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

(The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Seth Okumu) in the Chair)

PRAYERS

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Okumu): I want to direct under Standing Order No. 32 (2) that the Serjeant-at-Arms rings the quorum bell for five minutes.

(Quorum bell rung for five minutes)

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Okumu): Hon. Aslam Khan, could you confirm if we have quorum.

Hon. Khan: Mr. Speaker, we have quorum. Thank you.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Okumu): Mr. Clerk, take us through the Order Paper of the day.

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

PAPERS LAID

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Okumu): Yes, Hon. Aslam Khan.

Hon. Khan: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Pursuant to the provision of the County Assembly Standing Order No. 182 (6), I wish to table today Wednesday 31st March, 2021, Budget and Appropriation Committee Report on the Kisumu County Fiscal Strategy Paper (CFSP) FY 2021/2022. Thank you.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Okumu): Honourable Members, I acknowledge the receipt of the Budget and Appropriation Committee Report on the Kisumu County Fiscal Strategy Paper (CFSP) FY 2021/2022. Subsequently, I want to direct that this report be taken to the House Business Committee for scheduling for discussion in the House.

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

Hon. Pamela Odhiambo: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Pursuant to the provision of the County Assembly Standing Order No. 182 (6), I wish to table today Wednesday 31st March, 2021, Welfare and Equal Opportunity Committee Report on the Benchmarking Exercise with Siaya County Assembly.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Okumu): Honourable Members, I acknowledge the receipt of the Welfare and Equal Opportunity Committee Report on the Benchmarking Exercise with its sister Committee of Siaya County Assembly. Again, I want to direct that this report be taken to the House Business Committee for scheduling for discussion in the House.

Order!! Honourable Members. We agreed on the dress code in this House but you have turned it into something that was never anticipated. I want to request the Members who have not dressed properly not to wait on other Members to call on them to go and dress properly.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Okumu): Yes, Hon. Caren Muga.

Hon. Muga: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Pursuant to the provision of the County Assembly Standing Order No. 182 (6), I wish to table today Wednesday 31st March, 2021, the Tourism, Wildlife and Heritage Committee Report on its Benchmarking with the sister Committee of Siaya County Assembly.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Okumu): Honourable Members, I acknowledge the receipt of the Tourism, Wildlife and Heritage Committee report on its Benchmarking with its sister Committee of Siaya County Assembly. I want to direct that this report be taken to the House Business Committee for scheduling for discussion in the House.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Okumu): Yes, Hon. Paul Okiri.

Hon. Okiri: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Pursuant to the provision of the County Assembly Standing Order No. 182 (6), I wish to table today Wednesday 31st March, 2021, the Cooperative, Finance and Enterprise Development Committee report on the County Government of Kisumu Financial Statement for year ended 30th June, 2020. Thank you.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Okumu): Honourable Members, I acknowledge the receipt of the Cooperative, Finance and Enterprise Development Committee report on the County Government of Kisumu Financial Statement for year ended 30th June, 2020. Consequently, I want to direct that this report be taken to the House Business Committee for scheduling for discussion in the House.

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

NOTICES OF MOTION

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Okumu): Yes, Hon. Aslam Khan.

Hon. Khan: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Pursuant to the provision of the County Assembly Standing Order No. 45, I wish to give a notice of motion on Budget and Appropriation Committee report on the Kisumu County Fiscal Strategy Paper (CFSP) FY 2021/2022. Thank you.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Okumu): Thank you.

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

Hon. Pamela Odhiambo: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Pursuant to the provision of the County Assembly Standing Order No. 45, I wish to give a notice of motion on Welfare and Equal Opportunity Committee report on the benchmarking exercise with its sister Committee Siaya County Assembly.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Okumu): Thank you. Yes, Hon. Careen Muga.

Hon. Muga: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Pursuant to the provision of the County Assembly Standing Order No. 45, I wish to give a notice of motion on the Tourism, Wildlife and Heritage Committee report on its benchmarking with its sister Committee of Siaya County Assembly.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Okumu): Thank you. Yes, Hon. Paul Okiri.

Hon. Okiri: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Pursuant to the provision of the County Assembly Standing Order No. 45, I wish to give a notice of motion on the Cooperative, Finance and Enterprise Development Committee report on the County Government of Kisumu Financial Statement for the year ended 30th June, 2020. Thank you.

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

STATEMENTS

RESPONSE ON A STATEMENT RAISED BY HON. PAMELA ODHIAMBO REGARDING
DRAINAGE CHANNELS ALONG SIJE CARWASH ROAD

BY

HON. SAMSON AMESO

CHAIRPERSON, WATER, ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Okumu): Hon. Members, I want to open the Floor for any other responses on statements as we struggle to get the Chair for Water, Environment and Natural Resources.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Okumu): Proceed Hon. Erick Agolla.

Hon. Agolla: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Pursuant to the County Assembly Standing Order No. 41 (2) (b), I wish to request for a Statement from the Chairperson, Planning, Industrialization and ICT Committee. There is a fresh mushrooming of containers along Bank Street and Ojijo Okeyo Street within the Market-Milimani Ward. Mr. Speaker, with the revelation above, allow me to request the mentioned committee to investigate and inquire into the following;

1. Why is the County Government allowing traders in this area while the traders who were evicted from that part have not been resettled to date?
2. Why is the City Management dealing with the citizens selectively in applications of the city planning laws?

As somebody who was elected to represent the people of this county, we have the good will to ensure that this County is taken to the greater heights, I want to request for the response on the same. Mr. Speaker, with the powers conferred to you under Standing Order No. 1, I want to implore you to allow this House to debate on this matter because this a topic of concern. I beg to sit.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Okumu): Thank you Hon. Erick Agolla for the concern. As per your request, I want to allow the Honourable Members to add their voice on your Statement before we give a ruling on it.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Okumu): Yes, Hon. Seth Ochieng Kanga.

Hon. Kanga: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Sometimes it requires wisdom to deal with certain matters. I am in concurrence with Hon. Erick Agolla who is seeking the Statement. The matter in question is under my area of jurisdiction. That is Market Milimani. I have spoken about this issue not once and not twice and severally to the Governor, to the Board Chairman Mr. Adul and other members of the Board. There is a copy of petition by the traders to the City Board questioning how the City Board awarded the said individual a tender to place containers in the city.

