

COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF KISUMU



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THE HANSARD

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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

Hon. Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Hon. Members, welcome to this afternoon session. Mr. Clerk, kindly take us through the business of the day?

Hon. Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Next order!

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

Hon. Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Hon. Members, welcome to today's session after the Short Recess. I want to communicate that the list that was presented earlier on the date that we adjourned on how we shall be attending Assembly Sessions still stands until further notice. Secondly, I want to say that our Members who are not in session physically can still attend our House Sessions through the Zoom Application and I have shared the ID in our WhatsApp Platform. So, any Member who is not in attendance can still attend sessions virtually through the Zoom Application.

Thirdly, I want to communicate that from the COVID-19 Response Committee in Kisumu County, we are happy to present that we still don't have any positive cases in the County which is still a blessing to us and we do pray that the status quo remains. However, we want to appeal to each and every leader to continue sensitizing the republic on the need for keeping Social Distance, Wearing Masks and the need for continuously Washing of Hands and use of Sanitizers.

I equally want to appeal to Members of this House that we continue adhering to Government Directive of maintain Social Distance and whenever you are allowed to speak and using the microphone, please put on your mask because we are sharing the same microphone.

Otherwise, welcome to this session and I hope it will be very fruitful. I want to reiterate that the list that was presented on Committee Works at the Sub-county level continues, and please liaise with the Caucus Chairs and ensure that you prepare your reports and sign your attendance registers so that if possible you maximize as much as possible. Ensure that these reports and attendance list reaches the Human Resource Department early enough for preparation of our payments.

Hon. Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Next order!

PAPER LAID

Hon. Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Leader of Majority.

Leader of Majority (Hon. Onyango): Thank you Mr. Speaker. Pursuant to the provisions of section 35 of the County Government Act, 2012. I wish to lay before this House today Tuesday, 21st April, 2020 the nomination of the Kisumu County Executive Committee Member for Health and Sanitation Services Prof. Boaz Otieno Nyunya. Thank you

(Leader of Majority tables the paper before the House)

Hon. Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Hon. Members, I confirm receipt of the letter from the Executive, signed by the County Secretary on the proposed nomination of County Executive Committee Member for Health and Sanitation Services Prof. Boaz Otieno Nyunya for vetting by the County Assembly. I hereby commit this appointee for Suitability vetting to the Committee of Appointment. I do direct that they report on the same to the Assembly within 21 days as per the County Assembly Service Act.

Hon. Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Next order!

STATEMENTS

Hon. Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Hon. Otura, MCA, Ombeyi Ward and Chairperson, Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries Committee.

Hon. Otura: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I rise on a Personal Statement. Mr. Speaker, I want to put it across that as a County at the moment we have double tragedy starting with the Pandemic and now the floods.

Mr. Speaker, the state of our people living along River Nyando is in apathetic state this is because in the first time in history that River Nyando burst its banks at very odd places that have never witnessed before. This has caused serious displacements of people, mothers with children and along that river and including Ahero Market is now flooded and people are displaced. Mr. Speaker, it is not the wish of anybody or any government that its people be displaced as a result of floods. It is equally important that both the National Government and the County Government of Kisumu put in place measures and come out to the task and do the necessary. We are all aware that we have COVID-19, but this is also with us and causing danger. As we speak, I have received over ten reported cases of flood related illness as pneumonia and this is only over a night. I am in anticipation that more of that will come on board and therefore appeal to the County Government to move with haste and deploy nurses or medical staff to the affected areas. Thank you.

Hon. Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Hon. Members, regarding what Hon. Otura has presented as his Statement. It is true that the Country or the County as a whole is experiencing a lot of torrential rains. I want to bring to your attention the directives by the National Government that it is paramount that Counties put in place resources on curbing the issues of floods. I am aware that Kisumu County is currently working on a Supplementary Estimates especially towards COVID-19. I want to make an appeal to the Budget and Appropriations Committee that even as that is being worked on, let us also consider the issues of Emergencies and Disasters because it would be beyond the Counties control if we don't take care and put in place preparatory measures.

