

## COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF KISUMU



## COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF KISUMU

### **THE HANSARD**

#### *Official Report*

#### **THIRD ASSEMBLY – FIRST SESSION**

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November, 2022**

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

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

#### **PRAYER**

**The Speaker** (Hon. Oraro): Mr. Clerk, please take us through the Order of today.

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

#### **COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR**

**The Speaker** (Hon. Oraro): Honorable Members, I still want to remind you that I got a message from the Clerk that those who have not submitted a duly filled wealth declaration forms from the Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission to do so by the end of the day. I got concerns that some Members had misplaced their forms. You can liaise with Human Resource Office to give you a new form in case you misplaced yours. Thank you.

**The Speaker** (Hon. Oraro): Next Order!

#### **PAPERS LAID**

THE HEALTH, HOUSING AND SANITATION COMMITTEE REPORT ON ITS  
CONSIDERATION ON THE ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF  
JARAMOGI OGINGA ODINGA TEACHING AND REFERRAL LEVEL 5 HOSPITAL FOR  
THE YEAR ENDED 30<sup>TH</sup> JUNE, 2022

BY

HON. VINCENT JAGONGO

CHAIRPERSON, HEALTH, HOUSING AND SANITATION COMMITTEE

THE BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT ON ITS  
CONSIDERATIONS ON THE KISUMU COUNTY BUDGET REVIEW AND OUTLOOK  
PAPER FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 2021/2022

BY

HON. JOACHIM OKETCH OMIENO

CHAIRPERSON, BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

KISUMU COUNTY REVENUE EXPENDITURE STATEMENT REPORT FOR THE  
FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 30<sup>TH</sup> JUNE, 2022

BY

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**The Speaker** (Hon. Oraro): Hon. Vincent Jagongo.

**Hon. Jagongo** (MCA, North West Kisumu Ward): Thank you Mr. Speaker. Pursuant to the provisions of Kisumu County Assembly Standing Order No. 182 (6), I wish to lay today Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> November, 2022, the Health, Housing and Sanitation Committee report on its consideration on the Annual report and Financial Statement of Jaramogi Oginga Odinga Teaching and Referral Level 5 Hospital for the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2022. Thank you.

*(Hon. Jagongo tables the report before the House for consideration)*

**The Speaker** (Hon. Oraro): Honourable Members, I confirm the receipt of the Health, Housing and Sanitation Committee report on its consideration on the Annual Report and Financial

Statement of Jaramogi Oginga Odinga Teaching and Referral Level 5 Hospital for the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2022 as presented by the Committee Chairperson. I want to direct that the House Business Committee to schedule it for discussions in the House.

**The Speaker** (Hon. Oraro): Hon. Joachim Oketch.

**Hon. Omieno** (MCA, Kondele Ward): Thank you Mr. Speaker. Pursuant to the provisions of Kisumu County Assembly Standing Order No. 182 (6), I wish to lay today Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> November, 2022, the Budget and Appropriations Committee Report on its considerations on the Kisumu County Budget Review and Outlook Paper for the Financial Year ended 2021/2022. Thank you.

*(Hon. Joachim tables the report before the House for consideration)*

**The Speaker** (Hon. Oraro): Honourable Members, I confirm the receipt of the Budget and Appropriations Committee report on its considerations on the Kisumu County Budget Review and Outlook Paper for the Financial Year ended 2021/2022 as presented by the Committee Chairperson. I want to direct that the House Business Committee to schedule it for discussions in the House.

**The Speaker** (Hon. Oraro): Yes Hon. Joachim Oketch.

**Hon. Omieno** (MCA, Kondele Ward): Thank you Mr. Speaker. Pursuant to the provisions of Kisumu County Assembly Standing Order No. 182 (6), I wish to lay today Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> November, 2022, the Budget and Appropriations Committee report on its considerations on the Kisumu County Revenue Expenditure Statement report for the Financial Year ended 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2022. Thank you.

*(Hon. Joachim tables the report before the House for consideration)*

**The Speaker** (Hon. Oraro): Honourable Members, I confirm the receipt of the Budget and Appropriations Committee report on its considerations on the Kisumu County Revenue Expenditure Statement report for the Financial Year ended 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2022 as presented by the Committee Chairperson and I want to direct that the House Business Committee to schedule it for discussions in the House.

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

## NOTICES OF MOTION

**The Speaker** (Hon. Oraro): Hon Jagongo.

**Hon Jagongo** (North West): Thank you Mr. Speaker. Pursuant to County Assembly Standing Order No. 45(1), I wish to give a Notice of Motion that this House adopts a report by Health,

Housing and Sanitation Committee on its consideration of the Annual Report and Financial Statements of Jaramogi Oginga Odinga Teaching and Referral (Level 5) Hospital for the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2022.