Going by the records, the Governor had a lot of good will from the people of this City when he started reorganizing how business is to be done in Kisumu City and many traders were relocated in the name of improving the drainage systems and putting up cabros in the non-motorized areas

within the city, as we speak today, those traders have not been settled. It was partially done in Chichwa Market.

Mr. Speaker, giving an individual the tender to put up containers in the CBD negates the spirits of devolution where one man is given everything to do and I don't believe we are headed towards the right direction as a government. You are all aware of what happened last week. The dusts have not even settled. Last night, an individual called Demabior was awarded this tender went to the Kenya Railways Cooperation parcel of lands and placed the containers there. Remember, people were evicted from the railways land to create space for expansion of the port. Demabior comes from Seme and the Governor also comes from the same sub county.

(Applause)

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Okumu): The other week it was Mr. Kabong' who also comes from Seme...

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Okumu): Order Hon. Kanga...

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Okumu): What is it Hon. Paul Okiri?

Hon. Okiri: Thank you Mr. Speaker. The name Demabior comes from South Sudan and we don't know who the Honourable Member is referring to.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Okumu): Hon. Okiri we have listened to your point of information and be informed that names are not restricted to specific states or in this part of the world. So, I don't think Hon. Kanga will have time to explain to you if the person whose name has been adversely mentioned comes from Seme or not.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Okumu): What is it Hon. Beatrice Pamela?

Hon. Beatrice Pamela: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I just wanted to inform the Member on the matter you have ruled on.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Okumu): Thank you. Proceed Hon. Kanga.

Hon. Kanga: Mr. Speaker, some issues are of grave concern and sometimes when you allow a Member to speak then they should be able to quote the Standing Order which they are rising on. I am talking passionately because it is in the public domain that I am a defender of Governor Nyong'o but we can't defend administrative errors. We cannot defend violation of human rights. Right now, people are demonstrating outside in the name Prof. Anyang' Nyong'o must go. That has not been witnessed since the inception of this government.

Mr. Speaker, the Governor had a lot of goodwill from the people in this City and that is why they agreed to give way for the restructuring of the City. We had a lot of good will from the donors and

the National Government but today, when we woke up, we were astonished. For this County to move on, this person called Demabior must be removed from this town. I know he comes from Seme and these people of Seme have been messing the Governor and we will not allow them especially I who supports the Governor.

Mr. Speaker, I want to request this House especially the Planning Committee to dig deeper on this matter because the City Board gazetted specific areas to be markets. The manner unto which individuals are awarded contract leaves a lot to be desired. I urge the House to debate over this matter noting that it is a matter of public interest.

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

Hon. Pamela Odhiambo: Thank you Mr. Speaker. There are people in this County that are not following laws. This tender was awarded by the City Board. We all know people lost their jobs due to demolition of shops in the city. The containers are back in town and occupying the areas that use to help our people.

Mr. Speaker, this was done without the County Government conducting of Public Participation. I have been praising the Governor but I will not on this one. This is not how we are going to conduct ourselves in this County. I also want to urge my colleagues who have pending responses on statements sought to adjust and table those responses on the Floor to allow us discuss them. Thank you.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Okumu): Yes, Hon. Paul Okiri.

Hon. Okiri: This is a sad afternoon and we as legislators of this county, we are no happy with what is happening. You all watched what the Machakos Governor Dr. Alfred Mutua did to his people. He exempted the small traders from paying taxes during this pandemic period and we thought this will be the case in Kisumu. You saw what happened to the traders in the City and if we are not careful, the Kisumu County will only be for the rich.

Mr. Speaker, demolitions were done because we wanted to do good planning in the city. Most of our traders are now jobless and they have nowhere to go. The County Government ought to have relocated the traders to new sites that are available. We cannot allow the tycoons to use their connections to place containers where traders were removed. The pandemic has affected everyone and we must be able to provide the little opportunities that are there for both the rich and the poor.

Mr. Speaker, we have been crying about the revenue collection. There is no way we can generate revenue when the town is deserted. We must allow the shoe shiners and mama *mbogas* in town so that we get the revenue.

Mr. Speaker, I want to say that, we need to take the right direction to help the common mwananchi as they are on our necks and it is the reasons that we were elected to this House to safeguard their interests, thank you.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Okumu): Yes, Hon. Roy Samo.

Hon. Samo: Thank you Mr. Speaker, despite this coming late as a form of advice; the Assembly with all its constitutional powers, can still have an opportunity to straighten things in this county. As Hon. Seth Kanga had earlier said, that; there is an issue that was raised and was discussed here in the House and we agreed that as an Assembly, we aren't going to deal with the Executive until this matter is handled. Do we even have a problem even after the incident of a woman resident of this county being dragged behind a County Government's pickup? We have not received the report to date. In addition, we are awakened with another unfortunate news today that the containers are being put up in town. I took an initiative to witness it to be sure about it even when I would be talking about it later in the House. It is quite sad and we cannot have a County Government that doesn't know where we are coming from or headed.

Mr. Speaker, this is an ordeal that will consume us even as we will be going back for re-election because we are co-joined in the hip with the Governor. Any form of positive or negative ratings comes down to us as MCAs. When we were on the Pre-budget Conference recently, one of the officers told us that they decided to put Kshs 1,000,600,000 billion to this budget so that it can balance. This was his reaction to a statement raised by Hon. Seth Kanga when he said that; most of these areas that were earning us revenue have been demolished and true to his word, there are demolitions all over town and beyond. We are therefore realizing that the demolitions were not done because the county government needed the land. At first, we also thought that Kenya Railways Corporation wanted their land back but now we are also realizing it wasn't so. This is so because we are now seeing people putting up containers with the blessings of the County Government. The reason for all these going down is because of a deal that has gone sour, let's be realistic about the situation.

Mr. Speaker, the City Manager cannot tell us that he is leading the same people in demolishing things that he is aware of. A few weeks ago, I visited his office and I told him the same to his face. Unless we take the bulls by the horns and tell off the leadership that the county is going rogue, then we will certainly go down with them and would in turn forget about re-election come the year 2022.

