REPUBLIC OF KENYA

COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF LAIKIPIA

THE HANSARD

Tuesday, 2nd June, 2026

The House met at the Assembly Chambers at 10.00 a.m.

[The Speaker (Hon. Lantano Nabaala) in the Chair]

PRAYERS

QUORUM CALL

Speaker: Clerk, confirm if we do have quorum.

(Lack of quorum confirmed)

Speaker: Without quorum, I direct that the bell ring for 10 minutes.

(Quorum bell rang for six minutes)

Speaker: Hon. Stephen!

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Hon. Speaker, I think now we have quorum because the Deputy Speaker is around. Yes, I can confirm.

Speaker: Clerk, confirm if we indeed do have quorum.

(Quorum confirmed)

Speaker: Thank you. Now that we have a quorum, I direct that the bell stops ringing and quickly proceed to the business of the House.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

WELCOMING REMARKS FROM RECESS PERIOD

Speaker: Hon. members, I want to take this opportunity to thank you for reverting back to our sittings after the recess, which has been of a robust training period and I want to welcome you back to the house for full business. Welcome.

PAPER LAID

2ND SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. Hon. Speaker, I have a paper to lay. This is the second supplementary program-based budget for the current development expenditure for the year ending that year, June 2026. Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

(Hon. Stephen Ndiritu laid the paper on the Table)

Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Stephen. The second supplementary estimates for the Financial Year 2025-2026 that has just been laid for the County Government of Laikipia is committed to a Committee on Budget Appropriation. Next order.

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PROCEDURAL MOTION

ALTERATION OF THE ASSEMBLY CALENDAR

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I beg to move the following motion;

THAT pursuant to the provision of Standing Orders, Number 29(4), this Assembly resolved to alter its calendar as adopted on 24th February, 2026, so as to;

a. Have a short recess break from Wednesday, 3rd June, 2026 to Tuesday 9th June, 2026,

b. Resume its regular seating for the second part of the session on Wednesday, 10th June 2026.

Thank you, Hon. Speaker. Hon. Speaker, I think this is a question that we have been able to bring up, so that we can alter our calendar. Bwana Spika, nafikiri huu ni mswada ambao tumeweza kuleta ili tuweze kubadilisha kalenda yetu ambayo tuliweza kupitisha kama Bunge. Bwana Spika, kulingana na hali ilivyo tunapewa nguvu na Kanuni za Bunge ili kuweza kubadilisha vikao vya Bunge kulingana na vile Bunge itapitisha.

Bwana Spika, kwa huu muswada, tunaweza kuomba Waheshimiwa wakubali kubadilisha. Bwana Spika, tunabadilisha tukiwa na lengo. Lengo ambalo tuko nalo hakuna mtu haelewi hali ya huu mji wetu wa Nanyuki ambapo wananchi wako kwa barabara wakilalamika kwa kuletewa karantini katika Kambi la Jeshi la Laikipia. Bwana Spika, hii karantini ni ya ugonjwa hatari wa Ebola.

Kukiwa na hii hali kwa sababu pia mimi ni mwananchi ambaye anaguzwa na haya maneno na ambaye anafaa kushiriki katika haya maandamano. Tunaonelea ni vyema tubadilishe kalenda yetu, tuungane na wananchi ili tuweze kukataa mambo ambayo inaendelea katika nchi yetu. Bwana Spika, hii karantini ambayo inajengwa hapa inasemekana ni ya Waamerika ambao wanaougua katika nchi zingine na kuletwa hapa Laikipia.

Bwana Spika, tunafaa tuseme kwa kauli moja kwamba *Laikipia County is not a dustbin,* ambapo tutakubali magonjwa yeyote ikipatikana iletwe hapa. Huu ni uuaji na ukiukaji wa haki ya binadamu. Ninaomba Waheshimiwa ambao wako hapa waweze kuungana tubadilishe kalenda ili tuweze kuendelea na vilevile tuweze kuweka Maisha ya wafanyikazi wetu mahali salama. Tukiruhusu Bunge iwe na unaona vile wananchi wamekasirika huenda tukawa na mmoja wetu ameumizwa.

