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House met in the Main Chamber at 2:30 p.m.

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

PRAYERS

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): 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, let me take this opportunity to welcome you back from the Short Recess. We shall be having a very limited time between now and June. I believe there is another recess after the passage of the budget and I want to request each and every member to take seriously the committee work. I want to remind the Planning, Industrialization and ICT Committee and the other committees who had committed to bring their reports immediately after recess to do so.

Finally, I still want to remind Members that the COVID 19 is still with us and the third wave is too much so do not forget about the MoH protocols. Welcome back.

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

STATEMENT

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Hon. Paul Okiri.

Hon. Okiri: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I rise on a Personal Statement. On 9th April, 2021 I did have a fund drive in my Ward for various women groups. I wish to acknowledge the following Members for their contributions on the same exercise. I want to congratulate you very much on your contributions and your presence on that *harambee*. I also want to express my appreciation to Hon. George Ogotu Oluoch, Hon. Maurice Ngeta, Hon. Jane Manuche and Hon. Victor Rodgers for the role they played. I want to request this House that we should be helping one another when need arises. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Next order!

MOTION

WATER, ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE REPORT ON
THE STATUS OF DRAINAGE SYSTEM ALONG SIJE – CARWASH ROAD

BY

HON. SAMSON AMESO

CHAIRPERSON, WATER, ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

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

Hon. Ameso: Thank you Mr. Speaker. PURSUANT to Standing Order No. 41 (2) (b) of the Kisumu County Assembly Standing Orders a Statement was sought from the Chairperson for the Committee on Water, Environment and Natural Resources by Hon. Pamela Odhiambo regarding the Drainage System along Sije-Carwash Road on Tuesday, 29th September, 2020 at 1430Hrs (See Annex I). In accordance with Article 185 of the Constitution of Kenya, Section 8 of the County Government's Act, 2012 read together with Standing Order No. 193, the Hon. Speaker instructed the Committee on Water, Environment and Natural Resources to make an inquiry, investigate and cause a report on: -

- I. The Standard of the Drainage System along Sije-Carwash Road.
- II. Where the locals should direct their complaints regarding the impermeable drainage channels along the roads.

Consequently, the Clerk of the Assembly notified the Department of Water, Environment and Natural Resources through the Office of the County Secretary, to provide a detailed response to the attendant demands of the Statement sought by Hon. Pamela Odhiambo vide letter Ref. CAK/CS/ADM/VOL.V/8/20 (067) dated 6th October, 2020.

Establishment and Mandate of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker and Hon. Members, the Sectoral Committee on Water, Environment and Natural Resources is established under Standing Order No. 193 of the Kisumu County Assembly Standing Orders, whose mandates, pursuant to the Standing Order No. 193 (Second Schedule) is as follows;

To investigate, inquire into, and report on all matters relating to the provision of clean water for Domestic use; implementation of specific national government policies on natural resources and environmental conservation, including soil and water conservation and forestry and control of air pollution, noise pollution, other public nuisances and outdoor advertising.

The Subject matter of the Sectoral Committee on Water, Environment and Natural Resources are as stated in the Second Schedule of the Kisumu County Assembly Standing Orders No. 193 and are as follows; Environmental Conservation, noise pollution, provision of clean water for domestic use, water conservation and implementation of specific national government policies.

Composition.

The committee as currently constituted comprises of the following Honorable Members;

NAME	POSITION
1. Hon. Samson Ameso	- Chairperson
2. Hon. Kennedy Ooko	- Vice Chairperson
3. Hon. Seth Okumu	- Member
4. Hon. Seth Kanga	- Member
5. Hon. Samuel Dede	- Member
6. Hon. Joachim Oketch	- Member
7. Hon. Roy Samo	- Member
8. Hon. Steve Owiti	- Member
9. Hon. Gard Olima	- Member
10. Hon. Olga Aoko	- Member
11. Hon. Caren Muga	- Member
12. Hon. Maurice Ngeta	- Member
13. Hon. Philemon Ojuok	- Member
14. Hon. Johnson Guya	- Member
15. Hon. John Atieno	- Member

Committee Secretariat.