Mr. Speaker, I have been privileged to travel the world a lot and being in the UK severally, and this made me learn that relocation of traders is done by constructing first then making the relocation of people intended to be displaced. The same applies to Rwanda. In Kisumu County however, the City Manager and the Governor will just wake up one day and say that a certain space is needed for a road and just like that the demolition is undertaken. They prohibited parking along Oginga Odinga Street that lead to crumbling of several businesses just because you want to leave it for

UNESCO at a fee. How is that helping us as a county, yet that is the very street that gives us about Kshs. 30,000,000 million and this I am aware of because it has been so since our time as Councilors. Where are we going to get this Kshs. 1.6 billion to bridge the gap in the budget that we have? That is the reason why most projects have been stalled. Mr. Speaker, you are also a Member of the Assembly yet you are sitting pretty and you represent a ward. Are those projects in your ward going to be completed? Your answer is as good as mine, and that's a NO. What are we debating over if all projects are not going to be completed? Today I was confronted by some people along the highway claiming that we debate as much but there is not any fruit that comes out of it. Mr. Speaker, time has come for us to bite the bullet because we had apportioned about Kshs. 5 million for the roads and we came up with something called the Machine-based roads constructions. Is it working for us? I come from Kajulu Ward where the Minister for Roads comes from, but is it working for us Mr. Speaker?

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Okumu): Hon. Samo, I believe that you have much more to contribute but I would want to restrict yourself to the statement made by Hon. Erick Agolla so that other members would also get time to give their input on the same.

Hon. Samo: Mr. Speaker, the people surrounding the Governor have failed him in almost everything and especially in advice. A guy like Mr. Idris, who has never won a single case in court, has been proposed to take up the position of the County Attorney. Why should we give the Governor failures in life? That is why I am saying that the governor's advisors...

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Okumu): Order! Hon. Samo, you cannot discuss a person who hasn't been brought before the House for vetting...

Hon. Samo: The Assembly will just rubber stamp it as is it always the norm...

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Okumu): Order! Hon. Roy Samo, I want to guide you because I know you have so much to lay bare to be addressed but for now restrict yourself to Hon. Agolla's statement on what should be added or removed in order to enrich the statement so that when the committee is sitting, they will have additional issues to include relating to what he had raised. The idea of jumping to other issues makes it less clear about what is being discussed.

Hon. Samo: Mr. Speaker, this proposed County Attorney comes from Seme and indeed these people from Seme are really messing us up, and that is why the City Manager who also comes from that part of the County is also messing this city yet the MCAs are the ones blamed.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Okumu): Restrict yourself to the Statement.

Hon. Samo: Finally, in all honesty, I know that the Governor is on his way back home due to the things that are happening but let him not drag us with him. I want to ask the House to help him before he goes home because I know we can. If they are removing kiosks in town, let it stay so but

let us not allow kiosks to be built in places that they had initially been demolished, otherwise we won't allow its reconstruction, thank you.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Okumu): Yes, Hon. Aslam Khan.

Hon. Khan: Thank you Mr. Speaker, the statement sought by Hon. Agolla is of topical concern and has been brought at the right time because it is an issue that is getting out of proportion. Hawkers and traders alike in this county are languishing in poverty because all containers and kiosks are being demolished. It beats logic to see an individual given the monopoly to erect containers in the Central Business District, where we are looking forward for medals by Afri-city as one of the best cities in Africa at the expense of financially constrained traders. The same traders who can't now support their children hence a lot of insecurities in the county. Mr. Speaker, you find that a few cartels and city officials are currently arm twisting the small traders and allocating the same to one individual which is quite shameful.

Mr. Speaker, I want to give you an example of the Oginga Odinga Street in Kisumu; the same county officials have prohibited traders to pitch their trading tents along Oginga Odinga streets. In addition, parking has been prohibited in the area. I want to assure you that the businesses along that street are going to close down really soon. Unless this House comes up with a comprehensive plan of restoring the city, it will go straight to the dogs, thank you.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Okumu): Yes, Hon. Olale.

Hon. Olale: Thank you Mr. Speaker, the issue of bringing containers into the city is a move that takes the whole city for granted. Members of the public of this county heeded the call by the County Government of Kisumu that they were going to have a lot of transformation. Some had taken course, such as the port, whereas others are still underway and many people were displaced from the selected areas of interest. However, this morning, an individual brings containers inscribed with signatures of 'Lupita Nyong'o'.

(Feet thumping)

Mr. Speaker, this is a sign of a the colours of County government trying to fool members of the public as well as everybody else that these containers are a donation by Lupita Nyong'o to the county government, yet an individual owns them for their personal gain. In an even worse case, the said individual has collected money opposite Posta Plaza for the past 7 months yet the traders' items have been destroyed and are affected by the situation because they have paid their dues for the seven months. This House has the authority to compel the trader to refund all that money that he/she has received because he/she has stolen from other traders. With those few remarks Mr. Speaker, I would request this House to take this Statement to the General Oversight Committee so that Members can raise their issues as Hon. Roy Samo was doing earlier, for amicable resolution, thank you.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Okumu): Honorable members, it seems like a good number of Members want to present statements. However, the statement time is almost running out. I would therefore want to request all those who will be making statements to relate to the statement made by Hon. Eric Agolla and I will be giving you 2 minutes each. The queue will be in this sequence; Hon. Maureen Otiang', Hon. Jennifer Obonyo, Hon. Morris Ngeta, Hon. Philemon Ojuok, Hon. Victor Rodgers, and finally Hon. Gard Olima.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Okumu): Yes, Hon. Maureen.

Hon. Otiang': Thank you Mr. Speaker, I am perturbed because we supported this issue of demolitions mainly so that our city finds the face it is intended. However, some laws are seemingly not followed as per the agreement thus break the trust that we and the general public in this county had. Public participation is entrenched in the Constitution of Kenya 2010 and other relevant laws but it was not employed in this case hence a matter that should be looked into keenly for laws to be followed. The gains that we have made during our term as MCAs in this County of Kisumu are being eroded through the betrayal of the good will that we had, by individuals who are masquerading as traders and business people. These people are messing us up and we must condemn these happenings.

