

COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF KISUMU



COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF KISUMU

THE HANSARD

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THIRD ASSEMBLY – THIRD SESSION

Wednesday, 16th October, 2024

House met in the Main Chamber at 02:30 p.m.

(The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Emily Oginga) in the Chair)

PRAYERS

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Oginga, Nominated Member): Honourable Members, as per the provisions of Orders No. 32 (2) of the Kisumu County Assembly Standing Orders, I would like to request the Serjeant-at-Arms to ring the quorum bell for the first five minutes.

(The quorum bell is rung for the first five minutes)

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Oginga, Nominated Member): Honourable Members, I can see the Honourable Benson Adegga occupying the seat of the Leader of Majority, can you please whip the other Honourable Members to enter into the Chambers. Again as the bell is being rung, no member is allowed to walk out of the chamber except the assigned whip.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Oginga, Nominated Member): Honourable Members, the Leader of Majority is in the House, please confirm if we have quorum?

Leader of Majority (Hon. Ooko, MCA, Ahero): Thank you very much Madam Speaker, we have adequate quorum to enable us transact the business of the day.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Oginga, Nominated Member): Mr. Clerk, please take us through the order of the day?

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Oginga, Nominated Member): Next order!

STATEMENTS

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Oginga, Nominated Member): Yes Honourable Sammy Onyango.

Hon. Onyango (MCA, Railways): Thank you Madam Speaker. Pursuant to the provisions of Orders No. 41 (2) (b) of the Kisumu County Assembly Standing Orders, I wish to seek for a statement from the Chairperson, Standing Committee on Sports, Culture and Youth Affairs with regards to the expenditure of FESTAC (Festival of African Culture) events which was appropriated a budgetary allocation of Kshs 15 million.

Madam Speaker, this festival is an important cultural celebration whose aim is to showcase the diversity of Kisumu County and the promotion of regional integration through Arts and Culture. However, concerns have been raised on how the allocated funds were utilized and whether the event provided the taxpayers value for money. In this regards, I would like the Chairperson to provide a response on the following;

- a) **The Expenditure Breakdown;** Please provide a detailed breakdown of how Kshs 15 million was spent while specifying the key expenditure items including but not limited to venue setup and artists and performance payments, marketing and promotion, accommodation, meals, transport for the delegates, event management and other related costs.
- b) **Attendance and Delegated Participation:** Indicate the number of number of delegates that were expected to attend the FESTAC event compared to the actual number of attendees. Was there significant variation between the projected number and actual number of delegates who attended the event? This should include the total number of delegates planned, the number of local, national, and international delegates, the number of participants in specific FESTAC activities.
- c) **Expenditure in Relation to Attendees.** Clarify the expenditure incurred during the FESTAC event aligned with the number of attendees or the expenditure justified based on the number of people who participated in the event especially in terms of payments, accommodation, meals and transport, expenditure on public mobilization and promotion, funds spent on facilities, resources, and entertainment.
- d) **Accountability and Value for Money:** Confirm whether the funds spent reflect value for money and proportional to the scale of the event and intended outcome. Were there instances of overspending or potential mismanagement of funds, and if so, what measures are being taken to address the issues?
- e) **Overall Assessment of the Event:** Based on the expenditure and attendees, provide an overall assessment of the event in terms of achievement of the objectives, overall success in terms of delegates engagement and cultural promotion, any

recommendation to improve future events and ensure cost-effectiveness and greater public benefit.

Madam Speaker, I look forward to a comprehensive statement from the Chairperson, Standing Committee on Sports, Culture and Youth Affairs, on this matter. Thank you.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon Oginga, Nominated Member): Honourable Members, I would like to commit this Statement to the Standing Committee on Sports, Culture and Youth Affairs. I will give this house Committee fourteen (14) days to respond on the matters raised. That will be after the recess. Thank you.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon Oginga, Nominated Member): Next order!!

MOTION

ADJOURNMENT OF THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY SITTING ON MATTERS OF URGENT COUNTY IMPORTANCE; PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON THE KISUMU COUNTY ANNUAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN FISCAL YEAY 2024/2025 AND THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY SPORTS ASSOCIATION (CASA) GAMES AND FOR SHORT RECESS PURSUANT TO GAZETTE NOTICE No. 5804, ORDER No. 26(3) READ TOGETHER WITH HOUSE RESOLUTIONS OF THURSDAY 22ND FEBRUARY, 2024 AND TUESDAY 05TH NOVEMBER, 2024 AT 02:30 P.M.

BY

HON. KEN OOKO, MCA, AHERO

(LEADER OF MAJORITY)

The Temporary Speaker (Hon Oginga, Nominated): Yes, Honourable Ooko, the Leader of Majority

Leader of Majority (Hon Ooko, MCA Ahero): Thank you very much Madam Speaker. I rise to move a Motion for adjournment.