Bwana Spika, mimi ni mwana siasa lakini wafanyikazi wengine si wanasiasa. Bwana Spika, mtu anaweza kujipata kwa shida. Kwa hayo ndio maana tumeonelea ni vyema kubadilisha kalenda ili tuweze kuendelea. Bwana Spika, huu mswada umeletwa na Kiongozi wa walio wengi Bungeni. Katika Bunge hili pia tuko na Kiongozi wa walio wachache ambaye pia anafaa kuongoza walio wachache kuunga mkono hii hoja na pia kushawishi wengine pamoja na hawa wa upande wa walio wengi Bwana Spika ili tuweza kuungana tukiwa pamoja ili tupitishe huu mswada.

Bwana Spika, ningetaka kumkaribisha Mheshimiwa Umija ili aweze kuafiki huu mswada ili tubadilishe kalenda yetu. Asante.

Hon. Catherine Umija: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I would like to thank the Majority Leader for this motion of altering the calendar. As you all know that there have been plant demonstrations, starting yesterday in regards to the Ebola Issue. I think it is important. I know

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some of the Members we have participated in ensuring that our voices are being heard, that the Ebola facility, which is specifically made for the US citizen.

I am even wondering why Kenyan citizens are not included in that facility. It is only a facility that only benefits a few and not everyone. Secondly, I think in regards to disease control, it is easier to control a disease where it has emanated. That means that it would have been better if the facility would have been put within the areas of Congo where we know that Ebola comes from so that we can control so that it doesn't come to other parts of the countries especially in Africa.

Knowing that Kenya is a gateway to Africa, it is high time that now we make our voices known that Laikipia will not be the gateway for Ebola. It is high time that we tell the government that they would have thought of it well where the facility should have been. Having that in mind, that is why we are altering our calendar to Wednesday, because now it seems like from Tuesdays, most of the time, there will be planned demonstrations by the citizens in regards to this matter. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I second the motion.

(Question proposed)

Speaker: Hon. Members, I will allow Members to debate on the floor in this motion now.

Hon. Daniel Mugweru: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I rise in support of the motion to alter the calendar. There is nothing I'm looking at here because I can see Members looking at me. All these gadgets were not charged. I think that there is somebody who doesn't know what is supposed to be done. So, there is nothing I'm checking. I'm just preparing myself here, but no gadget is functional here. All of them need to be charged. I don't know whether those ones of yours are charged. So, even as I support the motion, I'm supporting from what you have read but not what I've seen. It's what I've heard.

Right now, the eyes are not functional. The ears are the ones that I'm using to make my contribution. Hon. Speaker, having said that, Hon. Members, it's a good time that you are all back to start our session. It is really encouraging that on the first day we are all here to start work as expected. Everybody can see that we are not altering the calendar because we want to go and rest. We are not altering the calendar because we have no quorum. We are not altering the calendar because we are travelling or doing anything else but we are altering because of the situation that was not expected by any of us.

Hon. Speaker, this is an issue that apart from things to do with demonstrations and all that, it is also our opportunity at this time to show that we are in solidarity with what the majority of Kenyans are. So, as a House, as the leaders of Laikipia, the only way to show that we are committed and we are serious to stopping the quarantine agenda to be placed in our county, this is one of the best ways to show that we are concerned, we are committed, and it is a way of showing that we are not interested in that.

We may talk of Laikipia, but as much as we say Laikipia, we need to understand that it is not Laikipia. We as the leaders are talking about the entire country. So, we are saying clearly that on behalf of the people of Kenya, so that it may not be shifted from Laikipia and be placed in Meru. What we are saying is that we don't want it in the country as at now. Whether it is Kisumu, whether it is Wajir, whether it is Turkana, simply because we are not affected. If one wants to assist, assistance is always welcome and it is welcome to the people who need the assistance, Hon. Speaker.

