

BARINGO COUNTY ASSEMBLY

THE HANSARD

The House met on Wednesday 3rd March 2021 at 2:30PM

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Cheboiwo) in Chair

PRAYERS

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Cheboiwo): welcome members to our afternoon session despite the fact that the Government site are... Clerk!

STATEMENTS

SUPPLY OF WATER TANKS IN ECDE CENTRES IN TIRIOKO WARD

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Cheboiwo): Members we have a statement 005/2020 By Hon Sam Limo MCA Tirioko ward to the Chair education vocational training and ICT. It was referred to the public account and investment committee for further investigation Hon. Lotela any member to assist Hon. Lotela. Welcome Hon. Lotela.

Hon. Lotela: Mr. Speaker this statement is not ready we were to have a witness hearing at Chemolingot DC office but because of the insecurity issues we had to reschedule for another day and we have not yet agreed on how the witnesses are going to be ferried we were contemplating maybe we can send our vehicles to bring the witnesses to kabarnet once we have done the witness hearing we will be in a position to give a statement.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Cheboiwo): Thank you Hon. Lotela the situation is understood we refer it to the House Business Committee for allocation of time when the member will be ready to handle the issue. Next!

(Statement Deferred)

MOTION

ESTABLISHMENT OF WATER KIOSKS TO EASE WOMEN AND CHILDREN WALKING LONG DISTANCE

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Cheboiwo): We have a motion by Hon. Julia Kandie MCA Baringo County. Hon Julia.

Hon Julia: Thank you Mr. Speaker for giving me this opportunity I would like to move a motion
Aware that the Constitution article 43(1) (d) acknowledges access to clean and safe water as a basic human right and assigns there sensibility for water supply and sanitation service provision to 47 established counties;

Further aware that the constitution further contains provisions that touch upon water including affirmative action programs to ensure water for marginalized groups;

Acknowledging that women and children in Baringo County have to walk for many kilometers so as to fetch water for their domestic use as well as for their livestock;

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Cheboiwo): members make sure that you have your mask I have seen most of the members especially Hon. Mailuk who is very close to Hon. Tuwit and Lotela Hon. Charles Koske, Hon. Kakerel and Hon. Francisca there is a third wave of Covid 19 and it is very dangerous continue.

Hon. Julia: Concerned that there had been water kiosks in most areas but the same are no longer operational due to poor management of their operations;

Disturbed that women and children have been suffering for long due to walking for long distance thus wasting the time they could have been using doing other useful activities;

Now therefore this motion urges the county Government to:

Ensure that there are water kiosks in near all homesteads within the county such that women and children will not have to travel for more than 1.5 kilometers to fetch water for their use.

Mr. Speaker I moved this motion because most of the people who are suffering are women and children. The people who are fetching water nowadays are the women and children and they travel for long distance and the women have developed health problems.

Most of our children in Baringo are days scholars and they use most of their time to fetch water instead of reading at Home Mr. Speaker I request the county Government of Baringo if possible to drill water so as to enable many families to get water near to their homes.

Mr. Speaker if a woman will go for 1 ½ kilometer she will not have any problems even at Home there are also some problems that these children face when they go fetching water they may be seduced by men on the way because they go for a long distance.

Mr. Speaker I request the county Government of Baringo to build more water kiosk for the sake of our girls.

Mr. Speaker I urge this Hon. House to support me on this motion and I call upon Hon. Kakerel to second me

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Cheboiwo): Hon. Kakarel

Hon. Kakerel: Asante sana Mhe. Spika naunga mkono hoja hii kwasababu ni ya maana sana na ninamshukuru Mhe. Julia kwa kuileta kwenya bunge hili kwa ajili ya kutetea wamama.

Mhe. Spika hii ni nyumba ya wanasiasa naninajua ya kwamaba kati ya hawa wanasiasa wote hakuna hata mmoja ambaye hakuambia wanainchi ya kwamba atawaletea maji karibu na kwa ukweli vile mheshimiwa alisema wale ambao wako na shida kubwa ya maji ni akina mama na watoto.

Mhe. Spika upande wetu wa Tiaty na Baringo North kuna shule ambazo hazina maji na kila asubuhi utawaona wanafunzi wakibeba jerricans.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Cheboiwo): Kakerel put on the mask in the right place.

