

#### REPUBLIC OF KENYA

### THIRTEENTH PARLIAMENT - (THIRD SESSION)

## THE SENATE

## **VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

## **MORNING SITTING**

# WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13, 2024 AT 9.00 AM

- 1. The Senate assembled at Nine O'clock.
- 2. The proceedings were opened with a Prayer said by the Speaker.

### 3. QUORUM OF THE SENATE

The Speaker, having counted the Honourable Senators present at the commencement of the Sitting and confirming that there was no Quorum, directed that the Bell be rung for ten minutes, pursuant to Standing Order 40;

And there being a Quorum after the expiry of the ten minutes;

The Speaker invited the Clerk to call the Orders of the day.

# 4. COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR - THE PROPOSED REMOVAL FROM OFFICE, BY IMPEACHMENT, OF HON. (DR.) ROBERT MONDA, THE DEPUTY GOVERNOR OF KISII COUNTY.

The Speaker conveyed the following communication from the Chair: -

"Honourable Senators,

You will recall that at the sitting of the Senate held on Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> March 2024, I appointed today, Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> March and tomorrow, Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> March, 2024, as the days when the Senate will hear the charges for the proposed removal from office, by impeachment, of Hon. (Dr.) Robert Monda, the Deputy Governor of Kisii County.

At the Sitting of the Senate held yesterday, Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> March, 2024, a Procedural Motion for the alteration of the sitting time of the Senate for Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> March, 2024, was moved and approved, to facilitate the impeachment hearing of the Deputy Governor for Kisii County.

Consequently, a Hearing Programme has been prepared and appended to the Order Paper for today.

Honourable Senators,

As is the tradition, and in line with the schedule of activities for an impeachment hearing in Plenary, the Senate will hold a closed preparatory session to deliberate on the management of the investigation. The objective of the preparatory session to ensure that the process is conducted seamlessly and concluded timeously, and in line with the requirements set out under the County Governments Act and the Senate Standing Orders.

I now therefore direct the Parties, all members of the public and the media, to withdraw from the Chamber and the galleries and that any form of broadcast from the Chamber to cease forthwith. In accordance with the Hearing Programme for an Impeachment Hearing in Plenary, the open session will commence at 11.00 am.

I thank you."

5. BRIEFING ON THE RULES OF PROCEDURE FOR THE HEARING AND DETERMINATION OF THE PROPOSED REMOVAL FROM OFFICE, BY IMPEACHMENT, OF HON. (DR.) ROBERT MONDA, **DEPUTY** GOVERNOR OF KISII COUNTY.

The Speaker directed that the Senate proceeds to an *in-camera* session.

Thereupon, members of the public and media withdrew from the galleries;

Upon invitation by the Speaker, the Clerk briefed Senators on the Rules and Procedure for the hearing and determination of the proposed removal from office, by impeachment, of Hon. (Dr.) Robert Monda, Deputy Governor of Kisii County.

- 6. **OPEN SESSION RESUMED** – at Eleven O'clock.
- COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR MANDATE OF THE SENATE, RULES 7. OF PROCEDURE FOR THE HEARING AND DETERMINATION OF THE PROPOSED REMOVAL FROM OFFICE, BY IMPEACHMENT, OF HON. (DR.) ROBERT MONDA, THE DEPUTY GOVERNOR OF KISII COUNTY.

The Speaker conveyed the following communication from the Chair: -

"Honourable Senators, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Having dispensed with the Pre-Hearing meeting of Senators, which was a closed session, it is now time to commence the proceedings of the proposed removal from office, by impeachment, of Hon. (Dr.) Robert Monda, the Deputy Governor of Kisii County.

By a letter dated 1<sup>st</sup> March, 2024, the Speaker of the Kisii County Assembly informed the Speaker of the Senate that at a sitting of the Kisii County Assembly held on Thursday, 29<sup>th</sup> February, 2024, the County Assembly of Kisii approved a Motion for the removal from office, by impeachment, of Hon. (Dr.) Robert Monda, the Deputy Governor of Kisii County.