Hon. Members, I also want to appeal to the same Committee and the Hon. Members that, in preparing the Estimates FY 2020/2021, let us consider the issue of Disasters and Emergencies especially in line with floods in the areas that are perennially affected. If we don't consider that, it might be a recurring phenomenon and I believe that it is something that we can prevent if we work on it earlier enough. So, I again appeal to the Member and the Budget and Appropriations Committee that they consider Disaster and Emergencies Response and Preparedness especially during this time when the County is faced by floods in the areas of Nyando, Nyakach, parts of Kisumu West, parts of Central Kisumu and Kisumu East Sub-counties. In a matter of facts, it's like all Sub-counties within the County are affected in one area or the other.

Hon. Members, as a matter of fact, it is like all the sub-counties within Kisumu are affected in one area or the other.

Hon. Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Yes Leader of Majority.

The Leader of Majority (Hon. Onyango): Mr. Speaker, this issue of floods really needs to be given very special attention because it is not something that is happening today but it is something that is recurrent and I don't understand why permanent solutions cannot be formed. Today I went to Ahero and for the first time I saw water passing over the bridge and I saw so many homes totally marooned in water and so many helpless citizens of this County. Indeed you have rightly observed that we need to give special attention to this problem in the budget. We need to sit down with the representatives especially from Nyando so that even as we increase allocation to deal with the issue of Budget it is not going to be misapplied because even now every year we give money for emergency but this problem is still with us.

Mr. Speaker, I believe that we need to develop a very proactive root to this problem and it would have been good if at all this House could have seized the opportunity to go and witness what is happening in Ahero at the moment and parts of the ward where Hon. Ageng'o comes from; the situation is that bad. Even though we are talking about Covid-19, I believe that is equally a very serious matter that it would have been good if this House could take an opportunity to go and see for itself what is going on there.

Secondly, I want to say that the Sub-county meetings will go on as from tomorrow. I want to assure the House that the reports that I have gotten from the Sub-counties shows that in the first week their activities, work went on very well, Members were very committed to that work and I appreciate them. We will get a schedule on the areas to cover from tomorrow and I want to still encourage Members that even though travelling especially in Muhoroni to other Sub-counties will be very difficult, let us try to do as much as we can so that this duty that was given to us by the Assembly can go on. Otherwise, let us continue to keep safe and let us sensitize our people that this Covid-19 pandemic is a very serious matter and we need to really take care of ourselves. Thank you.

(Hon, Okumu relieves the Hon. Speaker)

The Temporary Speaker (Hon Okumu): Yes Hon. Pamela Odhiambo.

Hon. Pamela Odhiambo: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I also want to talk about the floods that are going on in the County. Mr. Speaker I have been having a lot of problems in my ward. We have a contractor who was contracting a road in my ward and this problem has been brought about by the contractor and it is really interfering with my people. I want to say that I am happy because

last week we sat down as a Sub-county and I raised the problem. Floods are brought by the contractors who are doing the roads. We don't know where to go to because when you talk to them they won't listen to you. The main problem that I have in my ward comes from Kolwa Central where the steel company has directed their water into Auji River which is small in width. Every time there are rains, my people sleep outside. Thank you.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon Okumu): Yes Hon. Omoro.

Hon. Omoro: Mr. Speaker. I want to talk about floods as a resident of Kano and I am really affected. Maybe so many of you do not know but, there was a time when there were heavy rains and floods like this. There was no single flood in Kano. As the Legislative Arm of this County, we must come up with a way of containing these floods and it can be done since we have the resources, manpower and finances but the problem is putting all these things together. This calls for what is called multi-agency input.