1. Peter Anditi - Senior Clerk Assistant
2. Harman Moses - Committee Clerk
3. Patrick Okoyo - Hansard
4. Dominic Muinde - Legal Counsel

5. Rose Baraza - Serjeant-at-arm

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS.

Mr. Speaker and Hon. Members. I would like to express my special thanks of gratitude to all members of the Committee on Water, Environment and Natural Resources for their valuable contributions during this inquiry.

I therefore humbly submit this Progress Report for consideration by the House on behalf of the Committee on Water, Environment and Natural Resources.

LEGAL BASIS OF THE INVESTIGATION.

Mr. Speaker and Hon. Members, the subject matter of this inquiry is guided by the Environment Management and Co-Ordination Act, 1999 and Environmental Management and Coordination (Amendment) Act, 2015, The Water Act, 2002, the Public Health Act and the following regulations anchored on the Acts:

- a) The Environmental Management and Co-Ordination (Conservation and Management of Wetlands) Amendment Regulations, 2017
- b) Environmental Management and Coordination (Wetlands, River Banks, Lake Shores and Sea Shore Management Regulation 2009
- c) The Environment Management and Coordination, (Water Quality) Regulations 2016.

These regulations applies to drinking water, water used for industrial purposes, water used for agricultural purposes, water used for recreational purposes, water used for fisheries and wildlife, and water used for any other purposes.

Other regulations that guided this investigation include:

- i. Kenya Vision 2030
- ii. Land Registration Act 2012
- iii. Water Act 2002
- iv. The Lakes and Rivers Act Cap 409
- v. The Wildlife Conservation and Management Act, Cap 37

- vi. The standard Act Cap 496

TASK FOR THE COMMITTEE

Mr. Speaker and Hon. Members

Following a meeting held on 6th October, 2020, the Committee resolved that the following shall be the subjects of the inquiry concerning this matter.

- i. To conduct an environmental assessment of the Drainage System at Sije-Carwash Road
- ii. To identify the causes of spillage of Sewer along the roads
- iii. To find out necessary recommendations for the Management of the drainage system at Sije-Carwash Road

BACKGROUND INFORMATION.

Mr. Speaker and Hon. Members. Drainage facilities are provided to ensure timely disposal of sewage and surface water runoff generated from expansive impermeable surfaces. The conveyance of such a drain is facilitated if the ground surface or its invert has sufficient slope. The Committee is aware that an area or drain invert is sufficiently sloped where the grade is greater than 2%. Due to municipal activities within Manyatta B and Kondele wards, informal settlements drains have been blocked with refuse, grit, and yard or construction materials. This has resulted to urban flooding.

TERMS OF REFERENCE

Mr. Speaker and Hon. Members, the Committee on Water, Environment and Natural Resources convened on 6 October, 2020 and resolved that the following terms of reference would guide the Committee in this inquiry:

- i. Conduct a site visit to Sije-Carwash Road
- ii. To write to the CEC Member for the Department of Water, Environment and Natural Resources to give response on the matter of environmental pollution caused by sewer spillage along the roads.

Mr. Speaker and Hon. Members. Take notice that the Committee conducted a site visit to the drainage systems at Sije-Carwash Road aided by the Personal Assistant to Hon. Pamela Odhiambo. The Committee travelled a distance of two (2) kilometers along the subject road making observations on the manner and structure of the drainage systems at Sije-Carwash Road.

THE STANDARD OF THE DRAINAGE SYSTEM ALONG SIJE-CARWASH ROAD**FINDINGS AND OBSERVATION.**

Mr. Speaker and Hon. Members. Following the visit at the site, the Committee made the following observations;

- i. THAT the drainage system at Sije-Carwash Road involves open concrete or pipe drains which pose significant problems arising from blockade due to anthropogenic factors and sluggish water flow due to very low invert grade. These consequently has led to very unfriendly living environment to residents living along the road.
- ii. THAT the sustainability of the types of drains used along the Road for effective performance is grossly in doubt.
- iii. THAT there is evidence of poor maintenance culture resulting to poor / insufficient drainage networks or inadequate cleansing of water courses in Manyatta B and Kondele Wards.
- iv. THAT there is poor development and planning of settlements along the Road accompanied by defective flood defense schemes.