**The Speaker** (Hon. Oraro): Hon Omieno, Chair Budget and Appropriations

**Hon Omieno** (Kondele): Thank you Mr. Speaker. Pursuant to Kisumu County Assembly Standing Order No. 45 (1), I would wish to give a Notice of Motion that the House adopts report by the Budget and Appropriations Committee on its consideration of the Kisumu County Budget Review and Outlook Paper (CBROP) for the Financial Year 2021/2022.

Similarly, Mr. Speaker, I wish to give a second Notice. Pursuant to the Kisumu County Assembly Standing Order No 45 (1), I wish to give a Notice of Motion that this House adopts a report by the Budget and Appropriations Committee on its consideration on the Kisumu County Revenue Statements for the Financial Year ended 30<sup>th</sup> June 2022. Thank you

**The Speaker** (Hon. Oraro): Thank you. With that, I want to direct the Clerk as per Standing Orders, once the Report has been tabled, within 48 hours it is supposed to be in the website so that members are able to look at it early enough. I also want to direct that you ensure you give Hon Pete a hard copy on time so that by the time the House Business Committee schedules it for debate, everyone is at par and we are able to contribute appropriately.

**The Speaker** (Hon. Oraro): Next Order!

## STATEMENT

**The Speaker** (Hon. Oraro): Hon. Reuben Rakwach, Chairperson, Roads, Transport and Public Works.

**Hon. Rakwach** (Kolwa East Ward): Thank you Mr. Speaker. I rise respond to a statement raised by Hon. Benson Ambuti Adegga. During the Assembly sitting on Thursday, 03<sup>rd</sup> November, 2022, Hon Benson Adegga, MCA for Kajulu Ward, sought for a Statement from the Committee Chairperson of Public Works, Roads & Transport pursuant to Standing Orders No. (41)(2)(b) regarding the status of Osiepe-Jamna-Thuol-Ongadi-Soi Road.

The statement was consequently committed to the Sectoral Committee on Public Works, Roads and Transport to look into the issues raised and report back within a fortnight period on the following concerns:

1. Give details of plans for immediate and urgent repair and or maintenance of the foregoing road considering the important and urgent logistical arrangements around the upcoming national examinations that maybe jeopardized by the impasse

Mr. Speaker and Honourable Members, the committee vide a letter dated 4<sup>th</sup> November, 2022 ref no. CAK/CGK/CS/VOL.1 (05) wrote to the County Executive Committee Member for Public Works, Roads and Transport requesting for information on the same pursuant to the provisions of Article 185 of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010 and Standing Order no. 174 of the Kisumu County Assembly Standing Orders. Consequently, the committee received a response from the line department on Monday, 14<sup>th</sup> November, 2022 vide a letter dated 10<sup>th</sup> November, 2022.

**The Speaker** (Hon. Oraro): What is it Hon. Benny Pete Oiko.

**Hon. Oiko** (MCA, Kabonyo Kanyagwal Ward): Thank you Mr. Speaker. I want your guidance on this matter. Statement were being committed to the committees during the Second Assembly and when reports were done by the committees, they were handled here by the House. We are developing a trend where reports from the committees are being given during the Statement Hour. Which is only an hour. Will this auger well with this Assembly?

**The Speaker** (Hon. Oraro): Thank you Hon. Benny Pete Oiko. I want to guide that when statements are raised, it is the Chairperson or the Vice Chairperson of the committee have the leeway of responding to it. Before Constitution of Kenya 2010 where sitting Members of parliaments were the ministers, it was easier for questions to be answered when raised. After the Constitution of Kenya 2010, powers were separated and when a Statement is raised, the first opportunity is given to the Chairperson, the Vice Chairperson or any member of the Committee to respond.

Sometimes they request for time to investigate the same and as per our Standing Orders, we do commit such statements to committees for future replies. As per the provisions of Standing Order No. 42 on Statements of Topical Concerns, the Chair of the committee, the Leader of Majority or any Member can give progress of the works they have done. I want to clarify that if a statement has request that a resolution must be given by the House then it is only important that it goes through the House Business Committee and it comes as a Motion. The Statement raised by Hon Matara on the casualties at Jaramogi Oginga Odinga Teaching and Referral Hospital (JOOTRH) and mortality rate. It doesn't require any restriction to be made in the House because she simply needed the number. This is why I have given Hon. Rakwach an opportunity to respond and if the response requires a resolution, then it has to go through the House Business Committee so that it is presented as a Motion. Hon Rakwach, I hope you are guided. Hon Oiko, I hope you are guided as well.

**Hon Rakwach** (MCA, Kolwa East Ward): Thank you Mr. Speaker. Let me continue. The Committee wrote to the CECM Public Works, Roads and Transport, requesting for information on the same pursuant to Article 185 of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010 and Standing Order No. 174 of the Kisumu County Assembly Standing Orders. Consequently, the Committee received

response from the line department on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November, 2022 vide a letter dated 10<sup>th</sup> November, 2022 and as attached in Annex 3.

