

BARINGO COUNTY ASSEMBLY

THE HANSARD

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The Speaker (Hon. Kemboi) in Chair

PRAYERS

The Speaker (Hon. Kemboi): Clerk!

MOTION

THANKS FOR GOVERNOR'S ADDRESS

Hon. Lokorio (Deputy Majority Leader): Thank you Mr. Speaker. I arise to move the motion that, the thanks of the County Assembly be recorded for the exposition of public policy contained in the address of the Governor delivered on Tuesday 4th October 2022.

Mr. Speaker the speech of the Governor is of interest to the County Government of Baringo and I beg to discuss and debate a few of them. Hon. Speaker the vision of the Government is to transform Baringo County into a prosperous, well governed County that affords her people the highest standards of living and the vision is anchored on his six pillar plans as outlined in his campaign period.

Hon. Speaker his Excellency retaliated that to deliver on this promise, he will surely transform the County and us as the Honorable Members require to adopt a robust systematic and yet a practical development approach.

Policies, programs and projects have to be formulated based on the greater impact to the critical mass of our communities, the approach must always be holistic by addressing short term, medium and long term challenges that prevail our localities.

Hon. Speaker among the key areas that his Excellency the Governor touched on and the critical ones were issues to deal with water. Honorable Members remember all communities in Baringo County and very big percentage lack clean, quality and adequate water.

We appreciate his Excellency the Governor for having touched on the matter that is to do with water. Other areas that his Excellency touched on included infrastructure, road networking within the County. Other areas include the welfare of our teachers, the ECDEs teachers and the infrastructure in the ECD department.

The Governor mentioned a lot and among them was to increase the salaries and looking to it so that they live better, and probably look at insurances that will cover their medical conditions. Many other areas included irrigation. Slaughter Houses in Maoi, Barwesa and Loruk and that amongst others was the most important areas that his excellency touched on that would really transform the livelihoods of our people and our communities. Hon. Speaker, I beg to move the motion and call upon Hon. Lekakimon to second this motion. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Kemboi): Hon. Lekakimon.

Hon. Lekakimon: Thank you Mr. Speaker sir and the Honorable Members of this Assembly. May I take this opportunity to say a few before I second the motion. Mr. Speaker I must congratulate you, I was one of the pioneers of this Assembly and from the experience we have never had leadership of County Assembly addressing Members but we learned a lot in Mombasa because you brought on board all the leadership of the County right from the Governor, the Senator and the Women representative and we have seen that we are moving together with the County leadership, thank you Mr. Speaker for your wisdom and what you have done.

Mr. Speaker sir, following the speech of the Governor, he addressed us with focus, this is a super message to all of us as the County Assembly Members, the first item he pointed out is that those who will be elected to head committees, they are ten ministries in the County and those are devolved functions that the chairpersons and the leaders of the committees will liaise with the executives of the same departments to make sure that what the Governor has given us today will go forward and improve the service delivery of our people.

Mr. Speaker, I will mention four items, one is about health. Mr. Speaker sir we are concerned about health and any Member who is going to be the chair of health, you have to cooperate with the executive officer in the department or the executives who will be in charge of health to make sure that health sector is improved.

This is a County like any other County in the 47 counties and we want to avoid referrals, referring our people to Eldoret, Nakuru... we need to improve our facilities and make sure we contain our people and treat all kinds of diseases that are found in this County unless it is beyond our reach.

Mr. Speaker in health, I will mention three items, there is normally what we call drawing rights where we get drugs as ordered by the pharmacists, when you go to most of this dispensaries in this County you will get that drugs given to our dispensaries... they use what we call push system where you are given more drugs than the ones you require.

That is the reason why you will get most of our people getting many panadols...

The Speaker (Hon. Kemboi): Yes Hon. Purity Tallam.

Hon. Tallam: Thank you Mr. Speaker for catching my eye. The Honorable Member should address the Speaker and not the Hon. Members. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Kemboi): Thank you Hon. Purity. Hon. Lekakimon kindly address the Speaker.

Hon. Lekakimon: Mr. Speaker sir, I think this microphone is placed in a way that I tend to look at you from sideways so I don't know how I will ... and I don't want to give Members my back so I think we should position this microphone in a way that I am looking at you.

(Laughter)

Mr. Speaker sir, the system that is used to order drugs must use the drawing rights system where the pharmacist can give drugs that is required in the dispensary or in a sub-County hospital or whichever hospital so that our people can get the right medication.

To avoid what we call push system where drugs are given more than what they require and that are not necessary on that dispensary, so for us to improve that, the Governor has stipulated

clearly that to avoid drugs going out of the dispensary or the health centers we must have management systems and those management systems are the ones we want to see put in place.

The second item is on education...

The Speaker (Hon. Kemboi): What is your point of order Hon. Tarus

Hon. Tarus: Thank you Mr. Speaker for giving me this opportunity. Is it is order for the Hon. Member to contribute before seconding the motion? I thought procedurally he should second then contribute to the motion. I seek your guidance. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Kemboi): Hon. Tarus and all the other Members this is the direction from the Speaker, Hon. Lekakimon you will second the motion then you will contribute on the same. So second first then you can letter make your contribution to the address.

