

BARINGO COUNTY ASSEMBLY

THE HANSARD

The House met on 22nd April 2021 at 2.41p.m

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Cheboiwo) was in chair

PRAYERS

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Cheboiwo): Sargent at arms ring the quorum bell.

(Quorum bell rang)

We now have quorum. Clerk.

STATEMENTS

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Cheboiwo): We have a statement number 049/2019 by Hon. Richard Rono MCA Barwesa Ward to the majority leader. Yes Hon. Kabon.

Hon. Jennifer Kabon: Thank you Mr. Speaker sir. We don't have the answers to this question from the MCA Barwesa Ward, we request for more time until next week so that we can come with the answer.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Cheboiwo): This question has overstayed without an answer; you have to consult with the concerned and come with an answer next Tuesday the 27th of April 2021.

(Statement deferred)

STATUS OF FEEDING PROGRAM FOR ECDE CHILDREN

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Cheboiwo): We also have statement number 006/2021 by Hon. Paul Serem MCA Lembus Parkera Ward to the Chairperson Budget and Appropriations Committee. Yes chair or any Member of the committee. Yes Hon. Kibara the Vice Chair.

Hon. Kibara: Thank you Mr. Speaker. We had requested for two weeks and so far we have not received the breakdown as they wanted to be forwarded to this House so we are requesting for another more one week so that we can we can compile all the required specific ward projects and the breakdown plus the amounts appropriated. Thank you.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Cheboiwo): Hon. Paul do you have any reaction?

Hon. Serem: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I am patient; let them bring the correct figure. Thank you.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Cheboiwo): Thank you and because we are going for recess soon I am giving you time until date 21st April on Wednesday at 2.30pm. Look for the answer because this question is needed for the preparation of the County machineries in some areas.

(Statement deferred)

STATEMENT HOUR

Members today being Thursday, in our calendar we are supposed to have statement hour so any Member of the House Business, Majority party, minority party? Yes Hon. Rono.

Hon. Rono: Thank you Hon. Speaker. I am a Member of the House Business Committee. Mr. Speaker we are realizing that the business of the house is becoming very little and I encourage all the Members to work hard so that we have business for the House.

Secondly Mr. Speaker, because of the Covid-19 protocols and the Members allowed to sit here are around 15 we also want to know whether the quorum of 15 because it is like we always look for the quorum of 15 in number, then a quorum of 15 can be 7 or so, so I seek your indulgence so that we guide the House because we normally expect a quorum of 15 Members.

Mr. Speaker also as the chair medical services I am concerned because the microphone placed here is near or too close to our clerks and in case of any Covid cases we might spread to our clerks so I don't know how the arrangement can be adjusted so that we give distance from our clerks to you Mr. Speaker because this is an airborne disease which can be passed through droplets carried by wind or by air.

We have seen the one meter distancing from the Members but we have not considered the distance from the microphones and from the Clerks and your seat Mr. Speaker so this is a concern that I request through you that the plenary again be rearranged such in a way that we can meet the distancing so that we can all be safe.

Lastly, keeping in mind that we are heading to our weekend I wish all the Members a good weekend greet all your ward constituents and we hope God will enable us all meet next week. Thankyou.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Cheboiwo): Thank you. Yes Hon. Tarus.

Hon. Tarus: Thank you Mr. Speaker for according me this opportunity to provide a statement. First of all I want to say that the issue of quorum as the chair of health has said is that we need to look in to it although I would still urge Members that we need to be available to transact business in this House.

We still have a long way to go so I would ask Members to ensure that they are available for the plenary sessions and also be attending the committee sessions because sometimes you will realize that there is always a quorum hitch and Mr. Speaker I would also request that this House adopts the new technology of zoom and other avenues to hold meetings in this Assembly Mr. Speaker.

Secondly, we are at the tail end of the Financial Year 2020/21 and you will realize that we only have two months to the end of the financial year but the projects for 2020/21 have not been procured Mr. Speaker so we are in a great danger as a County because our people are waiting for services to be provided by this County Government Mr. Speaker and this County Assembly having the oversight role should ensure that this projects are implemented in good time.

Mr. Speaker you can imagine we are rolling over all the funds for 2020/21 and that would mean that the citizens of Baringo are not receiving the development and the services that they require so we need to up the game and I don't know what we can do as a House , I want to believe that we have to call a Kamukunji over the issue of implementation of projects and I would want to request and ask for your indulgence in this matter so that we can be able to do something, otherwise some people are suffering for no good reason.

Mr. Speaker also the motions that we pass in this House , policies the regulations we realize that we are passing motions but the implementation of those particular motions or reports that are

passed in this House is not known because we need to know where the implementation has reached and we also need to push the executive so that they do what is expected of them because it is like nothing is moving and we are in a big mess and lastly we are heading to a weekend and I wish my colleagues a wonderful weekend full of God's blessings and also wish that as we go doing our businesses we make sure that we protect ourselves against this Covid-19.

This is a terrible disease I think when you look at the way people are dying in this Country it is a problem, in other Countries they are dying in thousands and we need to take precautions as Members and make sure that we do what it entails to make sure that we are safe as a House or as individuals and also our families. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Cheboiwo): Thank you Hon. Tarus. Is there any statement from the minority side? Order Members.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business for the day this House is adjourned until next week 27th of April 2021.

The House rose at 2.58pm.