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**SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN**

**MINUTES OF THE 109<sup>th</sup> REGULAR SESSION OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN OF LEYTE, HELD AT THE SESSION HALL, LEYTE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT COMPLEX, PALO, LEYTE ON 15 OCTOBER 2024.**

**PHYSICALLY PRESENT:**

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| 1. Hon. Leonardo M. Javier, Jr.     | Vice-Governor/Presiding Officer                     |
| 2. Hon. Ronnan Christian M. Reposar | 1 <sup>st</sup> District Board Member               |
| 3. Hon. Raissa J. Villasin          | 2 <sup>nd</sup> District Board Member               |
| 4. Hon. Marie Kathryn V. Kabigting  | 3 <sup>rd</sup> District Board Member               |
| 5. Hon. Ma. Corazon E. Remandaban   | 3 <sup>rd</sup> District Board Member               |
| 6. Hon. Vincent L. Rama             | 4 <sup>th</sup> District Board Member               |
| 7. Hon. Michael L. Cari             | 5 <sup>th</sup> District Board Member               |
| 8. Hon. Carmen L. Cari              | PCL President/Ex-Officio Member                     |
| 9. Hon. Ma. Martina L. Gimenez      | Liga ng mga Barangay President<br>Ex-Officio Member |
| 10. Hon. MJ Luinly D. Lumen         | SK Federation President<br>Ex-Officio Member        |

**VIRTUALLY PRESENT:**

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| 1. Hon. Carlo P. Loreto          | 5 <sup>th</sup> District Board Member<br>Floor Leader |
| 2. Hon. Wilson S. Uy             | 1 <sup>st</sup> District Board Member                 |
| 3. Hon. Trinidad G. Apostol      | 2 <sup>nd</sup> District Board Member                 |
| 4. Hon. Flaviano C. Centino, Jr. | 4 <sup>th</sup> District Board Member                 |

The 109<sup>th</sup> Regular Session opened at 11:01 o'clock in the morning presided over by the Honorable Leonardo M. Javier, Jr., Vice-Governor of Leyte.

Opening Prayer was led by the Honorable MJ Luinly D. Lumen, Ex-Officio Member, Sk President followed by the singing of the Philippine National Anthem.

A Motion to dispense with the Panunumpa sa Watawat, the Leyte Hymn, the PBMLP Hymn and the PBMLP Creed of the Agenda was presented by the Honorable Floor Leader Carlo P. Loreto, duly seconded by the Honorable Trinidad G. Apostol, 2<sup>nd</sup> District Board Member and Honorable Ma. Corazon E. Remandaban, 3<sup>rd</sup> District Board Member.

50 Considering that there was no objection, the motion was carried.

51 The Honorable Presiding Officer requested the SP Secretary Mrs. Florinda Jill S.  
52 Uyvico, to call the roll in order to determine the presence of quorum.

53 **MRS. FLORINDA JILL S. UYVICO: SP SECRETARY**

54 The following Members are in attendance:

55 **PHYSICALLY PRESENT:**

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57 Hon. Leonardo M. Javier, Jr. - Presiding Officer

58 Hon. Ronnan Christian M. Reposar

59 Hon. Raissa J. Villasin

60 Hon. Marie Kathryn V. Kabigting

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67 Hon. MJ Luinly D. Lumen

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70 **VIRTUALLY PRESENT:**

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72 Hon. Carlo P. Loreto - Floor Leader

73 Hon. Wilson S. Uy

74 Hon. Trinidad G. Apostol

75 Hon. Flaviano C. Centino, Jr.

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77 Fourteen (14) Members are present, Mr. Chair, Mr. Floor Leader.

78 **HON. LEONARDO M. JAVIER, JR.: PRESIDING OFFICER/VICE-GOVERNOR**

79 Okay, we have a quorum to do business.

80 **HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER**

81 We now proceed to our consideration of the minutes of the previous session of

82 October 8, 2024. Mr. Chair, if I may?

83 **HON. LEONARDO M. JAVIER, JR.: PRESIDING OFFICER/VICE-GOVERNOR**

84 Go ahead, Mr. Floor Leader.

85 **HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER**

86 Mr. Chair, will you please recognize the Honorable Apostol for any corrections?

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88 HON. LEONARDO M. JAVIER, JR.: PRESIDING OFFICER/VICE-GOVERNOR

89 Honorable Apostol, you are recognized.

90 HON. TRINIDAD G. APOSTOL: 2<sup>ND</sup> DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

91 Thank you, Mr. Chair. Thank you, Mr. Floor Leader.

92 This representation has no correction as of this moment for the minutes of October 8,  
93 2024 minutes session. Thank you.

94 HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

95 Thank you, Honorable Apostol. Mr. Chair, may we ask the floor if there are  
96 corrections.

97 Hearing none, I move that we approve the minutes of the session last October 8,  
98 2024. I so move.

99 HON. RONNAN CHRISTIAN M. REPOSAR : 1<sup>ST</sup> DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

100 Second.

101 HON. MJ LUIPLY D. LUMEN: EX-OFFICIO MEMBER, SK PRESIDENT

102 Second.

103 HON. LEONARDO M. JAVIER, JR.: PRESIDING OFFICER/VICE-GOVERNOR

104 It's been seconded.

105 Objections? Hearing none.

106 Motion is approved.

107 Approved unanimously.

**RES. NO. 2024-456**

108 HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

109 Thank you, Mr. Chair.

110 There are no Committee Reports filed at the Secretariat but there are several  
111 Ordinances for First Reading. For the 1<sup>st</sup> Ordinance for the 1<sup>st</sup> reading, if I may Mr. Chair?

112 HON. LEONARDO M. JAVIER, JR.: PRESIDING OFFICER/VICE-GOVERNOR

113 Yes, go ahead, you are recognized.

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117 HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

118 PROPOSED PROVINCIAL ORDINANCE NO. 2024-\_\_\_\_  
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120 "AN ORDINANCE INSTITUTIONALIZING KATUWANG  
121 SA DIWA AT GAWA PARA SA MASAGANANG ANI AT  
122 MATAAS NA KITA (KADIWA) NG PANGULO WITH  
123 APPROPRIATION THEREOF."  
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125 Thank you, Mr. Chair. I move that we approve the same for the 1<sup>st</sup> reading. I so move.