Mr. Speaker, I am wondering why the new market such as the 'Uhuru market', that has already been built hasn't been opened for operation. This could help lessen the agony of traders that were displaced from various areas of trade within the city so that they comfortably have places to trade and maintain their livelihoods. The person who put up these containers had the audacity to use the colors of our county, to hood wink that it is the property of the County Government. This issue should be taken seriously, and if there is violation of the law, he/she should be brought to book. Lastly, I want to request that a response to the statement be sought from the County Government of Kisumu to explain why and how things are left to go in such a queer manner, hence jeopardizing our reputation.

Mr. Speaker, our Governor is working diligently, but those who are there to malign his name using dubious means, should be condemned forthwith. I am also concurring with my fellow Members that this matter be taken to the General Oversight Committee, so that it is discussed conclusively and resolutions made so that we can earn some respect from members of the public because it is like we are losing our face. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. Obonyo: Ahsante sana bwana Spika. Nimesimama nichangie kidogo *Statement* kutoka kwa Mhe. Eric Agola. Kilichofanya nisimame ni kwasababu ni ajenda inaguzia wafanyibiashara. Mimi pia ni mwanabiashara. Lakini kile kinatendeka kwa jiji letu la Kisumu haifai hata kidogo. Nilipopita sehemu za Ojinokewu, niliona *containers* zikiangushwa chini na hizo *containers* ziko

na mali za wanabiashara. Kile kinafanya nililie wanabisahara ni kwamaba vitu viko ndani za container, vitu vinamwagwa chini, vitu vinaharibika.

Kulingana na vile dunia iko wakati huu wa Corona, wanabisahara wako na kazi ngumu sana. Mali zao zikaribika, tutakuwa tunafanya namna gani? Nauliza ya kwamba hizi containers zenye ziliwekawa Karibu na Ojinokewu, ni nani alipewa kandarisi hio? Kama ni Mabior, alipata hio kandarsi wapi? Na kama kuna mtu alipmatia kandarasi, ni nini ilimfanya amnyang'anye leo? Na mbona hajapea notisi kwa wanabiashara ili mali yao isiharibike?

Ni kilio chetu, hata kama sisi ni waheshimiwa - kama ni mama yako ama baba yako ndio vitu vyake vinaharibika hivyo, hatuwezi tukakubali. Hio ninakataa na ninakataa kabisa. Ahsante bwana Spika.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Okumu): Hon. Maurice Ngeta.

Hon. Ngeta: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I join my colleagues in condemning such activities in this great county of Kisumu. There is a cat and mouse game in this county. There is a process of putting up any structure within the CBD. You cannot wake up in the morning and get such containers in the streets without consent from a senior authority. Let us get a way forward. Who gave this guy the consent to put up containers in the CBD? This person must be brought to book for such kind of dubious activities within the city.

We have been undermined. It is like we don't have a mandate in this county. Let us pull up our socks and do something – let us get down with somebody so that the rest can move with caution. We are joking with these people. There are people in Prosperity House who have been seeing us like their kids. You go to ask for something and the answer you get...

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Okumu): Conclude, Hon. Member.

Hon. Ngeta: In conclusion, I urge you to form an Ad hoc Committee to establish who gave consent to put up containers in the CBD for him to be brought to book. Thank you.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Okumu): Yes, Hon. Philemon Ojuok.

Hon. Ojuok: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I want to join my colleagues in condemning the wanton destruction of property in this city and allocation of the same areas to specific individuals at the expense of the traders who were removed from those places in a totally inhumane manner.

Mr. Speaker, we were brought here by the people and the Governor appoints those in the County Executive. When they are not performing, the Governor is to blame. It is quite a number of times that people have complained about the manner in which people are being removed from those places yet we have not been able to crack the whip. And because we have failed to crack the whip, then it is us to blame.

Mr. Speaker, I also want to blame this House. There is need that we have detailed look at the budget. You will find that these kinds of contracts were hidden in those documents. Because nobody interrogated such documents, nobody is aware. If it is indeed true that these were contracts, then they must be in a budget. And if it is a budget then there must have been Public Participation of the same. And it is the same people who are supposed to have participated in such Public Participation Exercises that are complaining about the contracts.

Mr. Speaker, there is a way we blame the Governor and there is a way we blame this House. The Praise and worship – Hon. Adui there is a time you were complaining that I speak a lot of English – you must have now realized that English is important; that when these things take a certain direction, people can really take advantage of you. I know the kind of pressure you are undergoing at this moment. I would request that the management of the city be brought before a committee so that we can interrogate these issues in depth to find out who awarded these contracts. If you see somebody engaging in Public Relations, this is when you now him pretending to remove all the containers yet the contracts were awarded under his watch! It is very wrong. It is time to impeach people to go home. Thank you.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Okumu): Yes, Hon. Victor Rodgers.

Hon. Rodgers: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I want to join my colleagues in condemning what has just happened today. I want to plead with my colleagues that it is high time we stopped the politics of sideshows. I say so because the structures that were brought down by the public have been there for the last seven months. Mr. Speaker, when the people that we represent come out to correct the mess happening in Kisumu, is when we come here and make the loudest noise. I want to plead with this Honorable House that, we do a follow up on why the person that put up the containers used the county colours and used the name of the Governor's daughter.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Okumu): Hon Gard Olima

Hon. Gard Olima: Thank you Mr. Speaker. When this thing started there was an issue of Kisumu being planned; the planning that we have seen done by the County Government of Professor Peter Anyang' Nyong'o doesn't resemble the Governor we elected to plan Kisumu. If he had planned anywhere then I believe that he had some brains but not the brain he has today.

When people were removed from Akamba area, we were told that KRA wanted their land. Today we are being told somebody by the name Mabior which I know is just a decoy for the County Executive who are going to take up the spaces. I commend the youth from Kisumu County especially from Milimani Ward who realized that the MCA they elected cannot help them so they decided to take action themselves to recover what belongs to them.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Okumu): What is it Hon. Seth Kanga?

Hon. Kanga: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. You know Hon. Gard Olima is a village boy who does not understand what is happening in town. When I was contributing on this matter, I gave history of how we have gone through this thing. I have been on top of this issue – even yesterday I was in the City Board offices. To that effect, the City Manager did a letter suspending that contract. That is what I wanted to bring to the attention of the House. So Hon. Gard Olima who basically represents the farming and mining community does not understand the happenings in town. Thank you.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Okumu): Thank you. I hope you stand guided Hon. Gard Olima.