Hon. Kakerel: Inanivuta mdomo mheshimiwa Spika.

(Laughter)

Hata sijui kuitumia... unahurumia watoto kwani hata wale wadogo maji inamwagigia vitabu vyao kama inawezekana tuweke sheria ili ward funds pia igaramie maji na pia katika county

development funds kwasababu maji ni ya maana sana ata kwa kila boma kwasabau ukiwa na mifugo bila maji ni shida.

Kwa wakati huu ambao tuko na ugatuzi tuweze kuweka duka za kuuza maji baada ya kila kilometer tano naunga mkono ili katika kila Wadi maji iweze kuwekwa karibu na wanainchi. Ukitembelea wadi ya mhe. Lotela huwezi kutamani kurudi huko kwani watu wanaenda mtoni kutoka asubuhi hadi jioni hata hakuna kukulac hakula cha mchana, nilimtembelea shangaziy wangu wakati mmoja na sikuona watu mchana kwani wanatoka asubuhi sana hadi wanarudi usiku wakitafuta maji kwahivyo ninaomba ya kwamba sisi zote tuunge mkono hoja hii na tuweze kumweleza Governor aweke Wadi ambazo ziko na shida ya maji waweke kibao mbele miradi ya maji kwasababu tukichimba dams zinakauka kwa urahisi hata sasa zote zimekauka kwahivyo tuchimbe maji ya kisima ili tusaidie. Naunga mkono hoja hii na ninaomba tupitische asante.

(Question proposed)

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Cheboiwo): Thank you. Hon Kibet.

Hon. Kibet: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I want first and foremost to declare my interest in this Motion I am supporting this motion because of the cordial relationship I have with...

(Laughter)

Mr. Speaker this marks the admission that the Government of water maji bei has collapsed, the manifesto that we brought to the people of Baringo was water maji bei and I wish today the Governor would have been in these Assembly so that he can see how frustrated his Government is. However, we will never frustrate any attempt to support the people of Baringo.

Mr. Speaker what Hon. Julia has done is commendable she comes from a water thirsty area the idea. We have always struggled and even me personally I have taken water to areas that do not have borehole we provide the tank then we do what is called water tranking, remember when we had the Covid situation and the Government came for money and it was a crisis why don't we have these one as one of those crisis moments and we pass and give the Governor a lee way so that we can have these commodity being supplied to our people.

Mr. Speaker we might see these as a small thing but it's from a woman of substance, who feels the pain and who is involved I have known her for some time.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Cheboiwo): Hon. Earnest don't say a woman just say Honourable she is an honorable member.

Hon. Kibet: A woman of honor

(Laughter)

That's English Mr. Speaker I want to tell you a story about her she is involve in an operation of a water point that is the Endo water project and having managed she has seen the benefits of water in support of these I would like to ask that let us not treat this as any motion this motion is easily implementable, if this Government is still alive and they order the sub county administrator to supply tanks and we go to Marigat we tell distributors to supply 100 tanks to Marigat, Mukutani we will sort this issue because a Government is able to do thinks which may seem Impossible in the layman's understanding.

Mr. Speaker because you are a member of these Assembly can you take this motion personally and make a follow up, I don't know if the Chairman implementation is informed his committee should be capturing these Mr. Speaker.

(Loud consultations)

My colleague here is a member...can we see one motion being acted upon not only the Covid-19 motion which was directly beneficial to the Governor even these can be acted upon and it will help many people.

Mr. Speaker, as I end relating to these is the issue of Covid-19 water is an important component in trying to stop it from spreading. Mr. Speaker what has amazed me is that there is a lot of impunity and we have seen people flouting the covid 19 rules. I don't know why this Government feels like they are above the law I don't know where they get these supernatural powers that they can talk without masks when you meet in the streets they want to hug you, kiss you I think its arrogance

Mr. Speaker I want to ask that these House be fitted with CCTV cameras so that we can see the kind of behaviour that leaders are exhibiting. Mr. Speaker we feel demoralized because we are trying to keep the habit of putting on the mask but the majority leader will come here walking laughing without a mask the chief whip will come here running from table to table making a lot of noise and spitting to everybody. Mr. Speaker I have seen the sergeants at arms are really trying but their hands are tied because they are dealing with leaders and you know the leadership of these House can easily mistreat you.

