

COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF KISUMU



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THE HANSARD

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House met in the Main Chamber at 9:00 a.m.

(The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Inviolata Adhiambo) in the Chair)

PRAYERS

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Adhiambo): Madam Clerk, please take us through the Order Paper of the day.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Adhiambo): Next order!!

STATEMENT

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Adhiambo): Yes, Hon. Erick Agolla.

Hon. Agolla: Thank you Madam Speaker. Pursuant to the provisions of County Assembly Standing Orders No. 41 (2) (d), I want to raise a Statement and the Chairperson, Select Committee of Implementation.

Madam Speaker, we are all aware that, we are heading to the electioneering year and just the other day we as a House did pass the Kisumu County Appropriations Bill, 2021. Madam Speaker, this County did appropriate funds in the right time compared to other Counties like Siaya who are still grappling with passing their Budget Estimates.

Madam Speaker, I want to plead with Hon. Members that represent their electoral wards that, they work closely with relevant Departments so that work commences immediately. I mean the works of execution of Development Projects. Madam Speaker, yesterday we were discussing about

Development Projects that were not implemented and it is better we commence at the right time so that we don't cry foul at the lapse of the financial year. That is my plea and prayers to the elected Hon. Members. Thank you.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Inviolata): Thank you. I believe that all Hon. Member are duly informed.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Inviolata): Hon. Members, we are still in the Statement Hour.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Inviolata): Yes, Leader of Minority, Pete.

Leader of Minority (Hon. Oiko): Thank you Madam Speaker. I want to add my voice on what has been echoed by the Chairperson, Select Committee on Implementation.

Madam Speaker, I believe that it would have been the prerogative of the Chairperson, Select Committee on Implementation to visited the County Executive and furnish this House Development Projects for the last financial year so that we get the clear position. These should be projects that have been implemented, on-going and those that have stalled. So that, when he advises us we are in the picture of what the Status of these Development Projects for the last financial year is.

Madam Speaker, it is my appeal that, on his Statement he should be compelled to go to the County Executive to bring that report to this House so that we get direction. Madam Speaker, without that kind of report, it may not be easy for us to walk from office to office yet it is the work of those offices to furnish this House with those records

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Adhiambo): Yes, Chairperson, Committee on Implementation, do you want to respond?

Hon. Ogutu: Madam Speaker, can I react on that statement first then Hon. Agolla can respond to them all at once?

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Adhiambo): Yes, proceed Hon. Ogutu

Hon. Ogutu: Thank you Madam Speaker, it is good that the Chairperson, Committee on implementation has talked about the projects and their Implementation Status. Madam Speaker, it would be proper for him as the Chairperson of the said Select Committee to follow up on implementation of projects in this County. This is his docket and I believe that he can bring us the projects that have never been implemented in this county since the onset of this Second Assembly in 2017 so that we are kept abreast what the county government has done.

Madam Speaker, I believe that because he is the one who came up with this statement, he should get going immediately after adjournment to bring us all the projects that have collapsed in this County so that we are made aware and given the reasons so that debate on the way forward.

Mr. Chairperson, I believe that you are sleeping on your job and it is quite ironical that you come up and ask members to follow closely on the projects but you should know that several members often camp at the Prosperity House begging for their projects to be implemented. Sometimes they collapse midway. It is very painful especially for the elected members when you promise your

electorates that on a specific date a dispensary will be constructed and by the lapse of that term that dispensary is not done; that water project are not there; that road you promised are not done; that ECDE centre is now where to be seen.

I plead with the Chair to furnish this House with the report of the incomplete projects for us to discuss. Otherwise, it is good he has realized that he has been sleeping on the job. He should now come out strongly and prove that he can do his job. Thank you Madam Speaker.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Adhiambo): Yes, Chair Implementation, Hon. Agolla.

Hon. Agolla: Thank you Madam Speaker. I want to reiterate that Hon. Benny Pete Oiko and Hon. George Ogutu did not understand why I stood up as Chair of Implementation. I was reminding elected members that we are in a new financial year and execution of development projects has just started. So, they should work closely with respective departments because that is the primary obligation of an MCA to do representation. Some of us wait until the time of doing oversight is over they forget the responsibility of representation.

If you hear Hon. Ogutu say that the Chairperson of Implementation Committee ...

Hon. Ogutu: On a point of information Madam Speaker.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Inviolata): Hon. Ogutu, I will not open the Statement for debate. He was responding to your...

Hon. Agolla: Madam Speaker, can he allow me to respond...?

Hon. Ogutu: Madam Speaker, I do not believe that it is proper for an Hon. Member to say that some Hon. Members are sleeping on their job.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Adhiambo): But I thought you also ...

Hon. Ogutu: That is exactly what we are doing because we are always reminding the County Executive that project 'A' has not been done. If he is saying such a thing on the floor of the House, I believe that one is not fair.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Adhiambo): Okay, Hon. Ogutu.

Hon. Agolla: Madam Speaker, I did not refer Hon. Ogutu as sleeping on the job, I was just reminding him of his time and responsibility. Immediately I leave this chambers, I will go to South West Kisumu Ward that I represent. I adhere to the Engineers on the city and those from the Department of Water. I am going to the ground to do geological survey; that is my work as an elected leader. After that, is the time the department will do Bills of Quantity and you will then find that my projects are being implemented. That is what I was trying to remind Hon. Members.

Some Hon. Members just wait up to eleventh hour is when they want to do oversight. How can you do oversight on a project that you did not represent properly? Madam Speaker that is what I was driving home that it is not the work of the implementation Committee Chairperson. Can we refer to the Standing Orders that the powers of implementation Committee is derived from?

(Loud consultations)

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Adhiambo): Which point of order? I think Hon. Agola was responding...

Hon. Agolla: He does not know which point of order he is referring to. He is still doing some research. Madam Speaker, the Hon. Member is still referring from the Standing Order.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Adhiambo): Proceed Hon. Agolla.

Hon. Agolla: Madam Speaker, I was just communicating to our members honestly and soberly that for us to realize the full implementation of our projects, we must start earlier enough. That was my only humble prayer. But, if – of which it is very true that some projects have not been implemented and I did hint on that. Even on our debate for yesterday, we did realize that a good number of projects have not been implemented. So, we must come up with ways and measures to ensure that these projects are implemented. One of our research findings is that the process of procurement normally starts late and that is the reason why I was urging Members to work closely with relevant departments as early as possible to ensure that the documents are ready, the procurement is done on time so that we wait and see where the County Executive wants to delay.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Adhiambo): It is statement our and Hon. Agolla was just responding. Unless you are standing on your own statement.

Hon. Ogotu: Madam Speaker it is our responsibility to inform the House.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Adhiambo): Hon. Ogotu can you be orderly. I don't want to open this matter for debate. The Hon. Member was on personal statement and he was just reminding Members and gave him time to respond. Unless you are standing on your own statement.

Hon. Ogotu: It is a statement within a statement.

(Loud laughter)

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Adhiambo): You are out of order Hon. Ogotu.

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

ADJOURNMENT

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Inviolata): There being no any other business to transact, the House stands adjourned to Wednesday, 8th September 2021 at 2.30 p.m.

(House rose at 9.22 a.m.)

Addendum

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