

**COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF SAMBURU**



**THE HANSARD**

**Wednesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> March, 2020**

**The Assembly met at the County Assembly chambers at 2:30 p.m**

*The Speaker, County Assembly of Samburu, (Mr. Lempere Solomon) in the Chair*

**PRAYER**

**COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR**

**The Speaker,** (Mr. Lempere Solomon): Hon. Members, I have a communication. Hon. Members, following the adoption of current County Assembly new standing orders, the Assembly is required to reconstitute our Committees in line with Standing Order 160 (1).

I therefore urge the Committee on the Selection to begin the process of reconstitution of all Committees and table the list in the County Assembly for approval pursuant to Standing Order 160 (3).

I also have another communication; before our long recess of the third session, there was a petition from Archers Post residents on land which had been committed to the Lands, Physical Planning, and Housing and Urban Development Committee.

Further aware that pursuant to Standing Order 210 whenever a petition is committed to a select committee, the committee shall, in not more than sixty calendar days from the time of reading the prayer, respond to the petitioner or petitioners and laid on the table of the County Assembly.

Since time has elapsed, I urge the Committee on Lands, Physical Planning, and Housing and Urban Development to fast track the process and table the report before the House later in the next one week.

**PAPERS**

**Specially Elected MCA,** (Hon. Antonella Lobura): Thank Hon. Speaker. Hon. Speaker, I beg to table the Report of Committee of Budget and Appropriations on the consideration of the County Fiscal Strategy Paper 2020/2021. (*Silence*)

**The Speaker,** (Mr. Lempere Solomon): Hon. Members, we know we had County Fiscal Strategy Paper that went for public participation. And now that it has been tabled, I hope the Committee has considered all the relevant considerations in regard to the paper. There will be a discussion

on the same tomorrow, any Member from the House who would want to get a copy, can get a copy from the clerk assistants so that we deliberate tomorrow. We know County Fiscal Strategy Paper has a bearing on the budget for the next financial year.

### **NOTICES OF MOTION**

**MCA Wamba East Ward**, (Hon. Lucas Lekwale): Thank you Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I beg to give notice of the following motion, aware THAT the Department of Environment and Natural Resources is tasked with the mandate of beautifying Maralal town and its environment, and that a budget for the same has been set aside every financial year. Unfortunately, Mr. Speaker this has not been effected.

Further aware, THAT the beautification is a key aspect of a developing town and that there is need to restore Maralal to its lost glory of a very flash and green town through it beautification and greening of its environment.

Cognizant THAT there are many benefits associated with beautification of Maralal such as; it will boost good health for the town inhabitants, it will boost the town tourism and commerce by becoming more appealing to the investors, it will also Mr. Speaker uplift the face of the town. It will improve sidewalks which pose as safety hazard for pedestrians and potentially reduce accidents and obstacles for people living with disabilities especially, wheelchair users.

Further cognizant, THAT beautification of the town entails visual improvement to the town. And this involves planting trees, flowers and other greeneries, cleaning up of neglected allies, restore up the Town Park and roundabout. It also includes providing sitting benches in town and the park, adding other decorative features to the town such as statues of the wildlife of samburu culture.

Noting THAT, the County Government has setting aside a budget for beautification of Maralal town, this Assembly now urges the Department of Environment and Natural Resources to enact Beautification Policy and Plans for Maralal Municipality. I thank you Mr. Speaker.

**Specially Elected Member,** (Hon. Antonella Lobura): Thank you Mr. Speaker. Hon Speaker I beg to give a notice of the following Motion.

**THAT** Pursuant to provision of Standing Order number 214 (7), the County Assembly approves the report of the County Budget and Appropriation Committee on County Fiscal Strategy Paper 2020/2021, thank you Hon. Speaker.

**STATEMENTS.**

**MCA Lodokejek Ward,** (Hon. Jerias Leshoomo): Thank you Hon. Speaker. Pursuant to Standing Order number 43 (2) (c) I hereby request for a statement from the Chairperson of the Committee on Lands, Physical Planning and Urban Development in regards to the status of transfer of the lands registry from Nyahururu to Maralal.

Hon. Speaker sir, Pursuant to the Constitution of Kenya, 2010 Schedule 4, section 8, land survey and mapping was one of the devolved functions in the County Government under the Department of Lands and land registry falls under the survey and mapping functions. Hon. Speaker, people of Samburu have suffered for a long time due to the inaccessibility of the land registry that was situated in Nyahururu therefore making it difficult for both the land owners and investors to do land transactions.