Mr. Speaker can we really adhere to the Covid rules and if people don't feel like putting on the mask then they should not be allowed to come to these House, we are sharing so many things Mr. Speaker I want to graciously support these motion in support to the grant women that I have seen today Hon. Kakarel and Hon. Julia. I know their aspiration and Hon. Julia wants to become the women rep and I can tell you rising from where she stared and where she is pointing now these are women of substance and I am like their first born that's why they should be supported, thank you.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Cheboiwo): Okay thank you Hon. Ernest... now Hon. Tuwit.

Hon. Tuwit: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I stand to support this motion, this is a very important motion because it is dealing with water, Mr. Speaker we know that water is a basic need and a very important commodity to everything, Mr. Speaker even in developments we will not have even a health center if we don't have water, you cannot also erect any institution like a school in places where there is no water, you can do nothing without water Mr. Speaker so this is a very important motion.

I also want to tell the mover that this motion is very important to everybody and everything not to women only Mr. Speaker ...

(Applause)

Because it looks like it was brought to the House because of women... Mr. Speaker we all need water, we must understand that even the body of human being is made of water...50% of our bodies Mr. Speaker is made of water and without water there is no life, so it is a very important motion.

Mr. Speaker, it beats logic that this is a County where our goal was to bring water to our people and that made this County to buy a water drilling Machine that is the rig but right now that rig that was bought for the people of Baringo is sleeping in water department offices Mr. Speaker, my question is, how many boreholes have that rig drilled from when it was bought up to now? The rig is just sleeping outside water department offices while our people are suffering and staffing for lack of water, we bought it to drill water for the people of Baringo but not to stay in the department so I am wondering the reason for purchasing this drilling machine if it is not going round drilling water for the people and bring water near our people... what is it doing?

Mr. Speaker, I have something else on this matter, the Hon. Governor came to Chemolingot... Chemolingot Mr. Speaker is the Sub-County headquarters of Tiaty but up to now Chemolingot have no water for two years, the Hon. Governor came to Chemolingot and promised people that he will give them water, money was set aside for that matter as a flagship project that is for water supply to a tune of Ksh.10 million Mr. Speaker but later after supplementary the same money which was set to deal with the issue of water in Chemolingot was removed by the same person who promised them that he give.

Mr. Speaker, I don't know what our purpose here is, it is so sad that a whole Sub-County headquarter has no water for three years down the line. I am sure it is not Chemolingot alone but there are other areas and Sub-Counties who are suffering. Mr. Speaker in everything that we are doing we should have a priority and we have seen today that water is a priority number one, water is priority number two, water is priority number three, it is like in this County Mr. Speaker water has been placed as a priority number ten, thank you Mr. Speaker sir I support this motion.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Cheboiwo): Thank you Hon. Tuwit.... Hon. Rono.

Hon. Rono: Thank you very much Hon. Speaker, I stand to support the motion and although it is shallow Mr. Speaker, it requires more prayers that cuts across so that it may assist the whole County. Mr. Speaker I believe that water is life just like the way Hon. Tuwit said, water is life and for us to live it is water and for us to do anything it is water Mr. Speaker and it is a necessity to all that they have water.

Mr. Speaker I think our major problem is sustainability of the water sources so that at the end when we have good water catchment areas the Government to put some money have water pipes... so sustainability is a problem, we dig a borehole we get water we then construct water Kiosks and one year down the lane it collapses so I think we need to improve some policies which will sustain the water provision areas Mr. Speaker.

Secondly, Mr. Speaker we bought a County Rig and this Rig from my view it seems like there was no policy to manage because I normally see how we position our Chief Officers or CECs... you know Mr. Speaker that it is not all areas in Baringo that need water, there are areas which need water so critically, when you go to the lower lands of Baringo starting from Tiaty, Baringo South, part of Mogotio and part of North Baringo Mr. Speaker... these are the areas where I was saying should have some policies for this County to operate.

Mr. Speaker, there are some people who walk several Kilometers and others sleep actually along the river sides trying to look for water so sometimes we have our priorities wrong because if you see flagship money especially the amount that goes to water department the way this money is directed seem to be like it lacks direction because they are adding pipes on top of the already existing pipe lines or water sources. Mr. Speaker we actually need to provide water to people

who don't have access to water and we need to balance this service to the entire County, we really have a major problem in terms of giving priority to whatever we need to do.

