**Second Assembly Fourth Session**

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**REPUBLIC OF KENYA**

**MANDERA COUNTY ASSEMBLY**

**VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

**WEDNESDAY, 19TH FEBRUARY, 2020**

1. The House Assembled at Thirty minutes past two o’clock
2. The proceedings were opened with prayer.
3. Presiding **–** Hon Speaker (Mohamed Adan Khalif)

**1.PRAYERS.**

By Hon. Speaker Mandera County Assembly

**2.CONVOCATION**

(i)By Hon. Speaker – Mandera County Assembly

**Hon. Members,**

It gives me great pleasure to welcome His Excellency and all Honorable Members to Second Assembly, Fourth Session of Mandera County Assembly. Its customary that the Governor address a special sitting of County Assembly once every year and may address County Assembly at any other time pursuant to provision of our Standing Order No.21(1).

**Your Excellency**,

I would like to make some brief remarks.

**Hon. Members,** as we embark on the fourth session, we should appraise ourselves as an institution on what we have achieved and lay emphasis of what we need to achieve in order to carry our Mandate effectively.

**Hon. Members**, the great expectations before us require commitment, focus, harmony and unity of purpose of our people. It’s our responsibility to ensure to build structure that is responsive to the need of people. The Assembly is obliged to maintain effective system in place to ensure inclusivity, equity and social justice for all.

**Hon. Members** Our Second Assembly (third session) has passed various Motions, Reports, and also enacted various legislation including, Mandera County Appropriation Bill, 2019, Mandera County Trade Development fund (Amendment) Bill, 2019, Mandera County Health Services Bill, 2019, Mandera County Breast feeding Mother Bill, 2019, and The Mandera County Frontier Counties Development Council Bill 2019.The FCDC Act,2019 will enhance platform of cooperation, coordination in view of enhancing social economic

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development and also provides standard in the implementation of the vision 2030 and other Development blue print.

**Hon. Members,** creating awareness/Public education on various legislation passed by the First and Second Assembly is important. There is need therefore to harmonize continuous civic education Programmes by respective County Departments so that Members of Public is fully informed on legislation and policies in the County.

Several other legislations are also before the relevant committee. I also call upon the County Executive to operationalize legislation passed by the County Assembly within minimum time necessary.

**Hon. Members,** while we celebrate our achievement since inception of Devolution, we must also reflect challenges that we have faced and identify alternative solutions. You are aware the locust invasion in our County have already caused unprecedented damage to our vegetation which will have far reaching effects on food security and livelihood of our people, already Food and Agriculture organization FAO (DN) on 30th, January, 2019, has warned that the locust invasion could get worse if control efforts is not upscaled, this matter therefore requires urgent intervention. I call upon H.E the Governor and our Members of the County Assembly to find out urgent measures to contain this situation with the help of National Government and other partners. I also take this opportunity to express my appreciation to all those who have supported this exercise thus far.

 **Hon. Members**, I note with great concern that the mass exodus of teachers from Northern region following the directive by the Teachers Service Commission to transfer all non-local teacher from North Eastern region over security fear.

The transfer of teachers has disrupted learning activities in the region. It’s true that some part of Northern region has been soft targets of terror attack and posed threats to learning environment, but the leadership of this region has been continuously in collaboration with the National Government in finding durable solution to this menace, but the harsh decision by the TSC over transfer of teachers has brought education in the region to its knees.

I hope the upcoming Conference on Mandera County Education Stakeholder Symposium to be held on Thursday, February, 2020 in Mandera will lead to conversations that will address this issue urgently.

**Hon. Members,** you are aware that, Nov, 27, 2019 H.E President Uhuru launched the Building Bridges initiatives at Bomas of Kenya, the report ushers a national discussion on the future of Kenya. But as legislators we have the citizenry duty to protect the interest of our People as Northern region in regards to BBI. In our recent County Assemblies Forum, we have reached consensus that

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we shall resist Creation of three tiers Government (Regional Government) that will return back to further marginalization and therefore we need to stand up and protect Devolution.

 **Hon. Members** lets fulfill the promise we made to our people with regards to manifesto and policies that we promised to implement, let’s not forget this will be yardstick for voters to make informed choices in electing their representatives in future. Nevertheless, a huge task still remains ahead of us and I believe we shall rise to fulfill our commitment as legislator.

 **Hon. Members,** as we discharge our constitutional responsibilities of oversight of Public resource, we are duty bound to ensure transparency in services delivery. We must not compromise our role. It’s our responsibility to remain committed to the trust that has been bestowed upon us by the electorates.

**Hon. Members** I urge all of you to conduct yourselves with integrity, decorum, uphold the rule of law, observe provision of our standing and the constitution and always commit ourselves to achieve our Mandate as per Article 185 of the Constitution.

**Hon.Members**, finally, you are aware that the Governor will address County Assembly in accordance with the provision of our Standing Order No 21(1). I therefore remind you that the Governor shall be heard in silence pursuant to the provision of our Standing Order No.23 (2).

(**1) Hon. Speaker invites H.E. The Governor, Mandera County Government to make his address.**

**3.GOVERNORS ADDRESS**

Address by H.E. the Governor

**4.NOTICE OF MOTION**

Pursuant to the Provision of Standing Orders no No. 23(4) I seek to move “**That the Thanks of the County Assembly be recorded for the exposition of public policy contained in the Address of the Governor**”

***(Minority Party leader)***

**(5). HOUSE ROSE** at thirty-five minute minutes past Three O’clock

**M E M O R A N D U M**

The Speaker will take the Chair on

Tuesday, 25th February, 2020 at 9.00AM