Hon. Lekakimon: Thank you Mr. Speaker for that correction, I second the motion that is why I am making some contribution so that ... you see Mr. Speaker according to our standing orders you are only given once to contribute and when you are given that opportunity of its own Mr. Speaker you must utilize it properly. Thank you Mr. Speaker for that correction.

Mr. Speaker, I support the motion but wanted to touch on two or three items having supported the motion, one is education; it is our role as a County. Mr. Speaker we want to improve the welfare of the teachers, we want to keep our ECD schools so we must support our schools. The committee that will be elected in the education sector, we must make sure that it is up to standard.

I echo the Governor on the climate change, Mr. Speaker I am a victim, most of my people are displaced because of climate change and the encroachment of lake Baringo which displaced so many people and when I heard the speech of the Governor containing measures on climate change, Mr. Speaker this is a super information to the Members.

Mr. Speaker, I wanted the Governor and this Assembly to mention the issues of decentralization. They were not mentioned in his speech. Mr. Speaker, him being the first Governor of this County he really decentralized several units.

Mr. Speaker I am more concerned about the village administrators because we already have ward and sub-County administrators in place we therefore need to have village administrators in place and the village council so that devolution can reach the right people, thank you Mr. Speaker, I support the motion.

The Speaker (Hon. Kemboi): Hon. Lekakimon are you seconding or proposing?

Hon. Lekakimon: I second the motion Mr. Speaker.

(Question proposed)

The Speaker (Hon. Kemboi): Debate is open. But before that allow me to take you through our standing orders on the rules of debate. Standing order 77 ... and allow me to quote paragraph 1; all proceedings of the County Assembly shall be conducted in Kiswahili, English or sign language .Paragraph two; A Member who begins a speech in any of the languages provided for under paragraph 1 shall continue in the same language until conclusion of the Members speech.

Hon. Members you must decide upfront whether you are going to use Swahili, English or sign language. Standing order 78 Every Member desiring to speak shall address a request to the Speaker. So a Member shall address the Speaker and not the Assembly.

And finally, standing order 82, and this had been said by Hon. Lekakimon earlier on, no Member shall speak more than once to a question in committee of a whole House, what that says is that if you decide to speak today or on the Governors address ensure to exhaust all you have to say because for the next four sessions we will speak on the same. So Hon. Members kindly take your time so that when you have an opportunity to speak you will be able to speak your mind and speak everything that pertains to you and your constituents.

Hon. Members allow me to take you to standing order 52, when a motion has been moved and if necessary seconded, the Speaker shall propose the question thereon in the same terms as the motion and debate may then take place upon the question. Hon. Members the motion has been moved and seconded I have tabled the motion and now I declare the debate open. Any member? Yes Hon. Lokoroi what is the point of order.

Hon. Lokorio: Hon. Speaker, just a clarification, on standing order 82 (1) that provides that a member shall speak more than once to a question except in the committee of the whole House but if you proceed Hon. Speaker to paragraph two it gives some guidance so I seek your guidance.

Mr. Speaker 82 (2) (a) that a member who has spoken may again be heard to offer explanations on some material part of the member's speech which has been misunderstood but must not introduce a new matter, guide us on that Hon. Speaker.

The Speaker (Hon. Kemboi): Thank you Hon. Lokorio. Whenever a member has spoken and some members want clarification on the same a member may be called again to speak on the same issue just for clarification purposes. Yes Hon. Siriti.

Hon. Siriti: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I support the motion on Governors speech but before that may I congratulate you for your election as the Speaker of Baringo County Assembly. I also take this opportunity to congratulate my colleagues who were elected and nominated to be the Members of Baringo County Assembly.

Mr. Speaker because this is my maiden speech, I also applaud the work that was done by my electorates from Churo/Amaya Ward for showing that the ladies also have the capacity to lead in this County.

Mr. Speaker what the Governor mentioned yesterday in his speech is about education and as a teacher, I recognize that education is key in our County, by saying that we must increase the education bursary kitty. In Baringo we have issues of school dropouts because most parents don't have the ability to support their kids in education, so I really support the increase of the bursary kitty.

Secondly, we have food insecurity, and each and every year you will find that we ask for the Government to provide foodstuffs to our people. So Mr. Speaker it is good for us to engage in activities that can generate food in our County, we need to empower our youth to engage in activities that can help them generate food.

The County is able but maybe because of the ability that we need to empower. Mr. Speaker sir our County should be a processing zone for our income generating activities for example economic processing zones. Mr. Speaker, I come from Tiaty sub-County where we have many animals and the beneficiaries are people from outside our County.

So let us make use of our slaughter Houses like the one in Loruk and Maoi, our County Will be the economic processing zone and on that note employment will be created and we will earn all the profits from our animals. I support the motion. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Kemboi): Thank you Hon. Siriti. Yes Hon. Aengwo.