126 HON. MA. CORAZON E. REMANDABAN: 3<sup>RD</sup> DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

127 Second.

128 HON. RAISSA J. VILLASIN: 2<sup>ND</sup> DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

129 Second.

130 HON. MA. MARTINA L. GIMENEZ: EX-OFFICIO MEMBER, LIGA NG MGA BARANGAY PRESIDEN

131 Second.

132 HON. TRINIDAD G. APOSTOL: 2<sup>ND</sup> DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

133 Mr. Chair, if I may?

134 HON. LEONARDO M. JAVIER, JR.: PRESIDING OFFICER/VICE-GOVERNOR

135 Yes, Honorable Apostol, go ahead.

136 HON. TRINIDAD G. APOSTOL: 2<sup>ND</sup> DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

137 I just have a manifestation for this Proposed Provincial Ordinance. Can we get a  
138 recommendation from the Department of Agriculture regarding this ordinance for proper  
139 guidance and disposition? Thank you, Mr. Chair. Thank you, Mr. Floor Leader.

140 HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

141 Mr. Chair, I gladly agree with it. After the 1<sup>st</sup> reading, we can ask then the Provincial  
142 Agriculturist to help us in inviting the Farmers' representative for a meeting.

143 HON. TRINIDAD G. APOSTOL: 2<sup>ND</sup> DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

144 Thank you, Mr. Floor Leader.

145 HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

146 Mr. Chair, unless there are objections, may we request for a ruling to approve the  
147 Proposed Ordinance for the 1<sup>st</sup> reading?

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149 HON. LEONARDO M. JAVIER, JR.: PRESIDING OFFICER/VICE-GOVERNOR

150 It's been seconded.

151 Objections? Hearing none.

152 Motion is approved.

153 Approved unanimously.

RES. NO. 2024-457

154 HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

155 Thank you, Mr. Chair. We now proceed to the Proposed Ordinance authored by the  
156 Honorable Gimenez. Mr. Chair, will you please recognize the distinguished author, the  
157 Honorable Gimenez?

158 HON. LEONARDO M. JAVIER, JR.: PRESIDING OFFICER/VICE-GOVERNOR

159 Honorable Gimenez, you are recognized.

160 PROPOSED PROVINCIAL ORDINANCE NO. 2024-\_\_\_\_\_

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162 "AN ORDINANCE TO IMPLEMENT THE COUNTERPART  
163 PROVINCIAL AWARD AND TO FACILITATE THE PROGRAMS  
164 FOR CENTENARIANS AND NONAGENARIAN SENIOR  
165 CITIZENS, GRANT BENEFITS AND SPECIAL PRIVILEGES, AND  
166 FOR OTHER PURPOSES."  
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168 HON. MA. MARTINA L. GIMENEZ: EX-OFFICIO MEMBER, LIGA NG MGA BARANGAY PRESIDENT

169 Good morning Mr. Chair and Mr. Floor leader.

170 I'll just make a background regarding this Ordinance. Last 2012, I made an ordinance  
171 in Tanauan, Leyte wherein we grant benefits to our centenarians and nonagenarians. With  
172 that, I would like to also share if we can have this ordinance in the Provincial Level seeing  
173 that our centenarians and nonagenarians have contributed much to our society. So that is the  
174 background, Mr. Chair.

175 HON. TRINIDAD G. APOSTOL: 2<sup>ND</sup> DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

176 Mr. Floor leader, May I be recognized?

177 HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

178 Mr. Chair, will you please recognized the Honorable Apostol?

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180 HON. LEONARDO M. JAVIER, JR.: PRESIDING OFFICER/VICE-GOVERNOR

181 Go ahead, Honorable Apostol.

182 HON. TRINIDAD G. APOSTOL: 2<sup>ND</sup> DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

183 Mr. Chair and Mr. Floor Leader, this is just a manifestation. We already have a law like  
184 this for the senior citizens and there is an amended law on this recently for this purpose also.  
185 That's my observation.

186 HON. MA. MARTINA L. GIMENEZ: EX-OFFICIO MEMBER, LIGA NG MGA BARANGAY PRESIDENT

187 Mr. Chair, if I may?

188 HON. LEONARDO M. JAVIER, JR.: PRESIDING OFFICER/VICE-GOVERNOR

189 Go ahead, Honorable Gimenez.

190 HON. MA. MARTINA L. GIMENEZ: EX-OFFICIO MEMBER, LIGA NG MGA BARANGAY PRESIDENT

191 Yes, Honorable Apostol, I acknowledge that there is a law in the National Level. In  
192 Tanauan, Leyte apart from the National incentives for our centenarians and nonagenarians,  
193 we also give in the Municipal Level. Throughout the 12 years, I can see that the Senior  
194 Citizens from 90 years old and above are really happy and I would like also to share with you  
195 that most, if not all of them, have said that despite of their age, they are not being forgotten  
196 that's why I propose the ordinance in the Provincial level so we can share also these  
197 incentives province-wide, apart from the National, which gives them additional incentives  
198 also.

199 HON. TRINIDAD G. APOSTOL: 2<sup>ND</sup> DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

200 Mr. Chair?

201 HON. LEONARDO M. JAVIER, JR.: PRESIDING OFFICER/VICE-GOVERNOR

202 Go ahead, Honorable Apostol.

203 HON. TRINIDAD G. APOSTOL: 2<sup>ND</sup> DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

204 To my understanding, when it is a National Law, it should be implemented up to the  
205 LGU's.

206 HON. MA. MARTINA L. GIMENEZ: EX-OFFICIO MEMBER, LIGA NG MGA BARANGAY PRESIDENT

207 Mr. Chair, if I may?

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209 HON. LEONARDO M. JAVIER, JR.: PRESIDING OFFICER/VICE-GOVERNOR

210 Go ahead, Honorable Gimenez.

211 HON. MA. MARTINA L. GIMENEZ: EX-OFFICIO MEMBER, LIGA NG MGA BARANGAY PRESIDENT

212 Yes, Honorable Apostol. It's already been implemented in the National level all the  
213 way down. This Proposed Ordinance aims to give incentive on Municipal or Provincial level  
214 on top of the National Incentive. Example is if the National gives P100,000.00 to  
215 centenarians, on top of that, here in Tanauan, we give additional P50,000.00. So they  
216 receive a total of P 150,000.00. This is only an additional, Honorable Apostol.

217 HON. TRINIDAD G. APOSTOL: 2<sup>ND</sup> DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

218 Mr. Chair?

219 HON. LEONARDO M. JAVIER, JR.: PRESIDING OFFICER/VICE-GOVERNOR

220 Go ahead, Honorable Apostol.

221 HON. TRINIDAD G. APOSTOL: 2<sup>ND</sup> DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

222 May I just ask the author, do you have a budget for this giving of P50,000.00 to senior  
223 citizens because I don't see here in the papers that you already have a budget for this?

