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

(The Speaker (Hon. Elisha Jack Oraro) in the Chair)

PRAYERS

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Good afternoon Hon. Members, pursuant to the provisions of County Assembly Standing Order No. 32 (2) I want to request the Serjeant-at-Arms to please ring the quorum bell for five minutes.

(Quorum bell rung for five minutes)

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Hon. Kennedy Ageng'o, can you confirm if we have the quorum.

Minority Whip (Hon. Ageng'o): Mr. Speaker, we have quorum. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Thank you. Mr. Clerk, kindly take us through the Order Paper of the day.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Next order!

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Honourable Members, welcome to this session. I have got two communications to make.

The first one is that, I received a communication from the Chair, Kisumu COVID-19 Committee. There is worry in the upsurge of COVID-19 in Kisumu County and I have been advised to convey the message to Members that please you need to be cautious and to continually inform the residents or sensitizing them that there is need to adhere to the COVID-19 protocols. Honourable Members, tell the public that COVID-19 is real.

My second communication is that, we had the Third Annual State of the County Address by the Governor Kisumu County on Thursday, 26th November, 2020. I believe that each and every Member has gone through the address given by the Governor. I did communicate with the Governor and he said that he is waiting for the feedback from the Members because it is you who can check on what was reported and give feedback as appropriate for action by the Executive. Please go through the report. There was a larger report that had the projects per Ward. It should be read alongside or in consonance with the speech.

As per our Standing Order, we shall be debating the Governor's Third Annual State of the County Address for the next three sittings. Everybody will have an opportunity to give his feedback or debate on the speech. Please let it be interactive and be open.

Lastly, we agreed that we shall be having a *kamukunji* every first Monday of the month. I am yet to communicate on when we shall meet before the Adjournment for the Long Recess which is coming at the end of this week so that we discuss some matters as we move for a break.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Next order!

PAPER LAID

COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF KISUMU COVID-19 SOCIO-ECONOMIC RE-ENGINEERING AND RECOVERY STRATEGY PAPER.

BY

HON. KENNETH ONYANGO

LEADER OF MAJORITY

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Yes Hon. Benny Oiko

Leader of Minority (Hon. Oiko): Thank you Mr. Speaker. Pursuant to the provisions of Public Finance Management, COVID-19 Emergency Response Fund Regulations 2020, I wish to lay

today Tuesday 1st December, 2020, County Government of Kisumu COVID-19 Socio-economic Re-engineering and Recovery Strategy Paper on behalf of the Leader of Majority. Thank you.

(Leader of Minority tables the paper before the House)

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Thank you. Honourable Members, I confirm the receipt of County Government of Kisumu COVID 19 Socio-economic Re-engineering and Recovery Strategy Paper as laid by the Leader of Minority on behalf of Hon. Leader of Majority. Hon. Members, please allow me to make some few consultations and I will be giving directions before the end of this session. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Next order!

MOTION

DEBATE ON THE THIRD ANNUAL STATE OF THE COUNTY ADDRESS BY THE GOVERNOR, KISUMU COUNTY DELIVERED ON THURSDAY, 26TH NOVEMBER, 2020 AT MAMA GRACE ONYANGO SOCIAL HALL AT 10:00 A.M.

BY

HON. KENNETH ONYANGO

LEADER OF MAJORITY

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): I can see Hon. Vitalis Otura on the Leader of Majority's seat.

Acting Leader of Majority (Hon. Otura): Thank you Mr. Speaker. I agree that I sit on this seat temporarily. I am holding brief for the Leader of Majority. I rise to move a motion on the Debate on the Third Annual State of Governor's speech which was on Thursday 26th November, 2020. The very first thing to note in the speech is that, this is the third address by the Governor on the progress we have made and the challenges we have encountered for the past three years.

Mr. Speaker, it is important to note that the Governor of our great County of Kisumu has the people of Kisumu at heart and beyond the boundaries. That was exhibited by the request by the Governor through the Speaker to allow him break the parliamentary tradition requesting for a one minute to honour those who have perished due to COVID-19 Pandemic.

The Governor also gave a visual illustration on how far we have gone as a county. It is important to note that, we have really made some strides as a county. The number of dairy cattle has improved as compared to the previous years. The County has 20,000 dairy cattle which was not there before and 202, 232 zebu cattle. This is a tremendous growth in terms of our livestock production in the County.

We have 2900 Dairy Goats and 154, 800 Meat Goats. We also have 196, 000 hair sheep and 447,000 Broilers. We also have 40,000 dual purpose chicken. Mr. Speaker, this was a good document and I want to say that it is the first of its kind. It was robust and the best we have got from the Governor. Thank you and I urge the Members to support this report. May I call upon Hon. Benny Oiko to second?

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Proceed Leader of Minority, Hon. Oiko.

Leader of Minority (Hon. Oiko): I stand second.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Thank you. Now that the motion has been proposed and seconded by the Acting Leader of Majority, Hon. Otura and Leader of Minority respectively, I want to open it for debate.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Yes Hon. Roy Samo.

Hon. Samo: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I commend the Governor for having thought of having the County Address. He did talk of the things he has achieved and I want to commend him for them because you can see what is happening in town and people are talking good about. I want to inform the Governor that, he is not doing well in the rural areas especially in Wards that people like I come from. I would want to advise the Governor to shift his focus to the rural areas during this remaining period.

Mr. Speaker, several roads are bad more so the ones that were awarded to contractors. If you use Obuolo-Wathorego which was in the last Financial Year, then you will understand what I am talking about. The Contractor came, made a hole and left. How would you convince people from that area to vote for you?

Mr. Speaker, there are several markets that were in the Budget Estimates from 2017 in every Financial Year but nothing has been done to-date. Gita, Got Nyabondo Markets are not yet started. Nothing has happened on the sites. The speech is good but how are you going to convince the people in the rural areas? The Governor should look into that.

I have been to a number of Wards in the County and I know what is taking place in those Wards. There is no progress being made. Our work is to represent, legislate and oversight but our people cannot understand that.

If you look at page 5 of this speech, and Hon. Otura has touched on it, the NHIF Cover, the Community Health Workers. There are a times we have raised this in this Assembly that a number of people have not been paid in this County. How will you convince this group of people that we are doing well as a County? I understand we have had a challenge with the disbursement of funds from the National Government to the County Governments but it can never be an excuse for the County Government not to pay salaries for five months.

Mr. Speaker, Hon. Otura represents the Leader of Majority and I want to tell him that all the dairy cows in Kajulu died and that has affected us economically. If we put this in a nice speech and it's missing on the ground then the people will suspect that we are saying things that doesn't exist.

