COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF KISUMU

COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF KISUMU

THE HANSARD

Official Report

THIRD ASSEMBLY – SECOND SESSION

Wednesday 22nd February, 2023

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): Madam Clerk, please take us through the business of this afternoon

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

PAPERS LAID

REPORT BY BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE ON ITS CONSIDERATION OF THE KISUMU COUNTY FINANCE BILL, 2022

BY

HON. JOACHIM OKETCH OMIENO, MCA, KONDELE WARD.

(CHAIRPERSON, BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE)

REPORT BY CO-OPERATIVES, FINANCE, TRADE AND ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE ON ITS CONSIDERATION OF THE KISUMU COUNTY REVENUE FUND QUARTERLY REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER, 2022

BY

HON. CAREEN AJWANG' ODHIAMBO, MCA, KALOLENI/SHAURIMOYO WARD

(CHAIRPERSON)

(CO-OPERATIVES, FINANCE, TRADE AND ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE)

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Yes Hon. Leader of Majority.

Leader of Majority (Hon. Ooko, MCA, Ahero Ward): Thank you Mr. Speaker. I would like to table the following Papers. On behalf of the Chairperson, Budget and Appropriations Committee, Hon. Joachim Omieno. Pursuant provisions of Standing Orders No. 182 (6) of the Kisumu County Assembly Standing Orders, I wish to table today Wednesday 22nd February, 2023 the Report by Select Committee of Budget and Appropriations on its consideration of the Kisumu County Finance Bill, 2022. Thank you.

(Leader of Majority tables the report before the House for consideration)

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Honourable Members, I acknowledge the receipt of the report by Budget and Appropriations Committee on its consideration of the Kisumu County Finance Bill, 2022. I want to commit this report to the House Business Committee for the purposes of scheduling it for debate. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Yes Hon. Carren Odhiambo, Chairperson, Finance Committee

Hon. Carren Odhiambo (MCA, Kaloleni Shaurimoyo Ward): Thank you Mr. Speaker. Pursuant provisions of Standing Orders No. 182 (6) of the Kisumu County Assembly Standing Orders, I wish to table today Wednesday 22nd February, 2023 the Report by Cooperatives, Finance, Trade and Enterprise Development Committee on its consideration of the Kisumu County Revenue Fund Quarterly Report and Financial Statement for the period ended 30th September, 2022. Thank you.

(Hon. Odhiambo tables the report before the House for consideration)

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Honourable Members, I acknowledge the receipt of the Report by Cooperatives, Finance, Trade and Enterprise Development Committee on its consideration of the Kisumu County Revenue Fund Quarterly report and Financial Statement for the period ended 30th September, 2022. I want to commit this report to the House Business Committee for the purposes of scheduling it for debate. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Next order!

NOTICES OF MOTION

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The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Hon. Leader of Majority.

The Leader of Majority (Hon. Ooko, MCA, Ahero Ward): Thank you Mr. Speaker. Pursuant provisions of Standing Orders No. 45 (1) of the Kisumu County Assembly Standing Orders, I wish to give a Notice of Motion that this House adopts a report by Budget and Appropriations Committee on its consideration of the Kisumu County Finance Bill, 2022. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Hon. Carren Ajwang' Odhiambo.

Hon. Carren Odhiambo (MCA, Kaloleni Shaurimoyo Ward): Thank you Mr. Speaker, that pursuant to the provisions of Kisumu County Assembly Standing Orders No. 45 (1), I wish to give a Notice of Motion that this House adopts a motion of the Report by the Cooperatives, Finance, Trade and Enterprise Development Committee on its consideration of the Kisumu County Revenue Fund Quarterly Report and Financial Statement for the period ended 30th September, 2022. Thank you.

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

STATEMENTS

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Hon. Members, it is statement time.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Yes Hon. Mickey Ochieng'.

Hon. Mickey (Nominated MCA): Thank you Mr. Speaker. Please allow me to bring Honourable Members up to speed on some of the highlights on the County Assembly Forum (CAF) Meetings we had with the Deputy President that took place on the 17th February, 2023. Mr. Speaker and Honorable Members, there are several issues that CAF has been pursuing with relevant authorities amongst them;

1. Financial Autonomy for the County Assemblies;
2. Ward Development Fund;
3. Entrenchment of CAF into law as it is with the Council of Governors;

Mr. Speaker and Honorable Members, the Deputy President stated that having a comfortable majority in both Houses right now will enable them push these agendas through especially the Financial Autonomy and they agree and even the Council of Governors would wish to support so that every arm of government would deal with their Budget.

