

**REPUBLIC OF KENYA****SIAYA COUNTY ASSEMBLY****THE HANSARD****Second County Assembly – Third Session****Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> November, 2019**

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

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

**PRAYERS****STATEMENTS****DISTRIBUTION OF GRAFTED MANGO SEEDLINGS TO FARMERS**

**Hon. Audi:** Thank you, Madam Temporary Speaker; I have three Statements for three different departments that actually require responses.

Pursuant to Standing Order 41(2)(c), I rise to seek a Statement from the County Executive Committee Member for Agriculture, Food, Livestock and Fisheries on the procurement and distribution of grafted mango seedlings to farmers in South Gem Ward budgeted for about Kshs. 1.5 million in the FY 2018/2019.

In the Statement the CECM should explain why the department has delayed in the implementation of the project despite the changing climate conditions that would not be favourable for the project.

**CONSTRUCTION OF FEMALE WARD AT LIDHA DISPENSARY**

Pursuant to Standing Order 41(2)(c) I rise to seek a Statement from the County Executive Committee Member for Health on the construction of female ward at Lidha Dispensary in South Gem Ward.

In the Statement the CECM should give detailed justification with documentary evidences of the utilization of Kshs. 2 million in the FY 2016/2017 Budget code number 3110203 meant for the proposed construction female ward with at Lidha Dispensary in South Gem Ward.

They should give justifications for the additional allocations of Kshs. 900,000 in the FY 2018/2019 budget for the same project despite the fact that it had stalled.

Explain the plan the County Government has in fast tracking the completion and appropriate utilization of the facility as intended by the people of South Gem Ward.

## STALLED WATER PROJECTS

Pursuant to Standing Order 41(2)(c) I rise to seek a Statement from the County Executive Committee Member for Water, Environment and Natural resources on the water projects in South Gem Ward.

Noting that the projects were all initiated in the FY 2016/2017 and all rolled over to the FY 2017/2018 and they have since stalled. In the Statement the CECM should explain with documentary evidences the status of the project budget code number 3110599 and the Kshs. 4.5 million funds payment details with the supporting documents if any meant for the provision of water to all government institutions in South Gem ward

Planned purchase of a generator for piped water for River Yala for the Ward and the planned building of reservoirs at Malele and Got Osiri in South Gem Ward

Two, explain with documentary evidence the status of project budget code number 3110599 and the Kshs. 1.5 million fund payment details with supporting details if any meant for the pipe extension in South Gem Ward.

On the Statement for Lidha Dispensary I would kindly request that the Committee on Health visits the site. Thank you.

**The Temporary Speaker:** Thank you so much, Hon. Audi. The Statements stand committed to the various committees. The first one is the Committee on Agriculture. When do you think you will give him a response?

**Hon. Ochieng:** Thank you, Madam Temporary Speaker, I will be through with the Statement in 21 working days. I shall have compiled the response and ready for the consumption by the Honorable Member.

**The Temporary Speaker:** Are you comfortable with that?

**Hon. Audi:** Yes

**The Temporary Speaker:** The second Statement goes to the Vice Chair of Committee on Health. When do you think you can give a response?

**Hon. Adala:** Thank You, Madam Speaker, in light of the Statement that has been laid and having looked at it I think we will do with 21 days.

**The Temporary Speaker:** The final Statement goes to the Committee on water. Where is the Chair or the Vice Chair?

**Hon. Booker:** Allow me to answer him adequately in January.

**The Temporary Speaker:** Yes Hon. Olasi, Chief Whip.

**Hon. Olasi:** Thank you, Madam Temporary Speaker, Hon. Audi had 3 statements. He is comfortable with 21 days for both and another one is in January. How I wish we could be sure that we want to have a break somewhere here and you know exactly how long we will be out.

Otherwise I feel some of these Statements like the one Hon. Audi is trying to ask about the status of a health facility in his Ward you might find this thing is reciprocated in at least 2/3<sup>rd</sup> of the Wards and then we talk about 21 days reluctantly as if we are not serious.

How I wish we could study the timetable of this House exactly because at times we give ourselves 3 weeks maximum then we come out with a report which can be tabled but when reluctantly the Chair states that a year after in January he is not even specific. Is he really serious? I doubt the seriousness. That's my concern

**The Temporary Speaker:** Hon. Members, the Chairs of various committees, remember we have a timeline we were given from 14 days to engage with the Executive. So telling a Hon. Member to come in January may not be sufficient.

Yes Hon. Edwin

**Hon. Odhiambo:** Thank you, Madam Temporary Speaker, as a reminder I just want to remind the Hon. Member that the fact that we are going for recess doesn't mean that the committees are not working so kindly the Hon. Member should give us the good time we can give service to our people. Thank you

**The Temporary Speaker:** Yes, Hon. Booker.

**Hon. Booker:** I only want to be honest with my great friend the Member for South Gem. If we look at how we will behave from next week December and even January, the House will not be... So I don't want to say I will give you this adequate answer within 21 days yet I will not be able to give you a proper answer which will satisfy you.

**The Temporary Speaker:** Hon. Booker, remember your committee will be sitting whether we are on recess or not so are you trying to tell us that your committee will not be working?

**Hon. Booker:** Yes, Madam Temporary Speaker. I am not saying that we are not going to take the statement to the Department of Water but the Hon. Member requires the Statement to be read in the House so I am not going to call him somewhere me and him alone to show him the Statement.

**The Temporary Speaker:** Yes Hon. Audi.

**Hon. Audi:** Madam Speaker you are aware you are almost through with the Supplementary Budget and that is what informed this Statement. So kindly *Mheshimiwa* try your best because what I need is just the response irrespective of it being read in the Assembly. At the end of the day I know it will be read fine but at that time you will have made me at least adjust something in the Budget. Thank you.