224 HON. MA. MARTINA L. GIMENEZ: EX-OFFICIO MEMBER, LIGA NG MGA BARANGAY PRESIDENT

225 Mr. Chair, if I may?

226 HON. LEONARDO M. JAVIER, JR.: PRESIDING OFFICER/VICE-GOVERNOR

227 Go ahead, Honorable Gimenez.

228 HON. MA. MARTINA L. GIMENEZ: EX-OFFICIO MEMBER, LIGA NG MGA BARANGAY PRESIDENT

229 Mr. Chair that is why we are still proposing this and then we will deliberate on it on  
230 where we can get the budget if ever this will be approved, we will propose that it will be  
231 included in the budget of the province.

232 HON. VINCENT L. RAMA: 4<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

233 Mr. Chair, May I be recognized?

234 HON. LEONARDO M. JAVIER, JR.: PRESIDING OFFICER/VICE-GOVERNOR

235 Go ahead, Honorable Rama.

236 HON. VINCENT L. RAMA: 4<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

237 Thank you, Mr. Chair.

238           When I was handling the CSWD of Ormoc City, I completely understand the  
239 sentiments of Honorable Gimenez. What usually happens, Mr. Presiding Officer, is when the  
240 centenarians are already 99 years old, they're being made to register that this house has a  
241 centenarian that is coming up but take note, Mr. Presiding Officer, it doesn't mean that during  
242 the 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday, the National Government will be able to hand the incentives to them that  
243 day. If the LGU will agree that there will be another P50,000.00, for as long as the budget  
244 permits, the LGU is required to give it to the centenarian that day of birthday. And based on  
245 experience, Mr. Chair, there is not a single Leyteño that will disapprove of movement like this  
246 because most of us, if not all, have one senior citizen in our homes that is why I completely  
247 agree with BM Ina's proposal. As a matter of fact I would like to be a part of this and I would  
248 like to co-author this endeavor. It only takes a budget, Mr. Chair, for as long as there is a  
249 budget for it which I think any and every Municipality will try to look for it. Not necessarily P  
250 50,000.00. It could start on how much budget that is set aside. That's all, Mr. Chair. Thank  
251 you.

252 HON. TRINIDAD G. APOSTOL: 2<sup>ND</sup> DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

253           Mr. Chair?

254 HON. LEONARDO M. JAVIER, JR.: PRESIDING OFFICER/VICE-GOVERNOR

255           Go ahead, Honorable Apostol.

256 HON. TRINIDAD G. APOSTOL: 2<sup>ND</sup> DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

257           I am not disagreeing or objecting to this Proposed Ordinance. I am just manifesting  
258 because it's our right to manifest.

259 HON. LEONARDO M. JAVIER, JR.: PRESIDING OFFICER/VICE-GOVERNOR

260           We understand your manifestation Honorable Apostol.

261 HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

262           Mr. Chair, May I be recognized please.

263 HON. LEONARDO M. JAVIER, JR.: PRESIDING OFFICER/VICE-GOVERNOR

264           Yes, Honorable Floor leader, please go ahead.

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267 HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

268 Thank you, Mr. Chair. If the Honorable Gimenez will convert her manifestation into a  
269 motion, I would second the motion.

270 HON. MA. MARTINA L. GIMENEZ: EX-OFFICIO MEMBER, LIGA NG MGA BARANGAY PRESIDENT

271 Mr. Chair?

272 HON. LEONARDO M. JAVIER, JR.: PRESIDING OFFICER/VICE-GOVERNOR

273 Yes, Honorable Gimenez, please go ahead.

274 HON. MA. MARTINA L. GIMENEZ: EX-OFFICIO MEMBER, LIGA NG MGA BARANGAY PRESIDENT

275 Thank you, Mr. Chair. I move that we approve my Proposed Ordinance for the 1<sup>st</sup>  
276 reading and refer to the Committee on Rules, Laws and Privileges. I so move.

277 HON. RONNAN CHRISTIAN M. REPOSAR : 1<sup>ST</sup> DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

278 Second.

279 HON. VINCENT L. RAMA: 4<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

280 Second.

281 HON. LEONARDO M. JAVIER, JR.: PRESIDING OFFICER/VICE-GOVERNOR

282 It's been seconded.

283 Objections? Hearing none.

284 Motion is approved.

285 Approved unanimously.

**RES. NO. 2024-458**

286 HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

287 Thank you, Mr. Chair. We now proceed to the Proposed Ordinance for the Second  
288 Reading. Madam Secretary, please

289 MRS. FLORINDA JILL S. UYVICO: SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN SECRETARY

290 **PROPOSED PROVINCIAL ORDINANCE NO. 2024-\_\_\_\_**

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**"AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE MANAGEMENT AND  
CONSERVATION OF THE LEYTE SAB-A BASIN PEATLAND AND ALL  
OTHER PEATLAND RESOURCES WITHIN THE PROVINCE OF LEYTE,  
DEFINING ITS SCOPE AND COVERAGE AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"**

298 HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

299 Mr. Chair, will you please recognize the distinguished Author, Honorable Reposar?

300 HON. LEONARDO M. JAVIER, JR.: PRESIDING OFFICER/VICE-GOVERNOR

301 Honorable Reposar, you are recognized.

302 HON. RONNAN CHRISTIAN M. REPOSAR : 1<sup>ST</sup> DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

303 Thank you very much, Honorable Presiding Chair and Honorable Floor Leader.

304 The Leyte Sab-a Basin Peat Land Forest is actually situated in the 1<sup>st</sup> District in the  
305 Province of Leyte consisting of the towns of Palo, San Miguel, Sta Fe and Alangalang. It's  
306 actually one of the two major peat lands in the whole country. The first is the Agusan Marsh,  
307 and this is the 2<sup>nd</sup> largest next to Agusan Marsh out of the 9 identified peat lands within the  
308 country. From 2018 to 2021, the Provincial Government of Leyte, to include the Local  
309 Government Units of Santa Fe, Palo, San Miguel and Alangalang were part of the project  
310 called Leyte Sab-a Basin Peat Land Restoration Initiative involving the Academe, the  
311 Visayas State University and other civil society organization. The project aims to protect,  
312 restore and manage the Leyte Sab-a Basin Peat Land area in the town of Santa Fe, Palo,  
313 San Miguel and Alangalang where in it was able to produce legal and scientific studies,  
314 hence, this ordinance, Mr. Chair. The latest of the basin exhibits after the study disclosed that  
315 our Peat land forest has diverse vegetation boogey areas and grass land has a lot of Flora  
316 and Fauna which were identified during the study. In fact, there were 7 Amphibians identified,  
317 14 species of Reptiles, 11 are endemic only to the Philippines with 7 threatened species and  
318 1 new record which is possible that it can only be found here in the Visayas Region. This  
319 study also discloses that the latest of the basin is a habitat of 7 mammals, 3 are endemic and  
320 4 are threatened. There are 67 species of birds, 12 endemic to Philippines, 13 are migratory  
321 birds, and 4 of those are already threatened species. The reason why we came up with this  
322 Peat land conservation local conversion ordinance which is entitled "An Ordinance Providing  
323 For The Management And Conservation Of The Leyte Sab-A Basin Peatland And Allother  
324 Peatland Resources Within The Province Of Leyte, Defining Its Scope And Coverage And  
325 For Other Purposes". And last year sometime in April, the DENR, which is also the partner of  
326 Province of Leyte and other LGUs concerned, actually requested us to draft a Local

327 Conservation Ordinance aimed to protect the remaining resources with the Leyte Sab-a  
328 Basin Peat land Forest so the preservation or conservation of our Leyte Sab-a Basin is  
329 actually critical and all our initiatives and efforts in mitigating the effect of climate change and  
330 also to include Risk Reduction and Management. Since this is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading, I'm willing to  
331 entertain questions or queries before I pass the necessary motion, Mr. Chair.