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Hon. Speaker, it is not our country that is setting. If it is United States of America that is setting and it feels that it needs to help people, then it should first set one in Congo where people have already been affected. They are sick, Hon. Speaker. Why are you rushing to people who are not sick, leaving the sick ones?

Number two, Kenya being a third world country, they should set in their country, because in their continent they have everything that it takes, Honourable Speaker. Number three, they are supposed to bring it because we are sick to help us. Now, they are setting it to bring their patients here, and as I heard the minister saying that they don't want anybody, any sick person visiting America. Why would you say that you don't want any sick person to visit your country, yet you want to export your sick people to other countries? Then, that is ironical. You know people are taking it as if it is a quarantine that is being placed in Laikipia. It is not about quarantine. This is disease.

They are bringing sick people to our country so that we may all fall sick. So, in this one we don't want to know the religion of different people, we don't want to know your political stand, the people you support and the ones you don't support. The good thing is that health and death is an equalizer. Those who are in this, those who support certain political whatever and those who are in this religion.

We have not forgotten how COVID came. It killed leaders, it killed the common man and civil servants, it killed pastors, as well and so when it comes to death and sickness, it is an equalizer. Anyone can get sick, anyone can die and so on this one we need to stand united. Just as the business people in this town, yesterday their shops were shut down.

The same way those people who went for demonstrations, they never went to work, the same way we are supposed to break at this time, we alter our calendar so that we may show solidarity and show that we are against what is happening in this country. I can see that Honourable Kanyutu is so happy about this one because he wants to stand firm with the people of Nanyuki and the people of Laikipia and the people of Kenya.

He wants to stand firm for it and he is telling me that it should be double. We should apply double strength and when I saw him doing double, I thought he's telling me something different, but I've come to realise that he's saying that we should apply double strength. So, that is exactly what we shall do. Whatever you can do to help the country, just do it. You don't have necessarily to do what everyone is doing but fight it in your own way.

It doesn't mean that Hon. Stephen and Hon. Anthony you must go to the tarmac and do the things others are doing. Do your part in your own way, in your own style as long as you are creating an impact and a message to the entire country.

I wish to thank Hon. Stephen for bringing this motion in this House. What we are doing right now is even stronger than the demonstrations themselves. Therefore, do it your way. This one already has got an impact and even the ones who demonstrated made an impact. Someone who went somewhere else on media and elsewhere made an impact.

It does not mean that everybody must come here because not everybody who can come here or go for demonstrations. Not everybody who can go and burn tyres, not everybody who can go and do it.

Even the Kenya Air Force are also affected. Don't think they are happy. Everybody here will be affected by this and so we all need to stand in solidarity. Wherever you are, whatever position you hold, whatever you can do, whatever simple or hard you can do to make this

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happen, just do it in your own style but make sure you have done something to show solidarity. Thank you, I support.

Hon. Simon Kanyutu: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I stand to support the motion, but on my part, if allowed, I would wish we extend it to 16th and not 9th, Mr. Speaker. We go for two weeks because this issue is affecting us. If it is possible, one week is not enough. That's why even I was telling the Honourable Member on the other side; I was not proposing two terms but two weeks. I'm shocked because when the Head of State is saying that they agreed to bring quarantine in Nanyuki, there are people who work there, and they are the locals here Mr. Speaker.

I am sure Nanyuki is almost the centre of Mt. Kenya and it will extend to each and every corner, Mr. Speaker and so we are not safe. If these people are brought here, I might even end up not coming to this Assembly. I fear Ebola, because unlike other diseases, this is a very strange disease. I would beg, if it's possible, let's extend for two weeks. There's nothing that is worth us coming here if the Ebola patients are within this vicinity, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, if I get to know that there is a case within Nanyuki, just allow that I won't be attending this Assembly. So, I support, and if it's possible, we extend not only for one week, we go on recess for two weeks. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Kanyutu. I want to take the opportunity to invite the mover of the motion to reply.