Mr. Speaker, we have a department called Special Programmes and I really wonder what it does. We only hear of the Special Programmes Department when there are floods and take the excavators on the ground. This is a waste of time and money which is making the situation worse. This House has to form a Multi-agency Committee to tackle these disasters. Mr. Speaker we have to start from budgeting. Floods have been there and they would be there. We have one river called River Nyando which affects Kano people at the lower part and given that the ministry of Water is a devolved function, the National Government used to do a dyke which they did and what is remaining is a small portion of about 7 Km. If the County Government can take over this and do the portion along River Nyando up to the Lake, then, we will not have any problem. We also have to involve the people in this kind of mitigation then we do a proper plan and not somebody taking a machine to go and dig a ditch along an existing figure. Mr. Speaker I am asking this House through you to direct the relevant committee to form a multi-agency committee to deal with this menace of floods.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon Okumu): Thank you Hon. Omoro. I want to agree with your sentiments on the floods but I want to remind you of County Government Act section 19 (1) (e) which reads;

'A member of the County Assembly shall extend professional knowledge, experience or specialized knowledge to any issue for discussion in the County Assembly'

Hon. Members you agree that this is not the first time that we are experiencing floods in the County and Hon. Omoro who is a Professional Engineer is saying that this is something that can be solve. I would like to challenge you to provide your professional experience to the relevant department so that they can have a solution to this thing. I believe that it is not enough that we

come to the Assembly and we talk while these issues that we discuss do not reach the right people. If you have a design, technology or means by which we can control these floods I want to humbly request that you come up with solutions then, as an Assembly we can send it to the department so that it can be used in managing the floods. What is it Hon. Omoro? I think I was just guiding you regarding your statement.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Okumu): Hon. Omoro, I was just guiding you in regards to your statement.

Hon. Omoro: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I acknowledge the appropriateness of your sentiment. As technical personnel as well as a resident of the affected area, it is an honor to employ my technical expertise. However, even in this Assembly, I am not a part of the relevant committee which responsible in tackling the problem ...

(Loud consultations)

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Okumu): Order Honourable Member. Order! You do not have to be a member of a relevant committee to provide us your professional experience on a matter at hand. I advise that you present the House with that design for adoption, so that it can be given to the department involved to aid them in curbing the situation. We can minimize the blame game on the people when we have solutions to the issues affecting our people. Kindly help us in that regard.

Hon. Pamela Odhiambo, I think you had given your statements and by the Standing Orders of the Assembly, there was no statement open for contribution by Honourable Members.

Hon. Pamela: I have a written statement that has been signed.

(Loud consultations)

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Okumu): I think you consumed your time reading or contributing to another statement thus forgetting the statement you ought to read today. I do not know how to help you on that. Nevertheless, my guidance is that you assign another Member to read the statement in your stead.

Hon. Pamela Odhiambo: Allow me to delegate it to Hon. Okiri.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Okumu): Proceed Hon. Okiri.

Hon. Okiri: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Allow me to read this Statement on behalf of Hon. Pamela Odhiambo, Manyatta MCA. Pursuant to the County Assembly Standing Order No. 41(a), (b) and

the Standing Order No. 193, I wish to request for a Statement from the Chairperson of a Sectoral Committee of the Ward Development Fund regarding Ward Project Committee payments. The Chairperson should inquire, investigate and report on;

1. Why is it that the Kisumu County Project Management Committee have not been paid their dues since 2013?
2. Why are the deductions being kept and why are they not being paid to the PMCs?

Thank you.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Okumu): Thank you. I acknowledge the receipt of the same statement signed by the Speaker and I want to direct the Statement to the Chair, Ward Development Fund Committee. That is Hon. Olale Joseph, you give a response on next week on Wednesday at 2:30 p.m. Next order!

COMMENCEMENT OF BUSINESS

REPORT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PAP-ONDITI MARKET

BY

HON. PAUL OKIRI

CHAIPERSON, COOPERATIVE, FINANCE, TRADE AND ENTERPRISES

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Okumu): Proceed Hon. Okiri.

Hon. Okiri: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I rise to respond to the Statement raised by Hon. Philemon Ojuok on the Implementation of the Pap-Onditi Market.