Hon. Aengwo: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I have stood not to contribute to the motion but to seek some clarification. Mr. Speaker you alluded to the Members that we can prepare and take our time when contributing and Mr. Speaker there are only three sessions remaining after morning session was wasted because there were no copies of the same speech.

Mr. Speaker, I can see that the House is full and maybe every member would wish to contribute and when you give every member all the time to prepare and even take 2 hours it will not be fair to everybody.

Mr. Speaker, I seek your guidance and suggest that maybe a member contributing can be given time so that when he or she exhausts the points the/she should sit down to allow room for other members to contribute because only three members might contribute and the time is over. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker (Hon. Kemboi): Thank you Hon. Aengwo. I have been following the debate and when I requested members to contribute I only see one or two hands up that is why I have not limited time but as we progress I will be able to see the mood and time available for the members but as for now allow me to give members discretion and when the right time comes we will be able to restrict time. Any contribution from this other side, yes Hon. Lokales.

Hon. Lokales: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I arise to contribute to this motion of the Governors speech. I also join members in congratulating you, the deputy Speaker the majority leadership and the minority leadership for being elected and appointed respectively through a rigorous process and we hope for the betterment of this House through those who have taken up leadership and we wish them the best as they serve the Assembly.

Mr. Speaker, there are quite a number of things that were pointed by the Governor in his speech and I think this is one of the speeches I have heard from the Honorable Governor having served with the former Governor Hon. Kiptis and to put it clear the Governor touched on many areas that are affecting our people directly.

Mr. Speaker when you talk about health that is the backbone of our people if they do not have good health then the society is wasted. He also touched on issues of Agriculture, education, ECDs employment, issues of water, transport and improving our roads just to mention a few.

Mr. Speaker this is giving hope to leadership who are elected as the members especially to a leader like myself that I have hope that the sitting Governor is ready to work with elected leaders, he is ready to deliver to the people of Baringo.

The Governor's promises in his manifesto is just exactly as ours; what we promised our electorates is just exactly what the Governor promised, the MP would promise, the Senator would promise and what the President would promise.

Mr. Speaker this is a sign of hope to our people that there will be a robust kind of development in our wards. What I saw that was missing in the Governor's speech he did not touch on the issues of ward development, Mr. Speaker the ward development fund is directly under our supervision.

Mr. Speaker, I was expecting his Excellency to say we are increasing the ward fund from Kshs. 25 million to Kshs. 40 million, I would have been the happiest person today and my people of Tirioko would be happy too.

How I wish that the Governor would listen to this leadership, the elected Members on any proposal that we will take to him on issues that touches on our people because Mr. Speaker we cannot have clean water for our people if the money that we have as elected Members is only Kshs. 25 million. I cannot drill five boreholes to my people in a year if the money remains Kshs. 25 million Mr. Speaker because you are aware of some terrains in this County, we cannot have agriculture and issues of livestock being solved if this money will not be increased. We cannot have good road networks in our wards if we cannot have enough money to put into the budget. Mr. Speaker I will therefore still ask his Excellency the Governor to reconsider in his next speeches on increasing the ward fund for the honorable Members.

Mr. Speaker there are also many issues that touches on climate change and the people have said that climate change may increase water in lake Bogoria and lake Baringo, and at the same time the climate change brings about drought and famine in Tiati, and that is the nature of climate change therefore I also wanted the Governor to touch on issues of the climate change in drought prone areas.

That we are losing many livestock to drought and famine. We are losing people, children are getting malnourished because they cannot get enough food, and therefore those are the challenges that we should be viewing this thing in three dimensions and not in one dimension of disaster of water rising in Lake Baringo and Lake Bogoria.

Therefore, as I conclude, I want to urge Hon Members of this House that going forward what will be on our table to implement is the money that we are going to allocate to our people is only ward fund. I wish also to bring to your attention that according to the reports from various non-governmental organization that I will be tabling very soon in this House. You have Tirioko and Bartabwa Ward leading in poverty index; our people are suffering among others, I have just mentioned the first two in this County as per the reports that were there. I am going to table and maybe bring a motion that will involve me on the same. We should also consider such wards in increasing money so that their poverty index will come down to that of somebody in Ravine or in Kabarnet ward. With those few remarks I support the motion thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Kemboi): Hon Tarus then Hon Ernest

Hon. Tarus: Thank you Mr. Speaker for according me this opportunity to contribute to this motion. First of all, I support the motion and I want to just touch on a few issues that the Governor brought up but before that I would wish to first of all congratulate you for being elected as the Speaker of County Assembly and also the leadership that we have in place and not

forgetting the Hon Members to congratulate them for being elected or nominated to this House. We have a five year term that would enable us to transform this County when working with the Governor.