The Speaker of the County Assembly of Kisii also forwarded the following documents to the Senate, being the record of proceedings of the County Assembly and the evidence adduced in support of the impeachment Motion –

- i) Notice of Motion for the proposed removal from office of the Deputy Governor dated Monday, 13th February, 2024;
- ii) List of members in support of the Motion;
- iii) Votes and Proceedings of the Assembly Sittings held on Tuesday, 13<sup>th</sup> February, 2024 (Afternoon Sitting), Wednesday, 21<sup>st</sup> February, 2024 (Afternoon Sitting) and Thursday, 29<sup>th</sup> February, 2024 (Afternoon Sitting);
- iv) Order Paper and Supplementary Order Paper dated Tuesday, 13<sup>th</sup> February, 2024, Wednesday, 21<sup>st</sup> February, 2024 and Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> February, 2024;
- v) Motion dated Monday, 21st February, 2024;
- vi) List of members in support of the Motion;
- vii) Hansard for the Sitting of the Assembly held on Tuesday, 13<sup>th</sup> February, 2024 and Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February, 2024;
- viii) Complaint from Dennis Mokaya Misati to Hon. Wycliff Siocha Gesongori;
- ix) Complaint from Dennis Mokaya Misati to Director EACC;
- x) Affidavit by Dennis Mokaya Misati;
- xi) Advert by GWASCO;
- xii) Shortlisting by GWASCO;
- xiii) Application for the post of GWASCO Commercial Manager Dennis Mokaya;
- xiv) Mpesa statement by Dennis Mokaya;
- xv) Affidavit by Reuben Monda Orang'i Matundura;
- xvi) Mpesa statement by Lucy Wahito;

- xvii) Statement by Lucy Wahito;
- xviii) Advertisement of public participation and report;
  - xix) Statement by David Haggai Oyagi;
  - xx) Statement by Gladys Aminga; and
  - xxi) Statement by Enak N. Maranga.

Pursuant to Section 33(3) (b) of the County Governments Act and Standing Order 80 (1) (a) of the Senate Standing Orders, at the sitting of the Senate held on Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> March, 2024, the charges against the Deputy Governor of Kisii County, as contained in the Motion of Impeachment by the County Assembly of Kisii were read to the assembled Senate.

Honourable Senators, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Allow me to remind you of the mandate of the Senate in relation to the proposed removal by impeachment, of a County Governor as provided for under Article 181 of the Constitution as read together with section 33 of the County Governments Act, 2012 and Standing Order 80 of the Senate Standing Orders. In particular, Article 181 of the Constitution provides as follows—

- (1) A county governor may be removed from office on any of the following grounds
  - (a) gross violation of the Constitution or any other law;
  - (b) where there are serious reasons for believing that the county governor has committed a crime under national or international law;
  - (c) abuse of office or gross misconduct; or
  - (d) physical or mental incapacity to perform the functions of office of county governor.
- (2) Parliament shall enact legislation providing for the procedure of removal of a county governor on any of the grounds mentioned in clause (1).

Section 33 of the County Governments Act, 2012, Senate Standing Order 80 and the Third Schedule to the Senate Standing Orders provide for the procedure to be followed in the hearing and determination of the proposed removal from office, by impeachment, of a Governor. Specifically, section 33 (3) and standing order 80(1)(b) of the Senate provide that the Senate may either, by resolution, appoint a Special Committee comprising eleven of its members to investigate the matter; or investigate the matter in plenary. Further, Standing Order 80 (9), provides that the procedure for the removal of a governor, shall, with necessary modifications, apply in the case of a deputy county governor.

Honourable Senators will recall that at the sitting of the Senate held on Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> March, 2024, the Motion for the establishment of a Special Committee was withdrawn pursuant to Standing Order 70. This therefore paved the way for the default position, the hearing of the impeachment charges against the Deputy Governor of Kisii County to be held by the Senate sitting in Plenary.

Honourable Senators, Ladies and Gentlemen,

By way of a status update, pursuant to Rules 4(a) and 6 of the Rules of Procedure when considering the proposed removal of a governor or a deputy governor in Plenary, the Senate invited the Deputy Governor to appear and be represented before the Senate during its investigation. The Senate further invited the Deputy Governor, if he so chooses to appear before the Senate, to file an answer to the Charges with the Office of the Clerk of the Senate by 5:00 pm on Monday, 11th March, 2024, setting out –

- (i) the Deputy Governor's response to the Particulars of the allegations;
- (ii) the mode of appearance before the Senate; whether in person, by advocate or in person and by advocate;
- (iii) the names and addresses of the persons to be called as witnesses, if any, and witness statements containing a summary of the evidence to be presented by such witnesses before the Senate; and
- (iv) any other evidence to be relied on.

