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COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF LAIKIPIA

THE HANSARD

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The House met at the Assembly Chambers at 2.30 p.m.

[The Speaker (Hon. Lantano Nabaala) in the Chair]

PRAYERS

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

MEMBERS KAMUKUNJI

Speaker: Hon. Members, I want to make a communication that after this session we are going to have a brief *kamukunji* meeting. Thank you.

NOTICE OF MOTION

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Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I beg to give notice of the following motion;

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Bwana Spika, nimeweza kuleta huu mswada ambao madhumuni yake ni kuhakikisha ya kwamba zile miradi yote ambayo inafanywa na FLLoCA inafanywa kwa njia inayofaa na ambayo inaleta heshima kwa mwananchi ambaye tunafanyia kazi. Katika huu mpango ambao ni wa kutengeneza bwawa za maji, mojawapo ni hizo ambazo zimekuwa na matatizo katika Kaunti yetu ya Laikipia.

Katika wadi ambayo ninawakilisha, hii FLLoCA tuko nayo na kila mahali tumezoea ni kuchimba shimo, kuwacha chuma juu bila kuweka ua. Tunahatarisha maisha ya wanadamu pamoja na wanyama kwa sababu sio kila mtu au mnyama amebahatika kuwa na macho. Wakati mwingine unakuta wameweka chuma kwa bwawa halafu wanaiwacha hivyo na ng'ombe zikipita pale zinagongwa na zingine zinakufa. Vile vile, kuna watoto ambao huchezea pale kwa sababu serikali yetu imewacha huo mradi bila kuweka ua.

Madhumuni ya huu mswada ni kuhakikisha ya kwamba zile mashimo zote ambazo zimechimbwa, zimefunikwa. Ninajua ya kwamba hakuna wadi ambayo haijachimbwa hizi mashimo za bwawa lakini hazifanyi kazi. Wakati mwingine tunaitwa watu wa mashimo kwa sababu kila mahali mashimo bila msaada wowote kwa wananchi. Wakati mwingine, hatuna zile vifaa vya kutumia kwa zile bwawa ili zitoe maji.

Nilisikia Mbunge wa hapa akitukejeli ya kwamba hii Kaunti imekuwa kila mahali inaweka shimo. Ikienda Segera, Thingithu, Marmanet, Wangwaci na kwingineko wanaweka tu mashimo. Hadi wakati mwingine tunaulizwa, wananchi ni maji wanataka ama ni shimo? Hiyo ndiyo ile shida ambayo tuko nayo na ni vizuri wale ambao wanafanya hii kazi ya yule CO ambaye anahusika na haya maneno ahakikishe ya kwamba amefanya mradi hadi ukamalizika. Hauwezi ukafanya kazi nusu. Unafaa kufanya kazi ambayo inatambulika na kila mwananchi.

Katika huu mswada, nimeguzia mambo ya FLLoCA na tumetenga mamilioni ya pesa. Katika bajeti iliyopita tuliweka milioni tisini na pia hii tumeweka zaidi ya milioni tisini na hii pesa haifanyi kazi ambayo inaweza kuonekana. Mwaka uliopita katika kila wadi, tuliweka milioni 3.5 ambayo tulikuwa tunakusudia kuweka maji. CO mhusika alichuka hiyo pesa yote na kuifanya FLLoCA. Yale maendeleo ambayo tulipata kwa wadi zetu ni vifaranga tu na tulikuwa tumeweka zaidi ya milioni tatu. Hiyo ni kutukosea heshima. Hauwezi kutupatia vifaranga kwa milioni tatu.

Nilikuwa ninaambia Mheshimiwa Mwaniki juzi ya kwamba hizi pesa asiseme ya kwamba hakupata mradi kwa sababu alipata mradi wa vifaranga ambazo zilikuwa changa kabisa. Ukiuliza, unaambiwa ya kwamba mradi wako umepelekwa mwaka ujao. Sasa tumefikia huo mwaka na kisha ukiuliza unaambiwa ya kwamba pesa ziko katika benki. Ukiuliza tena unaambiwa ya kwamba pesa zinakuja. Sasa tunachanganywa hadi tunakosa kuelewa kazi ya hii FLLoCA.