Mr. Speaker and Honourable Members, the committee deliberated on the response and recommends the following;

One, which since the road is in such a dilapidated condition, the department should go ahead and utilize the emergency funding to grade the whole road, spot gravel it and construct box culvert. Secondly, in an event the emergency funding may not be sufficient to implement the scope of work

**The Speaker** (Hon. Oraro): There are two Points of Orders. Let me give Hon Jagongo first.

**Hon Jagongo** (MCA, North West Kisumu Ward): On a point of order. Mr. Speaker, the Member for Awasi Onjiko Ward is naked in the House.

**The Speaker** (Hon. Oraro): Just a minute Hon Adegga. Let me handle the issue of Hon Jagongo. Serjeant-at-arms, please assist Honourable Member for Awasi Onjiko Ward to step out and dress properly. Hon Adegga says there is a stranger in the House. Serjeant-at-arms, kindly walk to Hon Adegga so that he can inform you where the stranger is.

**Hon Adegga** (MCA, Kajulu Ward): Mr. Speaker, it is the same stranger. I had not recognized his face.

**The Speaker** (Hon. Oraro): Okay. Thank you. Hon Rakwach please continue.

**Hon. Rakwach** (MCA, Kolwa East Ward): Thank you Mr. Speaker. There are things that should not stop the business of the House. Honourable Members should know how to dress.

**The Speaker** (Hon. Oraro): Hon Rakwach, if I am informed of a stranger in the House, I have to protect you because I do not know who the stranger is.

**Hon. Rakwach** (MCA, Kolwa East Ward): Yes Mr. Speaker. I need to continue with my response. Secondly, in an event the emergency funding may not be sufficient to address this scope of work and execute it appropriately then, the roads department should prioritize and give consideration in the Financial Year 2023/2024. Thirdly, the Standing Committee to conduct a reconnaissance and site visit to the aforementioned road and other roads in all the 35 Wards. Thank you

**The Speaker** (Hon. Oraro): That was a response to a Statement raised by Hon Adegga. I have noticed he is in the House. I will give him an opportunity to confirm his satisfaction with the response. Thereafter, I will allow two or three Members.

**Hon Adegga** (MCA, Kajulu Ward): Thank you Mr. Speaker. I want to thank the committee for responding to my concern within a short period. However, I am not fully satisfied Mr. Speaker. We

are in the rainy season which is making the road even worse because of the floods. Mr. Speaker, I am requesting that you direct this to the Emergency department to arrest the situation. Thank you.

**The Speaker** (Hon. Oraro): Let me allow two or three Members to give their views on the response to Statement raised by Hon Adeg. Yes Hon Oraro

**Hon Oraro** (MCA, Kolwa Central Ward): Mr. Speaker, may I take this opportunity to give my opinion on this response. On one part, I am seeing a Member raising an issue that is not in the Budget and the Ministry concerned has gone to an extent of giving the right quotation. As a Speaker, you should guide Members well while raising Statements. There are Statements that have financial implications; and, anything that has budgetary implications, it is clear it has to be in the budget book. The moment you want to make it an emergency, then it is no longer directly against the committee. The said Member should visit the Disaster unit.

Some of us have many things that are supposed to be done and we are aware of the process that things should follow. Looking at the nature of the Statement, kindly guide Members. We should consider budgetary implications when raising Statements because we may end up having many Reports that cannot be implemented, as such, making the Assembly appear weak. I would wish to advise Hon. Adeg that in any case you feel it is an emergency, you are at liberty to visit the Special Programmes. Certain items can also be considered in the Supplementary Budget so that they are implemented.

**The Speaker** (Hon. Oraro): Thank you Hon Kelvin Oraro. I want to rest that matter. You know, if a member raises a Statement, I am not in a position to know whether or not it is in the Budget. The Honourable Chair for Roads has made it clear and even suggested that the project was not in the Budget, but if it is a priority, then it should be considered in the next budget. You know it is the responsibility of Members to appropriate budget. I also want to agree with Hon. Oraro that I am not able to declare project a disaster or an emergency. Even if I was able to, it was not the request or part of the Statement that the project be declared a disaster or emergency.

In order to assist you, you can have a side talk with Chair Roads and Hon Kelvin Oraro who seems conversant with the matter to assist you in how to address the matter if you feel it requires urgent attention.

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

## MOTION

CONTINUATION OF THE DEBATE ON THE GIVERNOR'S ADDRESS TO THE NEWLY ELECTED COUNTY ASSEMBLY.

