

## COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF SAMBURU



### *THE HANSARD*

**Tuesday, 21<sup>st</sup> April, 2026**

**The Assembly met at the County Assembly Chambers at 9.00 am**

*Temporary Speaker, (Hon. Lemoosa Jonathan ) in Chair*

### **PRAYER**

## **STATEMENTS**

**Temporary Speaker,** (Hon. Lemoosa Jonathan): The honorable members, we have a communication from the chair. Number three of 2026, Tuesday, 21st April, 2026. Honourable members, I take this opportunity to warmly welcome you back from the short recess.

I trust that the break has been refreshing and that you are ready to resume our legislative duties with renewed energy and focus. During the recess, members of this house attended the legislative summit in Mombasa. The summit's theme, strengthening devolution through effective legislation and oversight, was both timely and significant.

It reminded us of the central role of the county assembly's role in deepening devolution, enhancing service delivery, and to ensure accountability to the people we represent. The discussion and exchanges at the summit have equipped us with valuable insight that enriches our work in county assembly. Honorable members, ahead of us lies one of the most crucial responsibilities of this assembly, the consideration of the Budget estimate.

This process is not merely a procedure. It is foundation upon which development priorities for our county are set. The budget estimate determines how resources are allocated and it is our duty to ensure that they reflect the needs and aspirations of our people.

Hon. members, I therefore urge all of you, particularly those serving sectoral committees, to diligently scrutinize the representative sector budget, and your role in examining, questioning, and redefining this estimate is vital in ensuring that funds are utilised effectively and transparently. Let us approach this task with seriousness, unity of purpose, and commitment to safeguard the interests of Samburu residents. Finally, honorable members, I wish to inform you that the assembly will adjourn until Tuesday, 28th, April 2026, to allow members to participate in the ongoing governor's cap in Mararal, where many of you will be joining your representative work teams.

We recognize the importance of this event in fostering unity, talent development, and community spirit across Samburu County. Thank you.

The Honorable Steve Lenamarle, Speaker, County Assembly of Samburu.

Thank you.

**MCA, Wamba West Ward**, (Hon. Lemartile Francis):

Thank you, Hon. Speaker, I dispute the message you read to this house. You are telling us that we have a unity of purpose, but what this house is doing is contrary to what you read.

Can you clarify and tell your boss not to read in this? How is that message again?

**Temporary Speaker**, (Hon. Lemoosa Jonathan): Thank you, the Hon. Lemartile. I want to pronounce you out of order because this is only communication, not a debate. A communication which needs no inputs from members. It is just a message put across. Thank you.

**Specially Elected MCA**, (Hon. Lenamatiyio Silapia): Thank you, Hon. Speaker. Hon. Speaker, we have a concern on the matter you communicated on the issue of adjournment. Hon. Speaker, the adjournment of the House should be a Motion, but not a communication.

So, lead us on the directive part, Hon. Speaker. Unless we are waiting for a Motion.

**Temporary Speaker**, (Hon. Lemoosa Jonathan): I do not know whether you are really following.

We said order number eight, a Motion. So, communication was order number two.

**Specially Elected MCA**, (Hon. Lenamatiyio Silapia): Chair, Speaker, I am sorry, but the issue here, the clerks did not even give us the order paper so that we can follow on it. So, let them provide us the order paper before we proceed, thank you.

**MCA Nachola Ward**, (Hon. Lorunyei Lawrence): Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

The problem is not yours because you are just communicating, Mr. Speaker. And, what we are not under is that what you are communicating is contrary to the order, Mr. Speaker. Like now, the communication you are communicating is not in front of us.

We do not have confidence, Mr. Speaker, to follow up what you are saying. You are just lecturing us Mr. Speaker, some of us listening, we are not good at hearing. Some of us we blind, some of us are dumb, Mr. Speaker. Another thing; in addition to your communication, you read the last part about adjournment again, which is not supposed to be there.

It is supposed to be a Motion, which is the in the Standing Order; that is why I say that for a smooth communication, it was not in order, Mr. Speaker. Thank you.

**Temporary Speaker**, (Hon. Lemoosa Jonathan): Thank you. Cognizant of the fact that, of course, the communication will bear some aspect in the last paragraph of the communication, but nevertheless.

*(Technical glitch)*

Sorry, I think we had some problem in transmission of our system.

But nevertheless, of course, I do agree. Let us treat it as a communication, just the way it is a communication. But, the aspect of a Motion is squarely on our order number eight.

So, most obliged of course, let us accept that, of course, there was a mix in our order number two and having some aspect of number eight. Away from that, the Hon. members, let us now concentrate on the order number eight. Order number eight gives us a one day leave to join our teams before actually the closure of the tournament, which fosters unity, which fosters peace and all that.

