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The House met at the County Assembly Chamber at 2.30 p.m.

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

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COUNTY INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2018/2022

Hon. Temporary Speaker (Hon. Atieno): Hon. Majority leader.

Hon. Oor: Thank you, Madam Speaker, the leader of Majority party to lay on the Table of the House the Siaya County Integrated Development plan 2018/2022.

Hon. Temporary Speaker (Hon. Atieno): I direct that copies be issued to Members of the House and also to sectorial Committees.

Members we will continue with the debate we had yesterday. So you can contribute on Tourism, Conservation, Wildlife and Information on assessment of the operationalization status of Tourism in Siaya County. Yes, Hon. Otare.

Hon. Otare: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I am on feet to also add my voice to this report. The report is very encouraging and important to this Assembly and more so to the County Government of Siaya.

Having said that, it's evident that we have a problem of revenue collection in the County of Siaya because at no given year has Siaya met the target of revenue collection at any given time. To me the only problem we have is about implementation. So I am just appealing to the House to adopt this report so that the Implementation Committee can take over and work on it.

The other issue I can see here is on budgeting, and you find that even in the previous years the tourism docket has been under budgeted, and I think that tourism has been fully devolved in the Constitution of Kenya. So I am just saying that we should adopt this report and

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take it to the concerned Committee such that it is implemented to the latter. Therefore, through that we will make Siaya to be the County we want it to be.

Lastly, if you look at Got Ramogi, it has been allocated various monies in the previous years and the allocation has been more than 20million. Therefore it is evident that the systems at Got Ramogi are not working properly.

I would just urge this Committee to make sure that after the adoption of this report they should monitor how the executive is doing their work given that those monies we are allocating to some Committees which are not working properly. Otherwise, I support this report and tell the Committee of Tourism that they have done a good work and may God bless them.

Hon. Temporary Speaker (Hon. Atieno): Hon. Odawa.

Hon. V. Odawa: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I would like to know from you being the chair. If one who contributed yesterday can still contribute given that this debate is a continuation because if I look around I can only see the faces of Members who were there yesterday. So I don't think they will have much to say.

Hon. Temporary Speaker (Hon. Atieno): Sorry Hon. Odawa, you cannot contribute twice you can only contribute once. You know our Standing Orders Hon. Odawa!

If there is nobody else to contribute then I will call upon the chairman of Tourism Committee to reply.

Hon. Olasi: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I feel honored once again to stand before this House and appreciate the Hon. Member for their support towards this report since yesterday. More importantly allow me to appreciate the following Members of the Committee;

1. Hon. Judith Oyugi
2. Hon. Ambrose Akuno.
3. Hon. Simon Ousa.
4. Hon. Filly Onditi.
5. Hon. Andrew Omwende.
6. Hon. Benard Adalla.
7. Hon. Caren Ayika.

Members absent with apology,

1. Hon. Nancy Wamwai.

These are the people, who worked tirelessly on the report as from 12th to 15th December, 2017 going around to every corner of this County from Rarieda to Bondo to Gem to Alego Usonga to Ugenya and lastly to Ugunja. The Committee sat for 5 good days from 18th to 22nd in Kisumu compiling this report. However, some concerns were raised by Members as follows;

1. From Hon. Abudi, the Member of West Sakwa.

Hon. Abudi raised the issue of monkeys being a menace in his Ward and hence suggested that the monkey should be put in a gated community for tourist attraction, if I am not wrong.

Our reply;

Allow me first to apologies for the Citizens of West Sakwa Ward on behalf of the Committee for having visited their ward and not being able to engage them on other world life issues. We just

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want to let you know that it was not intentional but the same was occasioned due to time constrains then. Again I want to inform the Members of this particular House that the Committee visited Jaramogi Oginga Odingagrounds which is situated in West Sakwa but due to time constraints again was not able to meet members of the Ward. However, our able MCA that is Hon. Abudi has been able to represent their case and I think it was handled well.

