COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF KISUMU

COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF KISUMU

THE HANSARD

Official Report

THIRD ASSEMBLY – SECOND SESSION

Wednesday 06th September, 2023

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

(The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Carren Ajwang' in the Chair)

PRAYER

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Ajwang', MCA, Kaloleni-Shaurimoyo Ward): Madam Clerk, please take us through the Order Paper of today.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Ajwang', MCA, Kaloleni-Shaurimoyo Ward): Next order!!

PAPERS LAID

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Ajwang', MCA, Kaloleni-Shaurimoyo Ward): Hon. Lumumba Owade.

Hon. Lumumba (MCA, South East Nyakach Ward): Thank you Madam Speaker. Pursuant to Section 32 of the Public Finance Management Act 2012, I wish to table today Wednesday 06th September, 2023…

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Ajwang', MCA, Kaloleni-Shaurimoyo Ward): Hon Sammy, what is it?

Hon Onyango (MCA, Railways Ward): Madam Speaker, there is no quorum.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Ajwang', MCA, Kaloleni-Shaurimoyo Ward): Honourable Deputy Leader of Majority, could you please confirm if we have quorum?

Deputy Leader of Majority (Hon. Lumumba, MCA, South East Nyakach Ward): Madam Speaker, I can confirm we have quorum.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Ajwang', MCA, Kaloleni-Shaurimoyo Ward): Thank you. You can proceed

Deputy Leader of Majority (Hon. Lumumba, MCA, South East Nyakach Ward): Madam Speaker….

Hon Onyango (MCA, Railways Ward): On a point of order. Madam Speaker, there is no quorum.

Deputy Leader of Majority (Hon. Lumumba, MCA, South East Nyakach Ward): Please proceed Hon. Deputy Leader of Majority…

Deputy Leader of Majority (Hon. Lumumba, MCA, South East Nyakach Ward): Thank you Madam Speaker. Pursuant to Section 32 of the Public Finance Management Act 2012, I wish to table today Wednesday 6th September, 2023.

Hon Onyango (MCA, Railways Ward): On a point of order. There is no quorum.

Deputy Leader of Majority (Hon. Lumumba, MCA, South East Nyakach Ward): Your point of order is declined.

Deputy Leader of Majority (Hon. Lumumba, MCA, South East Nyakach Ward): Please proceed Hon. Owade

Deputy Leader of Majority (Hon. Lumumba, MCA, South East Nyakach Ward): Hon Okoyo, kindly resume your seat as I proceed.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Ajwang', MCA, Kaloleni-Shaurimoyo Ward): Order!! Order!! Hon Onyango. Kindly resume your seat.

Hon Onyango (MCA, Railways Ward): Let us follow the rules Madam Speaker.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Ajwang', MCA, Kaloleni-Shaurimoyo Ward): Proceed Hon Lumumba…

Deputy Leader of Majority (Hon. Lumumba, MCA, South East Nyakach Ward): Thank you Madam Speaker. Pursuant to Section 32 of the Public Finance Management Act 2012, I wish to table today Wednesday 6th September, 2023 the Report of The Auditor General on the Kisumu County Executive Fund for the year ended 30th June, 2022. Thank you Madam Speaker.

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

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Ajwang', MCA, Kaloleni-Shaurimoyo Ward): Honourable Members, I confirm receipt of the Report of the Auditor General on the Kisumu County Executive Fund for the year ended 30th June, 2022. I therefore commit it to PIC/PAC to consider it and report back to the House within a period of 21 calendar days.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Ajwang', MCA, Kaloleni-Shaurimoyo Ward): Yes, Hon. Nereah Okombo.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Ajwang', MCA, Kaloleni-Shaurimoyo Ward): What is it Hon. Okumu?

Hon. Okumu (MCA, East Seme ward): Thank you, Madam Speaker; I would like to lay a paper on behalf of Hon. Nereah Okombo if you allow me.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Ajwang', MCA, Kaloleni-Shaurimoyo Ward): Please proceed.
Hon. Okumu (MCA, East Seme ward): Thank you, Madam Speaker. Pursuant to the provisions of Standing Orders No. 182(6) of the Kisumu County Assembly Standing Orders, I wish to table today Wednesday 06th September, 2023, a report by Liaison Committee on its consideration of Half yearly Progress Reports of all House Committees for the period ended 30th June, 2023. Thank you.

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

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Ajwang', MCA, Kaloleni-Shaurimoyo Ward): Honourable Members, I confirm receipt of the report by the Liaison Committee on its consideration of Half yearly Progress Reports of all House Committees for the period ended 30th June, 2023. I therefore commit this report to the House Business committee to schedule it for discussion.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Ajwang', MCA, Kaloleni-Shaurimoyo Ward): Next Order!!

NOTICES OF MOTION

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

Hon. Okumu (MCA, East Seme ward): Thank you, Madam Speaker, on behalf of Hon. Nereah Okombo, I wish to give a notice of motion. Madam Speaker, Pursuant to the provisions of section 45(1), I wish to give a Notice of Motion that this House adopts a report of Liaison Committee on its consideration of Half yearly Progress Report of all House Committees for the period ended 30th June, 2023. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Ajwang', MCA, Kaloleni-Shaurimoyo Ward): Next Order!!

STATEMENTS

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Ajwang', MCA, Kaloleni-Shaurimoyo Ward): Honorable Members, it is statements hour.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Ajwang', MCA, Kaloleni-Shaurimoyo Ward): Next Order!!

Hon. Oiko (MCA, Kabonyo-Kanyagwal Ward): Madam Speaker, I am on my feet.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Ajwang', MCA, Kaloleni-Shaurimoyo Ward): Yes, Hon. Benny Pete Oiko.