Mr. Speaker and Honourable Members, on the Pension Scheme for Members serving two terms or more. This the Deputy President confirmed to be possible and the Head of State is in support as long as it is contributory by all parties.

Mr. Speaker and Honourable Members, on the need to strike and maintain constant continuous engagement with the Office of the Deputy President. Now that the Executive Order Number one of 2023 authorized his office including the Head of State Department of Devolution. He stated that the President is very clear that the "modus operandi" (mode of operating) of their Government is continuous engagement. Therefore, the Deputy President assured the team that he is open to and welcome any further engagements moving forward.

Mr. Speaker and Honourable Members, on Taxation. On Car Loan and Reimbursements. The Deputy President stated that it is only fair that the same treatment offered to the National Assembly should be acco9rded to all legislatures at the County level. He promised to follow-up on this matter with the relevant authorities.

Mr. Speaker and Honourable Members, on the Legislative Summit. CAF will be holding the Legislative Summit sometimes in the month of April, 2023. The dates are yet to be confirmed but, as soon as the dates are confirmed, it will be communicated as appropriate and the Head of State and his Deputy promised to grace the occasion during the opening and closing. So, we are still not sure who will open and who will close and we will keep you informed as soon as we get the concrete information.

Mr. Speaker and Honorable Members, the Deputy President is however concerned over Member's foreign travels arguing that the Country is currently not able to afford the many trips. He reiterated

that they are currently working on a formulae to regulate Member's foreign travels. CAF however requested to be included and be part of the process to ensure that it is fair and reasonable to both parties. Mr. Speaker and Honourable Members, we w3ill keep you up-dated on the progress. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Hon. Members, we are still on statements.

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

MOTION

APPROVAL OF LIST OF MEBERS NOMINATED TO SERVE IN THE SPEKER'S PANEL

BY

HON. KENNEDY OOKO, MCA, AHERO WARD

(THE LEADER OF MAJORITY)

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Yes Leader of Majority.

Leader of Majority (Hon. Ooko, MCA, Ahero Ward): Thank you Mr. Speaker. Aware that, the provisions of Kisumu County Assembly Standing Orders No.14 stipulates that; *(1) at the commencement of every Session, or from time to time as necessity may arise, the Speaker shall, with the approval of the House, nominate three Members who shall be known as the First, Second and Third Members of the Speaker's Panel and who shall be entitled to exercise of all the powers in the Chairperson of Committee of the Whole House.*

Further aware that, a list of the Members nominated to serve as Members of the Speaker's Panel was submitted to the House Business committee for consideration pursuant to the provisions of Standing orders No. 14 (2) *as soon as practicable after the election of the Chairperson of House Committees following a general election, the list of Members nominated in accordance with paragraph (1) shall be submitted for consideration by the County Assembly House Business Committee for appointment to the panel.*

Noting that, pursuant to the provisions of Standing orders No. 14 (3), *the House Business Committee shall within seven days of receipt of the names of the nominees, table the list ion the House and give Notice of Motion for the approval of the names.*

Further aware that, the provisions of Standing Orders no. 14 (4) states that; *Whenever a motion for the approval of names under paragraph (3) is moved in the House, no objection against the*

proposed Membership of any Member of the Speaker's Panel shall be permitted and objections if any, shall be formulated and considered against the proposed membership as a whole.

Cognizant that, sub-section (5) of the above mentioned Order directs that, nominated Members to the Speaker's Panel, the Speaker and the County Assembly House Business Committee shall ensure that either gender is represented in the Panel.

Now therefore, I pray that this House approves the following Members nominated to serve in the Speaker's Panel alongside the Deputy Speaker (herein referred to as the Chairperson of Committees)

1. Hon. Okumu Seth Ogutu - 1st Panelist
2. Hon. Emily Anyango Oginga - 2nd Panelist
3. Hon. Odhiambo Carren Ajwang' - 3rd Panelist

Mr. Speaker, I would like to request the Chair of Justice and Legal Affairs Committee to second.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Yes, Hon. Moses Ochele.

Hon. Ochele (MCA, East Kano Wawidhi Ward): Thank you very much Mr. Speaker. I arise to second the nomination of three of our colleagues to serve in the Speaker's Panel. The team which has just been nominated, consist of very competent waheshimiwa ladies and a very judicious gentleman by the name of Hon. Seth Okumu. I believe that they will conduct that responsibility as expected of them. Thank you very much Mr. Speaker. I beg to second.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Honourable Members, now that the motion on the Approval of the List of Members nominated to serve in the Speaker's Panel has been presented by the Honourable Leader of Majority and seconded by the Hon. Moses Ochele, Chairperson. Standing Committee of Administration of Law, Justice and Legal Affairs and Good Governance and Security. As per the provisions of our Standing Orders, I want to propose a question. I propose that the motion on the Approval of the List of Members nominated to serve in the Speaker's Panel is open for debate.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Yes Hon. Pamela Awour, MCA, Migosi Ward.