However, the Committee in full support of the Hon. Members' idea and the same will be followed by engaging the relevant state agencies like Kenya Wild life Service for the action so as to receive something tangible that seem to be working towards the same.

The cases like that one in West Sakwa are rampant in most parts of Siaya County, and it is our desire as Committee that should this Report be approved by this Honorable House, we shall work tirelessly the tourism Department at the Executive side to make sure that all protection on Tourism sites in the County are Gazetted. That will help us sort out the problems like that of monkeys menace in West Sakwa.

Hon. Members, as a Committee, for us to realize the aspirations of this Report, we should fight for the gazetting of the tourism sites in Siaya County.

As a committee we met the CECM tourism, we met the CO, and there was a concern with Lake Kanyaboli. It was gazetted.

In a span of one week, I have talked to part of the Honorable Members representing this area. We should be meeting again with the Executive by next week, to see the best way forward and make our people understand the importance of Tourism as Sector if not as a department.

Through the Report of the Committee, we intend to make Tourism department as one of the most vibrant in the County. Hon. Members, when we talk about the intention of making the Report vibrant, we intend to make the citizens of Siaya feel the presence of Tourism sector in their lives.

The issue of monkeys again cropped up as a menace. I think in Ugunja Sub-county. If we put our heads together, we can see the best way through it. How I wish this Report would see the light with very few criticism like this particular one that was brought up yesterday. A Report well put this way; as Hon. Member of Siaya Township, a senior Member of this House was saying, if passed, then the implementation Committee takes charge of the Report, to make sure that it is fully executed.

We will not only make this House proud but Siaya will be proud of this Second Assembly. Hon. Omoro raised the issue of Ginga Island not being captured. Anybody with a clear mind would remember that it is one of the places we visited and gave a thorough audit and inclusion of what we saw, and Hon Odawa need to say, even if you go to page 24 paragraph 3, it was conclusively reported.

Hon. Majority Leader, raised an issue of his Ward having sand, murram and the Committee failed to visit. That is out of our mandate. We were much concerned with the tourism sites, how we can revive them, and possibly other facilities associated with tourism as a department. I want to reply this by informing this Honorable House, that the activity of this Committee was limited to tourism sites in Siaya County.

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I tasked the Committee, that the Committee offers apology to Ugunja, however the Committee is willing to receive any information of any tourism site in Ugunja Ward, for the same to be included in the list of Tourism sites in Siaya County. I think I have explained a little bit, and we cannot answer everybody.

Who am I as the Chair, to fail to appreciate the good work, as appreciated by Honorable Awita? The Honorable Member did not contribute much, but he congratulated the Committee for the job well done. Who am I not to say thank you as the Chair. Hon. Odawa after his contribution brought something about Ndanu falls. He was reminding us that we failed to recognize the fact that.....

Hon. E. Odawa: Point of order Madam Speaker, the Honorable Member needs to be very clear which Odawa he is talking about.

Hon. Olasi: Thank you madam Speaker. As I will recognize and appreciate that Sigomre Ward gave us Hon. Odawa to represent us, in the same style I recognize the people of North Alego gave us another Odawa. So it is not for Hon. Odawa, the MCA for Sigomre to ask which Odawa am I referring to. You know, we Hon. Members don't lie, but we can be out of order. I am not lying and I am not out of order.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Atieno): Hon. Olasi you are supposed to be replying to the contribution of members of yesterday and today. Stick to the point please

Hon. Olasi: Thank you madam Speaker. When I talk about the contribution of Hon. Odawa, the Member for North Alego, I am not out of order. Allow me to conclude. Having said all that, I thank Members of this Honorable House for the contribution.

I promise that all the ideas brought fourth shall be considered and the same shall be implemented by the implementing organ of Siaya County. Thank you so much.

(Applause)

(Question put and agreed to)

MOTION

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other Business, will you be standing for adjournment

There being no other Business this House stands adjourned till next week Tuesday at 2.30 p.m.

The House rose at 3.00 p.m.