Pursuant to Rules 4(b) and 7 of the Rules of Procedure when considering the proposed removal of a governor or a deputy governor in Plenary, the Senate notified the County Assembly of the date for the commencement of the investigation and invited the County Assembly to designate Members of the County Assembly, who shall appear and be represented before the Senate during the investigation. The County Assembly was further invited, if it so chooses to appear before the Senate, to file with the Office of the Clerk of the Senate by 5:00 pm on Monday, 11th March, 2024, setting out documentation –

- (i) designating the Members of the County Assembly, being not more than three Members, if any, who shall attend and represent the Assembly in the proceedings before the Senate;
- (ii) indicating the mode of appearance before the Senate; whether in person, by Advocate, or in person and by Advocate;
- (iii) indicating the names and addresses of the persons to be called as witnesses, if any, and witness statements containing a summary of the evidence to be presented by such witnesses before the Senate; and
- (iv) specifying any other evidence to be relied on.

Honourable Senators, Ladies and Gentlemen,

On Monday, 11th March, 2024, the Office of the Clerk of the Senate, received a response to the Invitation to Appear issued to the Deputy Governor. Via letter Ref. No. 1/816/24/1, dated 10th March, 2024, M/S Katwa & Kemboy Advocates informed the Senate that the firm had been appointed by the Deputy Governor to represent him in the proceedings before the Senate and that the Deputy Governor would appear in person and by advocates. The letter also indicated, the list of Counsel representing the Deputy Governor and the list of witnesses for the Deputy Governor. Similarly, on the same day, the Office of the Clerk of the Senate received a response to the Invitation to Appear issued to the County Assembly of Kisii. Vide letter Ref. No. CAK/3/1/C/CS/003/2024, dated 8th March, 2024, the Speaker of the County Assembly of Kisii informed the Senate that M/S Ndegwa & Ndegwa Advocates had been appointed by the County Assembly of Kisii to represent the County Assembly in the hearing, and that the County Assembly would appear and be represented by advocates. The letter also indicated the list of advocates to represent the County Assembly and a list of witnesses for the County Assembly.

Further, via a letter Ref: CAK/3/1/C/CS/002/2024, dated 8<sup>th</sup> March, 2024, the Speaker of the County Assembly of Kisii, pursuant to Rule 10 of the Third Schedule to the Senate Standing Orders, made a request to the Senate to summon Mr. David Haggai Oyagi, the Acting Director, Enforcement and Compliance, County Government of Kisii to appear before the Senate and produce his appointment letter and confirm if persons who are said to be working in the Deputy Governor's home are officials in the county.

Pursuant to Rule 8 of the Rules of Procedure when considering the proposed removal of a governor or deputy governor in Plenary, the Clerk of the Senate furnished each party with the documentation filed by the other party in accordance with Rules 6 and 7 of the Rules of Procedure.

Honourable Senators, Ladies and Gentlemen,

The Hearing Programme which has been appended in today's Order Paper, details the various activities in the hearing and determination of the matter and the time allocated to each activity. It will be crucial that all the parties comply with the time allocated. The parties will be notified of the balance of time on each activity through the Clerks at the Table.

In summary, the Programme states that today, Wednesday, 12<sup>th</sup> March, 2024, after we have dispensed with preliminary matters, the Charges against the Deputy Governor shall be read. The Deputy Governor will be given an opportunity to take a plea on the four charges. This will be followed by an opening statement by the County Assembly and thereafter, by the Deputy Governor. After the conclusion of the opening statements, the presentation of the case of the County Assembly shall commence. After presentation of the case by the County Assembly, Honourable Senators will be given an opportunity to

ask questions or seek clarifications from the County Assembly. This should take us up to the end of today's sitting.

At the Sitting scheduled for tomorrow, Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> March, 2024, the Deputy Governor will have an opportunity to present his case before the Senate. Honourable Senators will also be given an opportunity to ask questions or seek clarifications from the Deputy Governor, following which the closing statements by the parties will be made for a period not exceeding one hour each.

The Senate shall then proceed to a debate prior to voting on each of the Charges. At this stage, a Supplementary Order Paper will be issued to facilitate this debate.

In accordance with section 33(7) of the County Governments Act and standing order 80(6) of the Senate Standing Orders, the voting shall be by county delegations. The Deputy Governor shall cease to hold office if a majority of the County Delegations in the Senate vote to uphold any impeachment charge. If, however, the vote in the Senate fails to result in the removal of the Deputy Governor, pursuant to standing order 80(7), the Speaker of the Senate shall notify the Speaker of the Kisii County Assembly accordingly.

