

Thursday, 11th March, 2021 COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF SIAYA DEBATES

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The House met at the County Assembly Chambers at 9.30 a.m.

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

PRAYERS

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

- 1) NON-MOTORIZED TRANSPORT AND STORM WATER DRAINAGE
- 2) PERFORMANCE CONTRACT

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Members allow me to make the following communication, that the office of the Clerk has been notified of a letter from the Siaya municipality addressed to the chairperson committee on Lands, Physical Planning, Survey and Housing on nomination of a representative to project contract implementation team for construction of non-motorized transport and storm-water drainage project.

County Government of Siaya in partnership with World Bank through the Kenya Urban Support Program is in the process of implementing the construction of non-motorized transport facilities and storm-water drainage projects within Siaya town.

This letter therefore requests your office to nominate one representative to the contract implementation team whose role is to ensure the project aligns to agreed requirements of the County Government of Siaya and her stakeholders among other responsibilities.

So this is committed to the committee on Lands , Physical Planning, Survey and Housing, just be careful as you nominate a Member, you must make sure you do not compromise your oversight role. So whether you will nominate an MCA or a staff, committee will decide.

Secondly, there is a letter from the office of the Governor signed by the County Secretary inviting certain Members to attend performance contracting signing ceremony. His Excellency the Governor will be signing half year January to June 2021 performance contract with respective County Executive Committee Members on Friday, 12th March, 2021 at 10.00 a.m. at the Governor's office compound.

The purpose of this letter is to cordially invite you to attend the function and further request you to invite the leadership of the County Assembly together with the chairpersons of all

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standing committees to attend. Your attendance is highly valued. So the Secretariat you will make that communication to the respective Members.

PETITIONS

TRANSFERS

Hon. Speaker: On petitions, I just want to remind the committee on Health that there is a petition before you, kindly expedite it and give us your findings as soon as possible. If the effect of the transfers takes too long then you will not be addressing anything.

PAPERS

SUPPLEMENTARY PROGRAM BASED BUDGET 20/21

Hon. Speaker: Yes, Majority Leader.

Majority Leader: Mr. Speaker Sir. I wish to lay on the Table of the House the Siaya County Government Supplementary Program based Budget for 2020/2021.

Hon. Speaker: The Supplementary Budget stands committed to the committee on Budget and Appropriations and we expect the committee to expedite the processing of the Supplementary so that implementation is not derailed. They should ensure that they involve all Members so that we have consultative approach to make the process be fast tracked.

STATEMENTS

1. PLOT NO. 31 AKALA MARKET
2. PLIGHT OF SUPPORT STAFF IN THE HEALTH FACILITIES

Hon. Speaker: I am reminded there are some two Statements from Hon. David Audi (MCA South Gem Ward). Yes, Hon. Audi.

Hon. Audi: Yes, Mr. Speaker. Thank you. Pursuant to Standing Order 41 2C I rise to seek a Statement from CECM in charge of department of Land, Physical Planning, Survey and Housing on ownership of plot No.31 Akala market;

Concerned that the plot was allocated to Akala Cotton Store to enable cotton farmers deliver and store their cotton for sale. Further concerned that the said plot is being developed by an individual contrary to the expectation of the original owners. In the Statement the CECM should respond to the following concerns:

- 1) submit evidence of original allocation of the plot in the name of Akala Cotton Store
- 2) Explain with documentary evidence why the plot is currently in the ownership of an individual, and the Officer that gave authority to change of ownership and under what circumstance.
- 3) If possible, I also request that just on the same, the committee should at least visit the sites and hear the plight of the community.

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Secondly, pursuant to Standing Order No. 41 2c, I rise to seek a statement from the CECM in charge of Department of Health Services, on the plight of support staffs in the County health facilities.

Aware that the County Government recruited support staff to work in the County health facilities. Concerned that the support staff have not been paid for the last five months in spite of offering their services to the County Government and have opted to go on strike. Further concerned that the staff have families and other obligations to meet. In the statement, the CECM should address the following:

1. Explain why the support staff have not been paid to date, plans the County Executive has in paying the arrears, and making sure that they are paid on time.
2. Just on the same note, the issue of Linda Mama that actually cuts across, whereby this money is channeled to the respective facilities' accounts, then they have been told that they channel it back to the revenue accounts, whereby getting it back becomes a problem. I hope the Department or the Committee of Health is aware of this, and maybe later they would give us progress report on the same. Thank you.

Hon Speaker: I direct that Statement to be amended to include the last segment on Linda Mama, the implementation of Linda Mama, funds, and the nature of that statement request is such that we need to get answers sooner than later, so will we direct that for the Statements sought, that we get answers by Thursday, next week.

Any Member of the Lands Committee? The Chair, the Vice Chair? Oh, you are there. So do you commit that we get answers on the Thursday, next week? So the secretariat ensure that the letter is written today, shared with the Executive tomorrow.

This is information that they should be having. They can submit by Wednesday, next week, and possibly we get answers by Thursday. Earlier requests on Got Akala, so you'll be sending two letters to lands; the one for Akala and a reminder for Got Akara. For Health, it will be one letter with two concerns; the one for staffs, the staff on contract, and the other one for Linda Mama. Ensure that those letter go tomorrow.

MOTION

FINANCE BILL, 2020, SECOND READING

(CONT' OF DEBATE INTERRUPTED ON WED. 10TH MARCH, 2021 AFTERNOON SITTING)

Hon. Oduor: Thank you, Mr. Speaker Sir. the Siaya County Finance Bill, 2020, as was laid yesterday before this House, today we were supposed to move it and discuss, but I would like to request your office that we wait for a consultative meeting. So I ask that it be deferred to next week after a consultative meeting with the whole House.

Hon. Speaker: Yes, Hon. Members just take your seats. The Chairperson consulted with me after receiving petitions from members of the public, though they came late. From bodaboda people, operators of hardwares, and another team from the slaughterhouses, for pigs. They were

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complaining about some rates, and therefore he said that he is talking to the Executive to ensure that next week, by Tuesday, we can have further consultations with Members of the House.

I therefore direct the secretariat to convene Committee on General Oversight meeting next week on Tuesday, from 10.00 a.m. to go through the provisions within the Bill, together with certain provisions on the Corporative Bill, so that the two Bills can be concluded next week, not later than Thursday. So your request is granted by the Chair, to give Members room to consult more on Tuesday, next week with the aim of concluding the two Bills next week.

MOTION

ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Speaker: Will you be upstanding for adjournment.

(Hon. Members on their feet)

Hon. Speaker: There being no other Business, this House adjourns until next week, Tuesday, 16 March, 2021, at 2.30 p.m. in the Chambers.

The House rose at 10.18 a.m.