I understand our challenges in our hospitals. We don't have drugs and specifically I keep on referring to Gita Sub-County Hospital. This is a facility with two nurses and a doctor and its gates are closed by 5pm. Otherwise, I commend the Governor for the good work he is doing but he should also focus on the rural areas. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Yes Hon. Caleb Omoro.

Hon. Omoro: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I am very much impressed by the Governor especially in the Modernization and Expansion of JOOTRH. Two weeks ago, I took a patient to the facility and I was impressed with a manner in which he was attended to and the service we received. My friend here (Hon. Samo) really helped to move the patient from home to the hospital...

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Hon. Members, are you insinuating that Hon. Samo is a taxi operator?

Hon. Omoro: That is on a lighter note.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Hon. Samo you have been mentioned.

Hon. Samo: Mr. Speaker, I believe that the Hon. Member should withdraw that because I did that as a friend.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Yes Hon. Omoro.

Hon. Omoro: That was on a lighter note. You all know how close we are with Hon. Samo. JOOTRH has improved and the last time I was there, that is two or three years ago, you could not stay at the casualty wing because stench and the attitude of the workers. This time round, just by using NHIF Card, my patient was treated within a record of one hour. I want to thank the Governor for this.

Mr. Speaker, the issue of waste management has been of importance in this County. You all remember *got Ranguma*. Within one year, that Dumpsite at Kachok was cleared by taking the wastes at a pit in Kajulu. We are informed that the County has acquired some piece of land in Ombeyi Ward to dispose off the remainder of the waste. We have been told in the speech that the County will use a modern way of handling the wastes. That is welcomed. Wastes can also be used to earn revenue. That is taking place in our neighboring countries like Uganda, Ethiopia among others and that is the approach and technics as a County we should consider adopting.

Mr. Speaker, you are technocrat. You should offer advice to the Executive that sometimes it is not bad to borrow ideas. The moves on the Waste Management is well intended but we may not manage it in the long run.

Mr. Speaker, the Governor has done a lot in town and I believe with time, that energy shall be shifted to the rural areas. Road networks in our rural areas doesn't require much as compared to the town centers. I believe that with the proper guidance and consultations; the Executive can come up with modalities of ensuring that our roads in the rural areas are as good as compared to the ones in town. I had a private chat with the CECM for Roads and Public works, I shared my opinion being a technocrat in that field on how best that can do on our roads in the rural places at affordable rate.

Mr. Speaker, Agriculture Sector in our County. It is sad to note that, Kisumu County is a net importer of food which was as far as prior to COVID-19. Mr. Speaker, I must say that COVID-19 is equally addressing this anomalies because, some of us have now become farmers and are now feeding the County and a very good example is my friend Hon. Guya the MCA for South East Nyakach, He has become a very good farmer but he only started when COVID-19 started. So, that means that, with all these Governor's good intentions, the County can be food secure and also feed others. This idea of distribution of Dairy Goats and Cows is a noble idea and it is doing well especially in areas where I come from. Mr. Speaker, it is important to say that, as recent as two weeks ago, the County Government commenced the expansion of Irrigation Projects in Kisumu County and it is good to note that, these projects are being funded by Development Partners and I must thank the Governor for involving Donors to consider funding the expansion of Irrigation projects in Kisumu County. We have got about four irrigation projects that are ongoing and this will ensure that food production especially in the rice growing areas in Kano Plains, production of rice will improve hence improvement of food production in the County.

Mr. Speaker, from your observations, the other time you and the Governor went to launch Ahero to be a Township, what I have noted is that the area is lacking is a Rice Mill. The Governor while in the launch of Ahero, promised to put up a Rice Mill to take care of our rice milling so that, we are not exploited by middlemen from Uganda and other neighboring Counties. Otherwise, I want to appreciate the Governor for his efforts and I support. Thank you.

(Applause)

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Yes Hon. Odongo.

Hon. Odongo: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Foremost, allow me to congratulate our Governor for the good work he has done and continues to do and the efforts he has made towards the achievement of his manifesto that he sold while he was campaigning.

Mr. Speaker, I was trying to look at the Speech the Governor gave during his Third Annual State of the County Address and I have realized that the Governor has really worked in Kisumu County as a whole. This includes the rural areas and even the town setup. I was looking at the Department of Education and realized that, in his Third Annual State of the County Address, he clearly indicated that he has built new ECD Centres in different Wards in Kisumu County and so far 75 ECD Centres in total.

Mr. Speaker, at the same time we are all aware that, the VTCs are under the County Governments and I can see that he has really made effort in the Department of Education to ensure that we have our young children attending the local VTCs and their fees were paid for in terms of Grants at the same time renovations are being undertaken in most of the VTCs to ensure that they are in a conducive learning environment for their studies.

Mr. Speaker, if you look at the Agriculture Sub-sector, the Governor has worked majorly in rural wards and we want to appreciate him for the work done. We cannot say that he has done nothing, but a lot has been done. We still believe that he is still in office and more is yet to be done before the remainder seven year lapses.

Finally, If you look at the Department of Co-operatives and Trade. From the report, it states clearly that we have markets that have been done which are operational with some of them in the rural areas. Mr. Speaker, my only concern is the issue of the Pap-Onditi Market. I believe that this is the third time that this project is appearing in the Governor's Annual State of the County Address remarked to be completed. It has been indicated to be completed this Financial Year 2020/2021. Mr. Speaker, I can recall that the same statement was highlighted in the Second Annual State of the County Address by the Governor. So, I really don't know and I am confused if this is a copy paste of the Second Annual State of the County Address by the Governor because, the Pap-Onditi Market has been there since the first term on the County Government. Mr. Speaker, each and every FY funds are allocated remarked for completion of this market. We are still being told that it will be completed in this FY 2020/2021. As we speak, we are in Q2 and about to move to Q3 and nothing has been done. Mr. Speaker, are we still expecting such projects to be in the Fourth Annual State of the County Address by the Governor.

Mr. Speaker, the other issue is the one of Korowe Market. There is a market in Rabuor, this market has been there since the Governor assumed office, it is still there and we are not told when it will be operational. If you look at the report, it is remarked that it will be operational in the next FY 2021/2022. Just to think aloud, what have they been doing because funds have been allocated towards that market, we want to be told what the problem is because the market is lying there idle and yet our people are there and they need to do business, we also need to raise revenues so that we as a County can do more projects than we are doing today. Even as we speak, in this FY 2020/2021, the County has estimated to collect Kshs 1.5 billion as Own Source Revenue. Mr. Speaker, how do we intend to realize these obligations if these markets cannot be

undertaken at the right time to enable people venture into business and the Government is able to realize revenues out of the businesses the locals are doing.