Honourable Senators, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I now invite Counsel for the County Assembly of Kisii to introduce the legal team of the County Assembly and the Members of the Kisii County Assembly representing the County Assembly, by stating the full name and designation of each person.

Thereupon, Mr. Ndegwa Njiru introduced himself as Lead Counsel for the County Assembly of Kisii, and proceeded to introduce the following: -

i)	Mr. Elias Mutuma	_	Advocate;
ii)	Mr. Ndegwa Charles Mwangi	_	Advocate;
iii)	Ms. Anna Munyoki	_	Advocate;
iv)	Mr. Victor Wahome Mburu	_	IT Production Technician;
v)	Hon. Wycliff Gesongori Siocha	_	Witness;
vi)	Dennis Mokaya Misati	_	Witness;
vii)	Lucy Wahito Wachira	_	Witness;
viii)	Karen Magara	_	Witness;
ix)	Reuben Monda Orang'i Matundura	_	Witness;
x)	Hon. James Ondari	_	Member of Kisii County
			Assembly;
xi)	Hon. Jacob Bagaka	_	Member of Kisii County
			Assembly; and
xii)	Hon. Henry Moracha	_	Member of Kisii County
			Assembly.

Honourable Senators, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I now similarly invite Counsel for the Deputy Governor to introduce the legal team representing the Deputy Governor, by stating the full name and designation of each person.

Thereupon, Mr. Katwa Kigen introduced himself as Lead Counsel for the Deputy Governor, and proceeded to introduce the following: -

i) Mr. Wilkins Ochoki – Advocate: ii) Mr. Silvanus Osoro - Advocate: iii) Ms. Anna Munyoki - Advocate: iv) Mr. Joseph Misati - Witness; - Witness; v) Ms. Ann Misati - Member of Kisii County vi) Hon. Thomas Obare Nyaboro Assembly: vii) Hon. Amos Begi Onderi - Member of Kisii County

Assembly;

- Member of Kisii County viii) Hon. Lilian Anyango Gor

Assembly; and

ix) Secretary General - Kisii Contractors.

Honourable Senators, Ladies and Gentlemen,

On behalf of the Senate, I welcome the team for the County Assembly, the team for the Deputy Governor, members of the public and the media to the Senate and to these proceedings.

Finally, I now invite the Clerk to read the charges against Hon. (Dr.) Robert Monda, the Deputy Governor of Kisii County.

I thank you."

#### 8. RECITAL OF THE CHARGES ON THE PROPOSED REMOVAL FROM OFFICE, BY IMPEACHMENT, OF HON. (DR.) ROBERT MONDA, THE DEPUTY GOVERNOR OF KISII COUNTY.

The Speaker directed the Clerk to read to Hon. (Dr.) Robert Monda, Deputy Governor of Kisii County, the particulars of the allegations against him as presented by the County Assembly of Kisii.

Upon invitation by the Clerk, the Deputy Governor proceeded to take the stand;

Thereupon, pursuant to Rule 16 of the Rules of Procedure for the hearing and determination of the proposed removal from office by impeachment of a Governor in Plenary, (Part 1), the Clerk proceeded to read out the particulars of the allegations as follows: -

"Hon. Dr. Robert Onsare Monda, the Deputy Governor of Kisii County, the charges against you as received from the County Assembly of Kisii are as follows, and I quote—

(a) Charge 1: Gross Violation of the Constitution or any Other Law

The particulars of this Charge are as follows:-

WHEREAS Article 179 (4) vests deputy chief executive power on the deputy governor And Whereas in consideration of the provisions of Article 10 and 73(1) (a) iii) & (iv) of the constitution of Kenya 2010, in so far as it connotes to the manner in which a state officer is expected to exercise assigned authority, Article 75(1) of the constitution as read with sections 8, 9, 10, 11, 24, 32 and 34 of the leadership and integrity act ,2012 and sections 9 and 11(1), (2) (a) (i), (c) of the public officer ethics act obligates a state officer to behave in all senses in a manner that is devoid of comprising public or official interest in favour of personal interest. The Deputy Governor actions of requesting for a bribe, receiving a bribe is meant to compromise the integrity of the recruitment institution of GWASCO and the same is driven by nepotism, favoritism, improper and ulterior motives and for corrupt purposes in complete disregard of the provisions of Article 73(2) (b) and Article 73(2) (c).

