

COUNTY ASSEMBLY

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Thursday 3rd May, 2018

The House met at 9.30 A.M.

[The Speaker

Hon. (Mr. Mathew Loltome) in the Chair]

PRAYERS

COMMUNICATION(S) FROM THE CHAIR

Hon. Speaker: Honourable Members, we have received the County Budget 2018/19 from the Executive. It has been laid now on the table, and once laid it is deemed to have been committed to each Sectoral Committee without question put for each such committee to deliberate upon according to their respective mandate according to our Standing Order No. 210 (4 and 5).

I am not seeing all the chairs here. This is the time the Chairs are really needed to provide leadership in the areas of mandate to be able to interrogate the County budget for the FY 2018/19.

So, Honourable ensure that every Honourable Member gets a copy of the budget and from there the Committee leadership will ensure... *(inaudible)* can I allow Honourable Asunta and Tura to come in. I am on my feet but this a very important listening.

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It is very tricky; we only have a month to approve the budget which is a very important and elaborate document. So members have to be very serious on this particular one. We will be very busy. There are other activities in between that are going to sway our attention.... *(inaudible)* remember from 17th to 19th we will be in Nanyuki for a consultative meeting with National Drought Management Authority and again from 20th we shall be in Mombasa for CAF Summit which will eat into a week and our Standing Order talks of 21days.

So, what we are going to do is come up with a programme of activities from today 3rd up to 20th when we are expected to pass the budget estimates and then from 21st to 23rd we will approve the Appropriation Bill and of course expect the CEC Finance to appear before the budget committee for the estimates and the revenue raising measures. So it is going to be very busy month for us.

Luckily, according to the calendar we have a recess from 11th of May. The Budget committee is expected to go for training to interrogate the budget but I have consulted with the board and Clerk's office. It is just appropriate if all members go for training instead of the Budget Committee only. So we will put a schedule in such a way that on the week of 7th, we will have a recess where members will go to Nairobi for budget interrogation so that when we come back, we will have the budget on our finger tips.

Next Order!

STATEMENT BY HON. HUSSEIN ABDI WAKO, NOMINATED MEMBER.

Hon. Buke Diba Yattani (Minority Leader): Mr. Speaker, I have a concern. I can see we have no quorum to continue with the business!

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The Speaker: Quorum bell?

(Quorum bell is rung)

Hon. Buke Diba Yattani (Minority Leader): Thank you Mr. Speaker, it is in the public domain that the County Government of Marsabit carried out a number of staffs recruitment, promotions and transfers, this County Assembly approved Supplementary Budget 2018 which catered for the recruitment of new staffs by various Departments. I would like the County Assembly to be furnished with the following staff recruitment, promotion and placement information and procedures adopted:

1. The number and name of people hired for each department and their reflection of County diversity, special interest groups and regional considerations.
2. The Departments that benefited from the new recruitment and placement of staffs
3. Jobs cadres by name, diversity, and special interest groups
4. Promotions by name, diversity and special interest groups
5. New job adverts, short listing, and interviews list done by the County Public Service Board for each position
6. Criteria used to determine employment needs of the County Government since the inception of the 2nd term of Government

Hon. Beranado Bata Leakono: Thank you Mr. Speaker, the statement by Hon. Buke is in the public domain that there is a lot of recruitment, transfers, promotions and demotions.... *(inaudible)* I also want to add few on the same....

(The Speaker interjects)

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..... *(inaudible)* the County Public Service Board to furnish this Assembly with the following.... *(inaudible)* what Hon. Buke has said;

1. Total number of employees in Marsabit County and.... *(inaudible)* from the County Public Service Board and Human Resources office, through the Chief of Staff, list of employees per department, gender, designation, tribe and qualification, because this is a cosmopolitan County.
2. Also the concerned department to tell us who is mandated to promote, transfers and employ people in Marsabit County.
3. The total number of personnel required to give services to Marsabit County which are approved by the Service Board.
4. *(inaudible)* information, what is the..... *(inaudible)* personnel we have in Marsabit County per Department and what is the excess, because we understand some department have more people who have no work while others have no.....*(inaudible)* employed.
5. Last, we need this Assembly to be furnished with the current wage bill status of this County.