332 HON. LEONARDO M. JAVIER, JR.: PRESIDING OFFICER/VICE-GOVERNOR

333 Are there any questions or queries?

334 I understand that this study took about 4 years and you thoroughly studied it. I'm sure  
335 any conservation of our natural resources is good for everybody.

336 HON. RONNAN CHRISTIAN M. REPOSAR : 1<sup>ST</sup> DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

337 Yes, Mr. Chair, I agree to that so if there are no questions and queries, I move that we  
338 approve this ordinance on its 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading. I so move.

339 HON. MA. CORAZON E. REMANDABAN: 3<sup>RD</sup> DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

340 Second.

341 HON. MARIE KATHRYN V. KABIGTING: 3<sup>RD</sup> DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

342 Second.

343 HON. MJ LUINLY D. LUMEN: EX-OFFICIO MEMBER, SK PRESIDENT

344 Second.

345 HON. LEONARDO M. JAVIER, JR.: PRESIDING OFFICER/VICE-GOVERNOR

346 It's been seconded.

347 Objections? Hearing none.

348 Motion is approved.

349 Approved unanimously.

**RES. NO. 2024-459**

350 HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

351 Thank you, Mr. Chair. We proceed to the Business of the Day. Item No. 1 Madam  
352 Secretary, please.

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356 MRS. FLORINDA JILL S. UYVICO: SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN SECRETARY

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**ITEM NO. 01**

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Presented for consideration is **Ordinance No. 476 of Babatngon, Leyte, entitled: "AN ORDINANCE PRESCRIBING RULES AND REGULATIONS ON THE ESTABLISHMENT, FRANCHISING, LICENSING, OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE OF COCKPITS AND COCKFIGHTING IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BABATNGON, LEYTE"**. Same is recommended for the declaration of its **VALIDITY** by the Provincial Legal Office per 2<sup>nd</sup> Indorsement dated October 3, 2024.

**ITEM NO. 02**

Presented for consideration is **ORDINANCE No. 2024-004 of Santa Fe, Leyte entitled: "AN ORDINANCE ON CHILDREN'S WELFARE CODE OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF SANTA FE, LEYTE."** Same is recommended for the declaration of its **VALIDITY** by the Provincial Legal Office per 2<sup>nd</sup> Indorsement dated October 8, 2024.

**ITEM NO. 03**

Presented for consideration is **Municipal Ordinance No. 2024-005 of Santa Fe, Leyte entitled: " AN ORDINANCE LOCALIZING SUPPORT TO THE PANTAWID PAMILYANG PILIPINO PROGRAM, PRESCRIBING FOR PRIORITIZATION AND COMMITMENT IN THE DELIVERY OF SERVICES THE EXITED HOUSEHOLD THROUGH THE ADOPTION OF THE CONVERGENCE PROVISION OF REPUBLIC ACT 11310 IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SANTA FE, LEYTE, AND FOR THE PURPOSES."** Same is recommended for the declaration of its **VALIDITY** by the Provincial Legal Office per 2<sup>nd</sup> Indorsement dated October 8, 2024.

**ITEM NO. 04**

Presented for consideration is **Municipal Ordinance No. 2024-006 of Santa Fe, Leyte entitled: "AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING THE USE, SALE, DISTRIBUTION, AND ADVERTISING OF CIGARETTES AND OTHER TABACCO PRODUCTS, ELECTRONIC NICOTINE AND NON-NICOTINE DELIVERY SYSTEMS, HEATED TABACCO PROCUCTS AND OTHER NOVEL TABACCO PRODUCTS, IN CERTAIN PLACES, IMPOSING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFORE, TO INSTALL HEALTH CONSCIOUSNESS AND OTHER PURPOSES."** Same is recommended for the declaration of its **VALIDITY** by the Provincial Legal Office per 2<sup>nd</sup> Indorsement dated October 8, 2024.



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**ITEM NO. 05**

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Presented for consideration is **Ordinance No. 2024-007 of Santa Fe, Leyte entitled: "THE LOCAL REVENUE CODE OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF SANTA FE, PROVINCE OF LEYTE, SERIES OF 2024."** Same is recommended for the declaration of its **VALIDITY** by the Provincial Legal Office per 2<sup>nd</sup> Indorsement dated October 8, 2024.

**ITEM NO. 06**

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Presented for consideration is **Municipal Ordinance No. 2024-004 of San Miguel, Leyte entitled: " AN ORDINANCE CREATING THE POSITIONS OF LOCAL LEGISLATIVE STAFF OFFICER III (LLSO III) AND ADMINISTRATIVE AIDE VI (ELECTRONICS AND COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT TECHNICIAN I) AT THE OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL VICE-MAYOR/SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF SAN MIGUEL, LEYTE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"**. Same is recommended for the declaration of its **VALIDITY** by the Provincial Legal Office per 2<sup>nd</sup> Indorsement dated October 4, 2024

**HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER**

Mr. Chair, there are several items from the 1<sup>st</sup> District. Items number 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6, Mr. Chair. Will you please recognize the Honorable Reposar?

**HON. LEONARDO M. JAVIER, JR.: PRESIDING OFFICER/VICE-GOVERNOR**

Honorable Reposar, you are recognized.

**HON. RONNAN CHRISTIAN M. REPOSAR : 1<sup>ST</sup> DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER**

Thank you very much, Mr. Chair.

We have 6 items coming from the 1st District of Leyte which are Ordinances coming from Municipalities of Babatngon, Santa Fe, and San Miguel, Leyte. All Ordinances are recommended to be declared valid by the Provincial Legal Office. The same are compliant to the limitations prescribed by laws and being in consonance with the Provisions of the Local Government Code particularly Section 16 which is the General Welfare Clause, with that being established already, Mr. Chair, I move to pass an omnibus resolution declaring all the Ordinances from Municipalities of Babatngon, Santa Fe, and San Miguel, Leyte.