Finally, I would like to appreciate the Governor on the issues of the ECD Teachers. His administration has promoted some of them and still there is a plan for an additional of 70 more. This will give opportunities to our sisters and brothers who have gone to school, have the requisite qualifications but don't have the opportunity to get employments. This will be an opportunity that I believe that many people will be employed especially the youths and even as we speak, I again want to appreciate the Governor for what he has done, in terms of employment within Kisumu County. Mr. Speaker, if you look at our County, we have many youths who have been employed and earning their salaries through the County Government of Kisumu courtesy of our able Governor none other than Professor Peter Anyang' Nyong'o. I want to appreciate him for that and I believe that if we have more employees like the ECD Teachers, we also have people who are going to be engaged in the Road Maintenance Teams and they will be getting something out of that endeavour.

Mr. Speaker, if you allow me, let me add something on the issues of Roads, There are some road networks that have been indicated here in the report that they were done, some kilometer but I really doubt because many roads were spoilt by the recent deluge and the rains are still pounding the County. So, we need to put more effort in the Department of Roads and even involve expertise the way Hon. Omoro has put it. He can be a consultant in that Department to enable the County achieve the target that has been indicated here in this report and even the Minister of Roads herself when she speaks, she can move mountains. So, I really want to urge her that let her use her vigour and zeal towards achieving the target of the Governor when it comes to roads.

Mr. Speaker, I don't really have much to say but I want to appreciate the good work the County Government is doing under the leadership of Professor Peter Anyang' Nyong'o, I would like to wish him and his Ministers, Chief Officers, the Directors that let them be committed to what they are doing. It is not advisable when one matter is handled in two or three consecutive FYs of the Annual State of the County Address. So, I really want to humbly request the Governor that the Department should do something and it is very unfortunate that the Minister of that given Department is also from Nyakach Subcounty. So, I really want to request that, let the Governor do something about Pap-Onditi Market because it has been there for four years and we don't know why nothing is being done about it.

Mr. Speaker, to conclude, we also have some Health Facilities that were built and have never been inaugurated to date. A very good example as Hon. Samo has stated, that a Subcounty Health Facility with two Nurses and one Doctor. Mr. Speaker, by 05:00 p.m. it is closed. I believe that the Governor should do something about that. Thank you and I want to congratulate the Governor for the good works that he has done and let him continue working for the people of Kisumu County in the next seven years. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Yes Hon. Okumu.

Hon. Okumu: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Foremost, I would like to convey my appreciation to the Governor of Kisumu County, Professor Peter Anyang' Nyong'o for taking his time to officially communicate to the people of Kisumu County on the Status of Kisumu County on matter of Development and anything linked to it. I believe that, it takes a Governor with courage to do this. Mr. Speaker, I also want to thank him for making it as affordable and as reachable as possible to the general public and furnish them the document that contains the Status Report of Kisumu County.

Mr. Speaker, what I heard that really touched me on that day when the Governor was delivering his speech, was the abolishing of the Partial Payments of Contracts that have been awarded to the people of Kisumu County. This has been a thorn in the flesh. Mr. Speaker, you hear people complaining of projects that are incomplete. These are projects that were initiated and left. The partial payments has been a conduit of corruption in this County. Mr. Speaker, we have situations where people come undertakes a project at 10 %, seeks for partial payment, he is approved to be paid 70% then, he abandons the project. This has led to several projects stalling. We have markets that have not been completed in three cycles of years; this was the biggest contributor.

Mr. Speaker, you have roads that are initiated by Contractors, and left uncompleted and the rains come, washes away the bit they have done and they claim that they had done it then; that was the biggest statement and I want that statement be implemented as soon as yesterday so that our contractors are paid only after they have completed works they have been awarded satisfactorily thereafter, we can assist them push for the first payments. Mr. Speaker, otherwise, I want to agree with 95% of the Third Annual State of the County Address by the Governor. Mr. Speaker, I want to agree that it is true in the Manifesto and in our vision as Kisumu County, that we want a peaceful and prosperous County where all citizens enjoy a high quality of life and a sense of belonging.

Mr. Speaker, since we have had the Governor, we have had almost nil incidences of violence in our County, that is since elections 2017 and we are striving right now with the introduction of the BBI (Constitution Amendment Bill) document that this is achieved within our County.

Mr. Speaker, my friend Hon. Samo, lamented that in Kajulu Ward, they were distributed Cows and they all died. I believe that by the time they were being given cows they wanted them. If they didn't, then I am requesting that next time, the Governor makes it official that Kajulu Ward receives no cow and the cows are taken to places like Nyakach Subcounty where Hon. Guya, every time he is posting in the social platforms showing how cows they were given are giving birth and Hon. Samo is aware of that. Why don't we take these cows to Nyakach and cease giving cows to Kajulu Ward and bring them to Seme Subcounty...

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): What is it Hon, Samo?

(Laughter)

Hon. Samo: On a Point of Order. Thank you Mr. Speaker. I want to concur with his last sentiment that the cows that were taken to Hon. Guya's Ward are all giving birth, that is true and I am a witness. Mr. Speaker, I don't know if Hon, Okumu is talking on behalf of the Governor of the CEC for Agriculture because, the ones that were distributed to Kajulu Ward, they either never gave birth or they all died. So, the question is, is it the Extension Officers that the Governor has promised to deploy more who will help remedy the situation for us or is it that they don't like us hence the deaths of donated cows in our Kajulu area?

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): You need to consult Hon. Guya on what they are doing to preserve their cows in their area that also helps in their reproduction.

(Laughter)

Hon. Samo: Mr. Speaker, I would really be happy to learn from them and Hon. Seth Okumu should therefore know this reason before he goes ahead with the idea of wanting to tell the Governor not to be donating cows to Kajulu area anymore. This is going public and the people of Kajulu will hear about it and see that there is a conspiracy against them.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Yes Hon. Seth Okumu.

Hon. Okumu: Thank you Hon. Speaker, we cannot continue to donate cows to irresponsible people whereas we have people in South East Nyakach Ward who are very responsible. We do not donate for the sake of voters who we did but because we need people who are responsible in preserving animals which also bring an economic impact to the County. I therefore want to urge my friend Hon. Samo that instead of letting the cows to die in Kajulu, they should bring them to Seme or take them to South East Nyakach Ward so that they are bred and dairy products be sold to the people in Kajulu.

Mr. Speaker, in the Governor's Speech on the State of the County, I watched in one of the documentaries of a young boy named Evans Ochieng who has proved to us that we can do agriculture and get to Agribusiness, at the same time do agriculture and raise money for other activities which in his case was to accumulate school fees for his differed semester. I therefore want to refer Hon. Roy Samo and the people of Kajulu to Evans Ochieng, a resident of Kisian who was given chicken and from there managed a poultry business which has helped him raise school fees for his semester. This is an example of an individual's efforts. We can therefore tell our youths that, we cannot all pursue white collar jobs because agriculture is also a source of income generating activity.