INTRODUCTION

Mr. Speaker,

Hon. Members

I rise to respond to the statement raised in the House by Hon. Philemon Ojuok, Member for Central Nyakach on the date of 3 March, 2020.

In his statement, Hon. Philemon Ojuok specifically requested the committee chair to furnish the House with the details of the status of Pap Onditi Retail Market project which had been initiated during the FY 2015/2016 but had now stalled. The key requests by Hon Ojuok were:-

1. The contract for Pap Onditi Market.
2. Architectural Plan of the Project.
3. The payment of the project to date.
4. Detailed budgetary allocation for the project.
5. The Implementation Plan for the remaining face of the project.
6. The hygiene standards of the market and the measures put in place by the market management to ensure that hygiene standards of the market are maintained

To come up with this report, the committee made site visit to the market to assess its status.

The committee also sought the input of the officers of the relevant departments dealing with the matter. Accordingly, the committee corresponded with the Chief Officer of the Department of Trade to provide information and clarify some of the issues that had been observed by the committee. The Chief Officer forwarded a response to the committee detailing the salient issues which have led to the delay in the completion of the project and the present status of the project. Which response constitutes the committee on Finance, Cooperatives, Trade and Enterprises Development's response to the query on the status of the Pap Onditi Retail Market as made by Hon. Ojuok, Member for Central Nyakach Ward.

However, the Committee was not able to receive certain information requested by Hon. Ojuok due to the supervening occurrence of the COVID-19 pandemic; some offices of the county departments could not be accessed in time to procure the certain required documentations as the offices are operating at less than full capacity due to the social distance requirement.

The committee thus was not able to get hold of the following information:

- i) The contract for the construction of the Pap Onditi Retail market
- i i) Architectural plan of the project
- i i i) Detailed implementation plan for the remaining phase of the market

(II) BACKGROUND

Mr. Speaker,

Hon. Members

The Pap Onditi Modern Retail Market project is located in Nyakach Sub County in Central Nyakach Ward. The project was started during the financial year 2015/2016.

However, the project is behind schedule for several reasons. During the financial year 2017/2018, no allocation was made for the furtherance of the project. This has been the major contributor towards the delay in the completion of the project. The delay has further been compounded by the reorganization of the relevant county departments as the contractor could not find headway in receiving his dues from the County Finance Department for the project to continue. The stalemate in the completion of the project has led to the intervention of the Deputy Governor, the CECM Trade, and Chief Officers from both the Trade and the Finance departments towards hammering out a workable solution to no avail.

By close of business Friday, 17 April, 2020 the contractor had been paid Kenya Shillings One Million six, hundred eighty six thousand only (Kshs. 1,686,000.00). The amount released to the contractor is far less than the agreed amount of Kenya shillings three million (Kshs. 3,000,000.00) which the contractor demanded to resume work at the site. The Trade department has indicated that they have made arrangement with the contractor to resume work at the site pending the clearance of the owing amount.

The contractor is currently back on site (see the attached photos) and is working on the roof of the market stalls.

(III) EMERGING ISSUES

The Chief Officer Trade in his response has further assured the committee over a raft of issues attending to the matter of Pap Onditi Retail Market.

(1) Once all the works are complete the Department intends to establish container stalls to promote business enterprises among women and youths. This is intended as a mission to widen the County's revenue sourcing besides empowering the women and youth.

(2) The project is expected to cost Kshs forty million (Kshs. 40,000,000.00) by its completion date. The project has so far expended Kshs. Eleven million (Kshs. 11,000,000.00).

(3) By completion, the project is proposed to have a total number of 210 stalls constructed in the modern market to accommodate a similar number of traders.

(4) In the FY 2019/20, a total of Kenya Shillings nineteen million (Kshs 19,000,000.00) has been allocated for the project.

(5) The Contractor has made a firm commitment to clear all the works by the end of May subject to release of funds.