**HON. LEONARDO M. JAVIER, JR.: PRESIDING OFFICER/VICE-GOVERNOR**

It's been seconded.

Objections? Hearing none.



445 Motion is approved.

446 Approved unanimously.

RES. NO. 2024-460

447 HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

448 Thank you, Mr. Chair. We proceed to the next item. Item No. 7 Madam Secretary,  
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450 MRS. FLORINDA JILL S. UYVICO: SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN SECRETARY

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**ITEM NO. 07**

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Presented for consideration is **Ordinance No. 2024-20 of Calubian, Leyte** entitled "**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 5 OF MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 2023-22 DATED NOVEMBER 6, 2023 ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE CREATING THE POSITION OF AN INFORMATION SYSTEMS ANALYST II, WITH SALARY GRADE 16 UNDER THE MUNICIPAL PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT OFFICE IN THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF CALUBIAN, LEYTE."** Same is recommended for the declaration of its **VALIDITY** by the Provincial Legal Office per 2<sup>nd</sup> Indorsement dated October 7, 2024.

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**ITEM NO. 08**

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Presented for consideration is **Ordinance No. 2024-21 of Calubian, Leyte** entitled: "**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 2024-01 DATED JANUARY 9, 2024 ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE CREATING THE POSITION ITEM OF A MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENT HEAD I (HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT OFFICER), SALARY GRADE 24, UNDER THE HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT OFFICE IN THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF CALUBIAN, LEYTE"**". Same is recommended for the declaration of its **VALIDITY** by the Provincial Legal Office per 2<sup>nd</sup> Indorsement dated October 7, 2024.

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**ITEM NO. 09**

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Presented for consideration is **Ordinance No. 2024-22 of Calubian, Leyte**, entitled: "**AN ORDINANCE CREATING THE POSITION ITEM OF A FARM WORKER II, SALARY GRADE 4, UNDER THE OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL AGRICULTURIST (OMA) IN THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF CALUBIAN, LEYTE"**". Same is recommended for the declaration of its **VALIDITY** by the Provincial Legal Office per 2<sup>nd</sup> Indorsement dated October 7, 2024.

488 HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

489 Items number 7, 8 and 9 are from Calubian, Leyte. Mr. Chair, will you please  
490 recognize the Honorable Kabigting?

491 HON. LEONARDO M. JAVIER, JR.: PRESIDING OFFICER/VICE-GOVERNOR

492 Honorable Kabigting, you are recognized.

493 HON. MARIE KATHRYN V. KABIGTING: 3<sup>RD</sup> DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

494 Thank you very much, Mr. Chair and Mr. Floor Leader.

495 Presented for consideration are Ordinances from Calubian, Leyte. Item number 7 is  
496 Ordinance No. 2024-20 of Calubian, Leyte entitled An Ordinance Amending Section 5 Of  
497 Municipal Ordinance No. 2023-22 Dated November 6, 2023 Entitled "An Ordinance Creating  
498 The Position Of An Information Systems Analyst II, With Salary Grade 16 Under The  
499 Municipal Planning And Development Office In The Municipal Government Of The  
500 Municipality Of Calubian, Leyte.

501 Item number 8 is Ordinance No. 2024-21 of Calubian, Leyte entitled An Ordinance  
502 Amending Municipal Ordinance No. 2024-01 Dated January 9, 2024 Entitled "An Ordinance  
503 Creating The Position Item Of A Municipal Government Department Head I (Human  
504 Resource Management Officer), Salary Grade 24, Under The Human Resource Management  
505 Office In The Municipal Government Of The Municipality Of Calubian, Leyte."

506 Item number 9 is Ordinance No. 2024-22 of Calubian, Leyte, entitled An Ordinance  
507 Creating The Position Item Of A Farm Worker II, Salary Grade 4, Under The Office Of The  
508 Municipal Agriculturist (OMA) In The Municipal Government Of The Municipality Of Calubian,  
509 Leyte.

510 All 3 ordinances have been reviewed by the Provincial Legal Office and they are  
511 recommending for the declaration of its validity because it is within the powers of the local  
512 council to repeal/amend its prior acts either expressly or by the passage of the essentially  
513 inconsistent resolution. If my motion is in order, I move to make an omnibus motion for the  
514 approval of ordinance number 2024-20, 2024-21 and 2024-22 of Calubian, Leyte. I so move

515 HON. MA. CORAZON E. REMANDABAN: 3<sup>RD</sup> DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

516 Second.

517 HON. LEONARDO M. JAVIER, JR.: PRESIDING OFFICER/VICE-GOVERNOR

518 It's been seconded.

519 Objections? Hearing none.

520 Motion is approved.

521 Approved unanimously.

RES. NO. 2024-461

522 HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

523 Thank you, Mr. Chair. We proceed to the next item. Item No. 10 Madam Secretary,  
524 please.

525 MRS. FLORINDA JILL S. UYVICO: SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN SECRETARY

526 **ITEM NO. 10**

527 Presented for consideration is Ordinance No.  
528 **2024-06 of Bato, Leyte, entitled: "INTEGRATING COMMUNITY-**  
529 **DRIVEN DEVELOPMENT (CDD) THROUGH ITS PARTICIPATORY,**  
530 **TRANSPARENT, AND ACCOUNTABLE (PTA) ELEMENTS INTO THE**  
531 **LOCAL PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT PROCESS OF THE**  
532 **MUNICIPALITY OF BATO, LEYTE". Same is recommended for the**  
533 **declaration of its VALIDITY by the Provincial Legal Office per 2nd**  
534 **Indorsement dated October 4, 2024.**

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536 **ITEM NO. 11**

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538 Presented for consideration Ordinance No.  
539 **2024-07 of Bato, Leyte, entitled: "CREATING VARIOUS PLANTILLA**  
540 **POSITIONS IN VARIOUS OFFICES IN THE MUNICIPALITY,**  
541 **SPECIFYING THE QUALIFICATIONS, DUTIES, FUNCTIONS AND**  
542 **RESPONSIBILITIES, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR**  
543 **OTHER PURPOSES". Same is recommended for the declaration of**  
544 **its VALIDITY by the Provincial Legal Office per 2nd Indorsement**  
545 **dated October 4, 2024.**

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547 HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

548 Items number 10 and 11 are Ordinances from Bato, Leyte. Mr. Chair, will you please  
549 recognize the Honorable Michael Cari for an omnibus motion?