BY



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HON. KEN OOKO, MCA, AHERO WARD

(LEADER OF MAJORITY)

**The Speaker** (Hon. Oraro): Honourable Members, this is a continuing debate that we started in the first sitting. As I directed earlier, we can only debate the Governor's speech for at most four Sittings. During the morning session, I am advised that ten Members contributed. We will give priority to Members who had not contributed, so that as many as possible can contribute. I want to advise that as you debate on the Governor's speech, you will appreciate where you want to appreciate, comment where you want to comment and also highlight areas that you feel that the Governor did not touch because eventually the Hansard report will be prepared and taken to the Governor for his consideration to look at it and act on it appropriately. Remember that part of his speech was his five year plan for the County. So, if you feel that there is an area he missed out on, this should be the time to say it to be captured on the Hansard. The debate continues,

**The Speaker** (Hon. Oraro): Yes, Hon. Bernard Adegga.

**Hon. Adegga** (MCA, Kajulu Ward): Thank you Mr. Speaker for this opportunity to respond to the Governor's speech, which he read out yesterday. First I want to congratulate the Governor on his re-election together with his deputy Dr. Mathew Owili. Mr. Speaker, there are only two issues that I will highlight, which he didn't capture. One is on agriculture; in Kisumu we have small scale farmers and the larger group of farmers who haven't been considered since 2017. His Excellency the Governor, promised the people of Kajulu a boost of fruit farming by constructing a Fruit Processing Plant. Mr. Speaker, it would have been my prayer to hear that he includes this in his plan and delivers before the term ends.

*(The Speaker is relieved by Hon. Emily Ogings, the Speaker's panelist)*

Secondly, on matters to do with Sports. Mr. Speaker, all along we have been known as the home of footballers, Madam Speaker sorry. *(change of chair)*. Madam Speaker, as we speak, football is on its death bed in Kisumu and no single team is in the Kenyan Premier league, and it rings danger in this industry which has been a major employer of our youth. What are the measures put in place to revamp football and the entire sports and arts sector as a whole? Kindly let the Governor consider sports and agriculture, thank you Madam Speaker.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Emily Oginga): Thank you Hon. Ben Adegga. Hon. Vincent Jagongo, go ahead.

**Hon. Jagongo** (MCA, North-West Kisumu Ward): Thank you Madam Speaker, mine is also to thank the new team; the Governor, his deputy and the cabinet that is there for the good speech that the Governor read yesterday. However, Madam Speaker, there are issues that I feel should have been part of the speech concerning health. Madam Speaker, we are all aware that there was a Cancer Centre that was started sometime back at JOOTRH hospital but the pace at which the



construction is moving is slow. I wish the Governor should emphasize on the need to move with speed to ensure that that Cancer Centre is completed. Most of our patients travel all the way to Tenwek Hospital and others even go to Kenyatta national Hospital to seek medication on Cancer issues and I believe that if we can have a fully equipped Cancer centre we will be able to manage our patients who will come with conditions related to cancer.

Madam Speaker, another issue that was not addressed; you know that we have 7 sub-Counties in Kisumu, and in every Sub-County we have Medical Theatres. These medical theatres were started two years ago but all of them haven't been completed. So, I would want to maybe request the Governor to re-think on how these medical theatres can be completed. I was just trying to think of our mothers; more so the ones that always undergo caesarean operations, and the distance they travel to come to Kisumu town to seek for this medical need. So, I believe that if the Governor can think of how best the theatres can be finished it would be of good help to our people and our mothers who undergo caesarean operations.

Consequently, the Governor did not talk about the issue of employment opportunities. We have a very big challenge in staffing of Medical Healthcare workers. We all understand that most of our nurses have moved out of the country to look for greener pastures in the United Nations and this has really hit a big blow to our hospitals. We have been having shortage of nurses, clinical officers and doctors. I thought that the Governor would have it in mind that there is need to employ more healthcare workers so that they can stand in and help bridge the gap of the globally recommended Doctor Patient Ratio so that we can have more medical staff to support our patients. There is need to employ more medical staff to support medical needs in Kisumu County.

Madam Speaker, also, there were some 5 towns that were launched, and Maseno, Kombewa are among them. I believe that they stalled at some point. So, there is need for the Governor to consider how he can ensure that these towns are completed because there's nothing much going on in the towns. He can also think on how he can complete these unfinished projects in towns within Kisumu County so that developments can be felt within our wards, otherwise thank you Madam Speaker.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Emily Oginga): Thank you Hon. Vincent Jagongo. Yes, Hon. Millicent Omuya.

**Hon. Omuya** (MCA, Central Seme Ward): Thank you Madam Speaker, I also arise to comment on the Governor's speech on the plans he has for the County. I want to thank the Governor for the good work he has done for the people of Kisumu County in his first term in office. Through his speech we could realize that he has done a lot of things across the County, a number of developments through the County Government, some through donor funding. My biggest concern is the issue of irrigation because throughout his speech, when looking at irrigation it's like it's only done in some few parts of the County, maybe because of the rice farming areas. However, in Seme we have a place called Mboha, and I believe that it's high time our Governor thought of doing an

irrigation firm in a Mboha valley. Maybe for those who don't know what Mboha is; it's a stretch of land, a big valley that cuts across two wards that is Central Seme and West Seme. I think that what I have for my people from North Seme.

Madam Speaker, when the Governor was speaking, he was also encouraging us to shun divisive leadership and work as a team for the purpose of development. In conclusion I will say that we are here for a purpose and for a given period. Let's stand together with our Governor and support him to achieve all that he's put in mind for the people of the County for this last term in office, thank you.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Emily Oginga): Thank you Hon. Millicent, your concern is well noted.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Emily Oginga): Next is Hon. Pamela Oyoo.