(IV) COMMITTEE OBSERVATIONS

Mr. Speaker and Hon. Members, the committee after site visit made several observations with regard to the issue of the delay in the completion of the Pap Onditi Market.

(1) The Pap Onditi Retail Project is in a worrying status of abject neglect with dilapidated and falling structures strewn all over the site. (See Annex I photos of the site)

(2) There has been no apparent effort made to secure the project 's site as it remains exposed and prone to unchecked vandalism.

(3) The reorganization of County Departments has been used severally in the past as an excuse by county officials in the carrying out of their mandates.

(4) The inordinate delay in the clearance of pending bills owed to contractors is a malaise that is affecting every crucial sector of the county's economy.

(5) Allocations of funds for projects have often been done without due regards to the scope and impact of the projects. How can the budget department fail to allocate a Kshs. 40 million project in a whole fiscal period and then goes ahead and allocate a miniscule amount for the settlement of the pending bills without due consideration of the nature of the project being frustrated? It is the most abject display of lack of accountability we can come across.

(6) There seems to be a lack of coordination between the various county departments when it comes to implementation of project.

(V) COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

Mr. Speaker and Hon. Members, the committee wishes to make the following recommendations:

(i) The county departments should work on ways to streamline their activities so as to ensure efficient continuity of functions in the event of reorganisation of the various departments' activities and purviews. The reorganisation of the departments should not be used as the convenient excuse for laxity and lack of accountability among the county officials.

(i i) Works in the project must be consistent and inspections duly done to ascertain the required technical standards at all every stage of the project.

(i i i) There should be no further delays in project implementation once a project has been approved and a budget allocated for the same.

(i v) The issue of pending bills has been addressed to the highest level of governance in this country. The president of the Republic of Kenya, His Excellency Uhuru Kenyatta as has pronounced himself on the matter by ordering that all pending bills be scrutinised and attended to immediately. The county government of Kisumu should take heed and commit to obeying this presidential order. All the pending bills for the contractor in charge of Pap Onditi Retail Market project must be settled forthwith.

(v) The departments of the County must ensure that when they make efficient and reasonable allocation of funds to envisaged or existing projects when they are forwarding their annual budgetary estimates for consideration. It beats logic that a project worth Kshs. 40,000,000 and which has stalled can fail to get any allocation at all while some other projects of no known credible utility to the members of the public are allocated inordinate sums of money. This must cease forthwith and in future the committee commits itself to exercising strict scrutiny of future proposed projects in the budget with a view of flagging new projects in favour of the completion of stalled projects.

(v i) The county government departments must find ways of coordinating their activities to ensure seamless communication and sharing of responsibilities. This is particularly paramount where payment of contractors is involved. The back and forth between the department of Finance and other department where payment is being withheld for one or other reason must be addressed immediately to ensure that all departments are on the same page with the department of Finance when it comes to settlements of payments.

(vii) That the Chief Officer be compelled to provide the requested information which was requested but which could not be made available as at the time of producing this report.

(VI) CONCLUSION

Mr. Speaker and Hon. Members, in conclusion, this committee on behalf of this assembly, in particular, and on behalf the citizens of the County of Kisumu in general, wishes to state that we have an onerous duty to carry out our oversight duties with due diligence and courage. As we oversight the Executive, we must be cognizant of the fact that we may not often return favourable verdict towards them and which may place us at odds with them. It is the considered opinion of this committee that being at odds with the executive but in the interest of the public is

a worthy sacrifice. Which sacrifice this committee will make to the logical end to ensure that the Executive fulfils its mandates as is required without fear of favour. In that regard, this committee makes a firm commitment to follow up on the matter of the Pap Onditi Retail Market Project with the sole intention of ensuring that it is completed to satisfaction as was envisaged by the proposers of the project.

Thank you

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Okumu): Thank you Hon. Okiri for reading the report but I haven't received a copy of the same. I don't know if Members are having the same report to help me ascertain what is in our Standing Order No. 182. Hon. Okiri could you please approach the Chair.