AWARE, that the County Assembly has scheduled Public Participation on the proposed Kisumu County Annual Development Plan for the Fiscal year 2025/2026 on 17th October, 18th October, 30th October, 31st October and 1st November, 2024

FURTHER, aware that the County Assembly Sports Association (CASA) has scheduled its Annual Edition of Sports and Cultural Bonanza to take place in Bungoma County from 18th October, 2024 to 27th October, 2024 where participation of County Assemblies is required.

ACKNOWLEDGING, that the County Assembly at its sitting of Thursday, 22 February 2024 and as per Gazette Notice No. 5804, 09th May 2024 resolved that the Short Recess was to

commence on Friday 25th October 2024, which falls on a date when Members will be in Bungoma and conclude on Monday 04th November, 2024, while acknowledging that the demanding nature of these activities as it sets the active involvement of Honourable Members to ensure optimal participation to facilitate in-depth legislative work, adjourning County Assembly sittings during the affected days is very essential. This will enable Members and staff to focus on these crucial activities, contributing to a more cohesive, healthy and effective workforce.

RECOGNISING, orders of the Kisumu County Assembly Standing Orders, sets on a day when the County Assembly is scheduled to adjourn to a day other than the next normal sitting day in accordance with the County Assembly calendar. The Leader of the Minority Party or the Leader of the Minority Party or another member of the County Assembly House Business Committee shall move a motion of adjournment, which shall be debated for not more than three hours, after which the County Assembly shall adjourn without question put.

NOW, therefore, to foster effective representation and legislative performance, this House prays that this County Assembly do adjourn until Tuesday, 05th November 2024 at 2.30 pm. Madam Speaker, I would like to ask the Member for East Seme and Chairperson of Education, ECDE, Vocational Training, Science and Technology, Hon. Seth Okumu, to second.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Oginga, Nominated Member): Yes, Honourable Seth Okumu.

Hon. Okumu (MCA, East Seme): Madam Speaker, I rise to second the adjournment motion. As mentioned by the Leader of Majority, that we have three very important activities ahead of us. One is we have public participation on the Kisumu County Annual Development Plan FY 2025/2026, which will inform the Budget Estimates that we are going to make for FY 2025-2026.

Madam Speaker, it is really important that these Members engage with the public so that they know their priorities. So, when we keep them here with the Assembly on, sometimes it is hard for them to choose where to go and where not to go, because it is equally important for them to be in this Assembly to transact the business of the Assembly. Madam Speaker, it is also important we participate in the County Assembly Sports Association, which organizes sports for County Assemblies all over the country, the 47 County Assemblies, and they had scheduled the activities to commence on 18th and end on 27th October, 2024

Madam Speaker, it is equally important that we adjourn the Assembly to attend to this very important activity for all the 47 assemblies in Kenya. Lastly, Madam Speaker, this Assembly runs on a calendar, and the calendar for our recess is starting immediately after we finish the Fifth Edition of CASA Games. So, because we won't be here again to come and close the Assembly after the CASA, it is important that we extend after the CASA to go for the Short

Recess that was agreed by Members when we were making the calendar of this House. Madam Speaker, I second the motion by the Majority Leader on adjournment of the House. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Oginga, Nominated Member): Honourable Members, a Motion has been moved on Adjournment by the Leader of Majority, Honorable Kennedy Ooko, who is the MCA for Ahero Ward. As for our Standing Orders, I will not put a question, but I will open the floor for debate on this motion.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Oginga, Nominated Member): Yes, Honorable Eunice Alando, specially elected.

Hon. Alando (Nominated Member): Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise to support the adjournment of the House because of these three main reasons that is before us. Honourable Members, it is important that we need to adjourn so that we may attend to those issues. For instance, Public Participation is very important. Members need to be with their electorates as they come up with their priorities. Equally for the Fifth edition of the CASA Games that is scheduled to be held in Bungoma County, we need to adjourn because, Honourable Members are also going to participate in various activities and after finishing CASA Games, it will find when already our Short Recess have commenced. So, it is in order for us to adjourn for the short recess too, I support.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Oginga, Nominated Member): Honourable Member representing Nyalenda “B”, Honorable James Were.

Hon. Were (MCA, Nyalenda “B”): Thank you, Madam Speaker. I also want to support the Adjournment Motion. Madam Speaker, there is a need for us to engage in Public Participation. Now that Fifth Edition of the CASA Games are just about to start, we as Honourable Members need to get ample time so that we can get enough time for preparation. That each and every discipline can get enough time and opportunity to conduct training on the respective disciplines and I think that one requires much time so that we can adjourn. So I support. Thank you.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Oginga, Nominated Member): Yes, Honorable Peter Obaso.

