban Development Committee to furnish this House with the following information;

1. Who is the legally recognized owner of the land currently occupied by the Bachuma Multiplication Center?
2. Is the land registered, and if so, under what title deed number, size in hectares/acres, and name of title holder?
3. What is the nature and basis of the dispute between the two governments regarding the center?
4. Have there been any official correspondences, court cases, or mediation attempts initiated between the County Government and the Ministry of Agriculture over the ownership and control of the center?
5. What position does the County Government of Taita Taveta, particularly the Department of Agriculture and Livestock and Department of Lands, Physical Planning and Urban Development, hold in regard to the ownership and intended use of the land?
6. Have there been any development projects or donor-funded programs linked to the center that have stalled due to the ownership wrangles?
7. What steps is the County Government taking to secure legal ownership or user rights over the land for the benefit of Taita Taveta residents?

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NOTICE PAPER II

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It is notified that the County Assembly Business Committee has approved the following tentative business to appear in the Order Paper for **Wednesday, June 18, 2025**
Morning Sitting No. 044.

STATEMENTS

- 1. STATEMENT: FOLLOW UP ON STATEMENT SOUGHT ON STATUS OF THE LAST MILE CONNECTIVITY PROGRAM IN TAITA TAVETA COUNTY (Hon. Peter Shambi, Nominated MCA, Chairperson, Human-Wildlife Conflict Resolution and Social Welfare Committee)**

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NOTICE PAPER III

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It is notified that the County Assembly Business Committee has approved the following **tentative** business to appear in the Order Paper for **Wednesday, June 18, 2025**

Afternoon Sitting No. 045.

STATEMENTS

**1. RESPONSE TO STATEMENT SOUGHT BY HON. BRAYSON MWAMBI
ON THE OWNERSHIP STATUS OF LAND BORDERING KAJIRE
PRIMARY SCHOOL AND BONDENI VILLAGE**

*(Hon. Anisa Mwakio, Nominated MCA, Chairperson,
Lands, Physical Planning and Urban Development Committee)*