Hon. Olima: Thank you, I stand guided. I repeat that the name brought by the MCA of the area – Mabior – is a decoy by the County Executive headed by Prof. Anyang’ Nyong’o whose daughter is investing in Kisumu in containers. That is why she has branded the containers in her own name and used county colours.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Okumu): What is it Leader of Majority?

Leader of Majority (Hon. Onyango): Mr. Speaker, under Standing Order No. 89, the Hon. Member is mentioning people who are not here to defend themselves without evidence. He should be made to withdraw.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Okumu): Hon. Gard Olima I want to guide you. I want to request that for statements that you don’t have facts about especially touching on people’s name who cannot defend themselves in the floor of this House, please stay away from mentioning them so that our House remains Honourable. I want us to discuss statements with facts. Allow me to give Hon. Seth Kanga first then you conclude.

Hon. Kanga: Sometimes the Leader of Majority tries to defend the undefendable. I want to support Hon. Gard Olima because one of the containers - and I have evidence that the Containers had the inscriptions of Lupita Nyong’o. It would be prudent for the Governor of Kisumu County to come out and tell the people if indeed he is not part of this thing. I talked to the Governor during lunch time today and informed him equally. So sometimes when Hon. Gard Olima talks, he has facts.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Okumu): Order Hon. Members!! I said that Statements of which you have facts and can be proven before this House, I will allow you but if we have statements touching on people’s names that are not before this House to defend themselves then, let us not mention them in the floor of the House. Proceed, Hon. Gard Olima.

Hon. Olima: Thank you, Mr. Speaker; I am guided. I wanted to tell the House that the containers we are talking about today are branded in county colours with brand name of Lupita Nyong’o. I don’t know who else Lupita Nyong’o is apart from the daughter to the Governor.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Okumu): Hon. Members I gave you two minutes and the time is over.

Hon. Olima: Mr. Speaker, as I conclude, this issue of Kisumu County Government putting people in acting positions for the rest of their lives; this is a county where we have a retiree at the age of 64 acting as a County Secretary. This is a county where we have a jailbird who was convicted acting in the position of City Manager. These people are not brought to this House but are left in acting positions so that we cannot question their integrity and we cannot impeach them. The city is headed by the City Board which is also defunct – headed by a retiree who should not be holding any public office in the name of Mr. Adul.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Okumu): Conclude, Hon. Member.

Hon. Olima: Mr. Speaker, I want to tell the House that time is up for Prof Peter Anyang' Nyong'o to give space to somebody who can lead this county in the right direction. We were told we were going to be given stalls of quality standards in this county. You walk next to the main stage and you look at the stalls being put up there in the name of the county and you wonder why we destroyed the previous ones. They are worse than what we had before when the planning was not there.

Mr. Speaker, I want to request that this time round, let us do our job. The Praise and worship team, please give us a break. Let us bring back dignity to this House. I want to tell the County Executive with their social media bloggers and PR officers; like now somebody is claiming that it is the city management that removed the containers, yet we know that it is the youth who have been frustrated who cannot even get something to feed on that removed the containers...

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Okumu): Thank you Hon. Member. I have given you enough time, in fact double the stipulated time. I want to give Hon. Pete Oiko to also contribute.

Hon Olima: As I conclude Mr. Speaker, let us not leave any stone unturned. Let us ensure everything is done and those who cannot make the coffee should taste it. Thank you.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Okumu): Hon. Pete Oiko.

Leader of Minority (Hon. Oiko): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This matter started long time when the demolition started. We didn't look serious and we were not seeing that our people were being affected. This Assembly has not aired its voice. Today it looks like we have been caught with our pants down. Hon. Members, when things that have been happening in Kisumu County do happen in the Rift Valley in Central Province. The political leadership must sit down with the Executive to chart the way forward. We in Kisumu, we listen and we sit and the common man is affected. The common man is the owner of the land, the people in Prosperity and the City Hall here, how many are they. Mr. Speaker, majority of the people are the small traders, hawkers and their welfare

must be taken care of. Mr. Speaker, we don't do that. When we here that the Executive is doing something, we curl our tails and that is the level at which we are now.

Mr. Speaker, we must tell the Executive that, when they want to do something that is going to affect the common mwanainchi, then, the way must be charted. This House should not be taken for granted. Mr. Speaker, the situation that we are in now, the common man is going to suffer because the Executive is out to enrich themselves by contracting the entrepreneurs to bring kiosks to the streets and the cost is going to be exorbitant to the common man. They will demand from the common man to pay the Goodwill. Mr. Speaker, if the rent is Kshs 8,000.00 which I believe is exorbitant for the common man, then they will asked them to pay for four months in advance which translates to Kshs 30,000 to Kshs 40,000. When we reach that level with the common man, how do you expect them to survive?

Mr. Speaker and Hon. Members, we have put the common man in Kisumu County in a very pathetic and precarious situation. These are not just ordinary member of the County, they cut across because some of them come from my ward, other come from across the County and they are people of Kisumu County. We must air our voices. If kiosks were to be again placed where those were earlier on demolished, the County Government must resolve this and the County Assembly must assert its authority so that the demonstrations are controlled. If this matter is left in the hands of the entrepreneurs, I am telling you that, from the time the demolitions happened up to now, so many small traders have been thrown into the dustbins. They don't know how to survive, their children have dropped out of school and colleges and they are languishing in poverty. Please let us come out and assert our authority.

Mr. Speaker and Hon. Members, this is something that is happening in Kisumu Town, the town is owned by the 35 Wards, not the 6 or 7 wards that are in the jurisdiction of the town, let us air our voices because it has been said here that, there is a "Praise and Worship Team" and we have been branded the Village MCAs. So, let us be open to the Executive and tell them that this is what we want. The welfare of the common man must be taken care of and we should not assume.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Okumu): Leader of Minority, please conclude.

Leader of Minority (Hon. Oiko): Thank you Mr. Speaker. I have concluded.

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

Hon. Guya: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I also want to join my colleagues in congratulating the youths who saw it judicious to come out and remove those containers.

