

KITUI COUNTY ASSEMBLY

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The County Assembly met at 2.48 p.m.

(The Speaker (Hon. Ndotto) in the Chair)

PRAYERS

Hon Speaker: Hon. Members, we don't have anything in the Order Paper this afternoon, we will just go through the normal procedure and we stop.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

Hon Speaker: I have the following communication to make; Hon. Members, Article 220 (2) of the Constitution of Kenya 2010, provides that the National legislation shall prescribe:

- a) The structure of the development plans and budgets of the counties;
- b) When the plans and budgets of the counties shall be tabled in the County Assemblies; and
- c) The form and manner of consultation between the National Government and County Governments in the process of preparing plans and budgets.

Thus, guided by the above, Section 126 of the Public Finance Management Act (PFM), 2012 requires every County Government to prepare an annual Development Plan.

Hon. Members, The Public Finance Management Act, 2012 outlines the procedures to be followed and the relevant statutory instruments required to be passed in approving the County Annual Budget.

It is for this reason therefore that the County Executive Member for Finance and Economic Planning submitted to the Assembly on Tuesday the 16th June 2015, the County Annual Development Plan for the financial year 2015/2016 for approval. This was in compliance with the provisions of Section 126 (3) of the Public Finance Management Act which inter alia states;

'...the County Executive Committee Member responsible for Planning shall not later than 1st September in each year, submit the Development Plan to the County Assembly for its approval...'

Hon. Members, Kindly note that this Paper has been by-passed by time since it should have come to this house by 1st September 2014, and therefore as an Assembly we need to go through it so as to identify whether the Budget Estimates for the Financial Year 2015/2016 is in line with the Annual Development Plan.

Hon. Members, therefore, I hereby commit this Annual Development Plan to the Committee on Finance and Economic Planning to deliberate upon as per their respective mandate and subsequently make recommendations to the County Assembly for consideration. Thank you.

As I told you hon. Members, we don't have any other business other than now committing the Annual Development Plan to the relevant committee so that they start looking at it, compile a report and bring it back to the assembly for approval or rejection as required by law. Thus the relevant Committee of Finance and Economic Planning should now seize the matter.

I have nothing else to add. Who wants to say something before we part and go our ways?

(Hon Mwandia stood up to speak)

The Speaker: Hon Daniel Hussein Mwandia.

Hon Mwandia: Thank you Mr Speaker. Yesterday you talked of this House having no business yet I understand there are many petitions and other businesses which are still pending. If you peruse your file you will see the pending businesses which should be brought to this House. Thank you.

Hon Speaker: I don't think there are many petitions other than the statements which have been requested from the ministries. There is only one petition about.... ...

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The Speaker:a huge document, a very huge document..... I don't think there is any other one. Is there another one?

Hon Mwandia: Mr Speaker there are statements which I know.... because I have two.....

Hon Speaker: Okay. I think you used the wrong terminology.

Hon Mwandia: Sure. I withdraw. They are statements.

Hon Speaker: Now, the procedure is that when you ask me for statements, it is not the Speaker who is supposed to provide the answer nor the Chairman of the committee concerned. We have to write to the concerned minister requesting for the needed information and when that happens, it now when the Chairman of the Committee can bring the issue in the House.

Hon Mwandia: I stand guided, but I would also like to know; who is supposed to follow up when the statements are requested because it is long overdue.

Hon Speaker: I will take responsibility on behalf of the Assembly and follow up on the matter.

Hon Mwandia: Thank you.

(Hon Mativo stood up in his place)

Hon Speaker: Now, can we.....hon Mativo.

Hon. Mativo: Thank you Mr Speaker sir. There is a statement I raised on 30th of March, 2015 concerning the dealing of the County Assembly with the Madison Insurance Company. It is now three months down the line Mr Speaker Sir and no answer was provided. I don't know what is happening because I have requested for a response severally but none was provided.

Hon Speaker: Clerk, this issue of Madison, where is....?

(The Deputy Clerk passed some information to the Speaker)

Hon Speaker: Okay, I will give you an answer after the Clerk briefs me on what is happening. I think that is the end of the session. I will see you tomorrow, God willing. I have nothing else to add. Thank you.

ADJOURNMENT

(The Members stood up in their places)

Hon Speaker: Hon. Members, the House now stands adjourned until tomorrow 18th of June, 2015 at 2.30 p.m.

The County Assembly rose at 2.55pm