**Hon. Booker:** If he wants it that way then give me one week. We can take it to the department then we tell the department we want it in one week. If you will not require it to be read to the House, then give me one week. I will give you the report but don't come here later and say the report was not given to you.

**The Temporary Speaker:** Within that one week after getting the response you will definitely read it in the House. Take your Seat.

**Hon. Olasi:** We stand to be guided. How would a Member say that he will engage the Executive then take the report to the Member? then he ought to have taken the statement directly to the Member. This is a House of rules and procedure. A report has been committed to a Committee in the Assembly, it is the Committee to bring the report, but a Member can be engaged when the Executive is called upon. I stand to be guided.

**Hon. Temporary Speaker:** I think I will give my final guidance on this. Chair for Water, Hon. Booker, kindly engage the Executive in due time and engage Hon. Audi. You have heard his plea; it is about the forth-coming Supplementary Budget that really needs to be covered in whatever he is asking. We are not sleeping here and I believe the Committee is up to work.

**Hon. Olasi:** Thank you, Madam Temporary Speaker. I have two Statement requests to put across;

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Pursuant to SO No. 41 (2), I rise to seek a Statement from the CECM Education, Youth Affairs, Gender and Social services on the status of the construction of ECDE project in Sinapanga and Utonga in West Sakwa.

1. Give comprehensive details on the status of the two projects and all the compelling reasons thereof.
2. Explain the plans the County Government has to complete the projects and within what timelines.

Pursuant to SO No. 41 (2), I rise to seek a Statement from the CECM Tourism, Wildlife, Culture, Sports, ICT and Arts on the Budget allocation of Ksh. 500,000 for Ward sporting activities in the FY 2018/2019.

In the Statement the CECM should;

1. Explain why funds allocated have not been disbursed or rolled over from the previous financial year.
2. Given that the Youth Annual Sporting events has been planned in West Sakwa Ward in December 2019 should advice how this event shall be financed.

**Hon. Temporary Speaker:** The first Statement stands committed to the Committee on Education. Any Member, Vice Chairman.

**Hon. Wandera:** Thank you, Madam Temporary Speaker. I am not just a Member, but the Vice Chair of Education Committee and I want to say that we shall be taking this matter so seriously because I happened to be a neighbor of Sinapanga primary.

Hon. Aringo, I hope you are aware I was staying at Kobala Jakinda Green estate and Sinapanga is just behind that estate. Therefore, for that matter, we shall tackle it seriously and I request for 21 days to respond.

**Hon. Temporary Speaker:** Can Tourism respond to the next Statement?

**Hon. Wamwai:** Thank you, Madam Temporary Speaker. We request for 3 weeks, that is 21 working days.

**Hon. Temporary Speaker:** It cannot be 21 working days because if we give you 21 working days we will be going beyond the calendar. It should be 21 calendar days and not 21 working days.

**Hon. Omwende:** Thank you, Madam Temporary Speaker. I agree with the author of the Statement that is Hon. Aringo, but my concern with the Statement that he raised on issue of the sports I think that the timeframe that is given will have been overtaken by event. How I feel it could come earlier so that Hon. Aringo is safe.

**Hon. Temporary Speaker:** Hon. Omwende, which event are you talking about?

**Hon. Omwende:** The sport, especially the one that will take place in his Ward, but the time when Hon. Nancy will be giving the response it will be already overtaken by the event.

Lastly, I remember asking a Statement here to the Committee on Agriculture and it long overdue. Yesterday when I passed through Mumias, I found it operating, therefore, how I wish I could now get my Statement status.

**Hon. Temporary Speaker:** Chairperson Agriculture can you give us the status?

**Hon. Ochieng':** Thank you, Madam Temporary Speaker. Our Statement response is ready it is only that we communicated with him, he was not around and as you know we ought to share with him the response to confirm if it meets his expectations before bringing it

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to the House. He has been absent for quite some time ,but now that he is back we will share with him then bring it before this House.

**Hon. Olasi:** They are not meant to only generate but also to bring the report before us for us to see. So when the Hon. Member says that a Hon. Member has to first see the response before bringing it to us I feel is misleading the House.

**Hon. Temporary Speaker:** Hon. Whip, remember the originator has to be present in any response because he is the one who raised the issue and other Members are just as back up.

**Hon. Olasi:** It is for the originator but now it becomes the property of the Assembly like for example the Statement request by Hon. Aringo, cannot be his concerned alone because it touches on all Members here. The Budget was passed by October last year and some Wards were given funds and used it by December while some did not get at all.

We are approaching December and the funds are still late when we know that time is running out. So when you hear a Member still asking for 2 weeks yet we know very well that this is the time to use those funds you wonder.

Can someone explain to us the reasons some Wards got the money while some did not? Therefore, when we say that we cannot read a response because the originator is not available to me is misleading the House, I rest my case.

**Hon. Temporary Speaker:** Yes, Hon. Willis.

**Hon. Ochieng:** If you have been very keen in this House, when someone is giving a response, the originator has to be present and he has to be given the response first before making it public on this Floor.

The author was not in and we could not give the response. However, it is even in our SO and I believe that the Chair is always right and you have ruled on this that we must only give the response when the author of the Statement is present. So do not want to hear the Whip lamenting here again over the same.

**MOTION**  
**ADJOURNMENT**

**Hon. Temporary Speaker:** Hon. Members would we be upstanding for adjournment. Hon. Members, there being no other business this House stands adjourned until tomorrow Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> November, 2019 at 2.30 p.m. in the chamber.

The House rose at 2.51 p.m.