550 HON. LEONARDO M. JAVIER, JR.: PRESIDING OFFICER/VICE-GOVERNOR

551 Honorable Michael Cari, you are recognized.

552 HON. MICHAEL L. CARI: 5<sup>TH</sup> DIST. BOARD MEMBER

553 Good morning. Items number 10 and 11 are all from the Municipality of Bato.

554 Item number 10 has been reviewed by the Provincial Legal Office and was  
555 recommended to be declared valid in accordance to the LGU's power under Section 3 of the  
556 Local Government Code of 1991 (R.A. 7160) in consonance with Section 109 of the same.  
557 So on that note, I move that we pass a resolution declaring valid Ordinance No. 2024-06 of  
558 Bato, Leyte, entitled Integrating Community-Driven Development (CDD) Through Its  
559 Participatory, Transparent, And Accountable (PTA) Elements Into The Local Planning And  
560 Development Process Of The Municipality Of Bato, Leyte.

561 Item number 11 has been reviewed by the Provincial Legal Office and was  
562 recommended to be declared valid and in accordance to its power under Section 447 of the  
563 Local Government Code of 1991 R.A. 7160 in consonance with Section 76. So on that note, I  
564 move that we pass a resolution declaring valid Ordinance No. 2024-07 Of Bato, Leyte,  
565 Entitled: "Creating Various Plantilla Positions In Various Offices In The Municipality,  
566 Specifying The Qualifications, Duties, Functions And Responsibilities, Appropriating Funds  
567 Therefor, And For Other Purposes". I so move.

568 HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

569 Second.

570 HON. RONNAN CHRISTIAN M. REPOSAR : 1<sup>ST</sup> DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

571 Second.

572 HON. MA. CORAZON E. REMANDABAN: 3<sup>RD</sup> DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

573 Second.

574 HON. LEONARDO M. JAVIER, JR.: PRESIDING OFFICER/VICE-GOVERNOR

575 It's been seconded.

576 Objections? Hearing none.

577 Motion is approved.

578 Approved unanimously.

**RES. NO. 2024-462**

579 HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

580 Thank you, Mr. Chair. We proceed to the next item. Item No. 12 Madam Secretary,  
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583 MRS. FLORINDA JILL S. UYVICO: SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN SECRETARY

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ITEM NO. 12

Presented for consideration is a Request for Accreditation of Cutay Canmamotong, Victoria, Alawihaw Irrigators Association (CCVA-IA) of Brgy. Cutay Sta. Fe, Leyte, with the Provincial Government of Leyte as a non-government organization.

HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

Mr. Chair, will you please recognize the Honorable Apostol, Chairman of the Committee on Accreditation?

HON. LEONARDO M. JAVIER, JR.: PRESIDING OFFICER/VICE-GOVERNOR

Honorable Apostol, you are recognized.

HON. TRINIDAD G. APOSTOL: 2<sup>ND</sup> DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

Thank you, Mr. Chair. Thank you, Mr. Floor Leader.

For item number 12 is a request for Accreditation of CutayCanmamotong, Victoria, Alawihaw Irrigators Association (CCVA-IA) of Brgy. Cutay Sta. Fe, Leyte. Mr. Chairman, they have submitted all the requirements for Accreditation. With this Mr. Chairman, I move that we approve the request for accreditation by this particular Irrigators Association of Brgy. Cutay Sta. Fe, Leyte. I so move, Mr. Chairman.

HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

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HON. RONNAN CHRISTIAN M. REPOSAR : 1<sup>ST</sup> DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

Second.

HON. MA. CORAZON E. REMANDABAN: 3<sup>RD</sup> DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

Second.

HON. LEONARDO M. JAVIER, JR.: PRESIDING OFFICER/VICE-GOVERNOR

It's been seconded.

Objections? Hearing none.

Motion is approved.

Approved unanimously.

RES. NO. 2024-463



616 HON. LEONARDO M. JAVIER, JR.: PRESIDING OFFICER/VICE-GOVERNOR

617 Before we proceed, I would like to recognize the presence of the Barangay Officials of  
618 Brgy. Causwagan of MacArthur, Leyte led by Brgy Captain Ed Sab. Thank you for coming.  
619 Maupayna aga ha iyonatanan. Welcome to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Leyte.

620 Mr. Floor Leader, please proceed.

621 HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

622 Thank you, Mr. Chair. We proceed to the next item. Item No. 13 Madam Secretary,  
623 please.

624 MRS. FLORINDA JILL S. UYVICO: SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN SECRETARY

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627 **ITEM NO. 13**

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629 Presented for consideration is the **JUSTIFICATION**  
630 **FOR THE ADOPTION OF THE MODIFIED SALARY SCHEDULE IN THE**  
631 **IMPLEMENTATION OF THE FIRST TRANCHE OF THE ADJUSTED**  
632 **SALARY SCHEME FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT PERSONNEL** from  
633 Atty. Percival S. Caña, Municipal Mayor, Julita, Leyte received  
634 by the Sangguniang Panlalawigan on October 9, 2024, relative to  
635 **Municipal Ordinance No. 2024-08 of Julita, Leyte**, entitled: "An  
636 Ordinance Adopting a Modified Salary Schedule by Adopting a  
637 Seventy-Five Percent (75%) of the Authorized Salary Scheduled  
638 for National Government Agencies (NGA's) as Prescribed in  
639 Section 3 and Authorized in Section 4 of Executive Order No. 64,  
640 dated August 2, 2024 entitled "Updating the Salary Schedule for  
641 Civilian Government Personnel and Authorizing the Grant of an  
642 Additional Allowance and for other Purposes" intended for Non-  
643 Public Health Workers and further Adopts the Salary Rates  
644 Authorized for Personnel of Special Cities/First Class Provinces  
645 and Cities (Annex A-1 LBC160 dated August 12, 2024)" for Public  
646 Health Workers (PHW) of the Rural Health Unit of the Local  
647 Government Unit". **Subject Ordinance was acted upon by the**  
648 **Sangguniang Panlalawigan last October 8, 2024 session per SP**  
649 **Resolution No. 2024-443.**

650 HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

651 Mr. Chair, if I may?

652 HON. LEONARDO M. JAVIER, JR.: PRESIDING OFFICER/VICE-GOVERNOR

653 Yes, go ahead, Mr. Floor Leader.

654 HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

655 I move that we approve item number 13, Mr. Chair. I so move.

656 HON. VINCENT L. RAMA: 4<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

657 Second.

658 HON. MJ LUILY D. LUMEN: EX-OFFICIO MEMBER, SK PRESIDENT

659 Second.

660 HON. LEONARDO M. JAVIER, JR.: PRESIDING OFFICER/VICE-GOVERNOR

661 It's been seconded.

662 Objections? Hearing none.

663 Motion is approved.

664 Approved unanimously.

RES. NO. 2024-464

665 HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

666 Thank you, Mr. Chair. We proceed to the next item. Item No. 14 Madam Secretary,  
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668 MRS. FLORINDA JILL S. UYVICO: SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN SECRETARY

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ITEM NO. 14

Presented for consideration is **General Fund Supplemental Budget No. 01 CY 2024 of Julita, Leyte** under **Appropriation Ordinance No. 2024-09**, With **COMMENTS** from the Local Finance Committee without preliminary review action per report dated October 7, 2024.

