

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> October, 2021 COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF SIAYA DEBATES

## REPUBLIC OF KENYA

### SIAYA COUNTY ASSEMBLY

#### THE HANSARD

##### Second Assembly-Fifth Session

**Thursday 14th October, 2021**

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

*[Hon. Deputy Speaker (Hon. Odongo) in the Chair]*

#### PRAYERS

#### MOTION

*(Resumption of debate interrupted on 13<sup>th</sup> October, 2021)*

ADDRESS TO THE ASSEMBLY BY MAYOR ANDREW OF TEBER CANADA

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Hon. Members, I believe that this is a continuation of a Motion that was moved some three days back and Members have been deliberating on the same. I believe that we are going to conclude the debate today. The Floor is open. Yes, Hon. Olasi!

**Hon. Olasi:** Thank you so much, Hon. Deputy Speaker. There is a very special request on my desk that if you allow, they wish to continue debating on the Address by the Mayor, you can allow them to postpone the debate to next week Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup>. There are some consultations going on and that will be in the interest of majority.

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Thank you. I am also aware of some Committees which have activities outside and before we adjourn, we request as we proceed with the deliberations.

**Hon. Wandera:** I have an input on the ongoing debate. I have just been provided with the report today. I have realized that this was a healthy speech by the Mayor and before whoever was presenting, I wish we had quorum.

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Order! Hon. Member. We are aware that quorum is okay in the House as I had communicated earlier and we are aware of the Committees that are outside with some activities.

**Hon. Wandera:** It is okay. I think the speech was good, my only input as at now is that the speech was good. Thank you.

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**Hon. Olasi:** Thank you, Mr. Deputy Speaker. We stand to be guided everyday even though this is a House of Rules and Order. It is brought to my attention that this is the 4<sup>th</sup> session with the same Motion so we need to dispense with the matter as soon as possible. Because of time, I would request that and I know most Members would agree with me that some Committees are out and I think that there was a contribution in the second meeting on the same Motion and possibly the same Motion was discussed in the third meeting or session.

According to what Members have discussed in regards to the Motion, I think we should just have faith on whatever was discussed here and the conclusion thereof by the Members to be carried out by the implementation Committee possibly together with the Executive. Then we see if anything good can come out from the partnership between Siaya County and the Mayor of Taber of Canada.

Thank you.

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Thank you, Hon. Whip. I believe that you are a quick learner because you really learn so fast.

I therefore, request on the Mover on behalf of Hon. Majority, Hon. Willis Ochieng' to reply.

**Hon. Ochieng':** Thank you, Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir! I want to first thank the Hon. Members who have taken time to debate on the speech of the mayor Andrews. As a matter of fact, I have taken notes on what Members have contributed and how serious they want the County Government of Siaya to also implement what is being done in Canada, which is the modern way of doing irrigation.

There are suggestions which were given by Members and if I can just mention one, there was a suggestion that we come up with a policy that we also institutionalize irrigation as we all know that nowadays there is no equitable rainfall to help us in production and even the system in which we are getting the rain is unpredictable.

Therefore, that also calls for other Members who contributed that if need be the County Government of Siaya can also organize for a benchmarking visit to Canada so that we can go and see how they do their irrigation, and if possible, we come and implement that back home.

We are aware that the Mayor and his Government has offered us an established irrigation machine that will also help us. Even as we are doing this I want to believe that the organizers of this trip will not forget the able chair for Agriculture as well as the Chair for Water and Irrigation together with their directorate. I believe we are serious than any other person and we all want this to be realized in our County.

Otherwise, I wish the County well and the Mayor of Taber, Andrew Prokop success and may the Almighty God be with him as they go for another election. Thank you and be blessed.

*(Question put and agreed to)*

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**MOTION**

ADJOURNMENT

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Hon. Members, would we be upstanding for adjournment. Hon. Members, there being no other business this House stands adjourned until Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> October, 2021 at 2.30 p.m. in the chamber.

The House rose at 3.16 p.m.