Mr. Speaker you know we have Ward Fund and the Flagship money but we don't have to reduce this kind of motion to a context so that we look like we are blaming one side... I am not defending the Government but I am saying from our Wards as elected leaders let us prioritize water so that we sing the same song and have those who fail to fail, so we need also to prioritize in our areas as Ward Representatives.

Lastly, Mr. Speaker I just want to say something about the dangers of carrying water for long distance. Mr. Speaker I was watching KTN television commentary last year, they were saying all parents to be checking the bags of their children before releasing them to school, there is a finding which was made by medical personnel and it says in some part that the spinal cords of the children's have got problems some have their spinal cords bending simply because they carry bigger luggage than their weight so Mr. Speaker if these books that our school going children are carrying can bend the spinal cord what of these jerricans full of water carried by our constituents for long distance?

Mr. Speaker these are among the reasons why women in the rural areas at a lower age will get paralysis of the lower limbs because of collapse of vertebral columns Mr. Speaker because they have strained for a long time, they have carried water for long time, it has bended their spinal cord Mr. Speaker so apart from talking about traveling for a long distance wasting a lot of time, it also course another hurt to their own bodies Mr. Speaker so it is a concern that we need to bring water nearer to the homes however I know money as a resource is scarce but can we try to prioritize so that we start from the most marginalized areas and ensure that those people get water.

Mr. Speaker Hon. Kakerel quoted Silale where looking for water is a whole day business that means this person could look for water for a whole day hence we may not know what they will eat because we know that in our communities people live from hand to mouth; work for today is what is consumed so if my day was to look for water what will I consume that day? I will not consume water Mr. Speaker so we need to prioritize even this Rig should be lining boreholes in Tiaty to provide water in the nearby areas because I really know that area.

Mr. Speaker, it is unfortunate that I was there when there was malaria outbreak and I traveled for about 120Km from Chemolingot to Kapau and I could not see any source of water. I asked asking myself how these people living in these areas get water. It is evident that those people require water in their homes Mr. Speaker; it is a very important priority.

Finally, Mr. Speaker Hon. Ernest stood here and blamed the Government side for not wearing masks Mr. Speaker, I think we should blame an individual, it is not the Government who should impose the rules Mr. Speaker, if it is Hon. Lawi or Hon. Chepsongol then those are individuals not the Government, we as the Government are very disciplined and we are responsible leaders ...

(Loud consultations)

And I know even those who broke the rules here, Hon. Lotela spoke here without a mask and he is not in the Government side so I think these are individual issues and we need to hold people with their own cadres Mr. Speaker... no you have just put it...

(Laughter)

Mr. Speaker let us just not blame the Government on individual mistake Mr. Speaker, thank you Mr. Speaker.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Cheboiwo): What is the point of Order Minority Leader?

Hon. Limo (Minority Leader): Mr. Speaker, is it in order for Hon. Rono to say Hon. Lawi and Hon. Chepsongol are not the Government, Mr. Speaker, who is the Leader of Majority in this House... who is the Chief Whip of the Majority party in this House Mr. Speaker, those are recognized people in this Country and County Mr. Speaker and someone can dare stand and say that he doesn't recognize them being the leaders of the Government, we know the Leader of Majority is the one presenting every business of the Government in this House and he is the Government Mr. Speaker, therefore, is it in order for Hon. Rono to say they are not the Government..

(Laughter)

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Cheboiwo): Thank you Hon. Minority Leader, Hon. Rono is actually out of Order to term the leadership of the House as individuals. Okay Hon. Lotela.

Hon. Lotela: Mr. Speaker I stand to make a contribution to this motion and before I make my contribution Mr. Speaker, my attention has been drawn by the prayers of this motion, we all understand why we bring motions to the floor of the House; to compel a Government to take action on the policies....

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Cheboiwo): Hon. Lotela can you please put on your mask well, move it up to cover your nose.

Hon. Lotela: Okay, so Mr. Speaker, a motion is mainly on the prayers, the prayers for this motion are that the mover is asking the Government to construct more water Kiosks so that the distance travelled by people to fetch water may reduce. Mr. Speaker just place yourself as a Governor or CECM given that directive... it is a very good prayer that of having a kiosk... the first thing you will be asked by the CEC in charge of water is what about the reservoir, what about the source... when you talk about the kiosk where is the source? Those are the issues.