**Hon. Oyoo** (MCA, Migosi Ward): Thank you Madam Speaker for giving me an opportunity to laud our Governor, on his speech, which was done yesterday. I want to thank the Governor for having created a County Revenue Board because once the Board is instituted, Kisumu County will collect enough revenue that will come back to our people and help us bring development to the ward level.

Madam Speaker, I also want to applaud our Governor on Agriculture. The Governor is very passionate about Agriculture because concerning Kisumu County I believe that we should do much on Agriculture so that we are able to produce food and sustain our people with agricultural produce from the region. Madam Speaker, when we go the markets, even the vegetables are coming from neighbouring counties and yet we have a lake next to us and people can do so much with the water from the Lake so that we get so much produce from agriculture. We are importing everything from maize, vegetables and many other agricultural produce and I don't see what is stopping us from making our own. The Governor is very passionate about this and is doing negotiations with top level organizations and I am certain all of you have seen even from the news that Kisumu County has been considered for donation from Britain. We are going to be top notch and the Governor is going to leave a legacy in the department of Agriculture.

Madam Speaker, I also want to thank the Governor for being passionate on issues to do with Health. We are in a different level because of our referral hospital and it is getting patients as far as Bungoma because of what we have there. The technical knowledge in the hospital, our cancer unit, which is being constructed. Our Governor is doing so much to make our County a great one. There are many things that he talked about and I know that other Members will talk about them. We are seeing Kisumu County going a notch higher because of our Governor. He is doing a lot of negotiations and he has also been given many appointments by different organizations; World, County, and even Regional. I am seeing Kisumu being on the map of the world and will attract many donors and we will be able to do better things within Kisumu County.

Madam Speaker, I also want to thank the Governor on the just concluded Africities Conference that was hosted by our County. It raised the County on another level. We are now a tourist hub as we are now receiving many visitors from different parts of the world as they are looking forward to visiting Kisumu County. I will leave it at that point, thank you Madam Speaker and Hon. Members, continue deliberating on the speech.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Emily Oginga): Thank you Hon. Pamela Oyoo.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Emily Oginga): Yes Hon. Eunice Alando, the floor is yours.

**Hon. Alando** (Nominated MCA): Thank you Madam Speaker for giving me this chance to congratulate our Governor for the wonderful speech he presented yesterday. First, the speech was well elaborated and I realized that he touched almost all the departments. Whatever the Governor presented before us is a confirmation of most of the projects that had been done during his last regime and as his slogan goes, he is going to do more. I believe that whatever is put in place that is going to be performed within five years I am sure he is able and we will go further.

Madam Speaker, even though most of us have talked about one issue in the Agriculture Livestock and Fisheries Department, I also want to echo our Governor for the interest that he has shown concerning agriculture. It is true that we as Kisumu County Residents, we are consumers and not producers yet, our land is very viable. With our able Governor and the irrigation system that he has put in place, I see Kisumu as a production hub and Greenland not a consumer. What I would wish to ask the Governor is that though he talked about irrigation in a particular Sub-county not entirely the whole County, I would request it be expanded in the entire Kisumu County so we be able to produce a lot that we even export some of the goods outside.

Again on the Agricultural sector. The Governor promised to supply farmers with additional stock. In his last regime, dairy cows and horticultural crops were given to farmers. It is also very unfortunate that the farmers who received the commodities were never trained. I am therefore requesting the Governor to provide small training to the recipients of the cows so that they be able to know whatever they are going to do with the livestock that they have and also have knowledge on how they can do well on agricultural practices. I would also request the Governor to employ at least two the Extension Officers in every ward to enable farmers do farming practices better.

Lastly, I am requesting the House to be united and remain focus and help the Governor realize his manifesto, thank you.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Emily Oginga): Thank you Hon. Eunice Alando. I think we will allow two more Hon. Members to contribute then we move to the next order.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Emily Oginga): Yes Hon. Kelvin Oraro.

**Hon. Oraro** (MCA, Kolwa Central Ward): Thank you Madam Speaker. I also rise to echo my voice on the wonderful speech given by His Excellency the Governor and the first address to the Third Kisumu County Assembly. The speech was well arranged and I want to start with the introduction part and do not want to dwell a lot on what majority of us has said. It started by recognizing that this Assembly is an ODM House with our Party Leader Rt. Hon. Raila Amollo Odinga. The Governor was very keen with his wordings by praying that he does not want squabbles in the County Assembly because it will be shaming His Excellency Rt. Hon. Raila Amollo Odinga who is somebody well known in the Continent of Africa as well as in the World.

Madam Speaker, we are in the party and the only thing that brought squabbles is the divergent views on the election of the speaker but, thank God today we are moving as one County Assembly; satisfied, energetic and ready to work for the people of Kisumu County. There are things that we cannot control but, there are things that when we sit down, what matters is the people we represent and we want service to them.