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Ningetaka Wajumbe tuwe makini kwa sababu tumetenga pesa kiasi ya kwamba kila wadi iko na zaidi ya milioni saba na ile kitu iko kwa hizo wadi ni shimo na vifaranga. Kuna wengine pia walipatiwa Sukuma wiki. Hii ni madharau na ni lazima tuwe waangalifu na hii FLLoCA. Mimi nikisimama hapa nielezee hawa Wajumbe vile nimefanyiwa na hii FLLoCA, maana nikiuliza ni kwa nini sijafanyiwa mradi wowote, ninaambiwa ya kwamba mradi ulifanywa Segera. Tunafaa tukae katika kikao ndio niambiwe huo mradi ili Segera aniambie kama huo mradi uko na ndio tuweze kuelewa vile hii pesa inafanya kazi kwa sababu imekuwa ni wizi, utapeli, ukora na kutumia pesa ya wananchi vibaya.

Ningetaka CO mhusika ambaye anaitwa Lemanshuel Abraham na sijui kama ni yule Abraham wa Biblia. Ukisoma utakuta kuna Abraham mwenye alipewa mtoto aliyeitwa Isaka ambaye alimpeleka kumtoa kafara lakini Mungu akamsaidia akaona kagondu na kutoa Kagondu kafara badala ya Isaka. Sasa sijui kama huyu Abraham ameona ya kwamba hatanifanyia kazi bali atanitoa kafara. Ni lazima tuelezewe mahali pesa iko na iko na nani.

Jambo la pili, *conduct regular inspections to ensure compliance with safety standards.* Nimesema ya kwamba huo mradi unaachwa hivyo bila lolote kuendelea. Bwana Spika, isipokuwa wewe mwenyewe uende uonyeshane mahali upo, hata ukituma maafisa waende watafute mahali pale wakati mwingine ni shida kwa maana imemea nyasi na mimea zingine.

Vile vile, ni lazima tuweze kuweka usalama katika huo mradi ambapo tukichimba hizo mashimo, tunaonyesha ya kwamba kuna mradi ambao unaendelea mahali pale. Kile kitu ambacho huwa hapo ni mgurumo tu pekee. Kwa hivyo, hili ni jambo ambalo tunafaa kuzungumzia kwa undani na tuweze kuambia serikali ya Laikipia kupitia Wizara ya Maji ambayo inaongozwa na Abraham ya kwamba sisi sio mashimo ambayo tunataka bali tunataka kazi ifanyike. Hatukuja hapa kuuliza mashimo lakini tunataka maji itoke.

Ningetaka tukubaliane na Waheshimiwa wenzangu ya kwamba ni lazima kazi ifanywe na iweze kuonekana katika mashinani. Kwa hayo machache, nataka kumkaribisha rafiki yangu Mheshimiwa Mwaniki ambaye mwaka uliopita alibahatika kupata vifaranga ili aweze kuunga mkono kwa maana haya ni madharau ambayo tumeonyeshwa.

Hon. Nicholas Mwaniki: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I am the only beneficiary on matters of chicken and chicks. On matters of FLLoCA, this is something that has been an empty word on matters of implementation and funding. We have not benefitted and as Hon. Stephen has said, this is a matter pf urgency in this House and that is why we had summoned the Chief Officer and the CEC so that they can explain as to why they have expedited their funds. Two years down the line, the only thing we can see is almost zero and if there is, the Members themselves should stand and attest if they have seen any tangible projects within their wards.

FLLoCA funds should be able to benefit the community. This is money that should have helped on service delivery and water provision in our communities. As of today, whatever we can see on the ground is holes that have been drilled without benefiting our communities across the wards. What was the dream or the plan? Were we to drill and equip or drill and cap? If at all it was a matter of water provision, it is a matter of completing the project so that it can be useful to the community.

In Laikipia North there is shortage of water and we bought a rig and FLLoCA funds should be one of the funds to help on equipping and drilling of boreholes within our wards. If at all the Chief Officer and the CEC cannot be able to explain on how they have expedited their funds, we should call upon this House to do due diligence and if we find them culpable, they should be fired from this County Government because it is the duty of this House to do

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oversight. If at all I as a Member of Tigithi Ward, I can attest that the funds have not been of any help to my people.