Thank you.

Hon. Konchora Abduba Huka: Thank you Mr. Speaker sir, I support the statement, outside the public..... *(inaudible)* we have seen many times, that actually they have been sidelined and some of them have been thrown out of their jobs and some are being employed... *(inaudible)* that is what he said! I witnessed a young boy who is a disable and he has been working for about a year and now he is jobless, and had been interdicted from his job, he is married with two children. He is a disable and has a document to prove that. I feel....*(inaudible)* those interdicted especially.....*(inaudible)* interests who deserve considerations..... *(inaudible)* and their fate explained to the County Assembly, thank you.

Hon. Buke Diba Yattani: Thank you Mr. Speaker, in addition to my statement, there were those people who were..... *(inaudible)* December, 2017 and what is there in the public is that, some of them have been allowed back to their jobs. So, I would like to know the criteria that were used in returning them back to their jobs and....*(inaudible)* others. Thank you.

STATEMENT ON INSECURITY

Hon. Tura Ruru Elema: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I want to give a statement on the matters security.

Recently, we have witnessed a series of attack between the bordering Rendille of Arapal and Gabbra community. Similar attacks have been witnessed between Turkana, Dassanach and Gabbra communities. The entire north western region of Marsabit is at risk of conflicts between neighbouring communities. I would like the chairman of the security committee to liaise with cohesion department of the county government and the cohesion department of the national government and give this House;

1. Security developments of the north western region of Marsabit County?
2. Why leaders are not facilitated by the Cohesion department to assist peace building?
3. Why leaders use their conflict to respond to conflict, fact finding and community peace meetings.

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What necessitated these statements are the serious concern where people have died and others injured. We have a case where around six Gabbras have been injured by Dassanach around Darathe area. We have a case where two Gabbra of Galas locations have been killed by Samburus of Arapal.

There are also cases of three people where a father and mother were killed and a child and *moran* injured around Mt. Kulal area. When we look at all these instances, responses are always lacking both from the National and County government. Because the people who are suffering are people of this County, the government should in equal measure respond to issues security especially where human death occur. Sometimes even reaching to this areas take three to four days after the emergency report is done immediately.

When a report is done to the police station, they normally insist to have a person from the affected area. These persons are often very far away. People in such areas are far and may take more than one day to deliver the report to town or the police station. A case in point is where I reported a case in North Horr police station when I was called over an emergency. After five days somebody died in that area where I reported the case.

There is also case of own Member of County Assembly from Loiyangalani was attacked on the way. If all these are not curbed, the reaction can be very bad. We must toss this to the concerned people to really raise their antennae to see how this insecurity can be curbed both by leaders and those departments concerned so that at least peace can prevail in this county. Thank you.

Hon. Sadia Araru: Thank you Mr. Speaker to add on to what Hon. Tura is saying, it is not only in north western region, we also have similar problem in Moyale. There is ethnic rift in Ethiopia which we fear may spill over to our side. Recently a lorry was attacked in Kinisa because of what happened on the other side. The lorry belonged to

Gurreh killed a Gabbra person and it was burnt. There is need for the security organs to be on alert. There is an issue between Gabbra and Gurreh and Gurreh and Boran.

Security is a concern in the whole county. Thank you

Hon. Speaker: Thank you Hon. Sadia. Security is a national government function but our Committee can liaise and we facilitate a meeting for them with the County Commissioner. Next order!

Hon. Sadia Araru: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I wish to move an adjournment motion from 8th of May to 12th of June as we handle the budget issues and many other public participations. Thank you.

Hon. Buke Diba Yattani (Minority Leader): Thank you Mr. Speaker. I am seconding and as the saying goes silence is satisfaction.

Hon. Tura Ruru: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I think silence does not mean satisfaction but it is a general concern that has been raised that we should interrogate the budget. I therefore stand to support. Thank you.

(Question proposed)

(Question put and agreed)

The House adjourns as the Budget Committee picks.