

**COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF SAMBURU**



**THE HANSARD**

**Thursday, 3rd February, 20**

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

*The Temporary Speaker, (Hon. Shadrack Lesoipa) in the Chair*

**PRAYER**

**MOTION**

**MOTION TO INCREASE FUNDING TO KALAMA AND WEST GATE CONSERVANCIES**

**MCA Waso ward,** (Hon. Paul Wonyang’): Thank you Mr. Speaker sir, I move a motion to urge the Samburu County government to allocate 20 million Kenya shillings per annum to group ranches around Samburu National Reserve.

Hon Speaker, that the County diverse ecosystem and wildlife are the corner stones of the economy and are making significant contributions to increase wildlife numbers and regenerating vegetation in the areas that were no longer able to support wildlife and other animals.

Aware that wildlife conservation as a business offer global, national and local benefits of saving species, habitants and ecosystem as well by diversity. However, the actual course of conservation is bon by the communities who often get insufficient and inequitable benefits, cognizant of the fact that this has post various challenges to the management and conservation of wildlife, further aware that effectiveness of conservation activities in Samburu National Reserve can be done through cooperation, partnership, mutual support and induction between Samburu County government and the neighboring conservancies of Kalama and Westgate.

Noting that Samburu County government collects almost 80% of the revenue from Samburu National Reserve, concerned that engagement from the communities endangers conservation such as killing of wildlife, sub-division of land and incursion of livestock into the park would derail conservation and benefits. Further aware that Kalama and Westgate conservancies are the ones neighboring Samburu National Reserve and desire to support the County government in supporting wildlife and environmental conservation. Deeply concerned that how successful County government natures and manages relationship with communities living adjacent to Samburu National Reserve is critical to survival of Samburu National Reserve and tourism in the County. Aware that 3 million Kenya shillings allocated by the defunct local authority 20 years ago is still offered by the County government today without any formal agreement.

With changing economic times this figure is far below acceptable level of cooperation, therefore, this House urges the Samburu County government to allocate 20 million Kenya shillings per annum through the Department of Tourism to the two conservancies as a social responsibility to continue supporting their conservation programs within Samburu National Reserve. I beg to move and request Hon. Benjamin Leitore to second

*(Hon. Benjamin Leitore bows to second the motion)*

**Temporary Speaker,** (Hon. Shadrack Lesoipa): Hon Members, I now propose the question that the Samburu County government to allocate 20 million Kenya shillings per annum to group ranches around Samburu National Reserve

**MCA Wamba West,** (Hon. Benjamin Leitore): Thank you Mr. Speaker sir, I rise to support the motion moved by the Hon Member for Waso. This is a motion that has been brought at the right time because the two conservancies have been supporting and participating in the Samburu National Reserve activities particularly conservation within the park for decades.

As a corporate social responsibility, the County government of Samburu needs to give the proposed amount to the two conservancies; each conservancy will have 10 million a year respectively. Mr. Speaker, when I was first elected to the County Council of Samburu, we found that the shared amount between these two conservancies was one million only, one million to Kalama conservancy and one million to Westgate conservancy.

Through our initiative as the elected Councilors then, the amount was increased 1.1 million, subsequently, in our first term as the Members of the Count Assembly we also pushed for further increment to that allocation to two million. Mr. Speaker, when the 1 million was allocated to the conservancies, the defunct authority by then was collecting approximately 120 million Kenya shillings from the Samburu National Reserve as per now we are targeting more than 200 million since there is a change of one million to two million Kenya shillings in a span of almost 15 years so we will call it peanuts Mr. Speaker.

To make these communities or conservancies to feel as part and parcel of Samburu National Reserve that they neighbor they need to have an additional share in terms of revenue. They will be able to sponsor their children to secondary schools, do their marketing for Samburu National Reserve and implement other projects to support conservation.

I want to indicate to this House that I took the Committee on Tourism for a fact finding mission tour in Samburu National Reserve particularly on issues of shared revenue between it and the conservancies, the Committee found it as one of the pertinent issues that contributed to conflicts in the Reserve.