Mr. Speaker I am saying this because compelling a Government to take action you have to base on facts and you should have a data like for instance water situation in Baringo... Mr. Speaker water situation in Baringo is indeed wanting, like when you go to places between Baringo North and Tiaty the insecurity issues is more coursed by water, when you go to Baringo South the Arabal, Rukus and the like, if you see the kind and nature of insecurity it is primarily on water scarcity or we can say it is water related conflicts.

Mr. Speaker if you read the bulletin on the situation of water or climatic condition in Baringo the monthly bulletin published by the Arid Land or the NDMA, if you read their monthly bulletin especially the recent one, the issue is more related on water. When you come to Kabarnet Mr. Speaker the water problem is not of the scarcity but it is wastage and leakages, if you go to Ravine and read about Chemususu and the constructing company that constructed the problem is about illegal connection, charges of water by fraudulent staff, the issue there becomes different.

Mr. Speaker, I laugh when Hon. Members want to give the Government on notice to take action on this one but being a member of water committee we will pass this motion but how will we write this letter that this motion has been approved for the Government to take the following action of constructing more kiosks... Mr. Speaker I am asking if it is possible for us to amend

this motion to say that the County Government to use the Rig to drill more boreholes and do more connections so that... You see you cannot sink a borehole and equip and have it without a water Kiosk, it is common sense Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker if I may ask, which borehole has ever been drilled without a kiosk and the answer is none, but now we want to increase the distance to be close to people, we will need the Government to use the available resources they have... and for your information Mr. Speaker on the data they have they are saying when you want to drill a borehole especially the upper part of Baringo South you will use about Ksh.500,000 when you have this Rig, but when you drill a borehole in the entire Tiaty except Churo you have to use a minimum of Ksh.1 Million.

Mr. Speaker in the entire Kerio valley the aquiver of water is around a minimum of 140m, that distance a lone will give you the amount of money needed Mr. Speaker that means when we compel the Government to do that we will be in a position to solve a problem of water.

Mr. Speaker again, the motion has really enlightened the impact of travelling, this issue of water has affected our reproductive health, you see our women Mr. Speaker carry life for a fact and that is a biological role but now supplementing it with the task of carrying water has really burdened even the girls that have not yet been married off and that has had a long term impact on their reproductive or when they are carrying pregnancy to the end term Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker those are the serious issues that I wanted to raise in this prayers Mr. Speaker, the overview is a bit strange but someone recently raised something here that the increase of water in the lakes of Baringo is caused by the climatic changes but the sources of our boreholes is not increasing, why, they are saying the tectonic plates have tilted which means there is a discharge of water in to our lakes and those are now... the titanic plates vibration is the whole reasons why water is increasing in our lakes Mr. Speaker but the science behind why our boreholes are not discharging water is not clear, the water level should also be increasing but the level is not coming up.

Mr. Speaker if you get to know about most of the boreholes they are saying their usage are decreasing and because of overuse of the boreholes and maintenance issues. What we are facing as Baringo is that we don't have policies to manage boreholes, there is no aspect of maintaining... we don't have the package meant to maintain a borehole to the required standards for example if a borehole is broken down today it will be repaired by the County Government at a certain time... we don't have that aspect.

Mr. Speaker it is my prayer that the motion be approved and our residents get access to water so that they can have the energy to do other family activities. That is my prayer that...

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Cheboiwo): Hon. Lotela I am seeing your contribution is more less of an amendment and if you wish to bring the amendment then you can bring it under Standing Order number 53(1)...

Hon. Lotela: You know Mr. Speaker you need to ask the mover if he/she can allow that, it is very common that a motion is raised on issues and you cannot pull it, you cannot put a question so that other concern parties can bring more information, it is procedural but if we want to pass it in this direction Mr. Speaker then it is okay because if you see in Rift Valley all the way from Tanganyika to River OMO in Ethiopia... that problem has passed in our geothermal belt.

Mr. Speaker in your Ward there is a place called Orus where when you drill water you can get water but the water will be saline, hot and with a lot of minerals... the content is a bit crazy...

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Cheboiwo): Yes Hon. Minority Leader.