Consequently, at group levels, there was the case of PASU CBO in Kaloleni Estate, Market Milimani Ward in Kisumu Central. They received 1000 chicken, a chicken house, and chicken feeds to start them off. Today, they have sold their third batch of birds and hence attained a financial breakthrough. If one feels like they cannot do it alone, they should come as a group to engage in a program they seek. I want to encourage Honorable Members that this is something worth emulating.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Who do you want to inform Hon. Caleb Omoro?

Hon. Omoro: On a Point of Order. Mr. Speaker, I want to inform the House as well as Hon. Seth Okumu that I have reliably been informed that the cows that were donated to Kajulu Ward were sick.

(Laughter)

So, I believe that, it would be wise of them to check with their Veterinary Officer next time before the cows are dispatched.

Hon. Okumu: Thank you Hon. Omoro I don't know why you are killing my friend Hon. Roy Samo. How could you allow sick cows to be dispatched in your area yet other areas get healthy ones? It is your mandate to oversight such action and ensure that the unhealthy ones are returned on arrival. Mr. Speaker, the Governor talked about technology application in farming and it is true that instead of Extension Officers across the county, we can apply technology to achieve Agribusiness. Currently, the Agricultural Department is using Call Centers to reach farmers which enable the farmers to get Extension Services in the comfort of their homes through their mobile phones.

Mr. Speaker, when it comes to matters on Health, especially the Community Health Volunteers who are very dear to me, it is mentioned here that they are being given stipends as well as NHIF super cover scheme. I appreciate all that but, I have been wondering why not give all county government employees including the MCAs the NHIF super cover scheme because it is said that what is good for the goose is also good for the gander. If we believe that NHIF super cover scheme is good for the CHVs then, it should be good for us too. Let us all as Honorable Members pursue how we can explore on this NHIF Supercover.

Mr. Speaker, on Maternal Child Health. It is true that we have functional maternity wards at Kombewa Hospital and Lumumba hospital. In addition, functional theaters are also in Kombewa, Muhoroni and Ahero, which are brought by the Governor to improve maternal child health in our County. In matters on emergency services the Governor has ensured fully equipped ambulances with ICU equipment such as oxygen supply, ECG machines and spinal boards, transport ventilators, suction units and nebulizers that can support an emergency situation for 8 hours. All these I can confirm as factual because I received an ambulance with the same. Most of our people die in the process of referrals when moving from one hospital to another seeking for high

end services but, with such equipped ambulances, lives can be saved. In his manifesto, the Governor is trying to improve the health status in this county.

Universal Health Care was implemented in this county and I agree with the Governor's statement that despite the end of the piloting of the Universal Healthcare, we learnt a lot from its operation. We realized that we cannot continue with universal health care if all pharmaceuticals and non-pharmaceuticals must be brought from KEMSA especially after KEMSA has proven inadequate. I want to agree with the statement of the Governor in his address that the continuation of UHC cannot go on if KEMSA is to supply counties with drugs.

Cancer is an emerging disease, and if I look at honorable members in this Assembly starting with Hon. Omoro, Hon. Ageng'o I am afraid to say this but if you see their lifestyles there are prospects that they might need the services of a Cancer Center. Some people believe that these cancer centers are just to seek treatment but they do not know that they are there for them to go for check-ups to be safe from prolonged infection.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): What is it Hon. Omoro?

Hon. Omoro: On a Point of Order. Mr. Speaker I am a Christian (*Laughter*) and I believe in the Bible, in fact I am a church elder. In the book of Isaiah, it is explained that the mind keeps what the mouth says. Some of these things should not be said out loud as my friend has mentioned something very serious about Hon. Ageng'o and myself but he should know that the size of the body does not mean that we are unhealthy. Mr. Speaker I can assure you that I am very healthy and thanks to the medical cover that you have given us, I recently went for a thorough medical checkup and the results came out great. I urge you Mr. Speaker to discourage my friend Hon. Okumu from making such utterances and as we know in our culture that most of them often come to pass.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro) (*Laughter*) Hon. Okumu you are interfering with Hon. Omoro's culture you need to withdraw your statement.

Hon. Okumu: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I want to agree with what Hon. Omoro has done because sometimes it is just good to seek preventive treatment and I want to agree that there is need for the Construction of a Comprehensive Kisumu Cancer Center. Hon. Omoro I didn't mean that you are to get cancer but just the need to push for a construction of the same so that we can go and seek for some of the services they are offering. We want to push that it should be complete as it is written to be done by June of the year 2021.

Mr. Speaker, on the issue of Water Projects. The Governor mentioned so many water projects including *Simbagero* in my ward which I want to agree that is partially complete. We are struggling to have the second phase so that it is fully complete.

On matters of Roads and Public Works. I remember the Governor mentioning the exaggerated Bills of Quantities (BQs) and how they are going to address it. Mr. Speaker, it is only in this county where we have the super structure of the same building having a different cost in Nyakach, Muhoroni, Kajulu etc., which is unheard of in the civil engineering practice. The only difference should come in the sub-structure and this matter should be urgently addressed. Consequently, we are trying machine based system on the roads but some forces in the name of contractors are out here to sabotage the idea. I want to believe that Hon. Omoro knows some of these contractors who are trying to curtail our machine based construction of our roads. I want to urge our members to come out guns blazing to make sure that this works because it is less costly and it can be done.

Supervision is the most vital aspect that has been noted in places that have been implemented the machine based construction of these roads such as Kakamega County. The supervision should be done by all persons involved in the projects from the engineers, MCAs, CEC and the like.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Who do you want to inform Hon. Caleb Omoro?

Hon. Omoro: On a point of information. I want to inform my good friend Hon. Seth Okumu.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Hon. Seth you do you want to be informed by Hon. Omoro?

Hon. Okumu: Hon. Speaker, protect me because Hon. Omoro is eating up much of my time.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Do you want to be informed?

Hon. Okumu: No Mr. Speaker, I do not want to be informed.

Hon. Omoro: Mr. Speaker, I want to inform him because he is misleading the House, the Assembly, the Governor and the County at large.

Hon. Okumu: Hon. Speaker, I don't want to be informed please give us guidance.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): I want to listen to what Hon. Omoro wants to say, can you proceed please?