In the report, the Committee recommended that the shared revenue be improved, 20 million will be only 10% of the collected revenue from the Reserve, without supporting and giving these communities amount that they feel is agreeable then this Reserve will not be secure at some point because they will feel not as part of the Reserve which is an asset to the County government.

I know that the County government will eventually call for stake holders to deliberate on this in order to find a way to implement; I support the motion Mr. Speaker.

**MCA Nachola Ward**, (Hon. Lawrence Lorunyei): Thank you Mr. Speaker, we need to know how the money asked for will be used, is it for bursaries, constructions or new income generating activities? To ensure that the amount given is enough for the purpose requested for. If it is meant for bursaries, we still need to know how many students need it because if it is a matter of supporting... (*Interjection by Hon Leitore*) the conservancies for conservation of the areas around the Reserve, I do not oppose the motion but need to know the activities and the amount they require.

Samburu National Reserve is an old game reserve that does not need support at this time but sustaining itself, and if it still needs support then it means something is wrong...(*Interjection by the Temporary Speaker*)

**Temporary Speaker,** (Hon. Shadrack Lesoipa): Hon Member. For your information, they are talking of Kalama and Westgate not Samburu National Reserve

**MCA Nachola Ward,** (Hon. Lawrence Lorunyei): Yes, I understand that, but they are saying for support of the Samburu National Reserve. My argument is that we need to know the activities that need the support from the 20 million Kenyan shillings and if it is enough.

We still have other conservancies around the County that need to be supported to encourage conservation of wildlife all over the County. Thank you Mr. Speaker sir

**Temporary Speaker,** (Hon. Shadrack Lesoipa): Hon. Lorunyei, are you supporting the Motion?

**MCA Nachola Ward,** (Hon. Lawrence Lorunyei): Yes.

**Specially Elected Member,** (Hon. Stefanie Lanyasunya): Thank you Hon. Speaker. I would like to thank the Hon. Member for Waso for coming up with this noble Motion. The beginning of better things for any County is the talk on environment and its conservation. The National Government is talking about conserving the environment for future generations. We are talking about the allocation of 20 million to Kalama and West Gate conservancies where the Member for Wamba West has said something on the Corporate Social Responsibility.

These conservancies border the Samburu National Reserve. Any organization that does not consider the neighbours will have wrong things coming their way. Corporate Social Responsibility is very important in the sense that when an organization makes money and flourishes it should have a good relationship with the neighbours. Hon. Lorunyei has said that things should be clear on the allocation, in my thinking; the increment in allocation is to improve social amenities in these conservancies.

These conservancies should be able to sustain themselves by now, giving them something even more is a noble idea. This allocation will improve schools, hospitals and opening roads. When the people are not taken care of around the reserve then the ecosystem will not be protected any

more. The needs of the people should be catered for to ensure safety of the wildlife. I support the Motion, thank you Hon. Speaker.

**MCA Wamba East**, (Hon. Lucas Lekwaale): Thank you Hon. Speaker. I support the Motion. I am a Committee Member for the Tourism and when we went round we found out that the communities living around the park are dissatisfied on what is happening. A lot of money is collected from the National Reserve and very little is ploughed back into the community.

My concern is that we have other conservancies surrounding the reserve like Girgir and Sarara groups. I wish that next a Motion will also be brought to incorporate other conservancies' living and operating in Wamba East Ward. I thank the Hon. Member for bringing this Motion, thank you.

**MCA Ang'ata Nanyokie Ward**, (Hon. Paul Leshimpiro): Thank you Hon. Speaker. I am not so sure whether I will support the Motion since I have some concerns. I am also a Member of the Tourism Committee and happened to visit Samburu National Reserve which lies adjacent to these communities. These communities had challenges where collection of revenue was a challenge. The amount collected was too small. If we are to improve the allocation, then we should first improve the revenue collection of the Samburu National Reserve.

The title reads "The allocation of 20 million per annum to the group ranches around Samburu National Reserve" where we are talking of the two conservancies Kalama and West Gate. This means that the group ranches are the same as the conservancies. I do not think that group ranches are the same as conservancies. We need to be clear on what we are paying for, is it the group ranches or the conservancies.