Two years down the line we have been receiving the FLLoCA Funds amounting to millions of shillings. If at all we cannot be able to show across all wards what has been done and how many projects, that calls upon for the Members of this House to either impeach the CECM and the Governor himself because he is the appointing authority and he is the one who appointed the chief officer of that department so that he may sack him.

Members of this House have done counter funding for the last two years and we cannot be able to show how they have expedited with the budgetary allocation in matters of water in that department. We have been receiving millions in that department and if we cannot be able to show what has happened with those funds it terms of projects, it is a shame to this House and to this government.

So, as I stand to second, I will call upon the Members of this House to do a thorough scrutiny of these funds and if we find that there are people who have used the funds in a wrong way, we should stand and impeach them and that will push this House to greater heights in matters of accountability. I second.

(Question proposed)

Speaker: Hon. Members, I open the floor for the Members who may want to contribute to this motion. Hon. Mugweru?

Hon. Daniel Mugweru: Thank you, Hon. Speaker for the chance given to me to make my contribution in support of the motion that is in front of us this afternoon. Not the one in front of us but the one that you have read, because in front of me I see nothing. Our gadgets are not functional, so I am depending on what you have read. So, I may miss words because there is nothing.

Hon. Speaker, why I am concerned is because this Department of Water in the County Government of Laikipia has a very major problem. Most of the projects that were initiated through FLLoCA were just abandoned as if they were of no use to the community. It is the high time for this House to wake up and get the highest respect from everyone in this county. The people of Laikipia have bestowed their power upon us. They have confirmed that we are supposed to speak on their behalf. So, this is the high time for us to rise and speak on their behalf, because it is very clear that we are supposed to speak on behalf of those who cannot speak for themselves.

Hon. Speaker, most of the time we have a lot of fear saying so and so is a failure. For a long time, we have remained cowards, till now almost four years are coming to an end. We have been fearing people might say someone is fighting someone else. We are not fighting anyone. We are just speaking the truth about what is on the ground. Secondly, we are only doing what we were elected to do.

Hon. Speaker, I would not even blink when I stand and say it is a failed department. Besides those FLLoCA projects, as we are speaking, we are in the financial year of 2025/26. The financial year of 2024/2025 which ended about four months ago; they have not implemented any project that was budgeted for by this House. However, let me speak about myself by saying that they have not implemented any project in Umande ward. I have heard so many Members complaining that the budget of the FY 2024/25; most of the Members here can confirm that the department has not implemented it. Imagine that until now they cannot even do such a small thing as the supply of pipes, what else can they do?

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Hon. Speaker, if you look at the way they managed the rig that was brought here by the County Government of Laikipia, they have managed it carelessly. All those boreholes they dug, none of them is providing the community with water. I have six water projects in my ward that are supposed to be supplied with pipes. However, they have not been supplied yet we are in the middle of FY 2025/26, and projects for the FY 2024/25 have not been implemented. Anytime you call these people, none of them is ready to pick your call. If you go to their offices, none of them is there. You cannot tell where they go or what they do, I only see them moving around probably campaigning.

I really do not understand that department, Hon. Speaker. Today, for instance, because environment matters are still under the Chief Officer of that department; everybody in this county was complaining. You listen to someone crying that they are in the system and have their payment number but they have not been paid for a whole year. Imagine someone working for a whole year without getting paid, yet you will find some other people who are not on the payroll getting paid. It is so embarrassing.

Let us not talk about where people come from. I do not care where anyone comes from. Even if you are my brother yet you are not performing, you should go home. Today, I heard a gossip that the committee expected the CO and the CECM in the morning. Up to this moment, they are nowhere to be seen. Yet those are the people to whom we have entrusted the issue of water in the entire County of Laikipia. The CECM comes from Thingithu, where the mover of the motion, Hon. Kagondu, also comes from. The CO comes from Sosian and I know even Sosian has not benefitted.

The fact is we gave these positions to the wrong people. It is either they come out clearly and tell us they are not willing to work or that they have utilized the funds that were given to them wrongly, so that we may know what to do. Otherwise, we cannot keep people waiting for years. Today, if the budget of 2024/25 has not been implemented, and we are at the half year mark of 2025/26, what does that tell you? They will probably implement the 2024/25 budget in January or February. The budget for 2025/26 will be implemented when the Governor or the MCAs will have already lost. So, what are we doing? They will implement when the people of Laikipia have already suffered because of water.