Mr. Speaker, on the issue of water the Governor mentioned that will in drilling boreholes. harnessing the rain water and also drifting away from the rain fed agriculture which to me that can easily transform this County. I would that as members of this honorable House we support these initiatives that the Governor has come up with and I want to believe that if we synergize we are going to see a lot of transformation especially in the water sector, agriculture. In ICT also here where if we don't take up the ICT as a serious thing, remember that the world is moving away from the manual way of doing things. We are in the information technology age and therefore we need to embrace that as the Governor brought it up.

Mr. Speaker there is also the issue of geo-park which he mentioned and to me if this is the only County in Kenya which has been recognized by UNESCO and we need to ensure that we follow it up especially the committee on tourism, once we have that committee in place we can get a lot of tourists in this County of ours and of course when we have more tourists that will mean we have more revenue and more revenue means more development and of course expansion of the development of the people of Baringo.

Mr. Speaker there is also the other issue that was mentioned by the Hon Governor that is the fast tracking of the construction of Kabarnet stadium which to me would be a great achievement because that is something which has taken so long. When we go for sports that are the CASA games we normally go to other counties. We have gone to Machakos, Uasin Gishu and also Nairobi. You will realize that these are the counties which have very good stadia and if we can fast track this then there would be no reason why we cannot host the CASA games. But as things stand now we may not be able to host the CASA games because we don't have a good stadium and we need to make sure that we support the Governor on this.

On agriculture the issue of meat, he mentioned about the slaughter Houses in Barwessa, in Tiaty and this other one that has just been established and also the coffee mill and the dairy initiatives that he has put in place, if we are to embrace this especially the value addition I believe our economy will be transformed because we will not be selling the raw products to the Brookside or KCC but we produce products that are of high value and of course we will be able to get more money to our farmers which of course translates to what the president of this republic has given us that is the bottom up economy. I would want to urge the Hon Members that this speech is a good one in we all need to follow it up into the details of what is supposed to be done so that we can be able to change this County. Otherwise is support and urge Hon Members that let us work with the Governor of course in delivering the services and development to our people since we gave them our manifestos, the Governors manifesto is also there and I believe if we can make sure that we work together we will deliver much. Thank you Mr. Speaker

The Speaker (Hon. Kemboi): Hon Ernest Kibet.

Hon. Ernest: Thank you Mr. Speaker sir for according me this opportunity. First and foremost, I want to take this opportunity to congratulate you for being elected as the Speaker of Baringo County. I also want to take this opportunity to acknowledge and also appreciate members for being elected and nominated to this Baringo County Assembly. I have noticed members are very

neat, in fact as I was in town during lunch time the members were asking what is happening members are looking very smart, the men are looking good and they are well dressed so I think it is a good show for Baringo. So I want to urge members to continue with that spirit.

Mr. Speaker, I saw members were so tensed when you said one can only speak on this matter once and I was like Mr. Speaker sir we need also to show members that there are many ways of getting into this game, you can raise your hand on a point of order or information and many other things. I want members to be at ease because they will not only talk once. You can get your way into this matter as we proceed.

I want to support this motion, I listened to the Governor's speech and he started on a very high note, he talked about God fearing leadership. I think that was a powerful thing from the Governor. We are here because the people trusted in leadership, I think that was also powerful and it showed that we are not here by chance. We are here for a purpose. I really want to echo the Governor for coming up with such sentiment which shows that resolve.

Mr. Speaker the speech had a lot of highlights; I don't want to repeat what my colleagues have said so that we avoid repetition. I have just read and seen somewhere 400 billion by 2027, I don't know if it is 40 billion or 400 billion because that would be a serious thing. It is good money maybe those who were typing can check. The Governor was very particular why we are talking about Baringo succeeding, when we touch on the key issue. I was listening to our former minority leader talk about Ward Fund and I think we should now be asking ourselves what we can generate in our wards. I would want to know what Tirioko can generate so that we talk about revenue sharing, so that we can build this economy. It cannot be built by just receiving but what we can do and think the Governor was very particular at that, he talked about the milking plant, coffee where we already have a coffee mill and we are not using it so it means those coffee growing areas must embark on serious plantations so that we generate the income.

The Governor talked about ECD teachers, if there is a sector that has been neglected heavily is the ECD. Our domain in education is the ECD and the polytechnic. I want to urge members that we need to read our Constitution. This business of asking for bursaries is not our work. We should take money to vocational trainings centers and ECDs so we remunerate the teachers well, the Governor talked about equipping ECDEs that are already inexistence and building more where there are none. I think this is where the Governor got it right in his speech that he will put a lot of energy in this area. The Governor talked about something very important; the Intergovernmental Committee, we have had a very poor show at that level there has been very little interaction with even our donors and other partners and I think he got this right so that we have a committee that can synergize and make sure that things work.

Mr. Speaker the Governor also talked about the private sector, he Said that all of us can do business in the right way according to the law and that is what will make Baringo grow because we need to have on board private sector; non-state sector and everybody so that Baringo can be a good place to be. He also talked about institutions for resource mobilization and I think the Governor was very interested in these things. He was also very clear that he will participate in the generation of the third generation CIDP because that is the document that informs development. We are going to have that one in place and that will help us.