It comes as good news that the land registry services are now available at the County headquarters, in view of this, the Chairperson should enquire and report on;

- 1) The status of land registry transfer.
- 2) When and how the land registry will start running.
- 3) When will the digitalization of the land registry happen?

Mr. Speaker, we are all aware that through our partners, Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO) bought some machines to support our County and be used by the Department of Lands. One of the reasons for the support by buying of the machines is to aid in transfer of the lands offices from Nyahururu to Maralal.

Secondly, we have got a lot of problems in relations to Lands Department in terms of revenue collections in our County. We have been budgeting for the revenue collections from the Departments of Lands in each financial year yet nothing is forthcoming hence affecting our development projects, however Mr. Speaker with the support of our partner on transfer of land registry and digitalization of the land registry the revenue collection will be enhanced in this County and allow our people to easy access land services such as transfer of land among many other services.

Mr. Speaker, I urge the Chairperson to facilitate and hasten the statement response because it is long overdue, thank you Mr. Speaker.

**The Speaker**, (Mr. Solomon Lempere): Hon. Lekwale, do you have anything to add?

**Chairperson Committee on Lands, Physical Planning and Urban Development**, (Hon. Lucas Lekwale): Thank you Hon. Speaker. I kindly ask to respond to this statement in two weeks' time; that is on Thursday of 26<sup>th</sup> March, 2020 at 2:30 PM, thank you Mr. Speaker.

**The Speaker**, (Mr. Solomon Lempere): Hon. Leshoomo.

**MCA Lodokejek Ward**, (Hon. Jerias Leshoomo): Thank you Hon. Speaker. We have been raising statements in this House and we are often told that the statement will be responded in two time. Take an example of the issue on locust invasion which is an emergency situation in this County yet we are told that the statement will be responded to next week, Mr. Speaker for how long do we have to wait for statements to be responded to yet the Departments offices are here, the Chairperson of the Committees and Members are here... *(Interjection on a point of Order by Hon. Lawrence Lorunyei)*

**The Speaker**, (Mr. Solomon Lempere): On what Point of Order are you standing?

**MCA Nachola Ward**, (Hon. Lawrence Lorunyei): Standing Order number 82 whereby the questions asked yesterday should not be revised at this time.

**MCA Lodokejek Ward**, (Hon. Jerias Leshoomo): Mr. Speaker I was not referring to yesterday's question but rather giving it as an example. Why do we have to refer to next week and the response can be availed even tomorrow, the delay of the responses is a deliberate move to allow the statement sort elapses in time.

**MCA Maralal Ward**, (Hon. Fred Kiragu): Thank you Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker I am also of the opinion that two weeks is a very long time for the statement to be responded to. When Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO) brought the equipment and the Department of Land from Nairobi were represented they promised to start the land registry here. Our people have continued to suffer much by going to Nyahururu.

Mr. Speaker, I have a story of an old man who went to Nyahururu to get his land title and he was told that the office where the titles were store was very dark hence the old man went ahead and bought a torch and brought it to the office, he did not know that that was another term of asking for a bribe. Mr. Speaker we need this land registry started here as yesterday, the office of the Department of Lands is barely 200 meters from this Assembly hence this statement response should be demanded with the urgency it requires, thank you Hon. Speaker.

**The Speaker**, (Mr. Solomon Lempere): Hon. Lekwale.

**Chairperson Committee on Lands, Physical Planning and Urban Development**, (Hon. Lucas Lekwale): Thank you Mr. Speaker, while I appreciate the sentiments and the urgency of the Hon Members but we still need to give time frame so that we give accurate information. If I was the one asked such statement, I would have even respond to it by tomorrow but unfortunately we engage the Department and we know how these Departments behave since sometimes they engage in other duties. I do not want to lie on when to respond to the statement but request to have sufficient time to follow up with the Department, to me two weeks is not a long time.

Secondly, I do not think this statement response is as much urgent as the locust invasion issue. The Hon Members can wait for two weeks so that we can give a comprehensive and accurate response, thank you.

**The Speaker,** (Mr. Solomon Lempere): Okay. Hon. Members, I direct that the Committee on Lands, Physical Planning and Urban Development respond to the statement on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March, 2020 at 2:30 PM.

Hon. Members, the time being twenty minutes to four O'clock and the being no other business this Assembly now adjourns until Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> March, 2020 at 2:30 PM.