678 HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

679 Mr. Chair, will you please recognize the Honorable Apostol for item number 14?

680 HON. LEONARDO M. JAVIER, JR.: PRESIDING OFFICER/VICE-GOVERNOR

681 Honorable Apostol, you are recognized.

682 HON. TRINIDAD G. APOSTOL: 2<sup>ND</sup> DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

683 Thank you, Mr. Chair. Thank you Mr. Floor Leader.

684 Item number 14 is General Fund Supplemental Budget No. 01 CY 2024 of Julita,

685 Leyte under Appropriation Ordinance No. 2024-09. Mr. Chairman, I move to return this

686 General Fund Supplemental Budget No. 01 CY 2024 to the Sanggunian Bayan of Julita,

687 Leyte as per the foregoing findings from the Local Finance Committee. I so move, Mr. Chair

688 and Mr. Floor Leader. Thank you.

689 HON. VINCENT L. RAMA: 4<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

690 Second.

691 HON. LEONARDO M. JAVIER, JR.: PRESIDING OFFICER/VICE-GOVERNOR

692 It's been seconded.

693 Objections? Hearing none.

694 Motion is approved.

695 Approved unanimously.

RES. NO. 2024-465

696 HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

697 Thank you, Mr. Chair. We proceed to the next item. Item No. 15 Madam Secretary,  
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699 MRS. FLORINDA JILL S. UYVICO: SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN SECRETARY

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HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

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Mr. Chair, if I may?

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HON. LEONARDO M. JAVIER, JR.: PRESIDING OFFICER/VICE-GOVERNOR

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Go ahead, Mr. Floor Leader.

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728 HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

729 Mr. Chair, as the Vice Chairman of the Committee on Budget and Management, I  
730 move for an omnibus resolution approving Items number 15 and 16 and the corresponding  
731 AIPs. I so move.

732 HON. VINCENT L. RAMA: 4<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

733 Second.

734 HON. MJ LUINLY D. LUMEN: EX-OFFICIO MEMBER, SK PRESIDENT

735 Second.

736 HON. LEONARDO M. JAVIER, JR.: PRESIDING OFFICER/VICE-GOVERNOR

737 It's been seconded.

738 Objections? Hearing none.

739 Motion is approved.

740 Approved unanimously.

RES. NO. 2024-466

741 HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

742 Thank you, Mr. Chair. We proceed to the next item. Item No. 17 Madam Secretary,  
743 please.

744 MRS. FLORINDA JILL S. UYVICO: SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN SECRETARY

745 ITEM NO. 17  
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747 Presented for consideration is a **COMPLAINT**  
748 **AFFIDAVIT of Braiance S. Torreña** against HON. DENNIS  
749 BALDERIAN, Municipal Councilor, Tabontabon, Leyte with  
750 attached documents.  
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752 HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

753 Mr. Chair, may we ask the illustrious Atty. Reposar if the complaint affidavit is in  
754 proper format.

755 HON. LEONARDO M. JAVIER, JR.: PRESIDING OFFICER/VICE-GOVERNOR

756 Honorable Reposar, please.

757 HON. RONNAN CHRISTIAN M. REPOSAR : 1<sup>ST</sup> DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

758 Thank you very much, Honorable Chair and Floor Leader.



759 This has already complied with the provisions of Section 8 under our rules, Mr. Chair.  
760 When this complaint affidavit was filed we directed the Secretariat to check whether it's  
761 already compliant in substance and in form. The complainant Braiance S. Torreña, after  
762 being directed to comply with the requirements under our rules, has already submitted the  
763 necessary documents with the exact copies as required. With that being said Mr. Chair, I  
764 move that a resolution be passed directing Hon. Dennis Balderian to submit his verified  
765 answer to the complaint. In addition, this matter has been already referred to the Blue Ribbon  
766 Committee.

767 HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

768 Second.

769 HON. LEONARDO M. JAVIER, JR.: PRESIDING OFFICER/VICE-GOVERNOR

770 It's been seconded.

771 Objections? Hearing none.

772 Motion is approved.

773 Approved unanimously.

RES. NO. 2024-467

774 HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

775 Thank you, Mr. Chair. We proceed to the next item. Item No. 18 Madam Secretary,  
776 please.

777 MRS. FLORINDA JILL S. UYVICO: SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN SECRETARY

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779 **ITEM NO. 18**  
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781 Presented for consideration is the **VERIFIED**  
782 **ANSWER** of HON. ANGEL ARAS SIA, JR., Municipal Mayor, La Paz,  
783 Leyte relative to the complaint filed by MARVIN MARTICIO for  
784 Grave Misconduct and Neglect of Duty.  
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787 HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

788 Mr. Chair, I move that we refer this to the Blue Ribbon Committee?

789 HON. MA. CORAZON E. REMANDABAN: 3<sup>RD</sup> DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

790 Second.

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792 HON. MA. MARTINA L. GIMENEZ: EX-OFFICIO MEMBER, LIGA NG MGA BARANGAY PRESIDENT

793 Second.

794 HON. RONNAN CHRISTIAN M. REPOSAR : 1<sup>ST</sup> DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

795 Mr. Chair, may I be recognized?

796 HON. LEONARDO M. JAVIER, JR.: PRESIDING OFFICER/VICE-GOVERNOR

797 Honorable Reposar, you are recognized.

798 HON. RONNAN CHRISTIAN M. REPOSAR : 1<sup>ST</sup> DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

799 Mr. Chair, this matter has already been referred to the Blue Ribbon Committee. The  
800 next is the conduct of preliminary conference or pre trial; however, I still have to consult the  
801 members of the Committee for the schedule.

802 HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

803 Mr. Chair, the case was referred to the Blue Ribbon Committee already and the  
804 answer has just been received. Perhaps, we can refer this to the Blue Ribbon Committee as  
805 well so that the committee can call for a meeting or hearing in time.

