

## COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF KISUMU



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

#### PRAYER

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Okumu, MCA, East Seme): Good morning Honourable Members. I want to make reference to the Orders No. 32 (2) and direct that Serjeant-at-arms to ring the Quorum bell for the first five minutes?

*(The Quorum bell rung for five minutes)*

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Okumu, MCA, East Seme): Honourable Members, I again make reference to the same Orders and again direct that the Serjeant-at-Arms rings the quorum bell for a further five minutes.

*(The Quorum bell rung for a further five minutes)*

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Okumu, MCA, East Seme): The Honourable Deputy Majority Leader, please help me confirm if we have quorum.

**The Deputy Leader of Majority** (Hon. Owade, MCA, South East Nyakach): Honourable Speaker, we have quorum.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Okumu, MCA, East Seme): Thank you. Mr. Clerk, take us through the Order Paper.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Okumu, MCA, East Seme): Next order!!

## MOTION

APPROVAL OF REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME BY THE AD HOC COMMITTEE  
ON ON-SOURCE REVENUE

BY

HONOURBLE LUMUMBA OWADE, MCA, SOUTH EAST NYAKACH

[CHAIRPERSON, AD HOC COMMITTEE]

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Okumu, MCA, East Seme): Hon. Lumumba Owade.

**The Deputy Leader of Majority** (Hon. Owade, MCA, South East Nyakach): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I rise to move the following Motion

THAT, aware that this House established the Ad Hoc Committee on On-Source Revenue on 23rd February 2026 with a mandate to investigate and report on the revenue collection system and overall performance of the County.

FURTHER AWARE THAT, the Committee presented a progress report before this House on Thursday, 2nd April 2026.

NOTING THAT, the Committee was required to submit its final report within sixty (60) days, a timeline which lapsed on 23rd April 2026.

CONCERNED THAT, whereas the Committee has made significant progress, including preliminary engagements and public hearings with the Kisumu Revenue Board and various County Directorates, it is yet to meet other vitals stakeholders and officers responsible for own source revenue matters as well as system developers such as Safaricom and Rev-Tech Ltd

COGNIZANT THAT, the investigation is currently at approximately seventy percent (70%) completion with several critical areas involving the digital revenue management system and internal remittance protocol still under active review.

RECOGNIZING THAT, these outstanding areas are indispensable to the integrity of the inquiry and that a premature conclusion will result in an incomplete Report that fails to address the complexities of the County's revenue challenges.

THEREFORE, this House resolves to Approve an Extension of the Committee's mandate for an additional one month from the date of approval of this Motion, with the Committee expected to table its final and comprehensive Report before this House on or before 26<sup>th</sup> May, 2026. Mr. Speaker, I call upon Hon. James Omollo to second. Thank you.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Okumu, MCA, East Seme): Yes Honourable James Omollo.

**Hon. Omollo** (MCA, West Nyakach): Thank you. Mr. Speaker, I beg to second the motion as moved by my able Chairperson on the request for extension of life this House Committee.

Mr. Speaker, I believe that it only makes sense that we get the additional time to enable us the conclusion this task. This is a very important mission that was commissioned by this House and we know our Terms of Reference (TOR) very well and we have tried. Mr. Speaker, we have tried up to almost 70 percent. There are still outstanding issues which we need to address. We need to meet with the Revenue Ward Officers, all the 35 of them and the Revenue Officers at the Sub-County levels and also the Developers of the System (Rev-Tech). We have not had a chance; the time was not on our side to get them. We want to get hold of Rev-Tech and Safaricom.

So, the outstanding issues which are still pending are very critical for this Report so that we as a House Committee bring a comprehensive report on 26<sup>th</sup> May, 2026, with all the recommendations so that we can get it right for this County.

Mr. Speaker, from where we have reached, there are so many gaps that we have unleashed and I believe that it is only commendable that we get more time to conclude this once and for all for the betterment of this County. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I beg to second.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Okumu, MCA, East Seme): Thank you Honourable Members. However, before I put a question for debate, the Motion is on Extension of Mandate, but the request is on Extension of Time.

Honourable Chairperson, Ad Hoc Committee, I want you to make it clear to Honourable Members over that, the Motion is on the request of Extension of Mandate, but hearing what you guys are proposing is Extension of Time.