The Governor also touched on health and I think he was very particular that health can be diversified by reducing referrals to level fours. So it means we capacitate the health centers and those other hospitals so that we reduce the referrals. He also talked about agriculture that can be an area that people can get food and he linked food to medicine in a way that healthy nations who are feeding rarely get sick. He talked about water issues.

Mr. Speaker one other key issue that the Governor talked about and I have listened about NHIF. The Governor is particular that we need to be enrolled in NHIF since it is the best health service provider. From the information that I have the Governor has ordered that the County Executive will be using the NHIF cover. I also want to make the same request that we stop this business of insurance. We are giving a lot of money to insurance companies and we are not getting services. If we adopt an exclusive NHIF the government will bet money and we will get better services, if the Governor is going to be with us on these.

Mr. Speaker, I don't see the reason why we should go for small business and we want to kill that one for the betterment of Baringo. Mr. Speaker we have entrepreneurs who have invested heavily in the health center in Kabarnet but because we are choosing other service providers we can empower them by choosing them and choosing NHIF.

The Governor also talked about towns and that is where I think he touched my heart, he talked about Kabarnet Stadium and street lighting. Today as we speak we already have people on the ground doing cabro works in Kabarnet town meaning all the towns will shine. I think the Governor has good intentions we pray for him that he remains in good health and he takes care of us and we will support him and all his plans. Mr. Speaker we will support your work so let us have a united Baringo for better services. I support this motion.

The Speaker (Hon. Kemboi): For members like Hon Kibet who will take more time allow me to remind you of standing order 96 paragraph 4 and it states no member may speak on the debate, bills, sessional parts, motions or reports of committee for more than 20 minutes without the leave of the Speaker but the leader of majority party and leader of minority party may each speak for maximum of 60 minutes. So Hon Members for now I will be able to restrict the time. Hon Simon Kiplagat

Hon. Symon: Hon Speaker sir, before I contribute to the Governor's speech. I wish to congratulate you and the House leadership for winning the elections, we shall work together as the Assembly so that we can move this Assembly and the County Government of Baringo forward and to the next level. I was so impressed by the speech of the Governor yesterday when he spoke about the things that are affecting the hustler. He spoke about the things that affect the common mwananchii like school fees, hospital bills and job scarcity.

Mr. Speaker, there are many youth unemployed in this County but through the speech the Governor emphasized on considering youth for employment. Our Governor has a good vision for the County and if our members can emulate what he said and support our County Government through the Governor, I think our County in the next five years will be a step ahead like other counties. The Governor spoke about coffee and we already have a coffee mill in Ossen that is in my Ward. The coffee mill is producing 1.2 tons per hour but if you look at what we produce as farmers if that coffee mill works in a day it can mill all the one year produce in one day. So I am happy that the Governor said he will bring subsidized seedlings. For my ward the major cash

crop that we can do is coffee and I encourage our fellow members and the County Government we invest in coffee so that our people can have money in their pockets. This can help people to pay school fees for their children, create jobs by employing people in their farms. By doing this we shall be reducing poverty levels.

Secondly, the Governor spoke about milk processing plant and you know our County is good in agriculture. I am so encouraged if we can have a processing plant completed because it has stagnated for many years. The Governor also spoke about projects which have stagnated, they have built more youth resource centers in major towns, the centers were constructed five years ago but up to date the centres are not working. If it was functioning many youths would be going there because internet would be installed and many youths would be using that to generate some money because there is online employment nowadays instead of them idling around.

Another thing that the Governor did not say and I think it is important is that the youths are dying because of drugs and alcoholism and I request that this Assembly to consider some measures so that we can control business of alcohol in the County. We need to minimize it because there is second generation of alcohol which is being sold around. With the Assembly I think we can bring motion so that we can control alcoholism in our County.

Our Governor also talked about water which is a major problem that we have in our County including my Ward. Where I come from we have never seen piped water and this is the Third Assembly. I think the major resource we put in is water so that our farmers can do irrigation so that they can generate income. Our mothers have been suffering because of carrying water and with this good leadership of the County I believe we shall move and eradicate shortage of water in this County. I beg to support. Thank you sir.

The Speaker (Hon. Kemboi): Hon Aengwo

Hon. Aengwo: Thank you Mr. Speaker sir, I also rise to support this motion, the speech of our third Governor and being a second term MCA, I am able to compare the speech of our second Governor and the Third Governor and I must say it has a lot of difference. This one has a lot of stakes that when it is really followed and the act on the speech and what he mentioned I think we can make a difference in the County.

Mr. Speaker, I just want to mention some few things majority of the earlier members have mentioned a lot about them. I am happy that the Governor talked about the manifesto that we can be able to synergize with our manifesto with his so that we can read from the same page. That is something that I was so happy about. He also talked about teamwork which is very important. So that I may not leverage on what other members have discussed there is the issue of school fees payment, at the moment you will find that school fees payment in our County parents are suffering because they lack money but what do we do. I was expecting because he mentioned that he was going to increase bursary though this function is not within our County function. Going forward, I think it is better to team up with the National Government on matters of CDF to get proper funding for school fees.

