

**COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF SAMBURU**



**THE HANSARD**

**Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup> June, 2016**

**The assembly met at the County Assembly chambers at 2:30 p.m.**

***(The Deputy Speaker, County Assembly of Samburu, (hon. Adamson Lanyasunya) in the chair)***

**PRAYER**

**PROCEDURAL MOTION**

**MCA Ndoto Ward**, (Hon. Raisy Letura): Thank you hon. Speaker, I wish to move the procedural motion to alter the calendar. **THAT**, pursuant to Standing Order No. 25 Part 3; calendar of the County Assembly of Samburu Standing Orders, this assembly resolve to alter its calendar and adjourn today Thursday June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2016 and resume on Tuesday June 21<sup>th</sup> 2016 at 2:30 p.m. I beg to move. I urge hon. Lorunyei to second.

*(Hon. Lorunyei bows to second the motion)*

**Deputy Speaker**, (hon. Adamson Lanyasunya): Thank you hon. Members you now have time to contribute to the motion.

**MCA Ndoto Ward**, (hon. Raisy Letura): Hon, Speaker, having moved the motion of altering the calendar of the House, we are all aware at this particular month, that all over Kenya, the county assemblies are supposed to pass the budget that were passed to us by the executive and also by the service board of the county assembly.

We are all in agreement that most of the time when the hon. Members are around due to some tight schedule, we are not even able to peruse the budget or interact with it as required. Hon. Members of this House have showed interest of wanting to undertake every item in that budget and see that we have interrogated with it both the executive and the county assembly budget in the right procedure.

Members also want to affirm themselves with every detail of the budget so that as they pass the budget it should not be business as usual; that members be able to pass what they have interacted with before and the chairs of the committees will also be able to shade light on the departmental budget in those five days in Naivasha. That is the reason for us wanting to alter the calendar for five days so that every other department, the CEC finance and the budget officers can also be called in so that they can shade light and explain whatever is not clear.

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In the previous budget we have seen budget coming to the floor of this House when some crucial committees or some crucial departments have not been presented to respective committees and we need to break away from the norm.

As we remember, last year, the hon. Members of this House got almost Kshs. 170,000,000 from each department and was actually allocated for development. If it was not for the chairs and the members of the committees who interacted earlier with the budget, that money could have been utilized in other ways that could not have assisted the common mwananchi. That is the reason this time round we have the mind and they will to interact with the budget before us and see that we affirmed ourselves with most of the items and reallocate most of the money to development.

In my view, it is in the right manner and spirit to see that members have requested for time to look into every department budget and see that most of the money allocated go to development and more so on the recurrent budget because we have seen that most of the time we have scrutinized and we have left out the recurrent budget without much scrutiny.

It is my hope that members of this House will commit their time in Naivasha and see that that particular time will not be wasted and because the mood of the House is that they are going for a retreat in Naivasha, it is only important and crucial that the members and the chairs of the committees avail themselves in Naivasha and commit most of their time to the said process and engage on a very serious business and get involved with the projects which will be undertaken in the year 2016/2017. With those few remarks it is my prayer that we will avail ourselves 100% so that we will not have wasted this one week, thank you.

**MCA Wamba North**, (hon. Christopher Lentukunye): Thank you hon. Speaker, first I wish to thank the hon. chair hon. Raisy Letura for bringing into the House this important motion. It is important that we look into the budget thoroughly this year since in the previous years we have never taken time to familiarize ourselves with what is contained in the budget. It will be right to pass the budget when we are aware of what is in the budget. I urge the hon. members to support the motion so that we get the short break to familiarize ourselves with the motion, and with the few remarks, I support the motion, thank you.

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**MCA Nachola Ward**, (hon. Lorunyei): Thank you hon. Speaker I also support the adjournment of the House and knowing that this is a period of budget process this month of June, we need to know how this money is being used and the way it is being allocated and also the way it will be useful to our people.

In the previous years, budget has been brought to this House at the last minutes so that we rubber stamp. However, this time round, we want to participate fully in the budget process. This House is supposed to oversight, and know the money allocated to each department so that when we go to approve the budget we approve what we understand. So I support that we be given time to go to Naivasha to deliberate on the budget, thank you hon. Speaker sir.

**MCA Specially Elected**, (hon. Irene Leshore): Thank you hon. Speaker, I stand to support the motion. I think the issue of the members going to a retreat is long overdue and I am very happy that the assembly has finally agreed to facilitate the members to go on a retreat. We all know that as the members of the assembly we have so many issues amongst us which we need to go and sought out and this will be good opportunity.

I also believe that this retreat is a good opportunity for us to remind us of our roles as the members of the county assembly; oversight, legislative and representation roles which I think all of us have long forgotten.

Also about the budget process, this will be our fourth budget, we have done three previous budget and we all know that the executive works on the budget and they bring it to us the last minutes just to pass it and we have done it for three times. So if this time we do it differently, it will be good for us and the people of Samburu.

It will also be good for our people if the members come back united from the retreat as we will be able to work better for the benefit of our people. Therefore, I beg to support the motion, thank you.

*(Applause)*

**Deputy Speaker**, (hon. Lanyasunya): Thank you hon. members, as pertaining to the Procedural Motion to alter the calendar, as moved by hon. Letura, the motion has been moved according to

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the calendar of the assembly Standing Order No. 25 (3) that says when the county assembly is scheduled to adjourn the normal sittings in accordance to the county assembly calendar the leader of majority party or minority party or any other member of the Business Committee can move a motion of adjournment which shall be debated for not less than three hours of which the county assembly shall adjourn without question put.

As contributed by members, budget process is very crucial and at the end of the month we are supposed to pass the budget and the chair of the budget committee has invited all the chairs and the vice chairs to deliberate on the priorities of the community as regards to the development projects and I wish to urge all the chair and the vice chairs to get the budget from respective ministries because each chair will be able to present before the rest of the members based on the calendar on next week as scheduled for discussion of the budget so that the budget can address community needs as requested.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Hon. Members, the time being half past three O'clock and there being no other business, the assembly stands adjourned until Tuesday afternoon, 21<sup>st</sup> June 2016 at 2:30 p.m. thank you.