Hon. Limo: Mr. Speaker the direction Hon. Lotela is taking is a good direction but I am worried Mr. Speaker he doesn't want to own the process, he is running away from owning the process, if Hon. Lotela had a very good intention for this motion Mr. Speaker he would have gone ahead and consulted Hon. Julia and the amendment could have come here and we would have done the something by agreeing on the amendments, but according to my own view, I feel like if something is worth saying or doing then a Hon. Member can take it on a personal level and take the responsibility and present the amendment.

We have done several amendments Mr. Speaker in this House and I think this one is not exceptional for an amendment and how I wish that the amendment from Hon. Member should be officiated so that we can proceed Mr. Speaker, that is the information I had, thank you.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Cheboiwo): Hon Lotela as advised by the Minority Leader, I think you can decide to bring the amendment because the motion right is the document of the House...

Hon. Lotela: Mr. Speaker, I think the Minority Leader could have carefully listened; you know listening is selective; we can make a lot of noise but you can be specific on what you want to hear. I am so careful on how to support this motion and I say that I am going to support with amendment but the background of the data where the prayers of the issues are raised is where I have a problem and I don't want the motion to be thrown away because if you could listen to what I was saying is where is the data to support the situation we have, that is the water situation in Baringo. The bulletin presented is one of those data that is in place and that's why I am saying that whoever is being compelled; let me use another term that is a bit funny, you are being forced to do; to put more kiosk but the narrative now is not yet...

In short I am asking the mover if it is possible to sit and generate a clearer way of asking the Government if they can drill more boreholes, or come up with a regulation with a program covered every year saying how many dips and boreholes to drill and that is going to reduce the problem; but if you build a kiosk; we can put more kiosks in Silale but where is the source and that's why I am more careful on how I am going to amend it and that's why I will support with amendment but if it is okay to pass it like this, Mr. Speaker, and that's the clarification I wanted the mover to clarify to me...

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Cheboiwo): Order Hon. Lotela; let's get the clarification from Hon. Kessei.

Hon. Kessei: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I wish to give Hon. Lotela information and what I know about motions is that they are prayers and if it is a prayer, we can pass the motion and therefore the legislate and develop a policy that is going to guide this motion and develop it to be a better policy so that it can help this County but then this is a prayer and a prayer can be implemented or not basing on the facts on the finances that we have in this County so we pass it like his but then let's develop a policy and enrich it and of course Hon. Lotela who is a member of Water will give us knowledge and advice from the committee and we develop a policy, thank you Mr. Speaker.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Cheboiwo): Thank you Hon, Hon. Elizabeth.

Hon. Elizabeth: Hon. Speaker, I stand to support this motion by Hon. Julia Kandie and I support it because water is life and we as mothers have really suffered for a long time carrying water and I am a victim of carrying water and when I saw this motion I was really happy because it is going

to solve the issues I've been facing. Mr. Speaker if you knew the challenges we are going through as women while carrying water and even now we are having back ache problems because of carrying water and when Hon. Julia Kandie brought this motion on board, she is just like a savior to the women of Baringo County and I know if we could harvest water and avoid it going down, we would not have swollen legs and is going to be of great help Mr. Speaker.

We have the Kirandich and Chemususu dams and it is so amazing to know that the Chemasusu dam is taking our resource to Nakuru and I don't understand the reason why water is going from Baringo to Nakuru and yet we have insufficient water in our County. I urge the CEC water to stop our water in Chemususu from going to Nakuru until our County has sufficient water and if we don't... do we have a statement?

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Cheboiwo): Continue Hon. Elizabeth you know you...

Hon. Elizabeth: I see some members are trying to help me and I appreciate their help Mr. Speaker. We have also... it says; now therefore, this motion urges the County Government to ensure that there is enough water near all homes within the County such that women and children will not have to travel more than 1.5km in search of water and even in my village Kiptilit, people are still traveling to about 3km and yet we see the Kirandich Dam on the other end; so Mr. Speaker the 1.5 km to fetch water I really support because we as women; there are a few men complaining here that they need to be part and parcel of the motion but women are the ones suffering because they will always sit at home wanting to take a bath, their clothes to be cleaned but the people who are acting as donkeys are women.

