

**COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF SAMBURU**



**THE HANSARD**

**Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> November, 2022**

**The Assembly met at the County Assembly chambers at 2:30 pm.**

*The Speaker, (Mr. Lengees Fred), in the Chair*

**PRAYER**

**STATEMENT**

**MCA Ndoto Ward**, (Hon. Ali Leamulsia): Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir. Hon. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 45(c), I hereby request for a statement from the Chairperson of the Sectoral Committee on Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries regarding the tender notice issued to the public on 11<sup>th</sup> November 2022, on Supply and delivery of Somali Camel breeds, Sahiwal breed cattle bulls, heifers and calf Ayrshire breed cows.

Hon. Speaker, there is rampant insecurity and severe drought in the county for the past few years which has financially and socially impacted the residents of Samburu County and the Neighbouring Counties. Hon. Speaker, the residents of Samburu County have experienced massive loss of livestock due to drought and unpredictable rain pattern due to climate change effects and considering the metrological weather forecast for Samburu County, there is an expectation of poor rainfall for the remainder of this year and early next year.

Hon. Speaker, there are priorities such as provisions of cattle feeds and water to the residents of Samburu County to save the already malnourished animals. Hon. Speaker, in view of this, the Chairperson of the Sectoral Committee on Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries should inquire into and report on:

1. Is it wise for the County Government of Samburu to purchase and supply to the residents of Samburu these livestock breeds during a severe drought season?
2. Is the purchase and delivery of these livestock breed a priority for the department considering it should focus its efforts on drought mitigation measures to save the already starving livestock?
3. Is the department considering to supply these breeds with feeds to ensure their survival?

Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir.

**The Speaker**, (Mr. Lengees Fred): Thank you Hon. Leamulsia. The Chair of Committee on Agriculture and Livestock, when do you intend to answer these questions or respond to this House?

**Chair, Committee on Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries**, (Hon. Kaunda Lenamparasio): Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir, and thank you to Hon. Lealmusia for that statement. As the

Chairperson of the said Committee, tomorrow by 10 AM we will be having the new CECM and his Director at the Assembly's boardroom with my Committee, and then probably by Thursday next week God willing, I will give you the report on the same. Meanwhile, it should be noted that procurement is a process, and as much as this advertisement was done in November, has to undergo the government or procurement process, the supply may even be done by sometime in April next year. So think so much Hon. Ali for the concern, but on Thursday next week, I will table a report to this House. Thank you so much Speaker.

**The Speaker**, (Mr. Lengees Fred): Thank you Hon. Kaunda. I now open the floor for any Member who feels a need to contribute to this. Hon. Lelenkeju.

**MCA Wamba East Ward**, (Hon. Lelenkeju Jackson): Thank you Hon. Speaker Sir. I read the statement sort by the Hon. Member for Ndoto Ward and I have some reservations to make.

One, we are a County that operates on a Government's Budget that goes with timelines and it depends on which one comes first. Budget is a process that takes a long time, the advertisement availed recently is a procedure that will take a long time until maybe March, that is when we expect delivery by the Department.

Almighty God may not punish us to that level, it might rain before then. We recently supplemented almost 40% of our development Budget to mitigate the drought effects and it is not the Department of Agriculture that does the mitigation but rather the Department of Special Programs. I think the Department of Agriculture is in order because what they Budgeted for is not among the programs we slashed when we allocated funds to mitigated effects of drought in our County.

Hon. Speaker, Camels are the only animals that we have hoped in to withstand the effects of climate change hence we want to transit from cattle rearing to camel rearing. If it rains tomorrow and 70% of the livestock are already dead, I think it will act as a mitigation measures to re-stock those who lost livestock already, I find this not a bad idea, thank you Mr. Speaker.

**MCA Suguta Marmar Ward**, (Hon. Leleruk James): Thank you Mr. Speaker. As much as I congratulate Hon. Lealmusia for bringing this up but I think it is also in order for the Members to consult the Committee before seeking statements at the floor of the House. If a Committee's

Chairperson can respond to questions asked, then there will be no need of giving the Committee another work.

I have a suggestion that if a statement or question asked can be addressed at the Committee level before arriving to the floor of the House then let it be done. When we were passing the Supplementary Budget here, the issue of purchasing camels and Sahiwal cows was presented and no Member objected the idea nor proposed Budget changes.

Hon. Speaker, if the Department of Agriculture would decide otherwise and not purchase the livestock's suggested, then I do not know where those funds Budgeted for will be taken to. This is a natural disaster and we pray that come next year, this issue will be over.

As the Chairperson Committee on Agriculture goes on to find the response to the statement sort, he should consider that some Members have reservations on this issue because it is too early, Thank you.

**The Majority Leader**, (Hon. Lentukunye Chrisitopher): Thank you Hon. Speaker. I wish to thank Hon. Lealmusia for bringing this idea for decision.

Mr. Speaker, as indicated by the Chairperson that the Committee will sit with the Departmental heads tomorrow. Hon. Speaker I request that you give us a direction on this because this is something that is being discussed at the Committee level. Mr. Speaker I request that you suspend this matter as the Committee indulgence tomorrow so that when the statement response will be presented to this House, then the Hon. Members will ventilate more and the way forward as a House, thank you Mr. Speaker Sir.