Hon. Speaker, it would be okay if there is no money. However, if there is money allocated to a certain project, one should be held responsible irrespective of where they come from or who supports them, or is their relative or gave them the job. It is very painful and I really feel for the people of Laikipia because water is a serious issue in Laikipia. Unfortunately, the people leading that department are natural failures and I do not think there is anything we can do to make them active. If you have not been active for the past four years, what miracle will you do to perform in the next one year?

So, Hon. Speaker, I support the motion and also call upon the House to think about this department. Not just FLLoCA projects but all other budgeted projects. We should follow up on them to make sure they are implemented to the letter. So, I support. In case you heard me moving away from the specific motion, I have done so because I do not have anywhere to read the real motion. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Mugweru. Hon. Gitahi?

Hon. Joseph Gitahi: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I rise to support this motion. Even as I support this motion, however, I would wish to give a background of the same. That when we were signing all these documents for FLLoCA, and also understanding and doing stakeholder

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engagements, at that time I had not been impeached as the Chairperson for Water and Agriculture. So, I was actively involved in the same.

Hon. Speaker, I would wish to say this; the key mandate or the vision of this programme was to uplift people and to cushion them from climate change activities. You realize, and this we have been told from the World Bank to all international organizations, that food supply will be disrupted very soon because the climate will not be predictable anymore.

That is why World Bank sat and thought that it is good that they cushion these third world countries, to ensure that their people do not suffer the adverse effects of hunger, prolonged droughts, issues of flooding, issues of hunger and famine. It is unfortunate that to date we have, as this Assembly; because what we have been doing is a budgeting process where we counter fund. These County Governments provide a certain amount of money and the World Bank matches in kind.

However, this House… because even these monies that are coming from outside are subject to audit from this House. So, this House has witnessed the funding of Kshs.467 million for FLLoCA, if you count what we have funded and what has been funded from outside. However, and I wish to challenge all Members from the 15 wards, whether they are elected or specially elected, I would wish to ask them whether they can find value for money for Kshs.467 million.

Hon. Speaker, these are the issues that we are having as Members, because this money, besides being allocated, allocation was not an end to itself. There were other issues, such as public participation, so that each community; that is why it is being called locally led, communities can take part in their committees. And their taking part is not for optics, it is not for just filling forms. It was for them to give ideas so that the issues that affect them, as local as they may sound, are able to be taken up, and interventions to them funded by this organisation. It is unfortunate that in the midst of laxity, incompetence and politics, the people of Laikipia have lost the opportunity to benefit from FLLoCA.

I feel pained because I participated in the initial and in the baby steps of the whole programme. I feel cheated, and it is so unfortunate, but I have to say this, I also feel defeated. That is because once we developed the framework for the working of FLLoCA, we went to our local communities. We convinced them and we told them of the money that is coming. They organised themselves, but you see in Kikuyu we say, and the language is so limiting but Hon. Karuiru is around to translate for us; a path that is for getting lost gets dew even when there is sunshine.

Hon. Speaker, from the inception of this committee our people were cheated. They developed committees that are briefcase committees, people who cannot explain what they said last year, and that way this county is losing a lot of money.

I would wish to extrapolate the discussion to another context, because we also have another programme called Food Systems but I will not mention it for the purposes of this context. It is just following the same footsteps. When people are seated in France or in other international conventions, and count the money that they have given to this county, it is a shame.

Right now, some people, instead of using this money to uplift the youth and give them sustainability, the same money is being used... For the purposes of context in this Assembly, I have been investigating issues and I have information. The same FLLoCA money is being used as political handouts.

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I have evidence to it and I can produce for the purposes of HANSARD. We are saying, as representatives of the people by virtue of Article 1 of the Constitution, that this department has to shed light. If it does not shed light, some of us have volunteered our political lives to ensure that there is accountability in these issues.

Hon. Speaker, Kshs. 467 million is not pocket change. It is enough money to do boreholes in Olmoran, to do boreholes in Umande, to do boreholes in Sosian, in Tigithi, in Ngobit, in Segera, in Thingithu here, Marmanet, and other accompanying wards. I would wish to ask that let the people of Laikipia get value for their money.