When we get water case Mr. Speaker, it is easy to treat that water because water treatment is very important. We will get diseases like typhoid if you fetch directly from the river; there is water conflict between the animals especially during dry spell because when I visited a river near my home at 1pm, you see women trying to fetch water, animals are also taking the same water and this is raising animal human conflict within our localities and as allude by our Hon. Tuwit, the root cause of insecurities in Baringo County is related to water so if we can take it seriously and put water as a priority especially to the elected members of Baringo County, I think we are going to sort out the issue of insecurity in our County. So Mr. Speaker, I support this motion and I wish the relevant department to implement this motion as soon as possible, thank you Mr. Speaker.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Cheboiwo): Thank you Hon. Elizabeth; Hon. Minority Leader.

Hon. Sam Lourien: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I rise to support this motion and it is a very important motion to this County and this Assembly. In the spirit of Maji Water Bei that was a slogan of our beloved Governor Hon. Kiptis, I want to believe that this time of our year which is the fourth term, I want to believe that the Maji Water Bei has reached almost every household but when things to be different 'kwa ground' then we have to come up with such motions that we have to compel the County Government, even the Hon. Members of this House that they can make this motion be achieved if we allocate more ward fund to water so that we can save more lives. I want to sympathize with women and children; being a father of girls and a husband, carrying a 20 litre of water in your backs especially in our communities; the pastoral and mostly the lowlands; I think the highlands have low request of water where a woman can travel up to 15km to fetch water for their household use; where a child before s/he goes to school in the morning s/he has to travel for some kilometer that will be used to prepare for lunch in that school Mr. Speaker and when evening comes before they go home, they travel over another 15km to

fetch more water for their household, they have wasted a lot of time that they would have used to read and it has been lost in fetching water.

We want to move with the other parts of this nation where water is no longer a challenge in any communities and villages because everybody has water on their doorsteps. I think if we were to use the resources of this country, the millions and millions of money which is being used for Chemususu dam; we are losing that money because we are not the beneficiaries of that water and his Excellency the Governor knows that, I think it is kind of our business and I think that's a discussion for another time but for today, we have enough money that will build over 50 boreholes per ward if only we had a willing Governor but with the slogan of Maji Water Bei and with nothing; if today we were asked to mention any project that Maji Water Bei has drilled in Baringo and specifically in every Ward; Silale, Tirioko, Kolowa and in Bartabwa, I think we have less or non in those Wards Mr. Speaker and therefore, it is high time that we find ways of compelling the executive; we are the oversight body; this is the Assembly and our role is to oversight and we can make laws here just like the National Assembly; this is not a 'kangaroo' court, this is not a lower House this is a House equivalent to Senate and National Assembly and we can make rules here and laws Mr. Speaker.

That will be implemented Mr. Speaker I have brought several motions here one including compelling the Governor to build smoking zones in this County especially in the County headquarters but I has done none, it is now two years, I have even brought a motion of counterfeit products, alcohol but there is no body that has taken a step to ensure that our boys are safe from this dangerous alcohol which are made in Ravine and Kabarnet.

Mr. Speaker this motion and other motions that have been brought to this House I think the implementation committee Mr. Speaker in that case have failed us, the Chairman and the Vice Chair of that committee should decide to resign because it is the fourth year but they have done nothing to implement the motions Mr. Speaker.

I am urging the committee to...

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Cheboiwo): Do you need any information Hon. Minority Leader. Yes Hon. Kessei.

Hon. Kessei: Thank you Mr. Speaker sir I wish to inform my Minority Leader I know he was not around last week and we read a good report led by Hon. Ngotie and he gave the status of every motion in this House so I would urge my minority leader acquaint yourself and read that report you will get the answers there.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Cheboiwo): Thank you Hon. Kessei for informing us on what transpired last week.

Hon. Limo (Minority leader): Thank you for the information but I think so far so good there is no much to be proud of, there is less to be happy about and therefore Mr. Speaker I want to stick on the motion and I don't want to disgrace so much on other issues that may derail the importance of this motion.

Mr. Speaker if there is something that is so much important is that currently in Baringo County and we should fight to have much is water Mr. Speaker. We have a lot of water in Lake Baringo, Lake Bogoria and Lake 94 and the river Kerio, Mr. Speaker we can decide as Baringo to buy a very big pump and put it at Lake Baringo and we pump the water to come to the sides of Saimo

Soi the area of Cheserek go down Barwessa, to Ronos Ward pass through Kolowa Tirioko back to Chemolingot and other areas.