By virtue of the deputy governor requesting and receiving a bribe of Eight Hundred Thousand Shillings Kshs. 800, 000/= he is in breach of the provisions of Article 232, which obligates public officers to observe the values and principles of public service that include high standards of professional ethics, fair competition and merits as the basis of appointments and promotions and Article 73(2(d)) of the constitution requires all state officers to be accountable to the public for their decisions and actions.

The Deputy Governor Dr. Robert Onsare Monda violated Articles 10 73, 75 and 232 of the Constitution which bind state officers while discharging their duties in offices inter alia;

The Gusii Water and Sanitation Company (GWASCO) advertised for various job vacancies in April 2023, and the said deputy governor alerted Dennis Mokaya's father that he could secure his son a job upon paying a bribe of Eight Hundred Thousand Shilling only upon his shortlisting and being interviewed for the post.

The Deputy Governor used his office to improperly confer a benefit to himself when he solicited a sum of Kshs. 800,000/= from one Dennis Mokaya and his family in the pretext to secure him a job for the said post of a Commercial Manager of GWASCO, an entity of Kisii County Government;

The Deputy Governor received a sum of Kshs. 799, 000/= through Mpesa platform as follows: the first tranche was on 28th May 2023 - KES 249,000/=; (sent in Three (3) tranches of Kshs. 150, 000/=, 49, 000/= and 50, 000/= by Dennis Mokaya Mosati on 0725487300 to the deputy governors' Safaricom

line being 0711860700) the second one was KES 260,000/= to the deputy governors' Safaricom line being 0711860700 and the last was tranche in the sum of Kenya shillings 300,000/= which was delivered to his offices in Gusii stadium in cash.

The Deputy Governor in an attempt to influence the award of a contract of employment to Dennis Mokaya, the deputy governor sent via Mpesa a sum of Kenya shillings 100,000 to the Managing Director GWASCO in order to influence her to employ the said Dennis Mokaya which request was not acceded to by the Managing Director GWASCO and the money returned via Mpesa to the Deputy Governor.

While realizing that the deputy chief executive authority vests in the deputy governor, was there need for the Deputy Governor to grease the palms of the Managing Director of GWASCO to give Dennis Mokaya the said post? Mr. Dennis Mokaya complained to the County Assembly to intervene in its oversight capacity.

Mr. Dennis Mokaya, thereafter, registered a complaint and recorded a statement with EACC and submitted among other documents; the advertisement from GWASCO on the vacant post to be filled, his letter of application for the job, the invitation letter from GWASCO to attend the interview and his Mpesa statement for the month of May 2023 detailing the transfer of the Kshs 249,000/= to the Deputy Governor. Despite this huge payment made, Mr. Dennis Mokaya and his family never secured the job.

On informing the Deputy Governor that he would be forced to make a formal complaint to Anti-Corruption Commission on the matter, the latter threatened his life and that of his family, consequently forcing the former to go into hiding.

# (b) Charge 2: Abuse of Office

The particulars of this Charge are as follows:-

The actions of the Deputy Governor, H.E Robert Monda, of using his office to solicit for Kshs. 800,000, Eight Hundred Thousand Shillings only, thereby conferring a financial benefit on himself and subsequently sending Ksh. 100,000/= to GWASCO Managing Director so as to influence the award of a contract of employment to a preferred interviewee, he has abused the Office of the Deputy Governor and is in breach of Article 73,75 of the Constitution of Kenya, sections 8,9,10,11,13,24,32 and 34 of the Leadership and Integrity Act by breach of public trust, failing to carry out the duties of his office in a professional, transparent and accountable manner, using his office to unlawfully enrich himself, failing to conduct the duties of his office with impartiality and objectivity in accordance with Articles 10,27,73(2)(b) and 232, and practicing favouritism and engaging in corrupt or unethical practices and engaging in actions that bully a person.

The Deputy Governor is in violation of Section 11(1), (2)(a)(i), (c) of the Public Officers and Ethics Act, that provides that a public officer shall not use his office to improperly enrich himself or others and shall not accept favours from a person who has an interest that may be affected by the carrying out of the public officer's duties and shall not for the person's benefit of himself or another, use or allow the use of information that is acquired in connection with the public officer's duties, as well as Section 6(1)(a), (c), (2) (3) of the Bribery Act, that provides, a person commits the offence of receiving a bribe if the person requests, agrees to receive or receives a financial or other advantage intending that a relevant function or activity be performed improperly by that person receiving the bribe and in anticipation of or as a consequence of a person requesting for, or agreeing to receive or accepting a financial or other advantage an activity is performed improperly by that person or another person.