Hon. Awour (MCA, Migosi Ward): Thank you Mr. Speaker. I arise to support the list that has been presented to this House. Mr. Speaker, I want to support this list because these Members served for only three months and I believe that it is prudent that we accord them another chance to continue serving us because during their tenure, they did us proud. I rest my case. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Yes Mildred of Central Seme Ward

Hon. Mildred (MCA, Central Seme Ward): Thank you Mr. Speaker. First, I want to wish all of you Happy New Year. It is my first time to contribute in the House this year. Mr. Speaker, I arise in concurrence with the list of these nominated Members to serve in the Speaker's Panel because

they are up to the task, we saw them the last time and we need to accord them more time to enable them sharpen their skills. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Yes Boitone Ratib of Nyalenda "A" Ward.

Hon. Ratib (MCA, Nyalenda "B" Ward): Thank you so much Mr. Speaker. I similarly rise to add my voice to this motion. I believe and I am very sure of the competency of these three nominees given that during our last session in this House, we witnessed the way Hon. Seth Okumu conducted his duties well while you and the Deputy Speaker were away on official duties. I believe that when these three nominees are conferred more time, they will perform their duties well more than had earlier portrayed. Mr. Speaker, in that regard, I support. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Yes Hon. Eunice Alando.

Hon. Alando (Nominated MCA): Thank you Mr. Speaker. I equally rise to support the motion of the approval of the list of Members nominated to serve in the Speaker's Panel. Since we had initially witnessed there performance in the first session, which lasted for only three months, it is my belief that if they are granted more time, they are going to perform much better. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Hon. Jennipher Obonyo, the Deputy Whip and MCA, South West Kisumu Wards.

Deputy Whip (Hon. Obonyo, MCA, South West Kisumu Wards): Thank you Mr. Speaker I wish to call the mover to reply.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Leader of Majority.

Leader of Majority (Hon. Ooko, MCA, Ahero Ward): Thank you Mr. Speaker. I wish to thank all the Members for supporting this motion and I also want to agree with the Hon. Members that have who have spoken and stated that Hon. Seth Okumu with much experience that he has which I believe that he is well vast with the Standing Orders and that he is able to be our first Speakers' panelist.

Mr. Speaker, Hon. Carren Ajwang' I believe that in the House has been very calm and exudes confident in presiding over issues in this Assembly. I have no doubt that she will make a good panelist. I will not also forget Hon. Emily Oginga who has been very accommodative and I believe that this time she will be able to accommodate the views of all the Members. I beg to reply.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Honourable Members, now that the motion on Approval of the List of Members nominated to serve in the Speakers' Panel has been presented, seconded and debated,

and as per the provisions of our Standing Orders I want to put a question on the adoption of the same.

(Question put and agreed to)

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Honourable Members, the motion on approval of the list of Members nominated to serve in the Speakers' Panel is hereby adopted in the manner that;

1. Hon. Okumu Seth Ogutu - 1st Panelist
2. Hon. Emily Anyango Oginga - 2nd Panelist
3. Hon. Odhiambo Carren Ajwang' - 3rd Panelist

Honourable Members, the approval has been done today Wednesday, 22nd February 2023 at 1458 hours. I direct that the three panelists to take their jobs immediately. We shall not proceed with the oath taking because it is the same list as last session. So they will proceed with their duties as earlier spelt out or enumerated. Thank you.

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

(The Speaker consults with the table clerks)

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Honourable Members, before we conclude, I would like to remind the following Members for a meeting in Ciala Resort tomorrow at 08.30 a.m. with the Lake Region Economic Block on a Policy or Program on Early Childhood Development; the Chairperson of Education, Chairperson of Finance, Chairperson of Agriculture and Chairperson of Administration of Law, Justice, Legal Affairs and Good Governance and Security. Please purpose to attend this meeting tomorrow at 08:30 a.m. at Ciala Resort. Thank you.

ADJOURNMENT

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Honourable Members, there being no any other business to transact, the House stands adjourned to Thursday, 23rd February 2023 at 2.30 p.m.

(House rose at 04.05 p.m.)

Addendum

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