Hon. Omoro: Thank you Mr. Speaker. On the issue of Bill of Quantities, being a technocrat as far as Hon. Okumu is concerned, the cost of superstructure depends on several variables. I want to inform him that there is a cost implication in terms of distance, quality and the like. Where do you get the material from? Once you have come up above the ground, the same building in Seme should be the same as that of Muhoroni or Nyakach. Consequently, I want to inform him on the issue of payment and that should come out clearly. There is a standard way of paying contracts, and payment should be done on completion. However, the types of contractors we have in our county often don't do their work to completion. I am informing my friend Hon. Okumu that, what should be done is that there should be a schedule of payment in any contract which states

that payment will only be done unless some amount of work has been achieved. Doing this will help curb these issues of corruption where projects are approximated at 70% complete yet nothing has been done on the same. So with such a structure, it will be easier to monitor the progress of each project and payment made in progression. I believe that is something that needs to be addressed Mr. Speaker, thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Yes Hon. Seth Okumu

Hon. Okumu: Thank you Hon. Speaker. Hon. Omoro should not use an orthodox means to re contribute in the discussion. I still insist that the partial payment of contracts in this county has contributed a lot to failure of completion of projects because contractors do work to 10% then claim for a partial payment worth 70% and later abandon the site because they feel like they have made a profit therefore why would they continue? I don't think that is something that Hon. Members and the County Government of Kisumu need to encourage.

Hon. Members, as I conclude, I want to talk about the Special Economic Zone in Hon. Otura's Ward. The Governor talked about the Special Economic Zone that will transform the economic base of not only Miwani and Ombeyi but also Kisumu County in general. This is something that started with a lot of pitfalls but I believe that it is now taking shape. Recently I heard that some people were taking the county to court that the land in which the Special Economic Zone needs is their personal land. These are people that some Members of this House have been protecting. Somebody needs to tell them that the interest of the people is greater than the interest of an individual. If you follow up the process in which he got the land, it is not clear but now he wants to take the County Government of Kisumu to court claiming that is personal land. I want to tell the people and the leaders of Muhoroni to come out and seize the opportunity to have a Special Economic Zone in Muhoroni. But if it is taking too long, we will request that we take to Mboha in Seme or Nyakach where there is land. As I finish...

Hon. Otura: Point of information, Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Whom do you want to inform?

Hon. Otura: Hon. Seth Okumu.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Hon. Seth, Hon. Otura wants to inform you.

Hon. Okumu: Proceed.

Hon. Otura: Hon Seth, on matters Special Economic Zone, it is a concluded matter and there is no way you can take it to Seme or any other place. The deal is done, the land is given and the work is in progress. Thank you.

Hon. Okumu: Thank you Mr. Speaker...

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): What is it Leader of Minority.?

Leader of Minority (Hon. Oiko): Thank you Mr. Speaker. I am rising on Standing Order No. 89. Hon. Okumu has said the land for Special Economic Zone in Muhoroni is being grabbed by someone who is being protected by Members of this House. Looking at the picture he is painting on us - we are protecting a land grabber! Can he elaborate on who this is and who is protecting him?

Hon. Okumu: Thank you Hon. Speaker. I didn't say somebody is grabbing; I said somebody is claiming ownership of the land in which we want to put Special Economic Zone. If you give me one week, I will bring proof of what I am talking about because it is something we are struggling to fix. I know Hon. Otura doesn't know because he chased away the Special Economic Zone in his ward but we still insist it has to be done in Muhoroni. Lastly, all the developments...

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): What is it Hon. Otura? First, to Hon. Leader of Minority, you were on a Point of Order and I have to make a ruling on that. Hon. Okumu has requested that we give him one week to provide proof so I advise that we grant him that. Hon. Otura whom do you want to inform?

Hon. Otura: On the same Standing Order No. 89, can Hon. Okumu go ahead and substantiate on this one fact that Hon. Vitalis Augustine Otura did chase away Special Economic Zone. How? And on which side of the Special Economic Zone did I touch to chase it away? I believe that this is a very important and sensitive matter.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Yes, Hon. Okumu.

Hon. Okumu: Thank you Hon. Speaker. When we went to Sidho and we were supposed to root for the Special Economic Zone which is in Ombeyi Ward, we were chased away by the people whose representative are in this House – for who chased us and those who did not – is one Hon. Vitalis Otura. But he has come out that he didn't do so and we will blame it on those few people who might have missed his guidance and decided to chase away the project. Lastly, all the development projects we want in this county cannot happen...

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): What is it Hon. Otura?

Hon. Otura: On a Point of Order. Mr. Speaker, we need to take our Standing Orders seriously. On Statement of Facts, it is very important to give facts because this is a sensitive matter. It is not something which we can take lightly because, we are not discussing this for ourselves in this House because our proceedings are captured live on Facebook. As a representative of the people of Ombeyi Ward, it is important for Hon. Okumu to come clear and tell the people that one Hon. Vitalis Otura did chase away the project. That is very critical. If he cannot prove then he needs to withdraw and apologize.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Hon Okumu, you either withdraw or apologize and proceed.

Hon. Okumu: Hon. Member, I said the Special Economic Zone was supposed to happen in Ombeyi ward in a place called Sidho. It is a fact that right now the project is not happening in that place because the members in that area refused. The person who represents them in this House is one Vitalis Otura. He has however told me he didn't so, I will apologize for him.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Hon. Okumu, the request by Hon. Otura is very clear...

Hon. Okumu: I apologize, Hon. Speaker, and I withdraw.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Yes, proceed.

Hon. Okumu: Lastly, Hon. Speaker, all the development projects we want to see happen in this county cannot happen if we cannot improve on our Own Source Revenue. I am happy that the Governor addressed this in his speech. He has mentioned that they increased revenue collection by 200 percent. I would love to see these figures and how the interventions that have been made have helped improve revenue collection.

Everybody is asking where Pending Bills are coming from in this county. If you budget for projects worth Kshs 500 million and you cannot raise it and they are done, where would those payments come from? The Governor talked about improvement of Own Source Revenue. That should not just be statement on piece of paper but, this must be actualized so that we can realize development in this county.

Lastly, I want to talk about school fees for those who are going to Vocational Training Colleges and those who are going to Driving Schools and Secondary Schools. I want to emphasize that the fees be paid on time. Justice delayed is justice denied. If you can't pay school fees on time and a child keeps going home because of lack of school fees, even if it is paid finally, we are not going to achieve the desired result. I support the Speech of the Governor, but it needs improvement on the areas that I have mentioned. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Yes, Hon. Johnson Guya.

Hon. Guya: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Allow me to join my colleagues in supporting this document done by the Governor. The County of Kisumu has registered a lot of improvements in development. The Governor has talked about many good things that are being done in the county and we are in agreement that they are being done.