**The Deputy Leader of Majority** (Hon. Owade, MCA, South East Nyakach): Mr. Speaker...

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Okumu, MCA, East Seme): Honourable Chairperson, please resume your seat. Yes, Honourable Members, as we discussed, I hope you stand guided.

So, Honourable Members, a Motion has been moved for the request of extension of mandate of the Ad Hoc Committee on Own-Source Revenue. A Motion moved by the Honourable Chairperson, Honourable Lumumba, seconded by the Honourable James Omollo and now I propose to put a question that this Motion is open for debate.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Okumu, MCA, East Seme): The Honourable Member for Migosi Ward, I was not seeing you clearly.

**Hon. Oyoo** (MCA, MCA, Migosi): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am arise to support the Motion on the Floor. As the Deputy Majority Leader was reading the Motion, it is self-explanatory. We gave them a mandate to do, and they have not finished with what they were given to do. It is appropriate to ask for extension of time so that they come up with a conclusive Report to this House. I do not believe that there is anything to be added. They need time. To visit all the areas they intend to visit and to interrogate persons of interest. Mr. Speaker, this is a heavy matter because revenue is a heavy matter. Allow these people to do their work and bring a conclusive Report. Thank you.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Okumu, MCA, East Seme): The Honourable Onyango representing Railways Ward

**Hon. Onyango** (Mca, Railways): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I arise to support this motion. Speaker, as one of the members of this House Committee, so far, it is my belief that we have covered like 70% of the task given to us and, Mr. Speaker, I need your attention. (*silence*) Thank you.

Mr. Speaker, as a member of this House Committee, I believe that we have done our best. So far, I we have covered like 70% and the remaining 30% I concur is also more important than 70%. So, that is why we urge our members that they can grant this house Committee more time for us to bring a very comprehensive report regarding this matter. Otherwise, Mr. Speaker, I support. We need more time and more money. Mr. Speaker. I support.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Okumu, MCA, East Seme): Yes, the Honourable James Omollo. However, I believe mandates of a House Committee is provided to what extent they can do their duties. I am giving you Honourable James Omollo, not James Omollo. Let us get the submission of the Honourable member for Nyalenda “B” Ward.

**Hon. Were** (MCA, Nyalenda “B”): Thank you Mr. Speaker. I had to sit down, because you mentioned Honourable James Omollo, but it is good you have clarified.

Mr. Speaker, I am also rising to add my voice in supporting the motion of extension of time. When this Ad-Hoc Committee was being formed, there were Terms of Reference, the mandate as well as the tasks that they had to perform within a specified period of time. Mr. Speaker, going by what was mentioned by the Chairperson, it seems they have only covered 70%. However, the work that they were given still has several tasks that they have to perform. Mr. Speaker, there is need for extension of time for them to complete this task. Mr. Speaker, Own-source Revenue is determining everything that happens within this county.

Mr. Speaker, some of the projects are not even going to be done simply because we are not able to raise enough resources for our envelope. Mr. Speaker, there is need for this House Committee to dig deeper and seal all the loopholes that are there so that this can be corrected. They need this time so that they can interrogate each and every officer who is in charge, so that they can get to meet all the relevant bodies that they need to talk to, so that they can unearth all the problems that are affecting our own source revenue. Mr. Speaker, I therefore support. Thank you.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Okumu, MCA, East Seme): The Honourable Warindu of Miwani.

**Hon. Warindu** (MCA, Miwani): Thank you so much, Mr. Speaker. It is my considered opinion that, this is a matter of public interest, and each and every person in this county would love to help this House Committee do its work to completion. Remember, this is a ray of hope to the residents of Kisumu, and we see this as an engine of development if the report is going to come up with good recommendations, and only if the recommendations will be put in practise. Mr. Speaker, the work that this House Committee is doing is really important and I wish that this Ad-Hoc Committee would have been formed long during the first term of the existence of the devolution. Mr. Speaker, since this House Committee has just done only 70 percent, the report is still half-baked. We need a complete and a comprehensive report that will help guide the implementers on what they are supposed to do for the county of Kisumu.

I therefore join my colleagues in supporting the extension of time that this House Committee is requesting for. In addition, we believe that in a month's time, we will have the way forward and see where the direction that the county is going to take after uncovering the truth in this matter. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I support.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Okumu): The Honourable Member for North Seme, the Honourable Millicent Omuya.