He unilaterally used the office to intimidate and cow his family into hiding fearing for their lives in contravention of Section 34 of the Integrity Act, 2012. In furtherance of abuse of his office, the Deputy Governor has continuously diverted County enforcement officers from their course of duty to work in his farm, a portion of land allocated to him by his father. Since he came into office, there have been at least five (5) officers working in the farm, a clear demonstration that the Deputy Executive in chief is misusing the staff of the county.

On the 20<sup>th</sup> December, 2023, the Deputy Executive in chief deployed a contingency of about twenty (20) County Officers under the supervision of the Sub-county administrator to arrest his brother, one Reuben Monda Orang'i for cutting down trees that his brother Reuben Monda Orang'i had planted. In exercise of his executive power, the Deputy Executive in chief, ensured his handcuffed brother was bungled in the police vehicle and was incarcerated in Keumbu Police Station for three (3) hours without an Occurrence Book (OB) booking. At 1830hrs the OCS denied the sickly Reuben Monda Orang'i (who suffers from high blood pressure and diabetes) and he was immediately transferred to Kisii Central Police Station.

At Kisii Police Station, the helpless Reuben Monda Orang'i was further detained without a booking on the OB and without the option of bail or bond pending presentation to Court. At one point the sickly Monda Orang'i had to be rushed to Kisii Teaching and Referral Hospital for an urgent medical intervention, however, on reaching the hospital, Reuben Monda Orang'i was never attended to by any doctors as the OCS Kisii Central Police Station received instructions to immediately take him back to the police station. With his condition now deteriorating, Reuben Monda Orang'i was sped back to the police station until 0020hrs where he was issued with a cash bail of Kshs. 30, 000/=. The medical condition of the old man deteriorated to the extent the he was hospitalized in Coptic Hospital for about three (3) weeks and since then, he has been on injected insulin a condition that was not there before.

## (c) Charge 3: Gross Misconduct

The particulars of this Charge are as follows:-

The Deputy Governor interfered with the appointment of the vacant position of the Commercial Manager of GWASCO by attempting to bribe the Managing Director Ms. Lucy Wahito Wachira, a sum of KES 100,000/=. This was in May, 2023. This act contravened Article 75 of the Constitution of Kenya. The Deputy Governor's engagement, connivance and/or complicit behaviour boils down to gross misconduct and gross abuse of office.

# (d) Charge 4: Crimes under National Law

The particulars of this Charge are as follows:-

The actions of the Deputy Governor, H.E Robert Monda of using his office to solicit for Kshs. 800,000/=, Eight Hundred Thousand Shillings only, thereby conferring a financial benefit to himself and subsequently sending Kshs. 100,000/= to GWASCO managing director so as to influence the award of a contract of employment to a preferred interviewee, he is in violation of Section 6(1)(a), (c), (2) (3) of the Bribery Act, that provides, "A person commits the offence of receiving a bribe if the person requests, agrees to receive or receives a financial or other advantage intending that, in consequence, a relevant function or activity should be performed improperly whether by that person receiving the bribe or by another person".

I thank you."

## Taking of plea:

The Clerk of the Senate invited the Deputy Governor to plead to the particulars of the allegations as read;

Thereupon, the Deputy Governor pleaded 'Not Guilty' to the charges.

# 9. HEARING AND DETERMINATION OF THE PROPOSED REMOVAL FROM OFFICE, BY IMPEACHMENT, OF HON. (DR.) ROBERT MONDA, THE DEPUTY GOVERNOR OF KISII COUNTY.

Pursuant to the Standing Orders, the Speaker invited the parties to make their opening statements for not more than thirty minutes each.

## a) Opening statements by the County Assembly

Counsel for the County Assembly, Mr. Ndegwa Njiru, Mr. Ndegwa Charles Mwangi and Mr. Elias Mutuma made opening statements on behalf of the Assembly.

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## b) Opening statements by the Deputy Governor

Counsel for the Deputy Governor, Mr. Katwa Kigen and Mr. Wilkins Ochoki made opening statements on behalf of the Deputy Governor.

The Speaker interrupted the proceedings and adjourned the Senate at forty-three minutes past One O'clock for the convenience of the Senate pursuant to Standing Order 34(2A) in line with the Hearing Programme.

10. **SENATE ROSE** 

at forty-three minutes past One O'clock.

# MEMORANDUM

The Speaker will take the Chair on Wednesday, March 13, 2024 at 2.30 p.m.

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