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GARISSA COUNTY ASSEMBLY



Third County Assembly
(NO.067)



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THIRD COUNTY ASSEMBLY – (THIRD SESSION)

ORDER OF THE DAY

SPECIAL SITTING

THURSDAY 8TH AUGUST, 2024 AT 9:30 A.M

ORDER OF BUSINESS

PRAYER

1. Administration of Oath
2. Communication from the Chair
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5. Papers

6*. Notices of motion

MAJORITY LEADER (MOHAMED ABDI FARAH)

Hon Speaker, I rise to give notice of the following motion, for the County Assembly to authorize the County Assembly Service Board to engage in short-term borrowing that is necessitated by the need to address pressing financial obligations that are crucial for the smooth operation and service delivery of the County Assembly

That, aware that, the Public Finance Act 2012 mandates the National Treasury to disburse monies to the devolved units at the beginning of every month and in any event, not later than the 15th day from the commencement of the quarter.

Further aware that, this has not been happening due to unavoidable delay making Counties across the country to face a major cash crunch following such delays by the national government to remit disbursements to the devolved units in good time and in particular Garissa County. The County Assembly requires adequate financial resources to ensure uninterrupted operations

Noting that, these delays have negatively impacted on service delivery in the County Assembly and to be specific have caused unnecessary delays in respect of payments of salaries and other operational costs to both the Hon members and staff of the County Assembly. therefore Short-term borrowing will facilitate the timely payment of salaries, allowances, and other operational costs, which are currently under strain due to budgetary delays. There are several strategic investments and developmental projects that require immediate funding hence the short-term borrowing will enable us to capitalize on opportunities that will enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of our service delivery

Concerned that, deferred payments of salaries cause significant inconveniences to both the Hon Members and staff of the Assembly which can affect the day-to-day activities of the county Assembly and damage the reputation of the county Assembly both internally among staff and externally among constituents.

Cognizant of the fact that, Section 142 of the Public Finance Management Act empowers the County Assembly to authorize short-term borrowing by county government entities for cash management purposes only. The proposed borrowing will be in strict compliance with the Public Finance Management Act and other relevant regulations. This ensures that the borrowing is conducted transparently and responsibly and the County Assembly Service Board will maintain a high level of accountability and transparency in the utilization of the borrowed funds.

Appreciating that, by authorizing short-term borrowing, we will ensure that the County Assembly can meet its financial obligations promptly, thereby maintaining the high standards of service delivery expected by our constituents and also preventing disruptions that could negatively impact the economic stability of the County Assembly's operations.

Now therefore, this motion seeks to urge the County Assembly to authorize short-term borrowing by the County Assembly Service Board not exceeding Ksh 42 million per month for the financial year 2024/2025 at a cost of not more than 1% on the same amount and 20% excise duty on the same for purposes of paying salaries and other operational costs on time whenever there are unforeseen delays of disbursements of funds from the National treasury. I urge all Honorable Members to support this motion for the benefit of our County Assembly and the people we serve. I beg to give notice.

7. Statements

8*. Motions

MOTION URGING THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY TO AUTHORIZE SHORT TERM BORROWING NOT EXCEEDING KSH 42 MILLION BY THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY SERVICE BOARD FOR PURPOSES OF PAYING SALARIES AND OTHER OPERATIONAL COSTS

MAJORITY LEADER (HON MOHAMED ABDI FARAH)

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9*. PROCEDURAL MOTION – REDUCTION OF PUBLICATION PERIOD OF A SPECIFIED BILL

(The Chairperson, Departmental Committee on Environment, Climate Change, Energy and Natural Resources)

THAT, pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 140, this House resolves to reduce the publication period of the Garissa County Climate Change Bill, 2024 (Assembly Bill No. 4 of 2024) from **fourteen (14) days** to **one (1) days**;

10*. THE GARISSA COUNTY CLIMATE CHANGE BILL, 2024 (ASSEMBLY BILL NO 4 OF 2024)

(The Chairperson, Departmental Committee on Environment, Climate Change, Energy and Natural Resources)

First Reading