Mr. Speaker, one thing that has impressed me in this document is the fact that going forward, there will never be Partial Payments to contracts for projects below Kshs 5,000,000. Hopefully, going forward, we will be sure that projects will be completed. In my ward South East Nyakach, even though the Governor has said that roads that were not completed were supposed to be completed by November, 2020, today is 1st December, 2020 and I can say that in South East

Nyakach Ward, four roads have not been completed to date, reason being that some of them were paid partly. Somebody does the opening of the project, goes and picks the money then disappears.

It has been said here that the revenue collection has more than doubled. I am looking forward to seeing this in the Supplementary Budget Estimates that will be coming here. The fact that the revenue has doubled implies that when the Supplementary Budget Estimate comes, definitely we will be having additional projects in our wards.

Mr. Speaker, I have seen in page 16 of the Third Annual State of the Governor's Address, he has talked about 20 High Mast Floodlights spread across the wards - completed. I can confirm here that in South East Nyakach Ward, one of the floodlights is not yet completed - at Ndori market. The contractor started and disappeared. I believe that the number should now reduce from 20 to 19.

Mr. Speaker, on page 14 of the Status Report, the document talks about market shades in 9 markets. I can confirm that out of the 9, some of the mentioned areas are in my ward- 3 of them. Out of the 3, there is only 1 market shade at Sigoti Market Centre that was done in the financial year. As we speak now, there is no market shade at both Kodong'a and Ndori Markets although they are mentioned here. I want to request that those two corrections need to be made.

Mr. Speaker, you heard Hon. Okumu talk about functional Maternity Wards, functional Theatres in all county hospitals across all the sub counties. But he did not mention anything in Nyakach because we do not have a functional theatre. We do not have a Maternity Wing. We were promised that they were supposed to be done in the previous financial year; we allocated funds and I want to report here that, even though we destroyed one of our very monumental social halls that has been there for more than 60 years just to create space for construction of the same, nothing has been done to date. Some of our residents opt to seek treatment at Sigowet Hospital in Kericho County. If you go to Sigowet Hospital, you realize that almost one third of the patients are from Kisumu County because they offer better services there compared to our county hospital situated at Pap Onditi.

Mr. Speaker, in the Department of Agriculture. South East Nyakach Ward was not mentioned. What we have done in the ward is that we no longer do agriculture. That is the difference between my ward and other wards. We do Agribusiness. In other wards like Kajulu, they do agriculture and that is the reason why they are crying and lamenting every now and then. I want to urge them to change from doing Agriculture to Agribusiness. South East Nyakach Ward does not even have the following officers deployed to that area Agricultural Extension Officer, Crops Officer and Livestock Officer.

We will be doing a documentary on Agriculture in South East Nyakach and the occasion will be presided over by the CEC Agriculture. I invite you to come and see what South East Nyakach

Ward has done in terms of Agriculture. We have done a very nice documentary on all the projects done under Agriculture, be it livestock, dairy cows, dairy goats and grafted fruits, among others. Come and see, so that maybe you can also invite your colleagues - I have not mentioned any name. I am inviting Hon. Ageng'o to come.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): What is it Hon. Okumu?

Hon. Okumu: On a Point of Order. Mr. Speaker I am requesting Hon. Guya to invite the hon. Member representing Kajulu Ward (Hon. Roy Samo) so that he is not just excluded. Thank you so much Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): I believe that Hon. Guya was clear by inviting all his colleagues, meaning he invited everybody.

Hon. Guya: Yes, I have invited all my colleagues to come and see. Mr. Speaker, that is the much that we have done. It is also true that even the dairy cows that we were given last year. Out of the thirteen, about eleven of them are being milked now and the progress is so well. They produce an average of between twelve to fifteen liters of milk per day.

Mr. Speaker, I have seen something here that has also caught my eyes. That, during Corona Virus Disease 2019 (Covid-19) outbreak, there were some inputs that were distributed into the County, amounting to Kshs 13 million from the Department of Agriculture. The alleged Irrigation equipment were distributed to somewhere I do not know. From the list that I was given from the department, I did not see any and I want to say here that none of the equipment came to South East Nyakach Ward or the entire Nyakach Sub- County because I saw the full list.

In addition, I have also seen here that there were distributions of one day old chicken. I do not know to where since I did not receive any. However, I can confirm that the rest came but there were no Fruit Tree Seedlings that were distributed at a cost of Kshs 13 million. The rest of the items like cereals came and I can confirm that. Maybe other Hon. Members can confirm the receipt of the items mentioned but I am sure that in the whole Nyakach Sub- County, none of those came.

Mr. Speaker, in as much as I support this document, there is something seriously missing here. You know in our region, we thrive in sports so much. We have many youths who are very talented. As a County, we allocated some funds for Kisumu All Stars Football Club. To date we do not know their performance despite us spending huge sum of money on it.

Mr. Speaker, we have not seen anything here regarding sports and I want to report here that, just the same way we saw during Naivasha retreat that in the same department of sport, it is like all the projects that were budgeted for in the last financial year (FY 2019/ 2020) were not done.

For us in in Nyakach Sub - County, we had a proposal for the Construction of a Mini-stadium and we have not seen it today. We do not know where it went to. I am sure that in all other Sub-Counties, the same scenario is being replicated as was seen by the reaction of the CEC in charge of Tourism, Arts and Sports when we were in Naivasha retreat. So, as a County, we need to improve on sports issues so that we can empower our youths.

Generally the County is on the right track and I want to urge my colleagues that we need to team up as a County in supporting the government to ensure that we progress well.

Mr. Speaker I want to repeat something that was said here. We have staff that are casuals and are working in our health facilities. More than six months down the line, they have not been paid yet they have families to raise. Mr. Speaker, even their National Hospital Insurance Fund (NHIF) deductions have not been submitted. Even if they become sick, they cannot go to hospital and their medical bills be covered by the NHIF Scheme. I am urging the House and the Governor to ensure that this is fast tracked. This one will enable them cater for their families plus their medical bills.

However, what has impressed me in this speech is that there will be no longer part payments of projects below Kshs 5 million and I will support that.

On the issues of machine based; I want to report here as a committee member that the figures are not right. The figures for the pilot on Road Machine Based Maintenance are not right. Mr. Speaker if you go to the roads that have been mentioned here, that you need pilot, I do not think that there is any that is motorable. I do not know whether piloting means destroying those roads that were partly motorable. For instance in my ward (South East Nyakach), none of them is motorable. They only came with grader for about two days and they reported here that they did about twelve kilometers. I do not know how they would maintain n a twelve kilometer road within two days using a Grader with no murrum, no Excavator, and no drainage. We also need to look into that in ensuring service in the forthcoming Road Maintenance Machine Based Programme. Once again I wish to support, thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Yes Hon. Philemon.

