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### SIAYA COUNTY ASSEMBLY

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

*[Hon. Temporary Speaker (Hon. Opanga) in the Chair]*

#### PRAYER

#### COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CHAIR

HON. KEN OKOTH REQUIEM MASS

**The Temporary Speaker:** Hon. Members; as you are aware we lost one of our own within the ODM family, Hon. Ken Okoth whose mass is currently on-going and as Members of the family I would kindly request you to stand up for a moment of silence, thank you.

*(Members stood for a minute of silence)*

#### PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON LREB

The Budget Committee is carrying out Public Participation on the Lake Region Economic Block (LREB) Bill and we shall receive further communication on the same in our next sitting probably on Tuesday.

#### STATEMENT

RESPONSE ON THE NUMBER OF SPEED MOTORBOATS PURCHASED AND DELIVERED

**The Temporary Speaker:** We have a Statement response from the department of Agriculture, Hon. Willis Ochieng.

**Hon. Ochieng:** Thank you, Mr. Temporary Speaker; I have risen to give a Statement response requested by Hon. Shirley, nominated MCA. The Statement from the Hon. Member sought to know the number of speed motorboats purchased and delivered by the department of Agriculture, livestock and fisheries and in addition, give the models and cost of the same.

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The department has since FY- 2014/15 purchased and delivered to various beaches management units 10 wooden sese canoe boats and 9 out-boat engine for their use in undertaking fisheries monitoring, control and surveillance activities.

The water vessels are essentially not meant to be speed boats. In all the cases the out-boat engine so far procured are of the Yamaha model as these are as per the specifications. The details of the water vessels are provided here under and the specifications are also annexed.

Two wooden sese canoe boats at a cost of Kshs. 303,000 in the FY-2014/15 and the BMUs that benefited were Gudwa in South Uyoma Ward and Uhanya in West Yimbo Ward. The two out-boat engines; 25 horse power and 40 horse power that cost Kshs. 690,000 in FY-2014/15 and the BMUs that benefited were Gudwa in South Uyoma Ward and Uhanya in West Yimbo Ward.

Two sese canoe boats at Kshs. 356,000 FY-2015/16; the BMU that benefited were Luanda Kotieno in South Uyoma Ward and Ralayo in East Asembo Ward. Two out-boat engines 15 horsepower that cost Kshs. 614,000 in FY-2015/16.

The beaches that benefited were Luanda Kotieno in South Uyoma Ward and Ralayo in East Asembo Ward. Three wooden sese canoe boats that cost Kshs. 534,000 in FY-2015/16 and the beaches that benefited were Honge, Sika and Magare in West Yimbo Ward.

Two wooden sese canoe boats that cost Kshs. 320,000 in FY-2015/16 the BMUs that benefitted were Misori and Osindo in West Uyoma Ward. One wooden sese canoe boat at Kshs. 172,000 in FY-2015/16 and the BMU that benefited was Obenge in West Uyoma Ward.

Lastly, 5 out-boat engines with 15 horsepower and amount spent was Kshs. 1.6million in FY-2018/19 and the BMUs that benefited were Liunda, Sifu and Uyawu in Central Sakwa Ward and Kayundi and Kasiri in North Uyoma Ward.

The next pages are the annexures and in that annexure I think it's just explanatory. Those were the descriptions of the engines purchased and the third annexure is specification for the wooden boats that were purchased.

**Hon. Oyuago:** We have the response on the Statement that I requested sometime back and I would really wish the Committee on Agriculture and Fisheries visit the BMUs to confirm if the engine is---

**Hon. Odongo:** Point of Order! Mr. Temporary Speaker. The gadget which the Hon, Member is using is not on. Thank you.

**The Temporary Speaker:** The gadget is clear from my end. I think she only needs to add a bit of strength. Yes, you can proceed.

**Hon. Oyuago:** Mr. Temporary Speaker, Sir, I cannot shout! I was saying that if you can give the Committee on Agriculture and Fisheries mandate to visit the BMUs that are listed here to confirm if truly the engines and the wooden boats that were bought are exactly what was specified in the response.

Again, I wanted to see the specification document of the engines to be bought not a hand written one! I believe an original document should have a stamp from the works office or something because I am not sure which department should issue it.

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I am not sure if this is an original document because it is hand- written. Therefore, my plea is that you allow this Committee to go ahead to visit and find out whether these engines were bought as specified in this document, thank you.

**Hon. Olasi:** Thank you, Mr. Temporary Speaker Sir. I am happy and delighted to see this kind of data as it properly narrates what has been delivered to the beaches in terms of engines and wooden boats. I don't know, but I feel that it's rather coming too late.

