

SIAYA COUNTY ASSEMBLY

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First County Assembly- Third Session

Tuesday, 17th February, 2015

The House met at the County Assembly Chambers at 2.30 pm

[The Speaker (Hon. Okode) in the Chair]

PRAYERS

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Members, we welcome you once again. We want to advise that after we are done with the approval or otherwise of our calendar, you remain behind to be done with matters of the committee membership and also communication from the political party coalition, Cord. Other than that, mine is just to encourage committees and Members to be as active as possible so that we have business during this Session.

The House Business Committee met in the morning and we allocated the business that we had in our tray for this week and part of next week. So, I encourage all the Chairpersons and the Members to liaise with the Liaison Committee and the Clerk's office so that we have business.

I also made a Communication last week that the County Assembly Service Bill had been returned by the Governor and the ordinary practice is that when it is procedurally returned, then we recommit it to a committee for consideration upon which the committee can agree with the amendments or pass it as it had initially been passed. Going by the complexities, the Chair directs that I will give a ruling on that memorandum on Thursday, this week. Thank you

Next Order!

(Several Members walked into the House)

[The Speaker (Hon. Okode) left the Chair]

(The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Abayo took the Chair)

PAPERS LAID

Hon. Otieno: Thank you, Mr. Temporary Speaker. Allow me to lay on the Table of the House:-

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The County Assembly Calendar for the Third Session of the First Assembly for Adoption.

(Hon. Otieno laid the document on the Table)

NOTICE MOTION

ADOPTION OF ASSEMBLY CALENDAR

Hon. Otieno: Thank you, Mr. Temporary Speaker. I wish to move a notice of Motion:- THAT pursuant to Standing Order No. 26, this House adopts the County Assembly Calendar for the Third Session of the First Assembly laid on the Table of the Assembly today, Tuesday 17th February, 2015.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Abayo): Next Order!

MOTION

ADOPTION OF ASSEMBLY CALENDAR

Hon. Otieno: Thank you, Mr. Temporary Speaker.

Pursuant to Standing Order No. 26, this House adopts the County Assembly Calendar for the Third Session of the First Assembly laid on the Table of the House today, Tuesday 17th February, 2015.

I would want hon. Ndonji to second.

Hon. Ndonji: Mr. Temporary Speaker, Sir, first I would like to commend the way it has been scheduled and I'm urging Members that when you go behind the paper itself it shows---

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Abayo): Hon. Ndonji---

Hon. Ndonji: I'm seconding, Mr. Temporary Speaker. I just wanted to request Members that they should be observing the schedule that is there and always keep time Mr. Speaker, Sir. I rise to second.

(Question proposed)

Hon. Otieno: Mr. Temporary Speaker, may you allow me now to take the House through the County Assembly Calendar:-

FIRST ASSEMBLY (THIRD SESSION)

CALENDAR OF THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF SIAYA.

It is NOTIFIED for general information that pursuant to Standing Order No. 26 of the County Assembly of Siaya Standing Orders, by a resolution made on 17th February, 2015,

the Assembly approved the calendar of the Assembly (Regular Session) for 2015 as set out in the schedule

SCHEDULE

PART 1: SITTING

PERIOD	DAYS
THIRD SESSION, FIRST PART	Opening Tuesday, 10 th February – Wednesday, 30 th April, 2015 Tuesday (afternoons) Wednesday (mornings and afternoons) Thursday (afternoons)
THIRD SESSION, SECOND PART	Tuesday 2 nd June – Thursday, 27 th August ,2015 Tuesday (afternoons) Wednesday (mornings and afternoons) Thursday (afternoons)
THIRD SESSION, THIRD PART	Tuesday, 22 nd September – Thursday, 3 rd December, 2015 Tuesday (afternoons) Wednesday (Mornings and afternoons) and Thursdays (afternoons)

PART II: RECESS

PERIOD	DAYS
THIRD SESSION, FIRST PART	
a) Short Recess	Friday, 3 rd April – Monday, 20 th April, 2015
b) Long Recess	Friday, 1 st May – Monday, 1 st June ,2015
THIRD SESSION, SECOND PART	
c) Short Recess	Friday, 3 rd July – Monday, 20 th July, 2015
d) Long Recess	Friday, 28 th August – Monday, 21 st September, 2015
THIRD SESSION, THIRD PART	
e) Short Recess	Friday, 30 th October – Monday, 9 th November, 2015
f) Long Recess	Friday, 4 th December, 2015 – Monday, 8 th February, 2016

NB: TUESDAYS (2.30PM), WEDNESDAY MORNING (9AM), AFTERNOONS (2.30PM), THURSDAY (2.30PM)

Thank you.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Abayo): Yes, Hon. Walter

Hon. Okello: Thank you, Mr. Temporary Speaker, I did not intend to speak, but the Hon. Whip looked at me in manner likely to suggest that he was whipping me to speak on this matter. So, in response to that, I am rising to support that this House adopts this calendar of the Motion that was moved by the hon. Majority Leader.

The only thing I would like to add is that, I think for the first time, I am getting exposed to this kind of calendar and I believe that it's quite good in terms of personal organization for a Member who intends to probably prepare for business or create forth an agenda that is relevant for this House and the County as a whole has ample time and good exposure to be able to see when that fits.

Mr. Speaker, again in line with that, it would be important that as much as possible, this gets exposed to the public. Not just through the main media, the Daily Nation or The Standard which majority of our people do not read, but it should be availed in the Ward offices, market places so that the people out there who elected this hon. House of Representatives to sit here can also get to appreciate the working schedule, just like people out there know the way schools operate, their opening days and school holidays for organization and general preparation. The public should also appreciate the same of this legislative House.

In line with that again, for purposes of coordination it is important that the Executive also get to appreciate this calendar and so are able to prepare Bills and Motions because most of the Bills and policy issues are supposed to be preserved for the Executive. So, it is also important for the Executive to appreciate this calendar, fit in the businesses that will be able to drive this County forward in terms of development because I believe this is the most critical year that we are in in terms of development being that it is the middle year, we have two years behind, we have two years ahead in the life of this Assembly.

Mr. Temporary Speaker, I support

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Abayo): I'm seeing there are no contributions.

(Question put and agreed to)

ADJOURNMENT

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Abayo): Hon. Members, agenda No. 9 is adjournment and I wish to say that this House stands adjourned until tomorrow, Wednesday at 9.00am.

The House rose at 2.50 p.m.