Hon. Philemon: Thank you very much Mr. Speaker. I want to support the Speech of the Governor. One thing that impressed me is in this document whereby he ended up saying the truth by explaining it all the way.

Mr. Speaker, I was impressed that when he was mentioning Owino Uhuru Market, he gave out all the information concerning its genesis and the funding. It is very hard for someone to deny him credit out of that explanation. That is something which is very unusual with politicians. Even when I joined politics, I have always being told that in politics, you must lie but this document proved otherwise. Sometimes when you have not achieved something, you just need to tell the reason for that.

Mr. Speaker, on the issues of Roads. I want to say that the three hundred and fifty kilometer (350 km) roads. As a friend in the Public Works, Roads and Transport Committee, we had a meeting with the Department and it was clearly stated that it was a flop. They promised to be able to get back to those particular areas. I now want to thank the Governor because if he was not so much into the machine based issue, so many people would have taken it out by now. If there is one thing that I support is the machine based issue. There was a time that the Minister for Roads shared with me that she had tried to do a benchmarking with Kakamega County. The other day, the Public Works, Roads and Transport Committee went to benchmark with Bungoma County Assembly. And there are areas that they have made a success.

Mr. Speaker, in the speech of the Governor, there is one thing that he was passionate about which was acquisition of the machines. But, we have been informed that machines are not very good because in every other place that they have been used, they have flopped. Unless you are hiring them but in terms of ownership, you just own those ones that can intervene during emergencies. When it comes to holistic construction of these roads, it becomes tricky because of the element of wage bill issue as mentioned here by the Governor. You get more machines, you hire more people plus the supervisions and all other activities involved.

Mr. Speaker, in cases of machine breakdown, you understand the bureaucracies involved. Maybe the money is available and the machine would require around Kshs 20,000 for repair, the machine will have to stay there for sometimes.

Mr. Speaker, I also believe that when you are hiring, you will be able to maintain many roads within a short period of time. And the issues of down time and the bureaucracies on Procurement will not be there. I believe that, it is something that even as he is passionate about buying these machines, one of my colleagues from Bungoma County shared with me that; there was a plan involving Kshs 140 million of buying the machinery. After benchmarking with Machakos County whereby they had acquired the machines and they are all lying idle. The Bungoma County Assembly then decided to adopt the issue of hiring the machineries from the National Government, after that they achieved over two hundred kilometers of roads. So, this is an area that they can be able to improve on.

Mr. Speaker, what I would urge is that the three hundred kilometers should be revisited by the Roads Department to ensure that indeed the original intention is achieved. It is also something that somebody is able to see. This is because a number of people read these kinds of speeches and when they go through them, a good percentage of our people do not know that it is not the work of an MCA. In fact according to them, if the Governor mentions that we did a 350 kms of road yet in the ward he/she is not seeing even 10 kms of road, to them, they deduce that the MCA conspired with those people and ate the money. So, they just need to fulfill on those particular areas.

Mr. Speaker, I also want to congratulate the Governor on the issue of Education. Indeed there is a lot of improvement in terms of infrastructure from the previous regime. We can still do more. You will agree with me that at the moment when we do oversight, we find a lot of gaps in that area in terms of infrastructure.

Number one, in terms of cost. As a County we must take a deliberate effort and ensure that no ECD structure is built beyond a cost of Kshs 1 million because even CDF does it.

In my ward alone there are about twenty eight schools. In those schools, each needs two class rooms totaling to fifty six. When I was elected, only three schools had been done. If you want those remaining ones to bridge the gaps, it is very big and you must be innovative enough to achieve that. I do not think that when these structures cost Kshs 1 million and above, it is not justifiable.

Mr. Speaker, I would urge that whether we are going the Labour Based Method way like Migori County, which had the same problem but decided to adopt the Labour Based Method.

The CDF do not construct any classroom above the cost of Kshs 1 million. There is need to outsource the expert and sit them down and tell them that we must achieve these things at least a cost of Kshs 1 million per classroom. So, that is another area that I believe that they can be able to improve on.

Nevertheless, the Governor identified an issue of us having a number of ECDs, but we do not have the teachers. The fact that he has decided that atleast 70 Early Childhood Teachers should be employed that is a good move and I support.

Another thing that I would want to say is that the current numbers that are there, they need to be redistributed because there are areas that have many while other places have none at all so as to achieve equity.

Mr. Speaker, on the same committees, there is need to realize Women and Youth Empowerment especially in this sector whereby we need to put a lot of emphasis and has more budget allocation as compared to the current one. That is a gap that needs improvement.

Mr. Speaker, on the Bursary and Scholarship. The delay issue is a sad thing. Yesterday I met one of the parents of the beneficiaries from my ward (Central Nyakach) next to the Assembly building he told me that he was going to the Executive to advise her on what to do. In her school, since the school principals have been warned not to send the students back home due to unpaid school fees. So they are being taught but with no food. They shared with me that there are students who are in schools but have not been eating and have to get support from the parents.

It tells you that the release of the bursaries is very important. You can even remember that the last time we talked about it here and to date there are no disbursements. In fact this is an area

whereby the Governor can achieve so much. For instance we introduced the BTC scholarships that are already in place, we also doubled the bursaries plus it is the same area that we have realized a number of ECDs structures in place.

Mr. Speaker, I however understand that what is going to help us in this direction is that you do not release any partial payment to contractors. Those are the factors that lead to the abandonments of these projects. For example, in my ward, contractors have abandoned a school (Obuginam) yet someone was contracted to finish the construction but he decided that since pending bills have not been paid, if he did that, the pending bill is going to delay and he simply decided not to do it. And you know there are no consequences because he is still going to get another job and be able to do it.

Mr. Speaker, the Construction of Kawili ECD, we allocated Kshs 1.1 million, that money disappeared and the person never went to the site. Again the completion money was allocated and again they did not go to the site. In fact this is one area that the Governor can achieve a lot in because this is the area that we introduce the VTCs, Scholarships that are already there and it is working; this is the same area that we doubled the Bursaries and that is a serious achievement. This is an area that the number of ECDs that have been realized are but I also understand that what is really going to help us is that you don't release any partial payment to people because they are the ones that leave these projects abandoned. In my ward at the moment they have abandoned a school called Obuginam and a contractor was given this project to finish but just decided that since the pending bills have not been paid then if he does this then the pending bills are going to delay; and he simply decided that he is not going to do it since there is no consequence and that he is going to get another job.

The issue of the Department concerning Monitoring and Evaluation is very key and for me I would urge the Governor to empower that department as much as possible. In fact, you will agree with me that, to a great extent the MCAs have turned themselves to M & E Officers because you can make a trip to a road and ensure whether it is being done well.