**Hon. Omuya** (MCA, North Seme): Yes, thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir. I am also rising to add my voice in supporting the motion. First, I want to say that we know very well as a county where we stand in terms of Own-source Revenue. We begin with the damage we have experienced since we came to this Assembly which cannot be measured, because a number of projects and a number of things cannot be done because we do not have enough funds. That is why it was imperative to come up with this Ad-Hoc committee. What I want to confirm to the House is that it is very important that we utilize the opportunity and span of the Ad-Hoc Committee be extended, so that we comb all the areas that our revenue is being stolen through. So, it is important that we support the motion and grant this House Committee enough time to ensure that they finish with all the revenue streams that have not been touched, especially maybe inviting the revenue collectors. We also have not touched the billboards, where we have a lot of revenue that, to date, nobody can explain where the money is going to. I support. Thank you.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Okumu, MCA, East Seme): The Honourable Member representing Nyalenda “A”.

**Hon. Boitone** (MCA, Nyalenda “A”): Thank you, Honourable Speaker. Please allow me to start from the little confusion that was coming in the House in terms of Mandate and Time that was requested by this House Committee.

Honorable Speaker, it is evident and it is clear that this House Committee was mandated to work within a period of 60 days, which was elapsing on 23<sup>rd</sup> April, 2026 and this mandate was time-framed. It had a time whereby if this House Committee submitted its report or had not submitted its report, its mandate was coming to an end. Thereby, it is in order for this House Committee to ask for an extension of time, which, of course, the chairperson has stipulated as one month period.

Having said that, Honourable Speaker, allow me to say that key areas have not been touched, irrespective of the boards and personnel that they have met. They have not invited the Service Provider, Safaricom. This is the port where all the monies from the County are directed. So, it is very important that this House Committee have a one-on-one conversation with Safaricom and the so-called Rev-Tech, because this is where we will know whether money is being siphoned from Safaricom to other sources or let me call them, unauthorized agencies or not. Again, Honourable Speaker, you have heard that we, as a House Committee, we intend to meet the Ward Revenue Officers.

This is very important, because this is also the source where the money is coming from. It is important that they have a chat with the Ward Revenue Officers so that we try to block any loopholes that are coming from the raw sourcing of our Own Source Revenue.

Lastly, Honourable Speaker, one month, against two months that they have worked is not a long period of time. Given that, if they were to work accordingly, as the mandate out of time frame that was given, they were to bring half-baked information or half-baked report to this Assembly. And, of course, that would not have helped in any way.

So, it is in good faith that this House approved the extension of the mandate and a time frame of one month for it to complete its duty that was mandated to them to do by the House. Otherwise, Honourable Speaker, I support. Thank you.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Okumu MCA, East Seme): The Honourable Member representing Kobura Ward.

**Hon. Bill** (MCA, Kobura): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I want to also support the extension of time to the Ad Hoc Committee which I am a member. Mr. Speaker, sometimes back as a house Committee we presented a Progress Report and as indicated clearly the report was the crocodile itself and it was telling us that the hippopotamus is still in the waters and it is sick. Additionally, it is for us to finish up with the investigation and find the hippopotamus inside the water. Mr. Speaker, I really urge this House to support the extension of time. I want to congratulate members of the Ad Hoc Committee which I am a member. That is because I did not believe that we could get this far, since the areas we were to cover were limited, but then by doing investigations we have learned a lot as a House Committee and we want to do more for this county.

Mr. Speaker, we have done investigations and you have heard our Chairperson mentioning the areas we covered and those we are yet to. Even the Revenue Board that was put in place, want to visit this House Committee. There is a lot that we need to investigate and Mr. Speaker, you must remember the reason why this Ad Hoc Committee was constituted was to give Kisumu County a solution because the development we are getting as Kisumu County is very limited.

Mr. Speaker, as Kisumu County, we can do more than what we have done and this is happening because we have a very porous system of revenue collection and we have cartels who have also mastered the system and known ways of dodging the system. I am saying this because the 70% of the report that we have done, we even went to Kibuye Market at some point and there was even sabotage.

Mr. Speaker, it is very unfortunate that these people believe they are untouchable and it is my prayer with the extension of time, if the House allows, we will uncover all the anomalies happening in this county because if a market, you can see sabotage there. It means there are unseen forces that are fighting so that Kisumu County cannot get enough revenue.