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Asante, Bwana Spika. Nataka kuchukua hii nafasi kuwapongeza wale ambao wameunga mkono na kutoa maoni yao kuhusu kugeuza kalenda yetu na hilo ni jambo la busara. Najua hata biblia inasema aya kwamba hauwezi ukaona ufalme wa mbinguni ukiwa katika huu mwili.

Hata kama tunataka kuona ufalme wa mbinguni na kila mtu anautamani, sio kwa sasa. Tutaenda lakini sio sasa. Siku moja tunajua ya kwamba tutakufa lakini kwa hii mimi naungana na muoga mmoja hapa anayeitwa Kanyutu kupiga mhuri ya kwamba afadhali tuwe na uoga, tusione huo ufalme sasa hivi lakini tuwekewe hata kama ni kwa miaka 50 lakini tusionyeshwe kwa nguvu. Asante.

(Question put and agreed to)

PROCEDURAL MOTION

ADJOURNMENT OF THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: THAT pursuant to the provision of Standing Order number 29(3), this Assembly do adjourn until Wednesday, 10th June, 2026.

Hon. Speaker, following the alteration of the calendar, it is now time to move this procedural motion, to adjourn this House. I am requesting all the Members to support this motion so that we can adjourn until Wednesday, 10th June. When we resume, we will have so many businesses in this House.

I am requesting the Members to regularly look into their WhatsApp because we are doing our budget. We have already now tabled the supplementary budget and I think we will be communicating in WhatsApp because of the situation. When the need comes, Hon. Speaker, we will also call for a meeting outside this town where we will discuss the issues that will arise in the budget.

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Remember, we had also agreed that we will have an Assembly budget, Hon. Speaker with the whole House, so that we can discuss it and pass it together. So, take that into consideration that between now and 10th let us have a look on that budget. So, I am requesting my senior here, Hon. Deputy Speaker, I know he is younger than me but, in the Assembly, he is my senior. I'm requesting him to support this adjournment of the Assembly, thank you.

Hon. Anthony Theuri: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise in second of the same. Someone once said, I don't remember his name, but I know everybody is familiar with this saying that desperate times calls for desperate measures. A time has come for everyone, either one term, two term, long term, or no term, we join hands and declare total war on this regime Hon. Speaker because it has never been heard before.

Even in the time immemorial, on the 63 years we have been enjoying the independence, even before the colonialists, we have never had such a time, Mr. Speaker, where the government is operating in all spheres of life. Just recently, everyone is familiar with what is going on, we are in it, the government-to-government deal. When it comes to fuel, you can see where it has taken us and now the government has gone further. Now we have the government-to-government disease. Now they are even importing Ebola. It is a shame on this era.

We all know the situation in our hospitals, and I do not understand what is happening to our beloved president. How unpatriotic can he be that he wants to wipe the population out in totality? We know the situation in Laikipia and Kenya as a whole. I believe that because of what we have done today; closing down the Assembly's business, who knows, maybe he will reconsider his ways and we go back to normal. So, I second this motion that we adjourn.

We are not adjourning to go home. I thank Hon. Stephen for bringing this motion. We are not going to sleep; we are at war. I want to encourage Hon. Kanyutu that he should not be a coward. He should be at the forefront fighting this government. Whether he fights or not, if Ebola comes, God forbid, it will meet him at his home. So, the best thing is for him to remain vigilant at the forefront to sensitize our people and tell them what is happening. We will not have a country if we encourage this.

You can imagine, Mr. Speaker, the Americans themselves do not want their people who are exposed to Ebola. You know how patriotic the Americans are; but here we are telling them come, baby come. I do not know the reasoning they are using. Even if the president wanted to help Americans; we have been to the State House with you several times. They have a very big space there. The American embassy has the best hospital in the world. Even at the sea waters, they have very big war ships. They can handle these things there. However, they decided that we are going to be the guinea pigs, and we refuse it.