As mentioned by hon. Member for Wamba east that if there are other conservancies around the Samburu National Reserve then it goes without saying that the money allocated was allocated to those two group ranches or the two conservancies they will also claim the same. We as a County have challenges on the amount of money to use on various projects and activities. If we end up

paying all the conservancies and group ranches around Samburu National Reserve then we will have nothing to pay for other projects.

I request a directive from the Speaker that we do not approve or disapprove this Motion today since it may bring consequences that we may not be able to handle in the future, thank you.

*(Point of information by Hon. Leitore)*

**MCA Wamba West**, (Hon. Benjamin Leitore): Hon. Speaker I would like to inform the Hon. Member for Ang'ata Nanyokie that group ranches in this aspect are also conservancies. Kalama conservancy is also a group ranch. It is one group ranch forming a conservancy. West Gate conservancy is also within Nkutuk e Ng'iron Group Ranch. The boundaries of the conservancies are also the boundaries to the group ranch.

*(Point of order by Hon. Lawrence Lorunyei)*

Protect me Hon. Speaker.

**Temporary Speaker**, (Hon. Shadrack Lesoipa): Continue hon. Leitore.

**MCA Wamba West**, (Hon. Benjamin Leitore): In order not to divert from the Motion, I bring concerns for other conservancies...

*(Point of order by Hon. Lawrence Lorunyei)*

**Temporary Speaker**, (Hon. Shadrack Lesoipa): What is the point of order Member for Nachola?

**MCA Nachola Ward**, (Hon. Lawrence Lorunyei): Mr. Speaker there are two vocabularies here, we have conservancies and group ranches, the Hon. Member is confusing us by saying that they hold the same meaning, can he be clear? We are dealing with conservancies and not group ranches, thank you Mr. Speaker.

**Temporary Speaker,** (Hon. Shadrack Lesoipa): You are correct hon. Lorunyei. Hon. Leitore you have to differentiate between the two.

**MCA Wamba West,** (Hon. Benjamin Leitore): Hon. Speaker we come from Samburu East and...

**Temporary Speaker,** (Hon. Shadrack Lesoipa): Order Hon. Leitore, are you saying that you want to support all the group ranches around Samburu National Reserve or Kalama and West Gate basing your contribution to this Motion?

**MCA Wamba West,** (Hon. Benjamin Leitore): Mr. Speaker let me elaborate on this because when one does not understand this issue then it becomes a problem. We have conservancies in Samburu East that comprise of two group ranches and we also have conservancies that comprise of one group ranch for example, West Gate conservancy is also West Gate group ranch or Nkutuk e Ng'iron group ranch. It is one conservancy within one group ranch. Kalama conservancy is also within Girgir Group Ranch. You can use whatever term but the resources going to Kalama conservancy also goes to Kalama group ranch. The management of the conservancy is the same as the management of the group ranch.

On the other hand, Namnyak Conservancy comprises of two group ranches which is Sapashe and the Sarara Group Ranch. We have conservancies that comprise three to four group ranches like the Meibae Conservancy. This is a new initiative to other parts of this County particularly Samburu North. Our colleagues from the North should take time to understand on the essence of conservations. The group ranches that the Motion proposes to have resources improved which are the Kalama and West Gate conservancies are the immediate neighbours of the Samburu National Reserve.

The livestock that move out of the reserve immediate gets into Kalama or West Gate conservancy. These communities are part and parcel of the Samburu National Reserve community. We cannot extend this to other conservancies since we are trying to make them

appreciate the conservation efforts that the County Government is doing. These conservancies have their own income but we want to increase our share as the County Government to make them appreciate the conservation efforts of the Samburu National Reserve. There are a number of activities that these conservancies are doing; they establish Eco-Lodges, programs for women and the youth, land reclamation to improve pasture for domestic animals in protecting the movement of livestock in the Samburu National Reserve.

The encroachment of livestock in Samburu National Reserve will disturb the wildlife. I only say this in informing Members whose areas conservation is new particularly Hon. Member for Nachola. I hope that the Tourism moves with speed to promote conservation in Nachola. We as the Tourism Committee to the reserve and we found out that there is a community committee that assists in managing issues that erupt within the Samburu National Reserve. These committees are established from communities living around the Samburu National Reserve to make them understand the issues taken daily in the Samburu National Reserve. That is my point of information.

