

COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF KISUMU



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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 morning Hon. Members. Pursuant to the provision of County Assembly of Kisumu Standing Orders No. 32 (2), I read and it states that;

“If there is not a quorum when the Chair is taken at the time when we commence the meeting of the County Assembly, immediately after saying the prayer, the Speaker shall order that the quorum bell be rung for five minutes and if no quorum is present at the expiry of the five minutes, the Speaker may direct that the bell be rung for a further five minutes and if there is no quorum, the Speaker shall adjourn the Assembly forthwith to the next sitting”.

Hon. Members, going by that, I want to direct that the quorum bell be rung for the first five minutes.

(Quorum bell rung for five minutes)

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Hon. Members, I direct that the quorum bell be rung for a further five minutes.

(Quorum bell rung for a further five minutes)

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Hon. Minority Whip, can you confirm if we have quorum.

Minority Whip (Hon. Ageng'o): Thank you Mr. Speaker, I can confirm that there is quorum. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Madam Clerk, please take us through the order of the day.

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

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Hon. Members, I did communicate sometimes back that, I received communication from the Office of the Governor requesting for I believe on the 26th November, 2021 for the State of the County Address. I want to report back that, after consultations, we have settled for Thursday, 02nd December, 2021 and not the date earlier mention dates of 26th November, 2021 nor 10th of December, 2021. Therefore, we have settled for 02nd December, 2021 for the State of the County Address.

Hon. Members, on the Assembly side, we have nominated Mr. Dennis Onyango as the contact persons in the Committee working on the same. So, from your electoral wards or the County Assembly, if there is anything that you feel needs to be included in the State of the County Address, please liaise with Mr. Dennis Onyango, the Public Relations Officer.

Hon. Members, I also wish to take this opportunity to congratulate all Members and Staff in their resilient and gallant show in the just concluded 3rd Edition of the CASA Games which was held in Mombasa County. An event that as you may all be aware was organized by the County Assemblies Forum (CAF) not only to bring participation from all the 47 County Assemblies, but, also to provide a platform for participating in Sporting Activities to enable the exchange of ideas to help improve performance at the County Assemblies.

Hon. Members, I particularly want to hail our Choir Members for being the reigning champions and bagging three trophies in three different categories notably, the Set-piece, Own Composition and own Sacred Choice.

Hon. Members, the Assembly also emerged amongst the top in a number of disciplines which included Scrabble, Football, Volleyball, Netball, Tug-of-War just to mention but a few.

Hon. Members, it was so impressive and ecstatic to watch Hon. Jecktone Ogendo lead a team of strong men in the Tug-of-War against Kwale County Assembly as we cruised to a comfortable win. Unfortunately, I was surprised that in the second Tug-of-War, most of our Hon. Members, I don't know if both Mombasa and Kilifi County became so hot that they were not able to show up for the second activity, but, the rest I believe were commendable.

Hon. Members, in Volleyball, Mr. Kennedy Okise, Angeline Obonyo, I believe that they gave all their best as they mobilized the teams against their worthy competitors.

Hon. Members, the Leader of Majority was very vital in the game of Scrabble and he emerged second overall in that discipline, I mean out of the 47 County Assemblies.

Hon. Members, I cannot mention all of you by names but, I only recognized individual and collective roles each one played in pursuit of honour of the County Assembly of Kisumu. Even though COVID-19 had derailed these activities and interfered with the preparations and coordination, it was encouraging to note that a good number of County Assemblies managed to attend and participate in this Sports and Cultural Bonanza.

Hon. Members, I am aware that as an Assembly, we had our own share of challenges like lack of adequate resources and training. I want to assure you that we are committed to addressing these challenges from the feedback that I received from Members and Staff. We are looking forward to having a different kind of engagement in the next coming tournaments.

Hon. Members, my third communication is that, the Assembly will be considering conducting Public Participation on the Kisumu County Environmental Health and Sanitation Bill, 2021 at the Sub-county level. Communication is hereby made to the Caucus Chairpersons of the various Sub-counties to submit their respective venues for the exercise to the Committee Clerk for Health and Sanitation for purposes of publication as soon as possible. Thank you.