As I end, it is good that history repeats itself; and history never lies. Several years ago, I was not born; perhaps you were there. There is a conspiracy that during the Moi era, nuclear waste was dumped at the Eastern part. As we are speaking today, the highest cases of cancer in Kenya are from Tharaka Nithi or Meru; most cancer cases are registered in those areas. We cannot deny that. Who knows what is happening?

As I finish, Mr. Speaker, I pray that they are not using this as a decoy. Maybe we are focusing on Ebola while they are doing dirtier things. We pray that each and every person be vigilant as we fight to bring back the glory of our country. I support and I know and believe that this House is going to support this motion as we embark on salvaging our country and county. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

(Question proposed)

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Speaker: Hon. Members, I wish to open the floor to the Members who may want to debate. Hon. Kanyutu?

Hon. Simon Kanyutu: Mr. Speaker, I support the motion. However, I was thinking that if it is possible, we extend it to, perhaps, 17th. We go for two weeks, up to the middle of June. That would be the most appropriate thing for us. In case Ebola victims are brought here, we should also not come back on that date. What we are seeing is that the government does not listen to the public outcry. I would beg that, if possible, let us extend to 17th, and if we realize that there are already cases here, we should not even open on that date. I just cannot risk. I am above the fifth floor and if I could extend it by another 50 years, I would not wish to terminate it.

Speaker: Hold on, Hon. Kanyutu. What is it, Hon. Mugweru?

Hon. Daniel Mugweru: Hon. Speaker, I just wanted to inform my colleague here, because he is a veteran in this House, that he was seated right here when we approved the alteration of the calendar. We altered it to 10th and there is nothing he can do about it. He cannot change at this time. He was supposed to ask for a change earlier, 20 minutes ago. Right now, it is already done. you have to come back here on 10th and then propose to add another week or two or three.

Speaker: Thank you. Proceed, Hon. Kanyutu. The floor is yours.

Hon. Simon Kanyutu: Mr. Speaker, even when I was contributing to the motion, I asked for the extension. We are the ones who make laws; we can alter it even right now if we agree on it. If I realize that we have even a single case in Nanyuki, I will not attempt to come to this area even on 10th. I will refrain totally from visiting Nanyuki. So, let us find a way forward if possible.

Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Kanyutu and Hon. Mugweru. Now I want to call upon the mover of the motion to reply.

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I want to take this time to thank the Hon. Members who have made their contributions on this motion. I would also like to comment on what Hon. Kanyutu has suggested. You see, when we are passing any motion, there are procedures that must be followed until the conclusion of the motion.

I know Hon. Kanyutu understands that very well, but what he is trying is just to make a joke on a motion which is on the floor yet he understands the procedures that should be followed. I know he understands because he has been trained not once or twice but for like twenty times on the procedures of a motion. Therefore, I request him to agree with this motion and come back here on 10th. He can come back with another motion or proposal to adjourn till January or for whatever number of weeks, just as Hon. Daniel has informed him. So, I thank the Members and request that we pass this motion unanimously, that we adjourn till Wednesday, 10th June 2026. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Members. I want to refer you to our Standing Orders No. 29(3) which states:

> *"On a day when the Assembly is scheduled to adjourn to a day other than the next normal sitting day in accordance with the Assembly calendar, the Leader of the Majority Party or the Leader of the Minority Party or another Member of the House Business Committee shall move a motion of adjournment which shall be debated for*

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not more than three hours after which the Assembly shall adjourn without question put."

So, there will be no question put on this motion. Thank you.

ADJOURNMENT

Speaker: The sittings of this House now stand adjourned until Wednesday, 10th June 2026 at 10.00 a.m.

The House rose at 10.48 a.m.

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