Moreover, it is a day, it is only just tomorrow, and we resume next week on Tuesday. I am sorry also, the Hon. Silapia, that some of our, not some members, apart from our senior who has the communication, that, of course, members were not supplied with the order paper. But please bear, this we shall correct. Thank you so much.

So, the Hon. Lawrence Lorunyei, on order number eight.

## **MOTION**

### ADJOURNMENT

**Minority Whip**, (Hon. Lorunyei Lawrence): Thank you, Hon. speaker.

Hon. Speaker, I beg to move the following Motion:

**THAT**, Pursuant to the Standing Order 34 (4), this Assembly resolves to alter its calendar to adjourn today, Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April, 2026 and resume on Tuesday, the 28<sup>th</sup> April, 2026 at 9.30 a.m.

To allow members to join in support of their respective Ward teams in the 2026 Governor's Cup third edition in Maralal. Thank you, Hon. speaker.

**Temporary Speaker**, (Hon. Lemoosa Jonathan): It is a Motion, someone to second the Hon. Lawrence.

**MCA, Nachola Ward**, (Hon. Lorunyei Lawrence): Mr. Speaker, it can be a seconded or not but as you have proposed, I ask Honourable Charity to second it.

**Temporary Speaker**, (Hon. Lemoosa Jonathan): Now, Honourable Members allow me now to propose a question **THAT**, pursuant to Standing Order Number 34(4) this Assembly **RESOLVES** to alter its calendar to adjourn today, Tuesday, 21<sup>st</sup> April, 2026 and resume on Tuesday, the 28<sup>th</sup> April, 2026 at 9:30 a.m. to allow Members to join in support of their respective ward teams in the 2026 Governor's Cup third edition in Maralal.

Yes, the Hon. Phelix.

**MCA, Loosuk Ward**, (Hon. Lenamparasio Phelix): Thank you so much, Honourable Speaker for giving me this time. I stand here to very seriously oppose this motion. I just have some few concerns on this issue. One, I would like very much, the government to tell us the reason as to why we are adjourning this house to go to participate in the Governor's Cup. One thing that should be very clear is that we are not players. We do not go there and play or plan that tournament. It is our teams from our wards that are playing. This Governor's Cup started yesterday and it will end on Friday.

Our Business days are today and tomorrow. I do not see the reason as to why we should adjourn our House just to go and participate in an Executive activity. For the record, let this be very clear that this House nowadays is turning to be an Executive arm. I think last month, when we were nearly going to recess, we adjourned this House just because the Governor was having a meeting in Mombasa. What was so important to the to the Assembly with a Governor's meeting in Mombasa? Just because the he wanted some few Members to be in that meeting and then we adjourned this House.

It should be very well known that we are being paid to come to this House and if this Assembly with the leadership is now trying to make us the Executive wing of Government, then you should

pronounce this House closed until 2027. Then we all go home because each and every other time when the Governor has an activity, we adjourn this House. When will we do our work? When? Our Statements are lying here unanswered. Some dating back to October last year and we are just adjourning our House every other time, why? So, I stand here to oppose this motion and this House should not adjourn. Let those MCAs who want to go and follow Governor go and follow. The rest of us who are paid to come and work here, we will come here tomorrow and do that work.

I oppose this motion very seriously. Thank you, Honourable Speaker and if you want to pronounce this House as an arm of the Executive, you are at liberty of doing that then we go home come back here in 2027.

**Temporary Speaker**, (Hon. Lemoosa Jonathan): The Honourable Francis, I do not think there is anywhere that says the Speaker should not actually take his or her liberty in the House. That is out of order and please let us be Members who observe regulations and traditions of the House cannot coarsen anybody, behave the way you want, thank you, Francis.

**MCA Wamba West Ward**, (Hon. Lemartile Francis): Speaker, thank you for the opportunity you have given me.

Secondly, I stand and concur with my colleague; Hon. Lenamparasio to oppose the Motion. This House has been turned a kitchen for the Executive, they come and cook what they want and serve to the Hon. Members. You are the one being served with plates like the way you were taken to Mombasa.

We have a very concerning activity of budget process forcefully called without official communication. We have a crucial role to pass the Budget. So, Hon. Speaker, if we close the month of April without passing the rough draft of the Budget, you will come and just pass the Budget the way it has always been passed. And, we know that you are the Chairperson, you should take us through.

Hon. Speaker, this House and the Executive is demeaning this House, we are passing the Budget but that is not what is being implemented. We want itemized... (Interjection by Temporary Speaker)

Temporary Speaker, (Hon. Lemoosa Jonathan): Hon. Lemartile, you are out of order. We are not discussing on Budget. Constrain yourself to what is in the order paper. There is nothing budgetary in the paper.