Findings

Mr. Speaker and Hon. Members. The Committee made findings as follows;

- i. THAT the Road runoff along Sije Carwash Road contains pollutants such as raw sewage, suspended solids, heavy metals and hydrocarbons (e.g. polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs)). These pollutants represent a risk to both surface waters and groundwater since the runoff has not undergone treatment. The pollutants are both in the sediment bound phase and in the soluble phase.
- ii. THAT the drainage problem within Manyatta B ward is a recurrent problem associated with most of the wards within the city. This indicates that there has been lack of guidance on the types of field surveys required for adoption of sustainable drainage systems and confusion over the volumetric calculations such as attenuation requirements, surface runoff and discharge rates within the city.
- iii. THAT the constructor of the Sije-Carwash road did not intend to convey road runoff, to a single point such as a detention basin as the current practice in treating road runoff primarily demands.

The Committee therefore concludes that the Standard of the Drainage System on Sije-Carwash Road is very poor and constructed without consideration on the Science of overflow runoff.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

Mr. Speaker and Hon. Members,

Following the findings and observations made during the site visit, the Committee recommends;

- i. THAT the Department of Water, Environment, Climate Change and Natural Resources should conduct a risk assessment for determining the impacts of road runoff on groundwater and surface water should be undertaken when preparing drainage designs along Sije-Carwash Road. This is important because the factors influencing the transport of contaminants from road runoff to groundwater are related to the nature of the pathways and include parameters such as the clay content and sorption characteristics of the soil, thickness and permeability of the sub soil and the thickness of the unsaturated zone. It is also a function of the type of drainage design.
- ii. THAT the Department of Roads and Public Works should ensure that contractors of roads within the City applies the current practice in treating road runoff which primarily consists of conveying road runoff, without treatment, to a single point such as a detention basin. The Department can also consider a more sustainable drainage design which incorporates treatment during conveyance and should promote infiltration of the treated runoff to groundwater. This will reduce the volumetric attenuation requirements and mimic Greenfield site conditions maintaining the catchment balance of groundwater and surface water flow. Grassed channels and wetlands can replace the more conventional systems such as concrete channels and detention basins. This will improve the water quality of road runoff through treatment before discharge to the receiving environment. This approach will also reduce runoff rates and volumes reducing the impacts on stream morphology and flooding. This represents a shift in emphasis from point source discharge to a linear diffuse discharge. Groundwater sources, used as drinking water supplies, need to be identified along the proposed route and adequate protection ensured from road runoff if infiltration is to be adopted.
- iii. THAT in some areas within Manyatta B Ward, the Department of Roads and Public Works should consider constructing a simple detention basin to meet environmental objectives. In other cases however, the Department should construct a higher level of treatment such as a sedimentation pond or a wetland. The attenuation objectives depends specifically on the nature of the receiving environment. In the case of a detention basin, the objective should be to attenuate the 1 in 100 year critical storm and storage systems should be sized to cater for this event, if feasible. Discharge rates should be limited to Greenfield site rates. Where treatment is required then sedimentation ponds and constructed wetlands should be sized to allow a sufficient residence time to meet the objectives of the receiving environment. Guidance on these calculations is included in this research document.

- iv. THAT the Committee on Public Works, Roads and Transport and the Committee on Physical Planning together with the Committee on Water, Environment and Natural Resources should form a joint Committee to further this investigation on the drainage systems in the Wards within the City as is mandated within relevant statutory provisions.

CONCLUSION.

Mr. Speaker and Hon. Members, it is therefore my honor and privilege, on behalf of the Committee on Water, Environment and Natural Resources to table this report before this Honorable House for consideration. May I call upon Hon. John Atieno to second?

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

Hon. Atieno: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I believe that this is not a challenge to Manyatta B only but a challenge to most of our underground water sources. If the County Department of Water can adopt this report, then a lot of problems associated with water contamination will be alleviated once and for all. I want to urge my colleagues to fully support the report. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Honourable Members, the Motion from the Standing Committee on Water, Environment and Natural Resources on the Status of Drainage System along Sije- Carwash Road has been moved by the Chair and seconded by Hon. John Atieno. I therefore want to propose a question that the motion is open for debate.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Yes, Senior Member Hon. Paul Okiri.