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

PAPER LAID

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

Hon. Arao: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Pursuant to the provisions of County Assembly of Kisumu Standing Orders No. 182 (6), I wish to table today Tuesday, 09th November, 2021 ECD, Adult Education and Vocational Training Committee Report on the Progress of Disbursement of Bursary and Scholarships Funds. Thank you.

(Hon. Arao lays before the House the report for consideration)

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Hon. Members, I acknowledge receipt of the report from the Standing Committee of ECD, Adult Education and Vocational Training Committee Report on the Progress of Disbursement of Bursary and Scholarships Funds as presented by Hon. Arao on behalf of the said Standing Committee. I do hereby commit this report to the Select Committee of House Business for the purposes of scheduling for debate. Thank you

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

NOTICE OF MOTION

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

Hon. Arao: Thank you Mr. Speaker once again. Pursuant to the provisions of County Assembly of Kisumu Standing Orders No. 45 (1), I wish to give a Notice of Motion for the ECD, Adult Education and Vocational Training Report on the Progress of Disbursement of Bursary and Scholarships Funds. Thank you.

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

STATEMENTS

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Hon. Members, it is Statement Hour.

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

Hon. Khan: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I am rising on a Personal Statement this is pursuant to the provisions of Standing Orders No. 42.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to applaud Members and staff of the County Assembly of Kisumu as per your today's communication to this House regarding the same. In fact it was the weather that made other disciplines not to be able to cope the heat that we experienced in Mombasa County. Mr. Speaker, I want to assure you that, come the next tournaments, the way you have actually rightly put it, that morally you are going to see to it based on the feedback you received from Members and staff regarding the challenges that they encountered with that we assure you that we are going to clinch more trophies.

Mr. Speaker, going further, it is my humble request that all facilitations be open to the competitors so that they can come back with trophies that we deserve. Kisumu has been actually the cradle of sports for years and years and we are also seeing that in future we must maintain the same. Thank you.

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

Hon. Ngeta: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Foremost, let me take this rare opportunity to congratulate Members and staff of the County Assembly of Kisumu for their gallant participation in the just concluded CASA Games that were held in Mombasa.

Mr. Speaker, as an Assembly we are very happy with your leadership which enabled respective disciplines to participate in the Sports Bonanza.

Mr. Speaker, there is this issue that has been wearing me out. However, as much as we participated in various disciplines, there was breakdown of communication and we cannot be in the Assembly

where everybody wants to be in the control tower. I must say that there were a lot of issues and moreso on finances. Mr. Speaker, we had inadequate finances and this was due to lack of trust and communication. Mr. Speaker, I want to apportion blame on the Select Committee of Budget and Appropriations because each and every person wanted to be heard during the time of the Budget Making Process. Mr. Speaker, this Votehead was allocated Kshs 10 million only which we believe was inadequate and not enough to cater for the days meant for the games.

Mr. Speaker, the reasons of my stating so is that, there was mixed reaction prior to attending the CASA Games this is because you hear people saying that the games will not be there while another person stating that it must happen. So, we had so many communications and mistrust. Please let us have one control tower and one leadership and one appointing authority who says that this is the way to go and let it be so. Mr. Speaker, as the Chair of Culture, Arts and Sports, I encountered huddles because we had the Choir conducting their practices here in the Assembly and somebody comes up and tells them that, this is a waste of time because the CASA Games will not take place. So, we had a lot of communication breakdown and most of these are lawyers.

Mr. Speaker, I implore this House that, let us have some decorum and trust. Once the Speaker has communicated and given direction or once the Chairperson of any House Committee has given directions, let us adhere and abide with that. Thank you.

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

Hon. Agolla: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Let me take this opportunity to contribute and appreciating you and moreso your leadership and that of the Clerk of this County Assembly.

Mr. Speaker, when we arrived in Mombasa, we noted that, a big number of County Assemblies were not able to show up for this event. This is proof that your leadership as the Speaker of this County Assembly is virtuous leadership. We were very proud and we were able to integrate with other Count Assemblies, and on that, I want to really applaud you. However, we encountered challenges during the tournaments, but this was not unique to Kisumu but also to other County Assemblies. For that, mine is to really applaud you and there is no expedition that we can embark on without challenges and long roads must have corners but more importantly we succeeded by bagging various trophies from different disciplines.