(The Temporary Speaker consulting with Hon. Okiri)

Hon. Okiri: Thank you Mr. Speaker. May I call Hon. Rashid Miruka to second?

Hon. Miruka: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I stand to second the report tabled by the Chair for Finance.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Okumu): Hon. Members, the report has been tabled by the Chair for Finance, Enterprise Development on the Status of Pap-Onditi Market Project and seconded by Hon. Miruka. I now want to open it for debate.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Okumu): Yes Hon. Beatrice Odongo.

Hon. Beatrice Odongo: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Allow me to support the report as a member of the committee and a member of the team that went to the site. I want to request this Assembly that it is high time we take the issue of this market serious. The Executive admitted that there was an allocation of Kshs. 19 million in this Budget Estimates and we are remaining with two months before the end of Financial Year there is nothing being done. Despite the issue of Pending Bills raised by the contactor, our concern is state of the market because there will be revenue collection within the market.

Mr. Speaker, I therefore, want to request the Implementation Committee to ensure that the projects are implemented so that the County can up their Revenue Collection. The same case is for the Katito Market. I want to request the Implementation Committee to do a follow up so that this matter can be dealt with once and for all. Thank you.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Okumu): Yes Hon. Pamela Odhiambo.

Hon. Pamela Odhiambo: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I want to say that Hon. Ojuok has done his work well. There are several projects in our Wards that we don't know the contractors who were doing them. Hon. Ojuok has been looking for some documents that he has never got hold of. We need to know what was happening in our Wards in terms of projects implementations. I have not been able to reach some contractors who were doing projects in my Ward in the previous regime.

Mr. Speaker, most of the projects have not been completed because there are no documents. Mr. Speaker, where are we supposed to get the documents? We have Ward Administrators who are employees in this government. I want to request that you write a letter through the office of the Clerk so that all the Admins should bring all the lists of projects that were done from 2013 – 2017.

Mr. Speaker, I have just tried as Hon. Philemon has tried in vain to get answers yet there are people who should provide answers to concerns raised. I plead with you to use your powers to rule on this matter and put it to rest. This will relieve the current County Government from lectures and vitriol witnessed in funerals.

Mr. Speaker, we get food from the markets. Traders expect to make profit from their businesses and so is the County government expected to generate revenue in terms of taxes. I want to say that some of the County officers lack seriousness. We recently recruited Chief Officers in various departments. Can they help us get hold of the documents we need? I believe the handing over was done and so they should be in possession of vital office documents. I am sure that if they help us in time, then we will be at a position to respond to concerns raised.

Mr. Speaker, Katito Market should be completed. It is a market that will host 200 stalls. This means our people are going to get space to conduct their businesses.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Okumu): Order Hon. Pamela!! You seem to be talking about a different project, which is not in the report before me. You are talking about Katito project and several other projects. However, what we have in the report is Pap Onditi Retail Market. I am humbly requesting that you stick to the report for the sake of relevance.

Hon. Pamela Odhiambo: I am sorry Mr. Speaker.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Okumu): Tell us if the report is worth being passed in this Assembly or not so that we can bring those others later. Today, let us stick to the Pap Onditi retail market status report that has been brought by the Chair of Finance, Cooperatives and Trade.

Hon. Pamela Odhiambo: Thank you Mr. Speaker. You know, I am used to Katito, which is why I make reference to it. It is Pap Onditi Market that was started and has not been completed. I am of the view that the report should be adopted. I am certain that the report has vital information that will be of help to Members. Otherwise, I meant Pap Onditi and not Katito as

earlier indicated. I was building my statement because we all face the same problems. Let us adopt this report. Thank you.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Okumu): Thank you Hon. Pamela. Hon. Rashid, going by the Standing Orders, we might not allow you to contribute to the motion because you had seconded to the motion by contributing. If you wanted to contribute then you should have bowed while seconding the motion.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Okumu): Yes, Hon. Vitalis Otura.