**The Speaker**, (Mr. Lengees Fred): Hon. Members, in respect to the statement asked by Hon. Lealmusia to the Committee on Agriculture and Livestock on supply of camels and bulls, I therefore direct that the Committee responds to that statement before Thursday, 24<sup>th</sup> November, 2022. Hon. Kaunda.

**MCA Loosuk Ward**, (Hon. Lenamparasio Kaunda): Hon. Speaker, Pursuant to Standing Order 45 (C), I hereby request for a statement from the Chairperson Committee of PIC and PAC in regards to the status of the previous audit reports that were to be tabled at the floor of this House.

Hon. Speaker, Pursuant to the Samburu County Assembly Standing Order 194(1), there is established a select Committee known as the County Public Investments and Accounts Committee.

Further your Honour, Standing Order 194(2) sets out the responsibilities of the said Committee and they are as follows;

- a) Examination of the accounts showing the appropriations of the sum voted by the County Assembly to meet the public expenditure and of such other accounts laid before the County Assembly as the Committee may think fit.
- b) Examination of the reports, accounts and workings of the County public investments.
- c) Examination of audit reports and tabling of the recommendations of that report.

Hon. Speaker, in view of this, the Chairperson should inquire and report on;

- 1) What are the status of previous PIC and PAC Committee reports since 2014?
- 2) Why were these reports never tabled on the floor of the House?
- 3) What action does the PIC and PAC Committee intend to take on reports that were never tabled by the previous PIC and PAC Committees?

Thank you.

**MCA Angata Nanyekie Ward**, (Hon. Paul Leshimiro): Thank you Mr. Speaker. I thank the Hon. Member for Loosuk ward for the Statement that he has just read. I concur with him that when I joined this Assembly in 2017 the report is that no auditor's report or any other report has been tabled in the House but none of them has ever been concluded so the first Assembly and the Second Assembly did not conclude any report. It is very important as he has just mentioned on the mandate of that Committee and the role that it is supposed to play, the objective of the auditor's report the investment of the County, the appropriation of the accounts, the funds allocated to any County as well as the report of the auditor are all important and help us in moving forward and make our corrections otherwise if we do not conclude these reports then we will not see the importance of these auditors coming and doing the interrogations.

I also want to state that the auditor's report is not always punitive as some Members may see it that when I was made the Chairperson of the PIC and PAC Committee it seems like I was most

suited to be there and let us make him the person to fight the Government, it is rather the opposite. We just want to put the Executive on toes and whatever we appropriate in this House is utilized as per the intended appropriation. This Committee does not intend to punish anybody unless otherwise. It is just a supportive Committee. I come from a medical background and I am that old as you can see, long time ago our superiors in Medical had inspections during which by the end of the inspection somebody may have lost a practicing certificate as a nurse or a medical practitioner. Later on they changed from inspection to supervision which was a bit friendly. They later brought supportive supervision, this was part of supervision to help you correct the errors you have made and not necessary punitive for wrong doings.

As Chair of the PIC and PAC Committee I go for supportive supervision which the PIC and PAC Committee will support the Assembly and the Executive to perform its mandate. The Statements are good and will not have bad intentions or malice. It is necessary and has a very big workload. I do not intend to finish it to the last report tabled in this House which are 14 of them at once. It will take a lot of time and resources. It will also depend on the support that I will get depending on the leadership of the House will contribute to the efforts to conclude a number of them.

We had a meeting yesterday with the PIC and PAC Committee and we concluded that it was a wrong practice not to have concluded any single report before. We intend to conclude a number of them based on the support that we will get. I also request the Members to give us the Committee the support that we require. Let us not use much resources, make very good recommendations and conclusions just for the Members to bring it down for reasons that it affects your relative, leaders of the day or somebody else. I request for your support as we bring these reports to the end. I want to make a conclusive answer to the Statement raised by the Member by Thursday of next week at 2:30 pm., thank you Mr. Speaker.

**The Speaker,** (Mr. Fred Lengees): Hon. Leshimpiro you said that it was from 2014, are they annual? Are they about eight reports?

**MCA Anga'ta Nanyekie Ward,** (Hon. Paul Leshimpiro): Mr. Speaker they may be more than eight because there is the first Assembly report, the mortgage report, those are two, the Assembly and the Executive, then there is the executive report, reports of all the funds existing in the County Government. There is a number of reports, I am not sure of the exact number.

**The Speaker,** (Mr. Fred Lengees): Do you think one week is enough for you?

**MCA Ang'ata Nanyekie Ward,** (Hon. Paul Leshimpiro): I do not intend to bring the conclusive...it is not enough to make that report but one week is enough to respond to the Statement.

**The Speaker,** (Mr. Fred Lengees): Okay good. Hon. Members I now open the floor in case any Member wants to contribute to that Statement.

Hon. Members, the time five minutes after three o'clock and there being no other business this Assembly now adjourns until Thursday the 17<sup>th</sup> November, 2022 at 2:30 pm.