Madam Speaker, the second part of the Governor's Speech is that he was keen to address the issue of Wage Bill. That part was so tiny and Hon. Members; it is one of the areas that we have a major problem with within the County. The County cannot employ other professionals and even if they employ, they will continue having the Wage Bill problem. He was also keen on that and mentioned that one of the things he want to do to control the Wage Bill which is associated with the revenue which is by increasing the revenue. That is one area that I can say that Kisumu County has not performed well. The revenue collected is totally different from the expectations. That is why we even have the problem of pending bills. If your target is to collect Kshs 2 billion and above and you end up collecting Kshs 1 billion. A deficit of Kshs 1 billion and you know paying salary is a must. Then, you will realize it interfere with the infrastructure. For that main reason, many projects are incomplete and many contractors fear working for this County because of non-payment. It takes a long time for a contractor to be paid. We are from Luo Nyanza, we only rely on loans. We do not have other assets. Maybe if you are from Muhoroni, you may have money in the banks but, most of our contractors are getting money from loans. For that reason therefore, if you trade with the County, there is the fear of not being paid. The Governor was trying to say that he want to solve this problem by increasing the revenue. I do not know if the board will do it but that is one area that the Assembly must come up to assist the Governor. If we raise more money, we will be able to employ many people. Majority of our supporters believed that we will employ them once we are elected and the County is not in a position to employ due to the swollen Wage Bill. For that reason, this Assembly should come out and see how we can improve revenue so that most of the things we are doing at the ward can also be implemented. If we do not do that, we are going to fail. Five years down the line, nothing will be done. So, revenue is one area that we must see how we can assist the Governor's office to raise. I believe that is one point as an Assembly that we are going to take into consideration so that we move forward.

Madam Speaker, in terms of Infrastructural Development. I am only perturbed with one thing. We are all MCAs but we must live in the realities. We have Kisumu as a County and as a City and we also have other Sub Counties. Although Kisumu central is considered as a Sub-county, but, remember we have a city within the County of Kisumu. The road networks in some of the places within the city are dilapidated and worrying. Last week I was In Keiyo South Sub-county and Siaya on Tuesday. I realize that some rural part of Siaya and other places have very good Murram road. I made reference to where I come from since majority of the residents from other Sub Counties within Kisumu are residing. What they expect is a very good road and you will realize that we have a problem within that area. We must recognize that there other towns that are upcoming. There are other wards that are close to the city which needs better roads than the ones we have. That is because majority would reside next to the town to avoid cost of transport and also for the sake of their job. For instance, in my ward (Kolwa Central) I am aware that more than ten MCAs reside there and they need good road network. However, if you look at the Budgetary Allocation, we are not living in reality, and we cannot deny other wards good roads just because we want to do it for the few wards. So, that means that a lot must be done to make the City look like a City so that the majority can enjoy living in the city.

Madam Speaker, on the side of water. The Governor stated that and I want to applaud the County Executive Committee Member for Water Mr. Orimba, he has done a splendid job and the Chief Officer who has been elevated to the position of County Executive Committee Member because of the good work they have done in the Department. Madam Speaker, for that reason, the majority of residence living within the jurisdictions of the City can access clean and safe tap water. Meaning that the Governor was true and sincere to his words and we believe that they will continue doing the good work.

Madam Speaker, on the issues of Roads and urban development. We need to see something being done. The Governor should place a lot of emphasis on that.

Madam Speaker, I equally bring to your attention the issues to do with Vocational Training. I want to start with the issues of Bursaries. It is in the public domain that the Governor has an allocation of Kshs 205 million for Bursaries and Scholarships. This amount is a reality, the only thing which I deem as a hitch and need to be effected and acted upon with haste is the timely disbursement of Bursaries and Scholarships. Madam Speaker, we are Members representing our constituents on the same note, we represent many students and parents included. We are all aware that we are proceeding to the month of December which is a holiday knowing very well that by January, 2023 these students will be going back to school. If these Bursary Application Forms are issued on time, then, the same is disbursed on time, we will be saving education for many. It is my wish that those working in the Department of Education which deals with Bursaries and Scholarships should be timely with the education calendar so that funds are disbursed at the appropriate time so that we save tis students the embarrassment of not being sent home. So, Madam Speaker, with the component of Bursaries and Scholarships, I want to really applaud the



Governor and his team. The only thing that they need to adjust is the timely disbursement of those funds so that they assist the students.

Madam Speaker, on Vocational Training. Good work was undertaken in Rotary plus some of the Vocational Training Colleges around which the Governor mentioned, those are the other five that he had constructed during his first term in office. Madam Speaker, my worry is that while he was reading that when touching on intake from 3000 to 4000 students, to me it is still low. This is because, in five years' time his government should be targeting 50,000 students or 100,000 students. Madam Speaker, my grandfather and most of my colleagues here have succeeded through carpentry, masonry, plumbing and some of the students can access vocational courses which are artisan in nature and they have reached somewhere. We will be building nice chairs and there will be ready market. These students will be employed by constructing houses and we will not have the problem of reducing dependency ratio within families and Kisumu County. So, on that, let the county put more emphasis on that.