Hon. Oiko (MCA, Kabonyo-Kanyagwal Ward): Thank you, Madam Speaker. I wish to make statements as follows. Pursuant to the County Assembly Standing Orders No. 41(2)(a), I wish to make the following statement. Aware that the Ministry of Environment, Climate Change and Forestry through the Kenya Metrological Department on 30th July, 2023 issued a comprehensive update on the expected occurrence of El Nino phenomenon and its impact on rainfall in the Country's Climate during the October to December, 2023 Season.

Further cognizant that, the forecasted higher amount of rainfall will have imminent effect on the areas prone to floods in the County. This heavy and long rainy season can have multi facet effects on various sectors of the society, the economy and the environment.

In this regard therefore, I request this Honourable House to invite the following Departments to appear before the committee on General Oversight to give highlights/updates on the status of their preparedness/interventions to take advantage of the rains and minimize the Potential Risks that the rains may cause.

1. The Department of Public Service, County Administration and Participatory Development, Office of the Governor, Disaster and Risks Management. Plans for desiltation of local rivers and renovation of existing evacuation centers.

2. Agriculture, Fisheries, Livestock Development and Irrigation to give a highlight on County Preparedness in terms of Food Security and Self-sustainability. Marketing, production of early maturing crops and offering technical support and advise to farmers on best practices during the period).
3. Infrastructures, Energy and Public Works (opening blocked drainages, repair and improvement of access roads and bridges).
4. Medical Services, Public Health and Sanitation (To outline their preparedness to strengthen Public Health issues especially the management of water Borne diseases).
5. Water, Environment, Natural Resources and Climate Change (Dredging, Desiltation and opening Rivers, Canals and other Water ways).
6.

(Hon. Okumu rises on his feet)

Hon. Okumu (MCA, East Seme Ward): On a point of order Madam Speaker.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Ajwang MCA, Kaloleni-Shaurimoyo Ward): Yes, Honourable Okumu.

Hon. Oiko (MCA, Kabonyo Kanyagwal Ward): Thank you Madam Speaker.

Hon. Okumu (MCA, East Seme Ward): Madam Speaker, it is very clear that we do not have quorum.

Hon. Okumu (MCA, East Seme Ward): Madam Speaker, it is very clear that we do not have a quorum. We only have seven Members in this House.

Hon. Oiko (MCA, Kabonyo Kanyagwal Ward): Madam Speaker.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Ajwang MCA, Kaloleni-Shaurimoyo Ward): honourable Members, I would request the Serjeant-at-arm to ring the bell for eight minutes.

(Quorum bell is rung for eight minutes)

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Ajwang MCA, Kaloleni-Shaurimoyo Ward): The Deputy Leader of Majority, please approach the Chair.

(The Speaker consults with the Deputy Leader of Majority)

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Ajwang MCA, Kaloleni-Shaurimoyo Ward): The Deputy Leader of Majority, could you please confirm if we have quorum in the House.

The Deputy Leader of Majority (Hon. Lumumba, MCA, South East Nyakach Ward): Madam Speaker, please allow me to count physically and give a report.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Ajwang MCA, Kaloleni-Shaurimoyo Ward): Proceed.

Hon. Pete (MCA, Kabonyo Kanyagwal): Madam Speaker, I had read my statement, can I forward it to the Chair?

The Deputy Leader of Majority (Hon. Lumumba, MCA, South East. Nyakach Ward): Madam Speaker, we have eleven members which is not a quorum. I therefore confirm that there is no quorum. Thank you.

Hon. Oiko (MCA, Kabonyo-Kanyagwal Ward): Madam Speaker, point of order. When the issue of point of order was first raised, by Hon. Sammy Onyango of Railways Ward, you asked the office of the Leader of Majority to confirm if there is quorum and they did so that there is quorum in the House and the business started. The way a senior member in the Speaker's Panel raised that matter and the office of the Speaker is now scared asking if there is quorum in the House. The integrity of the House is now in question. Why did the office of the Leader of Majority misleading the House? Let the office of the Leader of Majority explain why the House was misled.

The Deputy Leader of Majority (Hon. Lumumba, MCA, South East Nyakach Ward): Madam Speaker at that particular time when you asked whether we have quorum or not, I did confirm that there was quorum and no one rose up to challenge because there was quorum. Now that there is no quorum and I challenge any Member to confirm that the number here is a quorum. Thank you.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Ajwang MCA, Kaloleni-Shaurimoyo Ward): Yes Hon. Okumu.

Hon. Okumu (MCA, East Seme Ward): Madam Speaker, when there is no quorum and the quorum bell has been rang and there is still no quorum and has been confirmed, it is my belief that it is by our Standing Orders that a quorum bell needs to be rang for the second time. We cannot proceed with any matter in this House until we get quorum. Thank you.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Ajwang MCA, Kaloleni-Shaurimoyo Ward): Hononourable Members. Pursuant to the provisions of Standing orders No. 33 (1) which states that;

If at any time after the Chair is taken, or when the County Assembly is in committee, a Member objects that there is not a quorum present, the Speaker or the Chairperson shall count the County Assembly or the committee as the case may be,
If on account under paragraph (1) a quorum does not appear to be present, the Speaker or the Chairperson shall cause the Division Bell to be rung as on a division, and if no quorum is present at the expiration of the eight minutes-
If the Speaker is in the Chair, the Speaker shall adjourn the County Assembly until the next sitting without question put;

ADJOURNMENT

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Ajwang MCA, Kaloleni-Shaurimoyo Ward): Honourable Members, I therefore declare that this House stands adjourned to Thursday, 07th September 2023 at 2.30 p.m.

(House rose 3.07 p.m.)

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