**MCA Maralal Ward,** (Hon. Fred Kiragu): Thank you Hon. Speaker for having caught my eye. I oppose this Motion from the onset. As much as I say that conservation is assisted by the County Government I find difficult to peg it at 20 million this is because the income generated by the reserve is not steady because it in a given year it could be 200 million and 100 million in another and in difficult times it can even be 10 million yet as a House we have pegged 20 million for the both conservancies. We are missing the point.

I would also like to say that the revenue collection in Samburu National Reserve over the period has had its challenges. The revenue collectors have their own way for making an extra shilling or two for themselves. I am very sorry that during our visit a month or two ago, we learnt that it is like there is an agreement between our County and Isiolo that visitors do not pay gate fees as they enter the National Reserve. We have visitors who come to see the animals and go to sleep in Isiolo County yet they come for the game drives in the Samburu National Reserve.

If we are going to have a total value of the tourists, then our reserve must also benefit. They see our animals yet the hotels at the boundaries are the beneficiaries. I would like to understand what the hon. Member for Wamba West is saying but I also find it difficult when you confuse the House with the work conservancies and group ranches.

This is why you find some other Members asking what about my conservancy. Some of the conservancies are a burden to the County government because they do not have any income generating activities but are there for other activities not bringing revenue to the County treasury. I am of the opinion that if this motion can be amended to read, may be the County government gives the group ranches and not the conservancies not the conservancies that are not around the Samburu national reserve 5%, 10% or whichever percentage of the income to the group ranches because if not done it pauses a challenge, we learnt when we were at Archer's post. For your information Mr. Speaker sir, the Isiolo side has managed their pastoralists but we haven't been able.

I do not mind what the group ranches do with their money, we do not need to follow as Hon. Member for Nachola said because if I give you my house to rent and you pay the rent you should not be bothered by what I do with the money I get from the plot. So they can give bursaries because they will benefit from the County bursaries unless they want to exclude themselves because they benefit from the county government services such as bursaries and projects, they just need an extra appreciation.

As the national government says Turkana County will be getting 5% from the oil extraction but they do not agree with anything less than 10%. As Hon. Member for Wamba east said he has some conservancies not captured here so we continue with this then later around next year or next year but one he will come up with the same why his conservancy did not get it? I oppose this motion Mr. Speaker because it should come in percentages

**MCA Poro Ward,** (Hon. Joseph Leshipaayo): Thank you Mr. Speaker. I think the hon. Member for Maralal ward is reading my mind; there is a difference between a conservancy and a group ranch. The Hon Members are trying to say that we need to amend some things; the Motion mover should put it in percentage instead of 20 million and separate conservancies from group ranches, thank you Mr. Speaker sir

**MCA Ang'ata Nanyokie ward,** (Hon. Paul Leshimpiro): Thank you Mr. Speaker sir, I rise to oppose (*Applause*) but with good intentions. It should be taken into consideration that group ranches and conservancies are very different from each other; a conservancy has a CO, a manager and group of other people below the two while a group ranch has a Chairperson, secretary and the other officials.

Legally, this motion cannot bind because it cannot be used in the court of law nor used to allocate funds. Secondly, according to me, the amount allocated to the two conservancies is high, you cannot move from three million Kenyan shilling to 20 million Kenya shillings, what is the percentage increment of three million to 20 million? I think it is around 10 or 100 times...(*Interjection by Hon. Lentukunye*)

There are other things to be considered before we allocate the money to the groups like increasing it from three million to a certain figure but not to 20 million. The County government itself has challenges in the amount of money it has, thank you

**Specially Elected Member,** (Hon. Elizabeth Kalapata): Thank you Mr. Speaker sir. I stand to support the mention but according to my understanding as per the past experience I had as a former a conservancy board member conservancies cover the group ranches in an area but the recent conservancies created by the County government are different because they only conserve the environment but the land is owned by the group ranches

How much amount of money will the other upcoming conservancies be given if Kalama and Westgate conservancies are given 20 million Kenya shillings even though they already generate

income while the others have no income generating activities, they are just conservancies by name, thank you Mr. Speaker I support the motion but... (*Murmur in the House*)

**Temporary Speaker,** (Hon. Shadrack Lesoipa): Member, can you finish your statement. Hon. Kalapata what do you mean by the word but?