I was expecting him on matters to do with employment some of the ward administrators were promoted. Most of our wards don't have ward administrators; I was expecting him when he was advertising the CECs to include this very important people. I would like to add that I was expecting ..., you see the National Government when they are employing the assistant sub

County administrators and they are doing it directly from the university but when it comes to employing ward administrators they talk of experience and job groups. We shall not create employment if we continue poaching even the ward administrators from cadres maybe health, education who are already working to be employed as ward administrators.

Mr Speaker, I would like to urge this House that going forward those of us who are nominated and they are youth please let us talk to the Governor before they advertise the ward administrators they should avoid work experience and job groups criteria. Because those County administrators have been posted straight from university who just graduated and they are doing excellent jobs. What about our youths who have no job, they have stayed for many years and we are talking about five years' experience, job group L M. I challenge this House we pull up our socks so that we can be able to talk the same with the Governor.

Mr. Speaker sir on tourism, I wanted some emphasis from the Governor on a geo-park, I think in Africa we have only three geo-parks in Morocco, Morogoro in Tanzania and Baringo in Kenya so it is a great privilege and this is something that will take our County very far considering that we have Orerin Tegeneis; we have very good tourist sites in Baringo. So that I don't take much time I just want to actually thank His Excellency the Governor for mentioning many things that if we become serious this County will not be the same again Mr. Speaker. I beg to support this motion.

The Speaker (Hon. Kemboi): Hon. Robert Cheruiyot.

Hon. Cheruiyot: Hon Speaker I take this opportunity to congratulate you for being elected and to congratulate members who are in this House for having elected and nominated by the Almighty creator for the governance of our people.

Hon. Speaker, we applaud what the Governor said yesterday in his speech that he began with the institutional apex that we are endeavoring to have a well governed County that accords his people the highest standards of living. The Governor mentioned items as per the sequence of human needs in our society and he passionately mentioned about agriculture. As we all know, agriculture is the first step to industrialization in every society and the Member for Kabartonjo has just mentioned that underutilization of coffee mill is because farmers are not producing enough coffee. In Kabarnet Ward, Soi, a textile industry has died because cotton is no longer produced to its capacity.

What Elgeyo Marakwet County has just done and posted yesterday is that they have posted an application form for farmers who want to venture into cotton farming considering H.E the President lifted the ban on GMO products and cotton. We believe that if as Members of this Assembly can allocate more funds towards agriculture and production we will see more industries growing in our society. The growth of industries like the slaughter Houses, dairy farming and all those other activities are the things that we want to see prosper in our County.

In that matter he mentioned and has been mentioning passionately that if we have malnourished members of our society, we will have more cases in our hospitals. If this House pursues initiatives that support kitchen garden, production of fruits and other food programs that can support proper feeding of our people, we will have reduced cases of people visiting our hospitals. Health care has been a case that has been mentioned for five years and I think it's the issue that removed the Governor who was in the office. Poor health care and you mentioned in another

forum that we need to use technology to improve healthcare services in our County. The question of monitoring and capturing patients' data and the care from a young child to a level that that person becomes an older person in this County will help the management of our healthcare systems.

If we can put more and better resources to our healthcare we reduce the number of people being brought to referral hospitals, congestion and those local hospitals can be able to function well. I applaud Hon. Lekakimon for mentioning that we need to review and assess healthcare needs in our respective Sub-counties. What Kabartonjo, Ilchamus and Eldama Ravine needs in terms of medication are different? There are other areas that are malaria prone while others are not. We need research to know which hospital needs what. Sometimes medication that are not needed in that hospital are deployed and ends up disappearing as the Governor mentioned that we do not have entry data record for drugs in our hospital.

H.E the Governor mentioned about Education and I want to particularly mention about the issue of school feeding program for our ECDE school feeding program for our children. Many people are underfed. We have traversed this County and you can witness the high poverty level. You can imagine a child who has gone to school without or with little food and you expect him to come home in the evening and is expected to compete with other citizens of our Republic. He also mentioned about 120 million that we need to allocate to school feeding programme. I request this House that when such a requisition from the Office of the Governor comes we don't hesitate helping our children so that they can have an ample time studying in their classroom.

Another item that came out is the inter-relation agency to help us deal with the issue of insecurity. We know that all the matters that pertains the governance of our people are within our mandate as the County Government but the issue of insecurity alone is retained by the National Government. H.E the Governor wanted us to use this formula so that we can have it enjoined in the conversation around issues of security in our County. That we can have Membership of this House and the Leadership of the County Government participates on matters security. We know currently there is an operation in regions of our County but when we have such formulas we can bring community leaders and elders on board to discuss diplomacy to try to find other mechanisms and methods of resolving those problems.