Hon. Obaso (Nominated): Thank you, Madam Speaker. I also want to concur with the sentiments of previous Honourable Members who have supported this Adjournment Motion. I believe that it is a good time that we are going to converge with members of the community to share our opinion on Kisumu County Annual Development Plan, and it is my belief that this is in order.

Secondly, Madam Speaker, on the Fifth Edition of the CASA Games, this is another opportunity for Honourable Members to participate in these CASA games. This is good for their physical health, and it is another opportunity so that we can share with other Members from different County Assemblies, not only through sports, but also on social aspects. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Oginga, Nominated Member): Honourable Alice Wajewa, I have sported you. I will give you the opportunity. Let me give Hon. Kelvin Oraro of Kolwa Central Ward a chance to speak. Thank you.

Hon. Oraro Kelvin (MCA, Kolwa Central): Madam Speaker, I also rise to support the motion of adjournment for the sake of the CASA Games ahead of us and in my view or opinion, the CASA Games are equally important at a time like this when as a country we need that Assembly of county assemblies and doing sports in a way of trying to bring unity in a country that might be polarized by the ongoing impeachment of the Deputy President. So if we meet for sporting activities and other activities, we tend to bring counties together under friendship and coexistence and the meaning of a united Kenyan through the games. So for that reason, Kisumu County is also expected to participate and to ensure that we join other Kenyans in the process of unity and participating in these games not only to win but to ensure that you understand what other counties are doing and in a way that also will contribute to our well-being as members of the county assembly and to the contribution that can develop this country.

Finally, Madam Speaker, the activities ahead of us after the Short Recess is also equally important to this county and I believe that the Public Participation that is going to take place majorly from tomorrow, the day after tomorrow and next week, we are going to mobilize our members so that they participate in the Annual Development Plan. And for that reason, we are monitoring whatever is going to happen in our various wards, believing that these activities are going to be done well due to our presence and furthermore, when we come back, we contribute immensely to the development of the county. I support the adjournment.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Oginga, Nominated Member): Yes, Honourable Alice Wajewa.

Hon. Wajewa (Nominated Member): Thank you, Madam Speaker for the opportunity. Madam Speaker, I also support the Motion on adjournment of the House. We have two very important activities ahead of us. First, as you are all aware that, we are preparing for the CASA games, which are crucial for our well-being. After working hard, it's essential to exercise both body and mind to stay healthy. This event is a valuable opportunity for us to connect with other county assemblies, build social ties, and refresh ourselves, which ultimately enhances our productivity. With only a few days left, we need adequate time to train so that we can bring back trophies across various categories. Additionally, we also have public participation. As you are all aware,

that public participation is on Kisumu County Annual Development Plan, which is very important. It is essential that we return to our constituents to engage with them directly. Although I don't represent a specific ward, I am committed to supporting my colleagues to ensure this process is a success. Afterward, we all need a chance to rest. Taking this time for ourselves to reflect and recharge will allow us to return here refreshed, energized, and ready to serve our county with renewed dedication. I fully support the activities ahead of us and thank you, Madam Speaker, for the opportunity.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Oginga, Nominated Member): Yes, Honourable Samuel Onyango. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Onyango (MCA, Railways): Madam Speaker, I wish to call the mover will reply.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Oginga, Nominated Member): Honourable Leader of Majority, the floor is yours.

The Leader of Majority (Hon. Ooko Kennedy, MCA, Ahero): Thank you very much, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, I support the Members' contributions on the importance of proceeding for the recess. First, public participation is a key element in our 2010 Constitution, and it is essential that we engage in it. The County Annual Development Plan is a critical part of the budget-making process, and I encourage all Members to participate fully.

Secondly, Madam Speaker, sports activities are vital for all of us. They provide an opportunity to interact with Members from other Assemblies and, as Honourable Kelvin Oraro noted, help foster national unity.

Recess is part of our official calendar, and it is essential for Members to rest, reconnect with their families, and engage with their constituents. Madam Speaker, I respectfully urge the House to approve this motion for adjournment. I so move. Thank you.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Oginga, Nominated Member): Honourable Members, and now that the adjournment motion has been moved and debated, and with reference to our Standing Order No. 26 (3), which states that;

“On a day when the County Assembly is scheduled to adjourn a day other than the next normal sitting day in accordance with the county assembly calendar, the leader of the majority party or the leader of the minority party or another Member of the County Assembly, business committee, shall move a motion of adjournment, which shall be debated for not more than three hours after which the county assembly shall adjourn without question put”.

ADJOURNMENT

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Oginga, Nominated Member): Therefore, Honourable Members, this County Assembly stands adjourned until Tuesday, the 05th of November, 2024 at 02.30 p.m.

(House rose at 3.15 p.m.)

Addendum

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