Hon. Otura: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I want to congratulate Hon. Okiri for that report. Mr. Speaker, I think Hon. Ojuok must have been wise to table that report. We always think that when we are elected, we shun what happened in the regime that came before. We have all ideally been concerned about the development of this County. Secondly, I want to say that this problem addressed by Hon. Ojuok cuts across various departments. You will find that ECDE classrooms whose construction started way back in the last regime are incomplete with some at still at the foundation level while others at lintel level. This problem goes further to Health Department with incomplete projects and others which are complete but non-functional.

Mr. Speaker, as I support the adoption of this report, I wish to pass information to the Chairs. In the Department of Health, I wish the Chair was here. We are here courtesy of good health. However, what about the vulnerable people who may not afford to get medical attention that we have access to due to our medical cover? The same way millions of shillings were used in the construction of Pap Onditi and going to waste which is the same way health facilities in some of the wards are white elephants. This report should serve as an example to other Committee Chairpersons. I thank Hon. Paul Okiri for the report and support its adoption. Thank you.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Okumu): Yes, Hon. Jennifer Obonyo

Hon. Obonyo: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, going by the mood of the House, I wish to call upon the Mover of the Motion to reply.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Okumu): Thank you Hon. Obonyo. Before the Mover replies, I want to acknowledge sanitization of your hand before you hold the microphone. I want to request Honourable Members to carry small hand sanitizers so that we sanitize our hands before holding microphones. Hon. Paul Okiri, can you please reply?

Hon. Okiri: Thank you Mr. Speaker. First, I want to thank Honourable Members, the Leader of Majority for today Hon. Inviolata, for supporting the motion. I want to extend gratitude to Hon. Miruka, Hon. Otura, Hon. Beatrice Pamela, Hon. Obonyo, and Hon. Omoro among others who have supported this report.

Mr. Speaker, it has been said that we should not lag behind or leave an important matter to an individual. Mr. Speaker, this market started years back when Hon. Ojuok was not a Member of

this House. We have to appreciate him for bringing up this idea so that it is put to rest. It has also been said that we need to modernize these markets in a way that will help poor women and youth among others. Mr. Speaker, the County Government cannot get money without revenue. Besides, the entire populace of Nyakach Sub-county would also feel happy when a modern market is erected.

Lastly Mr. Speaker, we want to request through your Chair that the Implementation Committee take this work seriously in line with all the powers vested on that House Committee and with respect to this House to ensure that Pap Onditi Modern Market is completed. I therefore ask all Honourable Members to help us look for a way in which we can help this market. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and May God bless you.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Okumu): Thank you so much Hon. Paul for the nice report and for the well wishes. Honourable Members, a report on the status of Pap Onditi Retail market Project by the Chair Committee of Finance, Cooperatives, Trade and Enterprise Development has been brought before this Assembly through a motion seconded by Hon. Rashid Miruka and debated by Honourable Members and I now want to propose a question.

(Question put and agreed to)

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Okumu): The report on the status of Pap Onditi Retail Market has been adopted today Tuesday 21st April 2020 at 15: 45 hours. I therefore make the following resolutions regarding that report.

Under Standing Orders 182 (7), it is ordered that this report be published in the website and copies be circulated to the Members. Pursuant to the provisions of Standing Orders No. 184, we want to request the Clerk that, the resolutions in this report reach the relevant CEC Member so that in sixty days they can give us a report on the implementation on the same. Thank you.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Okumu): Next Order!

ADJOURNMENT

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Okumu): There being no any other business to transact, the House stands adjourned until to tomorrow 22nd April 2020 at 2: 30 p.m.

(House rose at 3:45 p.m.)

Addendum

Zablon Otiende – Head of Department

Edward Odanga – Hansard Reporter

Fanuel Okode – Hansard Reporter

Patrick Okoyo – Hansard Reporter

Jacklyne Otieno – Hansard Reporter

Dennis Onyango – Hansard Reporter