Hon. Okiri: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I rise to support this report. It is unfortunate that this kind of work is supported by the World Bank. I believe that Kshs 100 million donated by the World Bank was meant for this project. We need to end the blame games. If you do a little research then you will come to realize that even the Bill of Quantities were not made available to the Members so that we can know what was to be done.

Mr. Speaker, I have gone to this area many times and it is terrible and I had to ignore the people who were pressing me with the same issues we are discussing. Water running in one given direction for 200 kilometers is not very easy.

The City Manager must work hard in his office. He must go to the ground and see what is being done. I support.

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

Hon. Agolla: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I also want to add my voice on the response given in this August House by the Water, environment and Natural Resources Committee. The matters drainage is a concern to all of us and I want to thank Hon. Pamela Odhiambo for bringing up this matter. It

is true that as a county, despite being able to appropriate funds and getting funds from our development partners to do roads, I want to support this report that as we do budgetary provision, we need to look into the issue of drainages.

Another example is the Ward that I represent is Kisian. It is not a flood prone area but due to poor drainages that was necessitated by KeNHA contractors who did the highway, that is Kisumu-Bondo road, the way the channel the storm water is affecting the constituents and the people living around that area. We need to ensure that these projects are done properly. We must ensure that the waste waters are properly channeled to wherever they are supposed to go. In this regard, we need to look into how we manage drainages because chemicals also spread. Almost 80 per cent of the wastes from companies are going to Lake Victoria and we end up having low production of fish.

Just the other day the National Government supported the County with a dredger because the lake is full of soil caused by the storm water. The drainages, roads and piers are squarely in the Department of Roads. The committee of Roads and the department must work closely to ensure that our drainages are well managed.

The city department is not being monitored by the committee. They are not being supervised by the Department of Roads. They are not being asked how they manage the issues of agriculture. The City seems to be independent and the effects of the challenges that are being caused by the mismanagement by the city, affects other departments. I want to call upon the Sectoral Committee to intervene and ensure that this issues are addressed by the city management. I therefore call upon honorable members to adopt this report, thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Yes, Hon. Vitalis Otura.

Hon. Otura: Mr. Speaker, I want to commend and support this report by the Committee of Water, Environment and Natural Resources. This report comes as a result of Hon. Pamela Odhiambo's request and my concern was on item No. 1 where the Hon. Member wanted to know whether the drainage channels have been done to the standards in relation to the scope of work which was stipulated in the Bills of Quantity. However, it is missing in this report yet the BQ is the reason for measures that we have had through all departments and especially the Department of Roads, Public Works and Transport.

Nevertheless, looking through the report, I am impressed by this report going by Regulations VI that guided this department as they have stated. That is; the Kenya Vision 2030, The land Registration Act, 2012, The Water Act, 2002, The Lake Basin River Act, CAP 2009, The Wildlife Conservation and Management Act CAP 37, and the Standard Act CAP 496. This kind of regulation is a surety of major strides here Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, It is also important to note that in the committee's findings and observation, Roman (ii); the Sustainability of the types of drainages used along the road for effective performance is grossly in doubt. This observation by the committee is quite pertinent to the people of Kisumu

County because it cuts across all the wards. What the House Committee recommends in roman (ii) and (iv) to the department of Road and Public Works is worth noting to ensure success in the department.

Mr. Speaker, we face several challenges in our county and at least Hon. Pamela Odhiambo was the only one who made it possible to seek this statement from the department. I am a victim of the challenges on drainages affecting my electorates as well in Ombeyi Ward as a whole, especially Ombeyi Market. I request the honorable members in equal measures to adopt this report and let it not end at the adoption stage. In addition, the Committee on Implementation should assist us in following up on the progress of these developments in our county. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Yes, Hon. Prisca Misachi.