Madam Speaker, on the ECD Classrooms. That is good work that was done and we need to target more and I welcome the idea of a Model ECD Classroom within each Sub-county.

Madam Speaker, I have two more to go. I want to touch on the issues of Sports that my brother Hon. Adegga has just mentioned. I want to say that in the first regime of the County Government, the term of the Second County Assembly the Governor tried to sponsor a football team which aspired to go far in the Kenya Premier League (KPL). How I wish the Governor had mooted the idea and vision of establishing a football academy or develop a legislation on football academies to be introduced in Kisumu County.

Madam Speaker, I was brought up in Rift Valley, and I am aware of what athletic has done in that place. It is the reason they have deemed it wise to invest in that talent. Madam Speaker, if you visit Iten, of some of those places indicated the "Source of Champions" this is because of athletics. Most of the properties in Eldoret are for the athletes. If the County can recognize the talent and success of somebody like Michael Olunga, Victor Wanyama, we will know why the establishment of an academy is paramount. If you read about Sadio Mane the footballer, you will realize that Kisumu with the talents that we have nurtured here, if we can establish an academy and a serious one that can be run by the County Government, I am sure that in the next ten to twenty years' time, we will be churning out international footballers. If these people will be coming back to invest in Kisumu County, most of these hotels will be owned by these footballers and also real estates owned by these footballers. So, the issue of establishment of an academy to me, it is my belief that it is the appropriate time and the Governor should put this in his plan in twenty years to come so that we have active academies the way we have in Nairobi County. If the Governor can develop Sports and Talents. Madam Speaker, take a look at somebody like Eric Omondi, he is gifted in acting and he is a rich guy as a result of the gift he has. Madam Speaker, most of the Luos that were acting in the television program "Vitimbi" and "Vioja Mahakamani". So, we need a talent center and I

know the incubation centre can equally contribute but, if we channel our energy in the identification in redeeming the gifts and talents that we are endowed with, we will go far.

Finally, Madam Speaker. I equally want to raise an issue on employment and other opportunities. In this areas, I can say that our people are still low. As a matter of fact, if the Governor is saying that he has done a lot from my evaluation is at 40%. On the issues of employment, is around 20%. We want to see our people self-employed. The County needs to know that because our names are starting with the letter “O” might not be easy for us to get employment in the National Government. Madam Speaker, for that major reason, the County cannot endeavour to absorb everyone. We need to encourage the culture of entrepreneurship and I want to appreciate because, if you today visit Nyamasaria, Kondele and my ward towards Mowlem, a majority of people are trooping back into business and other are trying to start their own businesses. The issue of the Trade Fund that the Governor outlined is really assisting the youth and women in business. I must say that, it is the way to go. How do we change the culture of our people to embrace business? So that majority of our people can be suppliers of goods and services to the hospitality industry so that we grow as a community. Madam Speaker, a good number of our brothers and sisters back at home are jobless and we are all aware of an unemployed person. Today, as a County we are lamenting of insecurity and the major reasons for insecurity is as a result of lack of employment. These are learned people, some are form four drop-outs and others have done your university degrees, but there is no employment. Madam Speaker, when a young man grows and there is no employment, then, you expect such vices.

So, Madam Speaker, let us sit as a House and work with the County Executive to identify how we can promote the culture of Agri-business and entrepreneurship. With that much that I have said, I want to say that the Governor has noble intentions for Kisumu County and let us not fail to support his aspirations and dreams. If we walk hand in hand, we will achieve a lot for the people of Kisumu County. Thank you.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Emily Oginga): Thank you Hon. Kelvin Oraro. Actually, I should have considered that as two Members.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Emily Oginga): So, Honourable Members, next and the final Member to contribute on the Governor’s Address is Hon. Kennedy Ouko, MCA, West Kisumu Ward.

**Hon. Ouko** (MCA, West Kisumu Ward): Thank you Madam Speaker. It is my belief that thus is the first time since we were elected into this House because yesterday I had the opportunity to have an encounter with the Governor, Kisumu County following his First State of the County Address.

Madam Speaker, we have to applaud the Governor for coming into this House and respecting the needs and outline his plans to the Assembly and by extension our voters. I was glad to hear the Governor touch on the issues to do with reconciliation after the just concluded stormy election of



August, 2022 and the other one for the position of the Speaker. It is very important to hear that because it actually reflects that the Governor is a father and he is giving development a priority more than anything else.