The team that visited to Kibuye, were shown areas where they felt Kisumu County is not helping them to achieve what they can achieve. So Mr. Speaker, I want to urge all the Honourable Members, let us support this for development to get to all the 35 wards, let us support these Honourable Members. For Kisumu County to be the Europe that we really want it to be, let us support the extension of time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, I support.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Okumu, MCA, East Seme): Honorable Tom Nyaoke.

**Hon. Nyaoke** (MCA, North Nyakach): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We are all aware that the subject in question, I can term it as a very emotive subject. Mr. Speaker, I can confirm here that I am a friend of this House Committee and sometimes when I attend their sittings, I do see the challenges they are actually going through. Mr. Speaker, the extension of time that they are requesting for, I believe is sufficient enough and I believe that they will also undertake that within that period of time, if we agree in this House to do so, they should be able to finalize this report because we are also eager to know the result of this particular assignment Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, we all know that there are quite a number of areas that they really need to go through and I understand. There are so many people now willing to come up and volunteer a lot of information regarding the same. What we need from this House Committee is, even if it is not 100% information, maybe about 80 to 90% will be sufficient for the House to decide, make a final decision in regards to the revenue collection of this county. Mr. Speaker, I cannot hesitate to impress upon my colleagues also to support the extension of time that they have requested. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I beg to support.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Okumu (MCA, East Seme): Yes, the Honourable Peter Henry Obaso.

**Hon. Obaso** (Nominated Member): Thank you, Mr. Speaker, judging by the mood of the House, I call the mover to reply.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Okumu, MCA, East Seme): The Honourable Chair of the Ad Hoc and Deputy Majority Leader.

**The Deputy Leader of Majority** (Hon. Owade, MCA, South East Nyakach): Thank you Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, foremost, allow me to thank the Members that have contributed positively and exhaustively to this motion. Mr. Speaker, this is a clear indication that Honourable Members value the work of this House Committee and are looking forward to a substantive and impactful report. As you have observed, all Members who contributed have supported the request for extension of both the mandate and time. This support is informed by their expectations of the outcome of this report, which, if granted the requested time, will indeed be a game-changer. It

has the potential to significantly improve our Own-source Revenue Performance to meet the expectations of both the electorate and this Assembly. Mr. Speaker, as aptly put by Honourable Bill, the “hippopotamus is sick.” Having identified the problem, we must now take the necessary steps like a veterinary surgeon to diagnose and treat it effectively. That is precisely why we are seeking this extension.

Mr. Speaker, there are critical components in this Own-source Revenue investigation that cannot be overlooked. One of the most significant is the matter concerning Safaricom. The House is aware that substantial revenue may have been lost, and addressing this issue could be transformative for our development agenda. Given the extension, I assure this House that we will undertake a thorough and conclusive inquiry and present a report that leaves no doubt, whether in the affirmative or otherwise. Mr. Speaker, as reflected in the debate, there is unanimous support for granting this extension. I wish to assure the House that, if granted, this House Committee will deliver a comprehensive report that will help seal revenue leakages, address existing gaps, and ultimately enhance the County’s own-source revenue. Mr. Speaker, I beg to respond. Thank you.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Okumu, MCA, East Seme): Thank you, Honourable Members. A motion was moved on the Request for Extension of Mandate of the Ad-Hoc Committee on On-source Revenue. A motion moved by the Chairperson, the Honourable Patrick Lumumba, and seconded by the Honourable Member for West Nyakach, the Honourable James Omollo. The motion has been debated, and now it's time to put a question for adoption.

*(Question put and agreed to)*

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Okumu, MCA, East Seme): Honourable members, the motion on the Request for Extension of the Mandate of the Ad-Hoc Committee on On-source Revenue has been adopted today, Wednesday, 29<sup>th</sup> April 2024 at 0947 hours. Honourable Members, I direct that this House Committee works within the extended timeline and provide a report not later than Tuesday, the 26<sup>th</sup> May, 2026. I so direct.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Okumu, MCA, East Seme): Next order!!

## ADJOURNMENT

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Okumu (East Seme): Thank you, Members. There being no other business to transact, the House stands adjourned until today, Wednesday, at 2.30 p.m.

*(House rose at 9.48 a.m.)*

*Addendum*

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