Chief Whip (Hon. Misachi): Thank you Mr. Speaker, I want to support this report. In this regard, I want to say that the drainages in the city are causing us so much problems. Before devolution, we had people who monitored the drainages and these officers could work every day. These officers also knew the paths through which water flowed but unfortunately that stopped after devolution. We never used to experience floods in the Central Business District (CBD) like we do now. I would encourage that; while adopting this report, let us also recommend to the City Department as well as the Roads Department to take care of drainages by employing permanent staff whom their duties will be channeling water. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Yes, Hon. Steve Owiti.

Hon. Owiti: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I want to support this report. As a representative of the lower part of Kano, we are faced with a perennial flood which are caused by rain water from uphill. There is also the issue of flash floods which sweep away livestock, homesteads and property. As a member of this Standing Committee and in support of the recommendations by this committee, I also want to bring to the attention of this House that, there are a number of institutions that have been reported to this House yet they keep on discharging the sewer to the open spaces, which affect our environment.

Mr. Speaker, I want to report to this House that Kibos Prisons is one of the notorious institutions – there is an open place next to Kamrongo village in Kolwa East where Kibos Prisons discharges its effluents. The channel eventually gets into Kibos River and River Auji which runs into the areas of Chiga, Kamrongo, Kadiju, Buoye and eventually it gets into Lake Victoria around Orongo area.

Mr. Speaker, if this contamination is not contained, we are going to have a situation where apart from storm waters, our surface and underground waters are already exposed to contamination; a good number of our people are drinking contaminated water.

Mr. Speaker, it is therefore my appeal to this House that the recommendations of this committee if adopted should be followed so that they are implemented.

But I also want to state that there is need to find a permanent solution to the flood menace. I want to give an example of Budalangi that used to have a similar situation. A solution was found and they no longer experience floods. One would wonder why a permanent solution cannot be found for the flood situation in Kano that also affects my ward of Kolwa East.

When it rains in town, the town becomes like a river. It is embarrassing that we have a very beautiful town but we have not come up with the best way to manage storm waters.

Apart from the recommendations given by this committee, I want to ask the Department of Water, the City Management, the Roads Department that they should put their heads together to manage the storm waters and the drainage challenges. I also urge that action be taken against Kibos Prison so that they can find better ways to manage contamination arising from the institution. Thank you.

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

Hon. Omoro: Thank you Mr. Speaker. The issue of drainage in our city is wanting. Whenever it rains, our roads look like rivers as if we don't have drainage system. I have raised the same issue here before so that we review the design and construction.

As far as Sije – Carwash Road is concerned, I have a lot of interest in the road and I was part of the tendering process - this report does not tell as the actual situation of the road and the recommendation on what should be done...

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

Hon. Atieno: On a Point of Information. I want to inform the House. Hon. Omoro has said he was the contractor in charge of Sije Road. It seems he is the one that has brought a lot of problems because it seems he is a Tenderpreneur. He needs to come out clearly and explain.

Hon. Omoro: Mr. Speaker, I have just mentioned that during the tendering process, they were looking for a contractor. We participated but we did not win.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Hon. Omoro, you are saying that you are a Contractor and you participated in the tendering process and you are a Member of the Assembly?

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

Hon Agolla: I want to refer the House to Standing Order No. 88 about the Declaration of Interest. Hon. Omoro had interest in the same so he ought to have first declared his interest before he contributed on this matter.

Hon. Omoro: Mr. Speaker, during the tendering process in 2015/2016, all of you were not here, except one, and nobody knew you would be here. Mr. Speaker what I said is that I had keen interest then. However, even now, I use that road quite a lot; that is why I say I have interest on

the road. The road is well done; the problem is the drainage. The drainage system is not up to standard. The most important aspect of a road is the drainage. You can build a beautiful road, but if the drainage is poor then that road will not last. The drainage is also supposed to take care of the runoff so that we don't have floods. If the drainage is not done properly – like that one of Sije Road, drainage is supposed to be done by concrete, with specific dimensions – as in the length, the width, among others.