**MCA Wamba West Ward**, (Hon. Lemartile Francis): Then I stand that this House should not be adjourned for us because we have a purpose to go through the Budget...

**Temporary Speaker**, (Hon. Lemoosa Jonathan): Hon. Lawrence

**MCA Nachola Ward**, (Hon. Lorunyei Lawrence): Mr. Speaker, we should know why we are here at the County Assembly and the mandate of this Assembly Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, we are here to transact everything coming to this Hon House so long as we are following order and guidelines provided by the law. Mr. Speaker, Yes, according to the Constitution we have got only One County with different mandate given to the Executive arm and the Legislative arm to perform Mr. Speaker. We make the policies and they implement them Mr. Speaker; those are the mandates we carry but we work as a County government Mr. Speaker, there is no Executive County Government and County Assembly County government.

We here to help each other so that the people of Samburu County or our County progresses Mr. Speaker. We are here to leave a legacy Hon. Speaker.

Having said that, I urge my Hon. Members now that an issue is in front of us, this Assembly should follow the right procedure of conducting business as guided by the guidelines Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, we are not here to just oppose or show some personal differences, our interest here is the interest of our County and, that is why I urge the Hon. Members let us rise above our personal interest and our individual difference. Let us go now to the matter of the County, respect is very nice.

If I can quote the Bible about the nature order; 1 Colossians 13, on and two on authority comes from God And when the authority comes from God any other authority must submit to the authority because those in authority are going to be accountable to God even if they make mistakes. even if they are making a lesson, a mistake, they are accountable to the God. Those who are not leading well. Since these matters are procedural let us rise above our differences. If a matter comes to the County Assembly let us follow the process, understand one another, tolerate,

give and take instead of just confrontation. We are a Government and we are not here to confront one another but to build one another. Which is basically give and take Mr. Speaker. That is why I ask my Hon. Members to give, tolerate, and let us support the Motion, thank you Mr. Speaker.

**Temporary Speaker,** (Hon. Lemoosa Jonathan): Thank you so much the Hon. Member. Let us not dwell on this so much, it is not a very important issue. Before I put a question, this House is procedural; Hon. Lemartile please, we are not going to vote but put a question like any other question but

*(Point of Order by Hon. Lenamparasio)*

*(Speaker continues)* before I think the issue of this particular Motion was to give a chance for every Member to meet, bring unity to teams or indulge themselves. It is just fortunate that nobody has shouted that we are out of Order for not having a quorum

*(Interrupted by Hon. Lenamparasio)*

**MCA, Loosuk Ward,** (Hon. Lenamparasio Phelix): I just want to raise that we do not have a quorum and this House should not adjourn because we have no quorum. There is only nine of us yet we are supposed to be nine. There is no question because there is only seven of us. We cannot adjourn without following the rule. Let us be a third of what the law requires here.

**Temporary Speaker,** (Hon. Lemoosa Jonathan): Please stand up or I throw you out.

**MCA, Loosuk Ward,** (Hon. Lenamparasio Phelix): No. You cannot throw me out. I am also used to be thrown out of this House but I do not care. I just want to raise that concern that we should not put that question. This House should not have even started because we are just seven. We are less two Members. Refer this question to another date either today in the afternoon or tomorrow in the morning because we are less, thank you Mr. Speaker. But if you want to do without following the procedure there is no problem.

**Temporary Speaker,** (Hon. Lemoosa Jonathan): We are very much procedural. The issue of raising a quorum where there is quorum or not is from Members but not from the Speaker. No one has raised it but now that somebody shouts that we do not have a quorum we adjourn. But we cannot say that we cannot put a question when there is no voice that has actually faulted our

numbers. I am waiting for someone to shout that there is no quorum and if anybody shouts I will put a question; that is the regulation. Yes Chair.

**MCA, Nachola Ward,** (Hon. Lemoosa Jonathan): Mr. Speaker let us be procedural; I stand and shout that we do not have a quorum.

**Temporary Speaker,** (Hon. Lemoosa Jonathan): We are obliged by that. The clerk should ring a bell for ten minutes as per the regulation. The Sergeant at Arms should ring a bell for ten minutes and whip the Members, just be procedural 10 minutes, five minutes then later on we call the House to Order.

*(Bell rang)*

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Hon. Members, I wish to give the reason why we had to adjourn to what we are going to read that the time being 14 minutes to 11 o'clock and there being no quorum this Assembly now adjourns until Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2026 at 2:30 pm, thank you.