Mr. Speaker we have enough water in fact currently we have lost a lot of water because of the raising of water in Lake Baringo but if we utilize very well we can maintain the size of our lake for future.

Mr. Speaker there are other Countries if you read through the newspapers where they have enough water because of the waters that is in their Countries it is not a must we drill boreholes we can use the existing bodies of our Lakes like Chemususu, Kirandich to ensure water reaches the nearest parts of these Wards. Therefore Mr. Speaker I still strongly believe this motion is important and I really support and I wish that it proceeds to the next level of implementation. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Cheboiwo): Thank you. Hon. Saphina Chelagat and the mover of the motion has asked for some input on the question before we put the question so I will give her after Hon. Saphina.

Hon. Saphina: Thank you Mr. Speaker I also stand here to support the motion and before I give my contributions I will also want to agree with the proposals especially with Hon. Lotela that probably we could ask the mover of the motion we differ so that we put proper prayers, I had also tried some amendments on it rather than just having water kiosks we could also have water tanks and general infrastructure so Mr. Speaker I do support the motion and because you said the mover is going to do something about it I am just going to say three things.

Mr. Speaker it is quite unfortunate that we are now in the fourth year in this Government and yet the main thing in the manifesto of the Governor as alluded before by the other Members was Maji Water Bei and I think up to now the situation is even worse.

So I thank Hon. Julia for bringing this motion because already we know that Baringo is water stricken area it is an ASAL area and it is an area that Government both National and County have been working so hard to ensure that we achieve that goal of reducing the travel distance to get this commodity.

I think Hon. Julia was so much pensionable about it because she even knows that as much as all of us are suffering but the women and children do suffer most so Mr. Speaker we have put a lot of money in this coarse if you count the amount of money that was put from the time we got independence and from the time the late President Moi was the MP Baringo central and up to this time Mr. Speaker when we have devolution we have had a lot of money in fact if someone can just go back and try to give us a figure of how much has been put in to water infrastructure vis a vis what we already have I think it will be mind boggling.

Mr. Speaker we need to address maybe have a policy to address on how we should be using the water or the real... I think there is something missing Mr. Speaker in this issue of water that we really need to think through and probably when the mover of the motion withdraws then we need to put the real prayers that is going to help us.

Mr. Speaker because we still have another chance of contributing once the prayers have been amended then I want to say I support the motion for now and I even support that that it is withdrawn to another time. Thank you.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Cheboiwo): Okay. Thank you Hon. Saphina requesting that the question be differed. Hon. Members because of the importance of this motion and the input that the Members have raised that it needs some amendments and now that Hon. Saphina Chelagat and Hon. Lotela have requested for the delay in putting of the question, I would like to request the mover of the motion to give her views before I give direction. Yes Hon. Julia.

Hon. Julia: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I thank the Hon. Members for supporting the motion and because I can see that most of the Hon. Members have their amendments and want to include to be part of the motion. I therefore request that this motion be adjourned till tomorrow in the afternoon session for the Members to amend where possible because this is a serious motion that needs to help the people of Baringo. Thank you.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Cheboiwo): Thank you Hon. Julia for accepting the request of the Members. Due to the importance of this motion that we have seen that the motion will assist this County and the input by all the Members who have supported this motion I agree with the Members who have requested for the putting of the question to be differed basing on the standing order number 52 (3) , Despite paragraph 2 the Speaker may on the request of a Member differ the putting of the question to the following day in which case the Speaker shall thereupon nominate a time at which the question shall be put.

And therefore we refer this motion to the House Business Committee for allocation of another day. Clerk!

(Motion deferred)

ADJOURNMENT

Members before we adjourn we have some communication that we need you Members to know and as well just inform your colleagues who are not here with us now.

Communication from the Chair Hon. Members you are kindly informed that Madison medical insurance provider will be coming to sensitize the Hon. Members about their services at the Assembly chambers on Thursday 4th March 2021 at 9.30 am kindly purpose to attend.

So Members tomorrow at 9.30am just attend this meeting its for our own medical issues, second communication is communication, kindly collect your P9 forms from the human resource payroll section, the KRA has also confirmed that the same can be filled accordingly since the system is now working.

Order Members, there being no other business we therefore adjourn until tomorrow Thursday 4th March 2021.

The House rose at 3.50pm.