Madam Speaker, I was also happy to hear the Governor issuing instructions to his Cabinet to constructively engage with the legislature on matters of importance for the sake of development. It is my belief that they will take this into consideration and we will be engaging with them fruitfully. We also have in the Second County Assembly where they approved in the Appropriations Bill of Kshs 1.6 Billion to settle Pending Bills out of the request from the Governor. It is my prayer that this money must be put to the intended purposes so that after a period of time, we will be able to assess and gauge whether the perennial cry of the contractors is sorted out. Madam Speaker, the House is predominantly ODM and I recall the Governor reminding us very clearly that, the father of Devolution the Right Honourable Raila Amollo Odinga and we as a House we need to honour him by being loyal to the party. We need to strengthen this between the Governments so that we know where we are. Actually, this department is not meant for auditing. I know that some of the people within the Executive might think of giving the auditor easy time of identifying where the problem is. These are just development tools; we identify the indicator and then from the indicator we can act on the loop holes.

When we talk about respect towards the Assembly; just like the Governor was talking about the Assembly that he wanted to get a very constructive and meaningful consultation with the Assembly then we should have some respect. I can remember some times back when we had some meeting where we had some Governors, the MCAs could not even find places to sit. We were not even recognized. This is the actual time for us to push to it to be recognized in any official event. I am always confused since I don't know where we are place in the pecking order as MCAs. When the Executive wants us to pass the Budget, they will always come here to plead with us but when it comes to functions where you need to be recognized as Hon. Members then that becomes very hard. It is very important for us to find our place as Hon. Members. Thank you.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Emily Oginga): Thank you, Hon. Ken Ouko, I just want to remind the Hon. Members that as we give our comment kindly let us try and consider time. We can allocate 5 minutes for each Member since most of us want to give comments on the Governor's speech. Yes Hon. Dede.

**Hon. Dede** (MCA, Kisumu North Ward): Thank you Madam Speaker for giving me this opportunity to contribute to this motion. I would like to congratulate the Governor on his re-election as Governor of Kisumu County. I have a few sentiments to make before i include.

Madam Speaker, under the department of Education; our Governor has made the assurance of scholarship and each financial year about 10 students from each ward have always been awarded scholarship program. The worrying issue is that within a span of 5 years when the Governor shall

be in office our children will accomplish form 4 and pass with fly colors; my question will be where will the next proceed to? The Governor should do something about that and make sure that after these students have completed their form 4 they should enroll in various universities in support by the County Government.

Madam Speaker, on to the issue of bursaries; it is good that when the Governor was starting his first term the bursary allocation which stood at about 2 million per ward and currently it is about 4.1 million per ward. The worrying issue towards this is the mode of disbursement and the time frame of these disbursements. I believe that these bursaries should not be taken wholesomely in terms of disbursement to the Department of Education. After having vetted our students, there is always a tendency of fixing other students in the lists that we as Honourable Members take to the Executive. This should be looked into so that the list that is coming from the ward level is not to be tampered with.

Madam Speaker, on Agriculture; I would like to congratulate the Governor for looking into the issue of fish dying in Lake Victoria which he took up the matter appropriately in collaboration with other agencies. He has also managed to cushion the fishermen by promising to compensate them with Kshs 3 million to help them have a fresh start. It is really a good initiative if this program is equally done to all farmers.

Madam Speaker, on Health; the Governor has really done a tremendous job by introducing the 'Marwa' scheme but the worrying issue about this scheme is that we are all aware the our people are supposed to get free treatment but that is not the case in some of the Hospitals within Kisumu County. I would like to urge and challenge the Governor to look into this matter with a lot of keenness. Almost all the facilities within our wards are almost being closed due to lack of drugs.

Madam Speaker, on the issue of Infrastructure; it is actually good that the Governor introduced Road Maintenance Team which has created job opportunities to our people but the worrying issue is that, while they are going to do road maintenance, the MCA representing specific ward should be engaged to prioritize on the most urgent roads to be maintained.

Madam Speaker, moving onto Trade; I would like to applaud the Governor for introducing loans to support the SMEs but the procedure towards getting these loans takes too long and therefore something should be done so that these SMEs can easily access these loans.

Lastly, I would like to talk about the issue of Pending Bills; this time round a big chunk of the funds in the budgetary have been diverted to pending bills. This is really a good initiative so that the issue of pending bills is cleared with once and for all. If the Executive starts sorting out these pending bills then, I suggest that the look into the order that should be followed on the contractors who worked many years ago rather than first paying recent contractors. It is good that the Governor

also talked about blacklisting incompetent contractors which in my opinion should be done if a contractor fails complete and execute two or three contracts awarded to him/her. This would not help much since majority of the residents in Kisumu County depend on these contracts thus has completed more than five contracts and has not yet been paid. Thank you.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Emily Oginga): Honourable Members, it is my belief that we should come to an end of this discussion until tomorrow when we shall give other Members who had not gotten an opportunity to contribute. Let us try to consider time and avoid repetition.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Emily Oginga): Next Order!

### **ADJOURNMENT**

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Emily Oginga): Honourable Members, there being no any other business to transact, the House stands adjourned to Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> November 2022 at 2.30 p.m.

*(House rose at 3.56 p.m.)*

*Addendum*

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