**Specially Elected MCA,** (Hon. Elizabeth Kalapata): I support the Motion

**Temporary Speaker,** (Hon. Shadrack Lesoipa): Without but? Ok, Hon. Zamzam Ismail

**Specially Elected MCA,** (Hon. Zamzam Ismail): Thank Mr. Speaker sir, I stand to oppose the Motion. Reason number one is that we have many conservancies in our County, we have new ones of which if it is a matter of supporting it should be supporting all the conservancies in the County. We are all aware that the devolution in 2013/2014 made it possible for employment of over 300 Rangers to take care of the conservancies

Conservancies are our heritage and the animals we have are God given...

**Temporary Speaker,** (Hon. Shadrack Lesoipa): Hon. Member for Wamba west you are out of order, can you consult orderly

**Specially Elected MCA,** (Hon. Zamzam Ismail): We should protect our animals. I urge the House that if we want to be fair, I know that we as the custodians of this County want all good for all our people so we should be fair and take care of the conservancies in our County, thank you Mr. Speaker sir (*Applause*)

**Specially Elected MCA,** (Hon. Rosaline Lesaibile): Thank your hon. Speaker sir, I rise to support the Motion but with an amendment that all communities which will benefit from the 20 million Kenya shillings have to ensure that they will be in the forefront in solving issues that erupts within Samburu National Reserve, thank you

**MCA Wamba East**, (Hon. Lucas Lekwale): Thank hon. Speaker. For the record, I still support the motion despite some opposition. I want to make it clear to the hon Members that we do not say that the other conservancies do not deserve an equal share what we say is that as the Samburu adage says that whoever near the pot gets the bigger share.

Honestly, let us just go by that because the communities living around the Reserve have most problems when it comes to human and wildlife conflicts. I urge the Hon. Members to support this motion. Probably some Members feel that the 20 million is a big amount but if you look the revenue collection for Samburu National Reserves which is a tune of 200 million.

The figure is not 20%, we want to support the two conservancies each to get 10 million Kenya shillings, converting that will show that each of them gets 10% of the annual revenue. For the information of the Members who do not understand the difference between a conservancy and a group ranch, you cannot separate the two; it is just one and the same thing. If you want us to do amendments, then we will do so just to strike out the conservancies then go on with the group ranches thank you.

**The Leader of Majority**, (Hon. Christopher Lentukunye): Mr. Speaker I rise to support the motion. I want to thank the hon. Member for bringing this motion before this House because it is very important, I observed that the purpose of the motion is to protect the Samburu National Reserve and we all know that it is one of the major revenue collections center supporting Samburu County, the main one. The hon. Member requested the County government to support the two conservancies so that the community members will be motivated to protect it.

Mr. Speaker, Samburu National Reserve is a cow cash since the County Council era therefore we need to protect it to function accordingly through empowering the communities living around it. Samburu National Reserve has employed many local people and brings revenue to Samburu County government hence we all have the responsibility to protect it

Mr. Speaker, the two names, group ranch and conservancy is giving us headache, with your permission I want to make it clear that they are two different things. We need to make clear before this House that the objective of the motion is to fund the conservancy because group ranch deals with land while a conservancy is a particular area identified by the community to be conserved and activities be carried at. Conservation of the wild animals and vegetation, Mr. Speaker, to my understanding a group ranch is the whole land and within it there are an area selected to carry on those activities.

We need to amend the motion to read conservancy because there is no human settlement in a conservancy, it is purely meant for conservation. We should amend and move forward, thank you Mr. Speaker

**MCA Lodokejek Ward**, (Hon. Jerias Leshoomo): Thank you hon. Speaker. I stand to oppose the motion that the Samburu County Government allocates Ksh.20M per annum to the group ranches that are around the Samburu National Reserve. I think the hon. Members are not agreeing on the motion. The Reserve is a County resource and does not warrant the group ranches around it to be taken as special. I heard some of the Members saying that the Reserve is generating a lot of revenue to the County. It does but not because of the group ranches around it.