806 HON. RONNAN CHRISTIAN M. REPOSAR : 1<sup>ST</sup> DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

807 I submit, Mr. Chair.

808 HON. LEONARDO M. JAVIER, JR.: PRESIDING OFFICER/VICE-GOVERNOR

809 It's been seconded.

810 Objections? Hearing none.

811 Motion is approved.

812 Approved unanimously.

RES. NO. 2024-468

813 HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

814 There are no more items in our agenda, Mr. Chair. We now proceed to  
815 other matters.

816 HON. VINCENT L. RAMA: 4<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

817 Mr. Presiding Officer, May I be recognized?

818 HON. LEONARDO M. JAVIER, JR.: PRESIDING OFFICER/VICE-GOVERNOR

819 Yes, Honorable Rama, you are recognized.

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821 HON. VINCENT L. RAMA: 4<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

822 Thank you, Mr. Presiding Officer. On a point of privilege, I wish to inform the entire  
823 Sanggunian about a development that happened in BM Centino's and my district which is the  
824 4<sup>th</sup> District of Leyte. For the very first time, the Ombudsman has decided to dismiss the  
825 Former Vice mayor of Palompon, Leyte together with five sitting councilors namely Margarito  
826 Bensig, Jr., Esperanza Sumalinog, Emmanuel Laurente, Consuelo Bonghanoy, Ranulfo  
827 Gaspan, Sr., Jonathan Yap, and Rene Camposano together with the sitting Mayor Ramon  
828 Oñate. The reason why I'm bringing this up Mr. Presiding Officer, this decision for dismissal  
829 was made on September 26, 2024. Now based on experience, most of the times, the  
830 secretariat of municipality will keep on sending us matters to be entertained here not knowing  
831 that on that specific date they were no longer supposedly the sitting officials so I am just  
832 raising this for awareness most especially to our Secretariat, Ma'am Jill, to take note that on  
833 September 26, 2024, a decision of dismissal was already handed to the Municipality of  
834 Palompon and I think our Governor is already making a move on who will be replacing them.  
835 So now we are just waiting for the Governor to decide who will be replacing all six councilors  
836 because the process of succession is the Vice Mayor will take over but in another note,  
837 another unfortunate decision came out yesterday which includes the sitting vice mayor on the  
838 criminal aspect so have a dismissal decision that came out on the September 26 excluding  
839 the vice mayor. Now, in the criminal aspect, he was included. There are two words, Mr.  
840 Presiding Officer, Legislative Crisis in Palompon. My concern is since it belongs to our area  
841 of responsibility, we should be very careful in receiving information or any documents from  
842 that council after September 26 for us not to be place in a dilemma for entertaining something  
843 that was not supposed to be valid. It's just an information I'd like to share but I really  
844 confirmed with the Provincial Legal Office this morning, it's really the first time that this has  
845 happened in the Province of Leyte where in a sitting Mayor and majority of the sitting  
846 councilors have been dismissed. So that is just for the information of all.

847 HON. LEONARDO M. JAVIER, JR.: PRESIDING OFFICER/VICE-GOVERNOR

848 So Palompon has no Local Government now?

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850 HON. VINCENT L. RAMA: 4<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

851 If you were to do the math, I think if 6 were dismissed, 2 sitting councilors will be  
852 activated. So there's really a legislative crisis wherein we have to help our Governor in  
853 deciding because like what I've said is there is really a Legislative Crisis there and  
854 unfortunately it belongs to BM Centino's and my area of responsibility.

855 HON. LEONARDO M. JAVIER, JR.: PRESIDING OFFICER/VICE-GOVERNOR

856 Okay so we should take note of that and ask the Secretary to take note of  
857 the manifestation of our colleague.

858 HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

859 Mr. Chair, may I be recognized please.

860 HON. LEONARDO M. JAVIER, JR.: PRESIDING OFFICER/VICE-GOVERNOR

861 Yes, Honorable Floor Leader, please go ahead.

862 HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

863 May we please request the DILG to inform us when it will have legal effect?

864 HON. VINCENT L. RAMA: 4<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

865 From the information that we have gathered, Mr. Floor leader, the vice mayor has  
866 taken his oath thru the DILG sometime last week to take over the Mayor's spot but it still  
867 leads to lack of quorum but I think the Governor is already aware of it.

868 HON. LEONARDO M. JAVIER, JR.: PRESIDING OFFICER/ VICE GOVERNOR

869 Then we just leave the problem to the Governor.

870 HON. VINCENT L. RAMA: 4<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

871 Yes, Mr. Chair. We'll just pray that he will be able to replace or substitute them the  
872 soonest because there are also party issues. The one who will be replacing has to have the  
873 same party with the ones that was dismissed. It's not as easy as we think it is.

874 HON. LEONARDO M. JAVIER, JR.: PRESIDING OFFICER/ VICE GOVERNOR

875 And I suggest we also pray for the people of Palompon because now they are  
876 orphaned by this situation.

877 HON. VINCENT L. RAMA: 4<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

878 It's very unfortunate but it is what it is. That's all, Mr. Presiding officer. Thank you.

879 HON. LEONARDO M. JAVIER, JR.: PRESIDING OFFICER/ VICE GOVERNOR

880 I would like to congratulate our Board Members of the 5<sup>th</sup> District of Leyte for being  
881 unopposed for the next election, Honorable Carlo Loreto and Honorable Michael Cari.

882 HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

883 Thank you, Mr. Chair. Just like the Vice Governor also, Mr. Chair.

884 HON. LEONARDO M. JAVIER, JR.: PRESIDING OFFICER/ VICE GOVERNOR

885 Thank you. They focused too much on other things, they forgot the Vice-Governor.

886 HON. MA. MARTINA L. GIMENEZ EX-OFFICIO MEMBER, LIGA NG MGA BARANGAY PRESIDENT

887 Congratulations, in advance, Vice Gov.

888 HON. LEONARDO M. JAVIER, JR.: PRESIDING OFFICER/ VICE GOVERNOR

889 Yes, thank you. So this means take a break.

890 HON. MJ LUINLY D. LUMEN: EX-OFFICIO MEMBER, SK PRESIDENT

891 Mr. Chair, if I may?

892 HON. LEONARDO M. JAVIER, JR.: PRESIDING OFFICER/ VICE GOVERNOR

893 Yes, Honorable MJ, go ahead.

894 HON. MJ LUINLY D. LUMEN: EX-OFFICIO MEMBER, SK PRESIDENT

895 Mr. Chair and Mr. Floor Leader, if there are no Other Matters, I move to adjourn.

896 HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

897 Second.

898 HON. LEONARDO M. JAVIER, JR.: PRESIDING OFFICER/VICE-GOVERNOR

899 There's a motion to adjourn.

900 Any objections?

901 Hearing none, this session is adjourned.

902 (The session is adjourned at 11:51 o'clock in the morning  
903 Closing Prayer led by Honorable Carmen Cari)

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I HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the foregoing minutes.

**FLORINDA JILL S. UYVICO**  
Secretary to the Sanggunian

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