I wish the department or the Chair of Agriculture, is aware that some dubious engine machines were brought in this County in the month of May that were supposed to be delivered to West Uyoma and West Yimbo. However, to date those engines are lying in the office of the director fisheries while our people are really suffering out there.

I am happy to see that all engines bought are Yamaha and going through the contract sum the variation is almost the same meaning that they have standard prices so to say. However, when I tried to engage the Director, he said that the engines that are in his office are not Yamaha and he rejected them because the supplier did not meet the specifications.

**Hon. Temporary Speaker:** Yes, what is it, Chair Agriculture?

**Hon. Ochieng:** Thank you, I just wanted to correct my able whip that the engines in question are not Yamaha but Yamaha.

**Hon. Temporary Speaker:** Hon. Whip, take your seat. Hon. Members you also need to understand that Hon. Whip is a major stakeholder in the fish industry and may be the /s/ and /h/ slipped through his tongue but he was in the right direction. You can proceed.

**Hon. Olasi:** Thank you, Mr. Temporary Speaker Sir. Most of the colleagues here came to know me about two or three years ago. Thanks to God, I can now speak some words, I was born a stung stammer up to the year 1990 when doing my form four and I could not even raise my hands in class.

I was with the likes of Opiyo Wandai in class and they can attest to this that there are words that I could not pronounce as I do now, but I am happy my colleagues can understand me to some degree. Allow me to continue.

The people I represent here over 60 percent depend on fishing. Therefore, it is saddening to imagine that a County run by someone who understands Agriculture and fisheries is allowing the machines meant to serve the people of West Uyoma to just lie there because somebody's interest is not served and so the Director's job is in limbo because he refused to accept what was brought which he did not order for.

How I wish we could take a copy of this document, give it to the same supplier, and order the supplier to pick the machines that are lying in the office doing nothing and is not helping people of West Uyoma nor East Yimbo. The specifications were given but he refused to follow that because he is well connected.

How I wish that the Committee doesn't wait for my Statement next Tuesday but instead go ahead to the Directors office and confirm that some useless machine are idling there while those who are to use them are suffering. I rest my case, thank you.

**Hon. Temporary Speaker:** Yes, Hon. Shirley!

**Hon. Oyuago:** I have risen on a point of order on the statement that has been made by the Hon. Whip. The exact thing that the Whip has addressed that made me raise this statement. I read in some social media that engines were bought which were Passat but the specifications were supposed to be of Yamaha.

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There is no government institution that can go for a Passat engine. When you are buying a Passat engine it's as if you are buying a Land Cruiser vehicle and you gave money for V8 vehicle, they are two different things.

I am requesting, if you can give the Committee on Agriculture the go ahead to visit the BMUs because we are not aware if the engines specified here are the exact ones in our BMUs.

**Hon. Temporary Speaker:** Hon. Member, you are contributing as much as you are emphasizing but your point is home. Chair Agriculture, I think if I check the machine nobody has requested but you have heard from the person who requested the statement and also from the Majority and other Member.

You need to at least as a Committee form this as part of your work plan so that you come up with a more comprehensive report based on the statement that you have received.

**Hon. Ochieng:** Thank you, Mr. Temporary Speaker. I want to thank Members who have contributed or added flesh into this report. On visiting the BMUs as a Committee, we have a plan of doing that as from next week.

On the specifications lacking stamps, I think on the response here, there is a signature of the CECM in charge of the department and I believe the CECM has owned everything that is on this document.

I agree with all the parties that have contributed and I want to believe that as per the statement that was raised, I think they were concerned with the engines that were procured and distributed to the various BMUs and that is the reason the engines that Hon. Whip has mentioned here were not part of this response.

Now that it has come officially from the Hon. Members, I want to assure them that I am also a beneficiary and a representative of the people who is waiting for the engine from the department. I want also to put it very clear that as it has been said by the Whip, the Passat engines that are in question were tendered and the supplier delivered them to Director's office.

The inspection committee should be inspecting them before they are received. The inspection committee rejected the Passat engines and that is the reason the Director did not have authority to talk or explain something concerning the Passat engines.

I want to assure this Hon. House that we are going to do the Nitti grities that are supposed to be done to make sure that the engines are delivered and the genuine engines that are in the specifications. Otherwise thank you.

**Hon. Temporary Speaker:** Thank you, Hon. Member. Next order!

### MOTION

#### ADJOURNMENT

**Hon. Temporary Speaker:** Hon. Members, there being no any other Business, this House adjourns until Tuesday on 6<sup>th</sup> at 2.30pm in the Chambers.

The House rose at 2.59 p.m.