We have several problems in the 2017/18 Budget in terms of ward's fund that we have to increase, ward development projects that were not factored in in this year's budget. The requirement by hon. Wonyang' to increase the allocation to the group ranches, previously, the County Government have been giving the ranches some Sh. 3M per ranch which I think is sufficient to support them.

The conservancies are doing a lot of tourist attraction, collect revenue on behalf of the group ranches around and use the revenue to support the communities around the park. We should give the ranches the money so that they can safeguard the Reserve as rangers to protect and conserve our Reserve. I don't think it is necessary for us as a House to add to the Ksh.3M to the ranches.

Knowing that we have several conservancies in our County, this will set a precedence that each group ranch or conservancy will require such an amount.

**MCA Waso Ward**, (hon. Paul Wonyang’): Mr. Speaker, I stand to propose some amendments that the word ‘group ranches’ be replaced by the word ‘conservancies’. Thank you.

**Temporary Speaker**, (hon. Shadrack Lesoipa): Hon. Members, as per that Standing Order number 55, *the proposer of an amendment to a motion shall, before moving it, have the proposed amendment in writing, signed by the proposer to the clerk at least 2 hours before the order is read.*

*Despite paragraph one; the Speaker may, in exceptional circumstance, allow the member to move an amendment to a motion before the House any time during consideration of that motion.*

Hon. Members, we may propose the question on the amendment to the House. Member for Wamba West, you are out of order. Can you consult orderly? The mover is proposing that the word ‘group ranches’ be left out and in its part, the word ‘conservancies’ be inserted.

Hon. Members, I have two amendments to the motion and I am going to propose one at a time. I propose that the word ‘group ranches’ be left out and in its part, the word ‘conservancies’ be added.

*(Question put and motion passed)*

**MCA Waso Ward**, (hon. Paul Wonyang’): Mr. Speaker, I propose that the word Shs.20M be left out and in its part 10% be inserted. Thank you.

**Temporary Speaker**, (hon. Shadrack Lesoipa): Hon. Members, I now propose the question that the word Shs.20 million be left out and in its part 10% be inserted.

*(Question put and motion passed)*

Hon. Members, I now propose the question that the motion be as amended.

*(Question put and motion passed)*

## MOTION

### FORMULATION OF REGULATION ON SAND HARVESTING IN SAMBURU COUNTY

**MCA Waso Ward**, (hon. Paul Wonyang’): Hon. Speaker, I beg to move the following motion **THAT**, aware that there is no regulation on sand harvesting and environmental conservation in Samburu County and the ballooning real estate sector coupled with infrastructure projects, we are staring at a calamity. This is because, we are consuming sand much faster than nature can replenish.

Further aware that sand harvesting destroys vegetation, affects the flow of water along the rivers, erodes the water holding capacity of the river bed and damages eco-system. Cognizant of the fact that National Environmental Management Authority (NEMA) has drafted sand harvesting guidelines where miners are required to obtain licenses from NEMA after environmental impact assessment. Concerned that, scooping from river banks is prohibited to avoid widening rivers and should only be done between 6 am to 6 pm.

Sand harvesting along rivers has brought destruction of the environment including drying of river beds, destruction of roads and increased school drop outs. Considering the high poverty levels and erratic weather in Samburu County especially Waso ward, sand harvesting is an easy way to earn quick money.

Aware that, there is unregulated sand harvesting along Ewaso Nyiro river bed and its tributaries and school going children are now dropping out to engage as sand loaders. Further aware that, the Samburu County Government is losing a lot of revenue from sand harvesting. Alive to the fact that the environment is being degraded, Ewaso Nyiro River is drying pre-maturely as there is

little sand to store water during the dry spell. This is adversely affecting Ewaso Nyiro's natural eco-system, tourism and keeping of livestock.