Mr. Speaker, I can tell you that there are places whereby there are no such kinds of drainage structures. In simple terms; inverted ..., sub slopes. With just a mere fact that the place is rocky, the contractor maybe intentionally or with the help of others; just left the drainage open. I do not know whether he saw it right that the place being rocky; and therefore there was no need of concrete drainage structures. That means therefore that incase of downpour, a lot of run offs come with soil to the neighbouring plots and get filled up. Since there is no proper slope, it cannot move to the required destination.

Mr. Speaker, in any drainage system, there is what we call discharge area. And mostly they are natural like we have Sije River. I do not see the point why somebody should tell us about the sedimentation point. In the first place we do not have space. Nobody is going to allow his/her plot for accumulation of sediments.

Mr. Speaker, the intention of this report is good and I am in support. However, it does not really focus on the actual problem as well as the solution. We have this Sije River Project that is done by Kenya Urban Programme (KUP) but, who maintains it? Is it the city instructor or Kenya Urban Roads Authority (KURRA)?

Mr. Speaker, you have seen some modern roads being done for instance, Kisumu Boys – Mamboleo road. You can see the type of emphasis placed on drainage. It is of a kind which can take any volume of water and sediments for a long period of time before people starts unclogging or maintenance. For sure, even this ... road that was the intention.

Because somebody somewhere saw that in as much as he was being paid for the construction of drainage, it was not necessary to do it. Therefore we are going to suffer double because our road will not last long and our environment will be polluted because of the specification.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask the House Committee that they should include invitation of the engineer or the person in charge of roads in our city. If it is the County Public Works, Roads and Transport Department, then let us have the CEC or the Chief Officer or the Engineer here to tell us how they are going to tackle this. That should be an amendment in this report which should have a time frame.

Mr. Speaker, the Manyatta area if I remember so well, the issue of sewer system. The government provided money through a certain entity to do a sewer system from those sides of the Airport to Manyatta, to Nyalenda up to where the lagoons are. Mr. Speaker, we have a sewer system here.

What I do not know is why the Manyatta people are not breaking news from that system. How? Maybe, it is due to their economic status. They are disposing their waste through conservancy that is, the septic tanks. Even if they do that, we should not have the sewer or these tanks spilling over on our roads or our open drainage channels. Mr. Speaker, this is just a matter of putting our priorities right in the same zeal that we have when we are removing of illegal kiosks structures around. I believe that the same department has sat down to tell the Manyatta people that in as much as you have the sewer system passing around, you have to be connected to the sewer system, so that we do have this kind of pollution.

Mr. Speaker, I want to end in support of this. However, I would like to tell this Standing Committee that in their recommendations, they should include that the person in charge of roads in our county who should be invited before the Committee or General Oversight to tell us the exact measures that they are putting in place to do in the short term as well as in the long run. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. Manuche: Thank you Mr. Speaker...

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Hon. Atieno, did you have an issue or it has been overtaken by events?

Hon. Atieno: Thank you Mr. Speaker sir. I think for the first time, the engineer has spoken as a real engineer. Therefore, my issue has been overtaken by events.

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

Hon. Manuche: Thank you Mr. Speaker for giving me this opportunity. Being a resident of Manyatta “B” Ward, I am also affected. The type of drainage system that was constructed at Carwash – Magadi - Sije Road is quite small and cannot contain water from Kibos and Migosi area. On the same note, we also have Magadi Primary School. When it rains, the children there cannot go to school due to flooding.

Though so many issues have been highlighted by my colleagues, I would like to add the issue of Water Flooding. We do not have proper sewage system. We have pit latrines; you will find out that when it rains, the latrines get flooded and the faeces spread all over the area Mr. Speaker. Therefore, my concern is, if the person responsible can be called here to answer some questions, which we have, until then I beg to support Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Hon. Pamela.

Hon. Pamela Odhiambo: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I stand to support the motion on the floor. The reason why I brought the statement on the floor of this House is because; first, when the Governor came to hand over the site, everybody in that ward was very happy since it was the first road to be tarmacked in that ward. We also invited so many people and it was a success. Mr. Speaker, the

road that people were happy about has turned out to be a nightmare. The houses have been swept by the flood. The drainage that was done by the Kisumu Urban Project (KUP) that is the city is not enough to carry that water which is too much. It is coming from western wards; Kajulu, Migosi and Kondele. They are very small Mr. Speaker. The drainages that bring water are bigger. The water cannot be move from bigger drainages to smaller drainages. That has led to it overflowing and going directly to the village.

