

## COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF KISUMU



## COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF KISUMU

### **THE HANSARD**

### SECOND ASSEMBLY – FOURTH SESSION

Thursday, 22<sup>nd</sup> October, 2020

House met in the Main Chamber at 02:30 p.m.

(The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Caren Muga) in the Chair)

### **PRAYERS**

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Muga): Good afternoon Honourable Members? Can the Clerk please take us through the business of the day?

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Muga): Next order!

### **COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR**

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Muga): Honourable Members, I have one communication to make. You are all aware that His Excellency President Uhuru Kenyatta is in Kisumu County and you are all aware that a number of Members are currently attending this function. I appreciate the Members who are present for finding time to attend the session because the business of this House has to continue.

### **STATEMENT**

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Muga): Yes Hon. Pamela Odhiambo.

**Hon. Pamela Odhiambo:** Thank you Madam Speaker. I want to take this early opportunity to thank His Excellency the President of the Republic of Kenya and the former Prime Minister. Rt.

Raila Amollo Odinga for coming to Kisumu for official ground breaking ceremony of the Oginga Odinga Stadium. We are blessed to have a Governor who has Kisumu at his heart. I also want to say that the Honourable Members were invited to this function. I noticed something when we turned up at the Sports Ground. We need someone that can take care of Members of this Assembly.

Madam Speaker, I was not happy with the way we were being handled. I believe we are state officers and whenever we are invited to a function; our clerks should be there to ensure that our seats are reserved. I was not happy because nobody was there yet I arrived at the venue very early in the morning as the Chairperson of the Welfare and Equal Opportunities Committee and I knew our Leader of Majority was not around and that he would come back later. So, I went there prior so that I could take care of other members who were going to attend the meeting later on. So, when I got a front seat, I was told to leave it and occupy a seat at the back.

Madam Speaker, I tried to explain that to the security officer who was sent by some officials from this County Government to remove me from that seat. On their side, they informed me that they have been told to come and remove me. We were seated with some Chief Officers and other officials from the Executive side. But, their mission was just to come and remove me from my seat as were commissioned. Madam Speaker I was not happy. I also want to say that even at the Oginga Odinga Sports Ground (Mamboleo Show Ground), we did not have a space.

When I reach here, I made sure to talk to our chief Sergeant – at – Arms. He also raised an issue stating that he also went to the venue to check on our sitting space unfortunately he was not received well by the City Security Officers.

As the Chairperson of the Welfare and Equal Opportunities Committee, I want to you to make sure that our Hon. Members are accorded the respect they deserve. We were elected by the people because they had trust in us. Madam Speaker, when we are going to have another function like that, I want to believe that we will have our Serjeant-at-Arms downed in their full uniform so that we can go back to where we started the Assembly. When we were going to Mombasa, Nairobi, among others, our Serjeant-at-Arms would ensure that the seats for Hon. Members are reserved. I don't know what happened. I believe that, we should start afresh so that we do not get intimidated. I am however happy with the people of Kisumu County for turning in large numbers. Although only 300 guests were invited, we are happy that the Assembly was recognized. I am equally elated that we are working together with the Executive for the development of Kisumu County. Thank you Madam Speaker.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Muga): Hon. Ogutu, I request that you give me time to say something about what Hon. Pamela has said. I am not making a ruling...what is it Hon. Ogutu?

**Hon Ogutu:** Thank you Madam Speaker. It is a very big honour to the people of Kisumu County to host the President and the former Prime Minister Raila Odinga. You can see the mood around

– it is electric. Kisumu County is now reaping the benefits of the Handshake. We received an Official Communication from the head of this Assembly (The Speaker, Hon. Jack Oraro) that we were supposed to be at the Oginga Odinga Sports Ground (Mamboleo Show Ground) by 10:00 am.

Madam Speaker, I wanted to echo something on top of the concern of Hon. Pamela. It is shameful that, we Hon. Members were clamped together yet there are some people who were given VIP Treatment, which I believe was not fair. The way forward is that we should be made aware that whenever we are invited, our seats are reserved.

Our Serjeant-at-arms should also be there in time to ensure that our seats are reserved so that when we arrived at the venue, it will be Honourable with our names indicted where to sit. The way we were treated until some of us could not even get a seat. I believe that they just walked with you from the Oginga Odinga Sports Ground (Mamboleo Show Ground). The organizers of the event were a little bit reluctant. Even Hon. Members from the National Assembly were just seated on the stones. That is not the way we as people of Kisumu County should receive our visitors.

Perhaps it is in this Assembly whereby we should decide once and for all that whenever we are called to go somewhere, our seats should be reserved. We should also be warmly received just like any other leaders.

Madam Speaker, it is not right to see a Chief Officer seated in front seat and a Hon. Member on the back seat while at the same time being treated the way Hon. Pamela was being removed from the seat. It is not right at all. We are elected by thousands of voters in this County and we should be treated fairly in their presence. Madam Speaker, that is the only concern I wanted to put across. I believe that I witnessed it yourself from the Sports Ground and I want to thank you for giving me a lift back to this particular place. Thank you.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Muga): Thank you so much Hon. Ogutu. What I wanted to say is that I witnessed what Hon. Pamela was putting before the House and all of us were very sorry. Since she is the Chairperson of Welfare committee I want to believe that she needs to bring it before the House in a written form because it is affecting almost all of us according to what Hon. Ogutu has brought before the House so that it can be discussed and see how to go about it.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Muga): Next Order!

### ADJOURNMENT

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Muga): The being no any other business to transact, the House stands adjourned until Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2020 at 2.30 p.m.

*(House rose at 2.50 p.m.)*

*Addendum*

**Hansard Reporters**

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