So I believe that the establishment of the Department of M & E is key and I would urge that this Assembly partners with that particular department to ensure that they have something and are able to ensure this particular concerns are addressed.

Mr. Speaker, on the issue of Business. I want to say and repeat what Hon. Beatrice Odongo has said and it is good that it has now not come from me that each and every time we have now mentioned Pap Onditi, Korowe and Kombewa. We have kept on mentioning these projects. In fact, the last time a number of Members of this committee ensured that some amount of money was allocated for these projects. Initially Pap Onditi Market had been allocated Kshs 27 million and when it came to Supplementary Budget it was revised down to Kshs 19 million. After being revised downward, they said that they are now going to complete it. The contractor went back on site and did some work but now the money that was supposed to be paid to him was not given

and nobody gave a concrete reason as to why the money was not paid. Pressurizing that person to come to site is becoming difficult. This is a good area that the Governor mentioned that these particular markets are going to be completed.

Mr. Speaker, on to the issues of Health Services. Mr. Speaker, the issue that we are talking about took a lot of time and actually political risk to convince our people that there is need to bring down the hall. At the moment in my ward, to get a proper place to construct a hall is very difficult and we did convince them that because we had seen that each and every time allocations are being done on that particular area to do a theatre and each and every time there was no land. To ensure that this project was done, we agreed that the hall be brought down. People are asking me why we brought the hall down and at the same time we cannot build a theatre. Theatres are serious Flagship Projects of the Governor and in fact it was one of the best that was approached equitably that each and every Sub-County was going to have. It is only good that he goes ahead and completes those particular areas. I am emphasizing on these particular things because sometimes it is very difficult to convince people to attend public participation because what they say is that we keep on saying so many things and each and every time we never implement them. So, what is the need of even going there?

There is need that whatever we plan on and we plan accurately; there is no need of you coming here and impress us with a projection of Own Source Revenue of Kshs 1.5 billion knowing very well that you will only be able to collect Kshs 600 million then we keep on changing a number of things that we are a changing at a time that we cannot even be able to convince our people. At the moment I am very fearful of this Supplementary Budget and it is very difficult to know our budget as Kisumu County because it mutates so many times. So the original document that you had and the final things that are done are very different. I would really urge if we could be able to know those variances in terms of what we plan from the initial time and what is actually done.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Yes Hon. Leader of Minority.

Leader of Minority (Hon. Oiko): Thank you Mr. Speaker. From the report of the Governor, there are some projects that have been listed that they have been completed but from the contribution of the Members you will realize that they have not been completed.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Hon. Leader of Minority, are you making contribution?

Leader of Minority (Hon. Oiko): I am not making any contribution but I just want to seek for your guidance.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): I believe that you will have time to make your contribution.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Yes Hon. Ojuok.

Hon. Ojuok: There is also this issue where Kajulu is not doing very well with regards to Dairy Cows while South East Nyakach is doing very well. If we don't check that well then we might get to a point same as the time of independence where North Eastern was not doing so much. We can only do that if we have done some scientific research and we have ensured that what is good in Central Nyakach Ward is brought to that same ward with the same value to the other wards. If you just say that some areas are the ones that are producing then, it can be a very complex thing. So, it is an approach that needs to be managed. It is very important that you know these complex stories that we are giving... We are in politics and sometimes it will be very hard to convince people as to why I took some things and another end up doing well in other places while those distributed to us did not do well in our place.

The issue of Agriculture is something that we have mentioned a number of times on when it comes to distribution of farm inputs as seeds and fertilizers. Another thing that I wanted to urge the Department is that if Agriculture wanted to make a serious impact it should develop clear modalities and strategies in preparation of land prior to cropping seasons. I know that the Governor made some efforts last time when he was able to release some of the tractors and those tractors were placed in Pap Onditi and could not even do one acre. Reason being there was no fuel. As we approach the planting season, these are some of the areas that we need to improve on.

Mr. Speaker, in the Speech of the Governor there is the establishment of an M & E Department. I would ask that this House helps in ensuring that things are done especially the issues of roads. I am depending on you and the leadership of the Assembly to ensure that our committees are able to deliver and monitor.

Mr. Speaker, I want to say that I applauded the Governor on the speech on the issues to do with Human Resource which has been quite a pet subject and something that has been embarrassing us that we are here and we all talk of Ghost workers. All in all, we have never found a solution. This is something that is not reflecting very well with us and it is good that the Governor mentioned that is indeed a problem. I still believe that a place like JOOTRH is something that we need to release to be able to concentrate on these other things and I am happy that they are moving towards that particular direction.

This is the document that has come from the Executive that has fewer gaps. Let us do our oversight work to be able to address issues and ensure that some of these projections are done. I can tell you that the Governor cannot achieve all these things by himself if we as an Assembly don't assist him and some of the things that we are able to achieve, we cannot achieve without the Governor. Let us celebrate these achievements together and check on the areas that we can be improved on. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Yes Hon. Oiko.

The Leader of Minority (Hon. Oiko): Mr. Speaker, I am not yet ready for contribution but just something that I wanted you to clarify because people were punching holes on the report on the projects that are listed here and they are not yet completed. What can we do as an Assembly by the end of these contributions?

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): When we are starting, I said that you read the report. The Members who said that there are some projects in their wards mentioned in the speech are not completed; that is what the Governor is waiting for so that when we do our Hansard the next stop is our Governor's desk for him to go through and get what we have debated. There could have been something that is said which is not true; it is upon us who mandated to do oversight to bring to that fore these matters. It has to be very honest, speak it as it is and then we give the feedback to the Governor for further action. That is how we debate the Speech of the Governor. Remember we have got 3 sittings to debate the Governor's speech.

Hon. Members I want to refer you to Standing Orders No. 28 read together with Standing Orders No. 19, 20, 21 and 22. Every person will have an opportunity to debate. By those Standing Orders I want to bring that debate to a halt for today.

Hon. Members, before that I had promised that there is a paper that was laid in this House on the County Government Covid-19 Social and Economic Re-engineering and Recovery Strategy. I want to commit this paper to the Committee of Budget and Appropriations and direct that they adhere to our Standing Orders and do the necessary. Let the Committee interrogate it, it be taken for public participation, brought back to the Assembly for adoption before onward transmission to the Executive for implementation.

Hon. Members pursuant to the provisions of Standing Orders No. 28 read together with Standing Orders No. 19, 20, 21 and 22 where we allocated three sittings for discussing the Governor's speech I want to direct that those who have not received opportunity today shall proceed tomorrow.

ADJOURNMENT

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): In that regard, the House stands adjourned to tomorrow Wednesday 2nd December 2020 at 2.30 p.m.

(House rose at 4.45 p.m.)

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