Mr. Speaker, we have been very sad when the rains come and everybody is thinking of removing their things outside their Houses so that they can put them in higher places. I have written so many letters to the City Manager, I have even taken my time to address this issue with the Governor. The Governor invited the City Manager and personally called the Engineer. We went with the Engineer and nothing was done. Mr. Speaker I even told the Governor that this road is too bad and the drainages are not enough to carry the water away. I thought that if I bring this motion to this House since this House has powers. This House has powers to invite the City Manager and the City Engineer to come and tell us why the consultants have not done anything. Those Houses are no more and these people are suffering economically and I feel it is not good that we are on the Government, we can do something yet something is not being done.

Mr. Speaker, when I approached the City Manager, I informed him that we used to have some drainages in the community but when the roads were being opened in the last regime, they made sure that the roads that were in that area were raised and so, they blocked all the drainages that used to take water to River Auji. We asked the Engineer about this and informed him that the design that was drawn we insisted that we wanted to have a look at the structural design. To date, we have never seen the design. We want to know what happened and if it was put in the Budget because it is very hard for me to get the BQ, but with the help of this Assembly, I believe that I am now going to see the BQ because I know you will request for them. We should not celebrate that we have been given tarmac roads which will not even last for 2 years because the water flows on top of that road. As Hon. Manuche has said that when it rains even the pupils cannot get access their various schools. I want to request this House to adopt this motion so that this County Government can come and help the people of this County. Thank you.

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

Hon. Obonyo: Thank you Mr. Speaker I wish to call the mover to reply.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Hon. Ameso.

Hon. Ameso: Thank you Mr. Speaker for according me the chance to reply. I want to appreciate the Hon. Members for their contribution starting from Hon. Obura who seconded the motion.

Mr. Speaker, listening to the contribution of Members, you will agree with me that the issue of that channel at Sije carwash is indeed a problem that needs to be looked into. It is a problem to the extent that even our schools cannot be accessible during flooding just because of the drainage in

our city. For that reason, as a House Committee, we have come up with the recommendations in the report which I would really urge this House based on the magnitude of this matter that it needs to be looked into and not like other reports that we have passed in this House and it ends there without a further implementation of the same.

Mr. Speaker, a Member has raised a concern that is Hon. Omoro who was not much convinced. He thought that some points are lacking in our recommendations but that is the reason as to why we brought this report to the House by not limiting the recommendations. We did indicate that this matter needs to be looked into. Various departments like Public Works, Physical Planning and the Committee of water should come together with additional findings because the matter was not only meant for the Committee of Water but for other departments.

Another issue was raised by Hon. Steve Owiti which I think as a House Committee we will also need to look in to very specifically on that matter of Kibos Prison that is discharging its effluent to the water bodies so that the committee can come with some recommendations.

However, I want to thank the Members for their contribution. I am so humbled that the Hon. Member that sought for this statement is in the House and she is so much impressed with the contributions and the findings of the Standing Committee. I therefore want to plead with you that these recommendations and others that the Members have raised be looked into so that we can at least address this issue that has become a concern in our County. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Hon. Members now that the Sectoral Committee of Water, Environment and Natural Resources report on Status of Sije – Carwash Drainage System has been presented by Hon. Ameso, seconded and debated by Hon. Members, I therefore want to put a question on the adoption of the same with the comments therein.

(Question put and agreed to)

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Therefore Hon. Members the sectoral committee of Water, Environment and Natural Resources report on Status of Sije – Carwash Drainage System is hereby adopted today Tuesday, 20th April 2021 at 1555 hours and I direct that the Hansard report with recommendations therein be prepared and be communicated to the relevant department for action and the Implementation Committee to follow up on such recommendations.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Next Order!

ADJOURNMENT

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): There being no any other business to transact the House stands adjourned to Wednesday, 21st April 2021 at 9.00 a.m.

(House rose at 3.58 p.m.)

Addendum

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