Mr. Speaker, one, those containers are branded in county colours. Who else can brand a container in county colours? The containers bears the name of Lupita Nyong'o and we know why. These containers were stored at the Kisumu Worksyard before being installed. Who else can go and store their property there if not the County Government of Kisumu.

Mr. Speaker, in the morning, this House was discussing the Kisumu County Public Service Report for the year ending December, 2020. Mr. Speaker, in that report, we are aware that the Public Service Board has the mandate to place people in positions acting capacity. In that report, there was nowhere stated that one, Abala Wanga, the City Manager, was placed to act as the City Manager. The only body mandated to place people in position of acting capacity in County Government of Kisumu is the Kisumu County Public Service Board.

Mr. Speaker, my resolution number one is; that; we treat Mr. Michael Abala Wanga as a Ghost Worker of the County. This is because there is nowhere in the report where he is mentioned to be in the position of Acting City Manager.

Mr. Speaker, whatever is happening in this County, I also want to join my colleagues because it is very sad. The County comprises of seven Sub-counties but, one Sub-county cannot be taking everything brought to the County. Mr. Speaker that we will not allow. There is nowhere we are going to agree that one Sub-county in the name of Seme Sub-county that only generates revenue of Kshs 2,000,000.00 annually to the County wants to take everything. If you come to the Department of Roads, they have taken everything. If it comes to appointment of officers in the County, they have taken everything and when it comes to generating revenues, they bring nothing on the table. If it comes to voting, they have the least votes in this County. Mr. Speaker, is that really fair? As a County we are not going to accept this trend.

Mr. Speaker, I want to state here that, this House needs to take action on the County Government of Kisumu;

1. We need to know if those tenders were procured. Where are the documents?
2. Were the tenders advertised and how were they won.

We must be furnished with those details. I want to join my colleague Hon. Olale that given the weight of this matter, it be referred to the General Oversight Committee and not the Committee of Planning, Industrialization and ICT. Thank you.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Okumu): Thank you Hon. Members, I believe that we have deliberated enough on this matter on the Statement raised by Hon. Eric Agolla...

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Okumu): Leader of Majority, let me give you two minutes.

Leader of Majority (Hon. Onyango): On a Point of Order. Thank you Mr. Speaker. We are really leaving in very strange times because, my good brother the Hon. Kanga who hitherto was the Chairperson of the Praise and Worship Team seems to have gotten transformation on his way from Damascus.

(Applause)

(Laughter)

Hon. Kanga: On a Point of Order. Mr. Speaker, I don't know what the Leader of Majority is talking about because the Praise and Worship Team is here nor there in our Standing Orders. Neither is it a registered organization or a lobby group. So, through your chair I request that the Leader of Majority withdraws and apologizes on those remarks. This is because I have never chaired a grouping known as the Praise and Worship Team because I don't know what he is talking about.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Okumu): Thank you Hon. Member. Leader of Majority, I request that you withdraw and apologize to Hon. Kanga and restrict yourself to the matter raised by Hon. Agolla.

Leader of Majority (Hon. Onyango): Mr. Speaker, I will do that, but, Mr. Speaker, you know that let me just take you down memory lane.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Okumu): Order!! Hon. Leader of Majority, I gave you two minutes and you are ruining short of time.

Leader of Majority (Hon. Onyango): Mr. Speaker, this is a House of debate and we must do so and you know that I went to a good public school where debating was very important. Mr. Speaker, what I want to say is this, yesterday, a group of citizens came to the Assembly and I believe they had a petition concerning a myriad of issues. What compounded me is that, the elected representative could not address them because they were very uncooperative. They don't believe that Members of this House can have solutions to their problems.

Mr. Speaker, today, I was coming from lunch, I saw some containers having been overturned and people were struggling to rescue their wares from those containers. Some very valuable wares like fridges and you know those other things. Mr. Speaker, the question that I ask myself, how did these people established these containers in the first place. So that, very few months down the line, it has now come to a point where they are being thrown out. Mr. Speaker, what that demonstrates is that, they are employing knee jerk reactions to very important matters of governance which in my opinion, should not be there. It is the reason as to why this House must take up this matter very seriously. Mr. Speaker, if you look at the Rostov's Stages of Economic Development which has the following;

1. Traditional Society.
2. Preconditions for Takeoffs.
3. Takeoff Stage.
4. Drive to Maturity.
5. Stage of Mass Consumption.

Mr. Speaker, if we are told that in the CBD we want to make it a Leisurely Zone, then that means that, we have borrowed a model of Economy probably from Europe and we want to juxtapose it in an economy that is still very far away from reaching that Stage of Mass Consumption. Mr.

Speaker, for purpose of mass consumption, this stage is where people are entertained and they now enjoy leisure. So, I suggest that, that let this House take up this matter very seriously and I want to concur with my colleague who said that let these people be summoned the soonest possible under the General Oversight Committee so that the issues that have bedeviled this City can be tackled and tackled comprehensively. I also want to urge Hon. Members that, let us not mix politics with serious House Business like we are having today. If we do that, we may not reach a desirable conclusion. Mr. Speaker, I want to thank the Hon. Kanga because of course he has denied that he has never been in the Parise and Worship Team...

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Okumu): Order!! Order!! Hon. Leader of Majority...

Leader of Majority (Hon. Onyango): Mr. Speaker, if my memory serves me well he has been all over the place. In fact his coming to the House today is calculated because he was teaching the Praise and Worship Team. Thank you.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Okumu): Thank you. I believe that we have come to the conclusion on this debate raised by Hon. Kanga. Hon. Agolla, I will not accord you any more time because I want us to conclude this matter.

Hon. Members, this debate by Hon. Agolla, has been exhaustively been deliberated by Hon. Members. His prayers was that this matter be taken to the Standing Committee Planning, Industrialization and ICT but contrary to that, Hon. Members prefer that the Statement be taken to the Committee of General Oversight. I want to put a question on that?

(Question put and agreed to)

Hon. Agolla, we are moving your Statement from the Committee of Planning, Industrialization and ICT to the Committee of General Oversight. I direct that they bring back a report in this House in two weeks. Hon. Members, as I accord the Committee two weeks, I want this House to assist me make a decision on the Construction that is taking place on those Containers so that as a House we need to make a decision if the Constructions should go on, or it be stopped.