Noting that tourism and livestock keeping are the main economic activity of the residents, this House urges the County government to fast-track drafting of a County specific policy and a bill to regulate the harvesting and sustainable utilization of sand in all lowlands of Samburu County. I beg to move and I am requesting hon. Stephanie Lanyasunya to second.

*(Hon. Stephanie Lanyasunya bows in seconding the motion)*

**Temporary Speaker,** (hon. Shadrack Lesoipa): Hon. Members, I now propose the question that the Samburu County Government to fast-track drafting of a County specific policy and a bill to regulate the harvesting and sustainable utilization of sand in all lowlands of Samburu County.

**MCA Lodokejek Ward,** (hon. Jerias Leshoomo): Thank you Mr. Speaker. I stand to support the motion. This County does not have a bill or policy to regulate harvesting of sand. It's not only in the lowlands that sand harvesting is done. The motion should not only restrict to the lowlands but should include all parts of Samburu County. We urge the department of Environment to formulate a policy so that hand harvesting can be regulated and controlled because we are losing a lot of sand and not collecting revenue.

**MCA Maralal Ward,** (hon. Fred Kiragu): Thank you Mr. Speaker. I wish to support this motion and it is well timed and thought out. The language used is above average the only problem I have as said by the Hon Member for Lodokejek ward is that it should be throughout the County and not in the low lands. This is what causes floods in Maralal town, people have built along the Riverbanks and much of sand harvesting. As said, sand harvesting should be done between 6 Am and 6 Pm not at midnight as we saw when we were travelling

Sand harvesting is now done even within the town, for example Loikas, Mtaro and Lporos using pick-ups, wheelbarrows and Probox vehicles causing a lot of environmental problems in town.

Hard core is also collected in Milimani hills by removing all the stones water flows without barriers hence this matter should be treated with the urgency it deserves.

The activities mentioned are done in daytime with nobody to stop them. The revenue clerks assigned to this do not collect revenue as it should; they allow them to move on as long as they pay 1,000 shillings instead of 3,000 as required. I urge the Members to support this Motion because it is the only thing that can help us, if this House can be moved around to Loresho, behind Mbukiwa and Lporos, there are terrible cites, big gullies in Ngari, Lkuroto and Shabaa make children not to go to school. I support and urge the Department to act urgently, thank you Mr. Speaker sir

**Specially Elected MCA, (Hon. Antonella Lobura):** Thank you Mr. Speaker sir, I do support the Motion. Ewaso Ngi'ro is a permanent river that we have and if sand harvesting will continue then it dry. Samburu County government should form an environmental management policy to address environmental matters in our county, thank you Mr. Speaker sir

**Specially Elected MCA, (Hon. Elizabeth Kalapata):** Mr. Speaker, the Constitution states that the state shall sustain exploitation, utilization, management and conservation of environment and natural resources and ensure the equitable sharing acquiring benefits. It is true as the Member for Maralal said that sand harvesting causes road destructions, hence I support the motion as it is, thank you Mr. Speaker

**Specially Elected MCA, (Hon. Osman Dube):** Asante sana bwana Spika, naunga mkono mjadala kwa sababu ukweli barabara zinaharibiwa, vijana hawaendi shule na walemavu wenye kutumia wheel chair wanapata wakati mgumu kupita kwasababu barabara zimewekwa mwiba ili kuhakikisha kwamba changarawe zimechungwa, naunga mkono, haya ni maoni mazuri Mweheshimiwa Spika

**MCA Waso Ward**, (Hon. Eng. Paul Wonyang’): Mr. Speaker I rise to support the motion and highlight on few issues as I support it. Revenue collection is crucial for a County. You realize that the more we collect, the more the money we receive from the government.

Currently, communities collect a lot of money from sand harvesting especially the Elders for example I was in my ward last week and since Waso Ng’iro is full they literally sleep in the larger waiting for lorries, approximately 20 to 30 lorries harvest sand in a day each lorry paying around Kshs.7,000 or Kshs.8,000 totaling to around Kshs.250,000 in a day, now imagine how much is earned in a year.