Mr. Speaker, finally, without forgetting is to appreciate the Chairperson, Standing Committee of Culture, Arts and Sports, Hon. Ngeta even though he was not as vibrant as compared to the former Chairperson, Hon .Miruka. During the reigns of Hon. Miruka, we were taking juice, water but in the reigns of Hon. Ngeta, it was water and salty water.

(Laughter)

Mr. Speaker, we were not as proud as was expected as Hon. Members...

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Hon. Ngeta, you will have your time...

Hon. Agolla: Mr. Speaker, the way I am making my presentation in Swahili, you will be compelled to equally do so.

(Laughter)

Mr. Speaker, without much ado, it is applause and our pride that we traveled to Mombasa and participated like other County Assemblies and this has really challenged us and equally motivated us as we resume our sessions, we will ensure that those pending business that had not been brought to this House are dealt with before we commence for the Long Recess where we are expected to do our campaigns in our electoral wards so that we ensure that the next upcoming games where you heard from the CASA Games secretariat that it is the wish of the multitude and under your able leadership and those of other Speakers that, the Games be held before we prorogue the County Assemblies as a way of integration.

Mr. Speaker, you recall that this morning we were talking about integration and peace in Kenya with regards to the coming elections. Mr. Speaker, one of the way to enhance peace and integration in Kenya is through participation in sports, songs and others. With those few remarks, I want to say thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Thank you Hon. Agolla. But I wish to remind you that, there are plans to recognize those that participated to visit other County Assemblies. Again, I would like to state that, first priority will only be accorded those that participated in the games.

So, if you know that you went to Mombasa and you did not participate, and you find that your name is not appearing in the list of those travelling to participate in other games, please don't complain.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Hon. Ngeta, I believe that I had given you time to contribute. I believe what was mention was on a light note and I don't think that it is something that requires a rebattle.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): So, let me give Hon. Miruka.

Hon. Miruka: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Just on the same subject, personally I would take the opportunity to appreciate your leadership for the meticulous organization and the ability that you extended to the various disciplines before they departed for Mombasa. I personally coordinated one of the disciplines and I wanted to say that the starting point and the short period that our Members had for practices compared to what they achieved was exemplary.

Mr. Speaker, I want to personally give accolades to some few Hon. Members who particularly did wonders to our teams. Mr. Speaker, I would not seat without mentioning Hon. Sally Okudo, if you could see the way she pulled the Tug, you would not comprehend that she is that slender.

Mr. Speaker, I equally want to appreciate Hon. Ogendo. Hon. Ogendo had intimated last year that he was hanging and not going back to the field. He went back and what he did made us proud because we were able to pull short against a strong team as Kwale County Assembly which looked more energetic.

Mr. Speaker, I would not forget Hon. Olga, who despite her age scored many goals in Netball. Actually people said that why do you bring old mothers to these games, but what she displayed really disapproved their negative sentiments. I want to say without mincing words that, going by what you have suggested, if you can give a little bit of incentive to the participants then, Kisumu would do wonders. Let us not also forget to appreciate Mr. Kapesa our Serjeant-at-Arms. Mr. Speaker, last year, he bagged a trophy and this year again he won a trophy in the Draught. Why don't we honour him with a clap?

(Hon. Members applauding Mr. Kapesa)

So, I want to suggest to the Hon. Members and staff that, let us do this because it builds and gels us with other County Assemblies. Thank you.

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

Hon. Olale: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I just want to build on what Hon. Miruka has said. It is on the same note that I want to thank each and every Hon. Member and staff that went to Mombasa and did participate. Mr. Speaker, I feel that this team was a bit organized than when I was the Chairperson, Culture, Arts and Sports. So, the current Chairperson of Culture, Arts and Sports, I would like to congratulate you for the good work that you did and also the sports apparels that most of the disciplines adorned was one of the best in this Country. So, that is also an applause.

Finally, I would like to propose that next time we have such kind of event, we need to work and practice together and be as a team as Kisumu Assembly because this time we have made Kisumu great. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Thank you. Next order!!

MOTION

(NO BUSINESS TO TRANSACT)

ADJOURNMENT

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): There being no any other business to transact, the House stands adjourned to today Wednesday, 10th November, 2021 at 09.00 a.m. Members of the House Business Committee to meet immediately after this session in Committee Room 1.

(House rose at 15:03 p.m.)

Addendum

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