Hon. Members, I want to put a question on that matter before I communicate. That as many are of the opinion that we stop the Construction of Containers forthwith until this matter is resolved?

(Question put and agreed to)

Hon. Members, It be communicated to the City Manager that, there will be no more Construction of Containers by the City of Kisumu whether contracted or as a government until the Assembly resolves this matter.

Hon. Members, we are in agreement on two issues that I want to be communicated to the relevant offices that;

1. The Statement raised with the additional statement by hon. Members from this House be handled by the General Oversight Committee. We are giving this Committee two week to bring back a report on the matter to this House.
2. There is no more Construction of Containers by the City of Kisumu in any parts of this County until resolved/communicated otherwise by the County Assembly.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Okumu): Hon. Members, I believe that we are still on Statement.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Okumu): I want to give Hon. Guya.

Hon. Guya: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I know we are running out of time. There was a Statement that was sought by Hon. Pamela Odhiambo and it was committed to the Standing Committee of Roads, Transport and Public Works. Mr. Speaker, this is the response to the Statement.

Mr. Speaker, pursuant to the provisions of Standing Orders No. 41 (2) (b). A Statement was sought in this House by hon. Pamela Odhiambo seeking the response from the Chairperson, Standing Committee of Roads, Transport and Public Works.

Mr. Speaker, if you allow me, I want to do this on behalf of the Chairperson, Roads, Transport and Public Works.

Mr. Speaker, the Statement sought the Committee to investigate on the following;

- a) How much money has the Department released so far per Ward for Fuel under the Machine-based Programmes?
- b) How many kilometers of roads have been undertaken per Ward so far in the County through this initiative?
- c) When is the Department of Roads envisaging to complete the remainder of kilometers in the County?

Mr. Speaker and Hon. Members, the House sought further that the Committee digs deep into the matter requesting for additional information regarding the matter as follows; The Committee was informed to include;

1. The Scope of works per Road per Ward?
2. List of PMCs per Road per Ward?
3. Efficiency and productivity of the hired Machines?
4. Terms and Conditionalities of hiring the Machines?

Mr. Speaker, subsequently, the Office of the Clerk notified the Department of Public Works, Roads and Transport through the Office of the County Secretary to provide a detailed response on the issues raised on the Statement sought by Hon. Pamela Odhiambo via a letter dated Thursday, 18th March, 2021 reference CAK/ADM/CGK/GM/VOL. V/93. Copy of the letter is annexed.

On the same note, the Committee through the Office of the Speaker requested for a Special Sitting on 24th March, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. which was accordingly approved by the Hon. Speaker in order to have the matter discussed. Annex is attached.

Mr. Speaker, it is very sad and very unfortunate to inform this House that the CEC Member for Transport, Roads and Public Works never honoured the committee invitations despite being invited. Further, there is proof through an invitation letter from the County Assembly to the County Secretary. Accordingly, there is also proof of an invitation letter from the County Secretary to the CEC Member in charge of Roads.

Mr. Speaker, what baffled the Committee is the fact that, apart from not honouring Committee invitation, she never sent apologies requesting for more time. Mr. Speaker, we even went further to call her, because personally I did so and she assured us that she is going to furnish us with the response, but to date there is no response. She never sent any apologies requesting that the meeting to be rescheduled nor acknowledging receipt of the letter of invitation from the Committee. The evidence are attached and it is proof that the letters were dispatched on the 19th March, 2021 and the same was emailed to her with the attachments. A copy of that email is herein attached that was provided to us by the County Secretary. Mr. Speaker up to date the Standing Committee has not received any affirmative response from the aligned department.

Mr. Speaker, the Committee Recommends as follows; The CEC Member for Public Works, Roads and Transport was very uncooperative and seemingly has taken the committee's work for granted. As a committee we resolved that the County Assembly of Kisumu to take the necessary action against her. With that in mind, she will be able to recognize the seriousness and weightiness of the matter. Thank you.

The annexes are attached are as follows;

1. request for the statement by Hon. Pamela Odhiambo,
2. Invitation by the Clerk of the Assembly to the County Secretary which was received on 19th March 2021,
3. From the County Secretary to the CEC Member forwarding the same communication, the next one is forwarded on the same date that is 19th March 2021,
4. invitation that was done to her through the email which reads; dear 'Waziri' I hope this email finds you well and attached is a self-explanatory letter dated Wednesday 17th March 2021. Kindly arrange to attend. Thank you.

Mr. Speaker, that is the report that we have and we tried our best as a Standing Committee but we were unable to get responses that were raised by Hon. Pamela and further responses that were raised by several Members of this House. We are aware that as a Standing Committee the Status of our roads are very poor, we are equally aware that there are no works going on in our roads right

now. I can report here that the roads that were being done under Machine-based Programme are not yet completed. Thank you.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Okumu): Thank you. A statement of reply has been brought by Hon. Guya which was sought by Hon. Pamela Odhiambo. Even in his statement he has not requested if Members can debate on it and so I want to ask Hon. Pamela Odhiambo if she is satisfied with the response.

Hon. Guya: Mr. Speaker if you allow me; procedurally when a statement has been responded to then it is opened to the Members to debate then the Member who sought for the statement talks last. Unless there is no Member with anything to add then we can go direct to Hon. Pamela Odhiambo.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Okumu): Yes Hon. Pamela Odhiambo. It is stated in our Standing Orders on how statements come into the House and once it is here, it has been a practice that they are directed to the relevant House Committees and then they come back to the floor of the House as motion where Members can debate and resolutions can be made. You brought this Statement under Standing Orders No. 41 (2) (b) as the Chairperson of the Roads Committee and I believe that it is guided in that statement on what needs to be done after that. You would have requested to allow the Hon. Members to debate on it but you did not.

Hon. Guya: Thank you Mr. Speaker going by that let me request you to allow the Members to contribute on the same.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Okumu): Hon. Members a statement of reply has been brought by the Chairperson of Roads, Transport and Public Works Committee with regards to questions raised by Hon. Pamela Odhiambo and he has requested that we allow Hon. Members to give their input on his statement. I therefore want to open it up for discussion.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Okumu): Yes Hon. Ojuok. I request that you restrict yourself to the reply so that we don't take a lot of time.