More than 300 Youths in my ward are currently in sand harvesting most of them being less than 18 years old hence they do not go to school but rather engage in sand harvesting for quick money which they use to buy drugs such as bhang and *Chang’aa*. The County does not receive the sand harvesting fee because it is mostly done at night when the revenue clerks are sleeping

On issues of environmental conservation, the Crocodiles depend on the sand at the riverbanks for resting hence they don’t find a place to rest and for the tourists to take pictures of them. sand harvesting is now done very close to the roads, bridges and buildings hence creating artificial gullies which in turn causes soil erosion, risking loss of roads and bridges which will be an extra cost for the County Government. Mr. Speaker, sand stores water and during drought spell our people go to the River banks and scoop water for livestock and domestic purposes, so without the sand it will be dangerous to us

Mr. Speaker, the lorries cause a lot of soil erosion and trump on vegetation as they harvest sand. We want legislation that they collect sand at designated areas and follow specific roads or paths so as to avoid degradation of vegetation. Finally, as I said Mr. Speaker, there are many people like the youths, the Elders and group ranches dealing with sand harvesting hence we need a legislation that guides us on the amount of money given to the community, to the County

government and to the group ranches because if we do not have it, they will all do their own way as it is currently done, I urge my fellow colleagues to support this motion, thank you Mr. Speaker

**Temporary Speaker,** (Hon. Shadrack Lesoipa): Hon. Members, having read the mood of the House I now put the question, too unfortunate that the hon. Members for Lodokejek ward and Maralal ward who had a different idea have felt, so I will go ahead and put the question. What is it Hon. Leshipaayo?

**MCA Poro Ward,** (Hon. Joseph Leshipayo): Mr. Speaker, the hon. Member for Maralal ward proposed for amendment for the whole County not the low land side

**Temporary Speaker,** (Hon. Shadrack Lesoipa): Hon. Member, you should go ahead and write the amendment, it will help the speaker when putting the question, can you propose it in writing. Hon Wonyang’

**MCA Waso Ward,** (Hon. Eng. Paul Wonyang’): Mr. Speaker, I propose an amendment that the word “in the low lands” be left out and its part within be inserted, thank you

**Temporary Speaker,** (Hon. Shadrack Lesoipa): I now propose the question that the motion to read as amended

*(The question was put and the motion passed)*

**Temporary Speaker,** (Hon. Shadrack Lesoipa): I now propose the question that the Samburu County government to fast track a County specific policy and bill to regulate the harvesting and sustainable harvesting of sand in Samburu County

*(The question was put and the motion passed)*

**PROCEDURAL MOTION**

**MOTION TO ALTER THE CALENDER OF THE HOUSE**

**The Leader of Majority**, (Hon. Christopher Lentukunye): I rise to move a motion to alter the House calendar. That pursuant to the provision of Standing Order No.29 (4) calendar of the Assembly, this Assembly resolves to alter its calendar and extend its adjournment date from today Thursday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2018 to Thursday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 2:30 pm. I call upon Hon. Antonella Lobura to second the motion

*(Hon. Antonella Lobura bows to second the motion)*

**The Temporary Speaker**, (Hon. Shadrack Lesoipa): I now propose the question that pursuant to the provision of Standing Order No.29 (4) calendar of the Assembly, this Assembly resolves to alter its calendar and extend its adjournment date from today Thursday, 3<sup>rd</sup> May, 2018 to Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> May, 2018 at 2:30 pm. Hon. Members you can contribute to the procedural motion

**The Leader of Majority**, (Hon. Christopher Lentukunye): Thank you hon. Speaker. I stand to urge the Hon Members to approve the adjournment motion given that the budget document for 2018/2019 is before this House; therefore, hon. Members need to interrogate the document before it is approved at the end of this financial year.

**MCA Poro Ward**, (Hon. Joseph Leshipayo): Mr. Speaker, I do not think we have an option. We have a lot of activities for two weeks, especially on budget. We support it, thank you Mr. Speaker sir

*(The question was put and the motion passed)*

Hon. Members. The time being 4: 42 pm and there being no other business, this Assembly stands adjourned until Tuesday May, 8<sup>th</sup> 2018 at 2:30 pm