We also have issues of unemployment which the Member for Saimo Kipsaraman mentioned and we know that H.E the Governor was not captured in his speech he has been mentioning that we establish inter employment bureau that we are able to capture data of all the youth in our respective Wards we put them in one placement center in Baringo County so that when the Governor visits Nairobi or any other Members who knows someone in Parastatal or in Government Department we can know the qualification and specialization of our Members of the society and we can be able to push them and secure more job opportunity.

Hon. Speaker, I am glad and I congratulate all these Members that they are part of the people that you and them are counted among the wise so that they can be able to understand whether the need of the people at the base, if we invest time and energies of our society we shall better Baringo County. I support the motion.

The Speaker (Hon. Kemboi): Hon. Logiso, did I see your hand?

Hon. Lolgisoi: Thank you Mr. Speaker. This being the first time that I am making a maiden speech, I congratulate you for being elected the Speaker of this House and also Members for making it to this Third County Assembly. I also thank the Governor for his inspirational speech yesterday which touched several items of concern to our people. He touched on Health Sector and talked about mechanizing or improving technology in our health sector on the area of drug management which he actually alluded that we should account for every item that goes to our health centre and equip the health facilities.

We remember the first time when they were sworn in, they took time with the late Deputy Governor, may his soul rest in eternal peace and they went round the health facilities. They assessed and promised to do something about it. We support this speech and we shall support his endeavor to make sure that the health sector improves. On education the only item that he never mentioned in his speech is appointing ward coordinators in ECDE centers and because they are in the structure so that we can recruit and assign them duties. When you go to a sub County like the diverse Marigat, we only have one officer who runs and manages all the four Wards. Making it impossible to be mobile yet there no means of transport.

I also thank the Governor for talking about security and inter-governmental organization that we can come up with mechanisms to handle security. Although it is a National function, remember we are dealing with the same Wanjiku and the so called Chebet of Baringo that how can we reach that person to get the services. We need to work in collaboration with the National Government to ensure that our people are catered for. Right now we have IDPs in Baringo...

(The Speaker (Hon. Kemboi) consults with the Clerk)

I wish I can get the attention of the Speaker so that I can talk about this issue which is pertinent to Mukutani Ward. I stay in a place where we have four locations but people only stay in one location. Others are IDPs have moved to Laikipia, Baringo Central and Nakuru as a result of insecurity in my Ward. When the Governor talked about the inter-governmental initiative to tackle insecurity, I was touched and I saw a Governor who was ready to work for the interest of the common mwananchii. He is a real hustler. In terms of water, he talked about making sure that everybody gets water. There is Arabal Water pan in Mukutani and he talked about that. Today I was informed that the machines that are used to pump water to where we can get water under gravity are already in place and he already did what he is required to do.

The Governor's speech highlights his intentions to come up with flagship projects and as Budget and Appropriations Committee don't hesitate to allocate funds to the projects that he will present so that we can move and get the intended purpose for every allocated fund. He talked about stadium and we have high altitude training camps but in our County we may not have explored that but in our Ward we have Ng'elecha Hill and I propose if he can add that so that when giving our youth an avenue to harness their talent we have such a place to accommodate them.

We also have technology and I know that we have the M-pesa technology but in our County here, parking fee is paid in cash. We could have a technology where we can download an application to pay parking fees and the likes so that we maximize on revenue collection to enable implementation of our programmes and projects. I support the speech of the Governor and we wish every endeavor to improve the livelihood of the people of Baringo to greater heights. We

will always be happy as a House to support and even give more views and ideas because we are seeing a Governor who is ready to improve Baringo.

May I thank and congratulate the people of Mukutani for electing Lolgisoi the tallest man in the County. Asante. Mungu awabariki.

(Laughter)

The Speaker (Hon. Kemboi): What is it Hon. Kibet?

Hon. Ernest: Thank you Mr. Speaker. He has really made us laugh. I have a concern that most of the Members here will be making their maiden speech and we want everybody to get a chance and we were like if there are Members who feel that they are not prepared especially those who have joined us we can make sure we have tomorrow afternoon and I seek your indulgence if we can process so that we have adequate time so that nobody will feel left out. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Kemboi): Members, allow me to use my discretion and I get two or three views on what Hon. Kibet has just said. Hon. Cheboiwo respond on the issue of adjournment.

Hon. Cheboiwo: Thank you Mr. Speaker. First, I congratulate you for being elected as our third Speaker and my colleagues for being specially elected and the Almighty God for giving us this chance to serve this County for the next five years. On the issue of adjournment, it is okay we can adjourn until tomorrow evening or we can proceed because we still have the senior Members who can go ahead with the issue so that tomorrow we can have few Members contributing to the speech. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Kemboi): Members, restrict yourselves to the issue if we can adjourn today so that Members can prepare. Hon. Kigen

Hon. Kigen: Thank you Mr. Speaker. On the issue of adjournment, let it not be because of the new Members. We are ready and prepared. We came here ready and equal to the task.