Hon. Ojuok: Thank you. I want to say that I concur with the House Committee in as far as issues discussed in that particular issue and I want to recommend that this House takes action because time is not on our side and as you know that Roads is an enabler. We cannot purport to be doing anything in this County if the roads are not there and you know the pathetic situation that our roads are in. We have engaged the CEC in a number of occasions and actually registered our disappointments in the status of the roads. On a number of occasions she has promised to up her game to be able to deliver. On many of those occasions, those promises have never been kept. It is only right that this House takes the necessary actions to ensure that the roads are delivered in this place even if it means that the CEC should give space to the people who are competent and are able to deliver on the job. Thank you.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Seth Okumu): Yes Hon. Agolla.

Hon. Agolla: Mr. Speaker I always refer us to our Standing Orders, rules and statutes of this County. Before we take action to the said CEC Member for Roads. I believe as a Member of that Standing Committee there are procedures that we should follow before we handle the matter as Committee of General Oversight.

Mr. Speaker, it is in order for Hon. Ojuok to ask that this House takes action against the said CEC. Ordinarily we must give the CEC ample time under our Standing Orders. After invitation we need to do a reminder, after that we need to summon. If he/she does not honour our summons, that is when the House Committee should take action. By taking the matter from the committee means that we are breaching protocol and not following the rules and procedures of the House. As a Member of the Standing Committee, I support that the roads should be done and we must follow the procedures of handling matters of the committee and the House in general. Thank you.

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

Hon. Miruka: Thank you Mr. Speaker and the Hon. Members. The state of our roads across the County is really wanting. Any statement or motion that is raised towards that should be handled very fast and professionally. I believe that most of us are a disappointed lot because the issue of roads because it will take us back home. There are two items that have come here that I want to plead with the Members of roads. I happened to be here last week Friday and I did witness the arrival of two CECs with their Chief Officers on the reason that they had been invited and they were coming to address some House Committees. I did phoned the Chairperson of Implementation asking him if they invited some CEC over to the Assembly premises. He confirmed that he did but he did not have the information that they were to come on that day. I am just trying to say that there is communication breakdown between the County Assembly and the Executive when we invite them. That is why I want to suggest in this House that we give the House committee time to contact the department for the last time so that we get the action because we are all disturbed that we want the roads done, we want the CEC to appear and that can only happen if we mutually engage each other. Thank you.

(The Clerk at the table consulting with the Speaker)

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Okumu): Hon. Members I am getting guidance from the table clerk on the report and the invitations. These were done by the committee. Before I communicate that, I want to give Hon. Otiang' an opportunity to speak.

Hon. Otiang': Mr. Speaker I am a Member of Roads Committee but I would like to differ with my colleagues; that Hon. Agolla and Hon. Miruka. We have summoned the Roads Department for a long time and all the time they are coming it is always one excuse after another.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Okumu): Order Hon. Member! We can't see any summon from the responses.

Hon. Otiang': Thank you Mr. Speaker I beg to stand guided. We have invited them severally and what we have been hearing is one excuse after another and also promises that they are going to change which has not happened up to now. Mr. Speaker we only have two months to go and we have a budget which must be dispensed with. If we are going to say that we call them again and again and time is not on our side then, I believe that, we are not going to deliver our mandate as the people who were elected. I have very bad roads in my ward that when somebody dies we are compelled to carry them on your shoulders. If we are going to sit here and ask people who are sitting pretty and don't understand what we are going through and who don't take us seriously. I don't see why we should wait. For that information, I am also requesting that if it is the Roads Department does not take our summons seriously, then let the General Oversight Committee take over so that everybody is made to contribute and air their views on the same so that at least we come to a general conclusion. Thank you.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Okumu): Thank you. Hon. Olima allow me to make a ruling on the statement by Hon. Guya.

Hon. Olima: Mr. Speaker, if you allow me two minutes then I will be done. This issue of roads is one of the biggest issue that we have had in this County. I wonder why people like Hon. Agolla can ask for more time while he is the Chairperson of Implementation who should monitor on the implementation of all the projects in this County. He is telling us to give them more time while we have four letters written to one person and she has not responding to any. We know how roads are done and the rains are coming. If you look at the letters and the statement requested by Hon. Pamela Odhiambo which was done on 17th March 2021. The committee was given two weeks and it is exactly two weeks for them to bring the report. I don't know where people like Hon. Agolla get the mantle to tell us again to give the CEC Member more time.

Mr. Speaker, we are aware that nothing is happening on those roads. The issues were raised and they were very clear but because we cannot get a response. Mr. Speaker this is an issue that the committee has said that they cannot handle it anymore and they have forwarded this thing to the General Oversight Committee of this House. We need to take that responsibility as the full House committee because everybody is affected so that we deal with this issue once and for all. If the CEC Member cannot address any of our issues in the General Oversight Committee then we know what to do best.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Okumu): Thank you Hon. Members, I believe that Hon. Members have given their submissions and the conclusion is that we take it to General Oversight committee.

Hon. Members a statement was raised by Hon. Pamela Odhiambo to the committee of Roads, Transport and Public Works. They are requesting the statement to be taken to the committee of General Oversight and I want to put a question on the adoption of the same.

(Question put and agreed to)

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Okumu): The statement by Hon. Pamela Odhiambo that was sought for on 17th March 2021 has been today moved from the Committee of Roads, Transport and public Works to the committee of General Oversight.

Hon. Members, I want to request that they bring this reply to the statement in 14 days. As they bring back the response, I want to request that the reply to statement to be brought to the House in the form of a Motion so that the conclusion we make forms resolutions of the House that can be implemented. The next time we are bringing the reply the House Business Committee to slot them in during the time of motion so that resolutions can be implemented.

Hon. Members in the interest of time we are not going to have any more statement. We have two additional statements that are supposed to be communicated today but, I want to move them to the next schedule that the House Business Committee will sit and give them a slot. That is the statement by the Chairperson of Water and the Statement of the Joint Committees of Law, Justice, Constitutional Affairs, good Governance and Security and the Committee of Labour and Social Welfare.

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 tomorrow Thursday 1st April 2021 at 2.30 p.m.

(House rose at 4.40 p.m.)

Addendum

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