(Laughter)

The Speaker (Hon. Kemboi): Hon. Alex

Hon. Alex: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I congratulate you on your election, leadership and the entire Membership. This was not a walk in the park. Just like Hon. Kibet had made an observation and Hon. Kigen's views, the new Members are ready and in fact we are ready to sit for long hours. My only concern is that our older Members are not sleeping but resting their eyes.

(Laughter)

Reading the mood of the House and given that the Speech was given immediately after lunch, and members have not gone through this speech, I wish to support that the House stand adjourned until tomorrow when we are ready. Thank you.

(Laughter)

The Speaker (Hon. Kemboi): Hon. Alex you don't have any power to adjourn the House. Two more interventions. Hon. Sharon, Hon. Purity and Hon. Siriti.

Hon. Sharon: Thank you Mr. Speaker for the opportunity to address you and the floor of this House. Reading from the mood of this House, I think we just need to stretch and proceed with this meeting. As the new Members we are ready and we are enthusiastic...

The Speaker (Hon. Kemboi): What is it Hon. Symon? Hon. Sharon take your seat.

Hon. Symon: Mr. Speaker, is it in order for Hon. Member to say that we are in a meeting?

The Speaker (Hon. Kemboi): Hon. Keter, kindly apologizes and proceed

Hon. Sharon: My apologies Mr. Speaker. I am learning because I have not been in an Assembly before but I will learn as time goes by. We the new Members are ready to give our comments to the Governors speech today. If the older Members are tired you can stretch a little bit or go take a walk and come back then we proceed.

The Speaker (Hon. Kemboi): Hon. Keter, watch your words. Kindly withdraw and apologize.

Hon. Sharon: Apologize for...?

(Laughter)

The Speaker (Hon. Kemboi): Hon. Kibet.

Hon. Ernest: Mr. Speaker, Members need to realize that we are in a very serious session. This is a House and when you are making your maiden speech, it is not that we are belittling or making you look bad, this is a speech that is recorded on the HANSARD. You want when the House is fresh and everybody is alert. That is the picture that you can even send to your people. But can you imagine when you are making your maiden speech and all of us are resting their eyes. This House must be alert at all time and when we see that we have some laxity we intervene. My request was that because older Members do not take so much time, so that they post to their people, those can make their speeches even if we are a little bit relaxed but for the new Members, this is your big day to make your maiden speech.

Otherwise if they feel energetic, there is no problem we are ready to proceed. Otherwise that was a kind request.

The Speaker (Hon. Kemboi): Thank you Hon. Kibet. Hon. Keter kindly withdraw and apologize before I proceed.

Hon. Sharon: Mr. Speaker I apologize and withdraw my statement

(Laughter)

The Speaker (Hon. Kemboi): Hon. Members, allow me to get intervention from Hon. Losile, Hon. Tallam then I will issue direction.

Hon. Losile: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I thank you for being elected as our third Speaker of this House. May I also thank the Members who were elected and specially elected. Reading the mood of the House, kindly let us adjourn the House.

The Speaker (Hon. Kemboi): Hon. Tallam

Hon. Tallam: Thank you Mr. Speaker. As an old Member, I congratulate you and the Leadership of the House, elected and specially elected Members. More so, thank the people of

Emining Ward for seeing me as a Woman and maybe somebody who can deliver to that Ward. Secondly, it is prudent for us to adjourn for the new Members to prepare to give their maiden speech later because this is a House of rules and procedures. But we can also give room to the new Hon. Members as they are saying they are energetic and I must congratulate them. They look sharp. I stand guided for the adjournment.

(Loud consultations)

The Speaker (Hon. Kemboi): Hon. Alex, I had already issued direction that Hon. Tallam was to be the last person to contribute on that matter. Hon. Members, Standing Order No. 1 gives the Speaker discretion to handle all matters that are not provided for. Allow me to invoke Standing Order No. 1 and direct that I have listened to the speeches by the Members and have followed the proceedings and noted that most of the Members that have contributed are old Members and we need to have a blend with the new Members. I am not saying so to belittle the new Members or to glorify the old Members. It is only that we need a blend on debates or we risk a situation where on the first day we will have no member contributing if we go on at this rate.

At that point I am tempted to agree with Hon. Kibet that we adjourn this Assembly and as such. Clerk next order!

ADJOURNMENT

The Speaker (Hon. Kemboi): Order Members! I thank you for the quality debate that we have had this afternoon and I am surprised by the level of research and the debates were enriching and enlightening. It shows that Members took time to study and research and as such I call upon you as were retire this evening to take time and research and tomorrow we expect more reasoned debate. Secondly, allow me to congratulate you for making time to be in this Assembly this afternoon as the attendance is about 90 percent which is impressive. I request you to maintain that attendance for the 5 year term.

Finally, as you have heard, the dressing today was superb and you have raised the bar. Members of the Public and the Staff are watching. I request that we maintain the spirit and ensure that we are in the Assembly on time and as such we will be able to deliver on our mandate. Without further I do, I declare this session adjourned until tomorrow at 2.30pm.

House rose at 4.33PM