Additionally, I would also wish to state that there has been sabotage from some of us. When we want to audit this money, technicalities have been brought to us. For instance, we were supposed to have this discussion, having interrogated the department on issues of FLLoCA. However, as you see, we will interrogate them later. Well, we do not mind because some of us, as I have told you, are so determined to ensure that there is accountability.

Hon. Speaker, what I would ask of you and this Honourable House is to ensure that there is oversight and accurate financial reporting in these programmes, especially those that are counter-funded. We have tried. Miraculously, I have seen the Auditor General's report for FLLoCA 23/24. Miraculously, because it is out from the office of the Auditor General but it has never gotten to this House. It has issues. It has things that are unimaginable. Things that can only happen in movies. Heist. Theft of public money.

However, we will persist. Personally, let me not say we, because a responsibility of everybody is a responsibility of nobody. I am tasking myself to ensure that there is accountability and transparency. We will meet at the committee level. We will meet at the community engagement. We will meet in political platforms and all platforms that we can engage, so that we can tell our people to what extent public money has been stolen from these noble projects.

Hon. Speaker, I would wish to end by stating this, as personal as it may sound. You see, when I was the chair, just before impeachment, I had written numerous letters – the Clerk of the County Assembly can testify to this – inviting the department to come and explain to Members how far it has gone. Letters are there. These people do not attend because I hear from hearsay that they are busy campaigning using this same money. As I end, I also have issues to do with the path for oversight. You will find a lot of intermingling. Entities that were supposed to do self-reporting report through the Executive.

Once the hand of the Executive is in the projects of this county, it is as sure as dark will come. Nothing is going to happen. Unfortunately, the same culprits have spent a bed together with some of the Members but I want to say that there is a lot of collusion so oversight have been defeated in a lot of initiatives. Hon. Speaker, sometimes I am ashamed when I explain to my people in Githiga that there is a project that was supposed to give you borehole water but now it is too late.

The same people that should be accountable are using the same money to ensure that oversight is defeated. Finally, as I end, Honourable Speaker, I would wish to invite this House, and I want to ask any other Member to be alert on this. I might have said nothing in the last communication, but let me say this. We also have to understand the commingling between FLLoCA and the water rig, the machine that does the boreholes. Sometimes, FLLoCA was supposed to drill and equip.

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The same services were done using the water rig for Laikipia County. You are cheating Members. Some of these people think they can abuse some of our intelligences. Hon. Speaker, I will raise these issues here, outside and in heaven. Hon. Speaker, as I end, we are going to have a committee meeting because I also belong to the Committee for Water and Agriculture and I would wish to ask that let us be objective. Let us not be subjective.

It's not about individuals. It is not about whether he comes from Hon. Lekopien's Ward or whether he comes from Hon. Kagondu's ward or Hon. Mwaniki's Ward. All we want is accountability. Figures don't lie. Figures are objective and not subjective. Hon. Speaker, the less I say, the more important it is because it is also a breach of protocol that I also spoke after some senior members. I want to thank you, Hon. Speaker, for this opportunity.

As I support this motion, I have also raised issues that have gone to the HANSARD and it is important that this House acts upon them. Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Gitahi. The issues you raised are weighty. We will need to have a look at it. Hon. Salim.

Hon. Salim Edung: Nashukuru sana, Bwana Spika kwa kunipatia nafasi na kwa kutoa mchango kwa sababu ya mambo ya FLLoCA. Kwanza napongeza Mheshimiwa Ndiritu kwa kuleta huu mjadala kwa sababu sisi Waheshimiwa tulikuwa na shida mashinani. Kila mahala unapoenda unaulizwa mashimo ambayo tuliweka pale ni vizuri tuzimbe kuliko watu waangamie kwa sababu ya mashimo.

Nikitaja kwa mfano, katika sehemu ambayo nimetoka, Wadi ya Segera kuna shimo Tenki Nyeusi, Zimbabwe na Serat. Sisi tunashangaa na mashimo ambayo yamewekwa kila mahali. Wenzangu wametaja kwamba wadi zote zimefanyiwa hivyo na sio wadi yangu pekee. Sisi tumeshangaa kwa sababu tumetenga pesa na pesa nyingi zinakuja kufanya ile kazi. Kile ambacho kimeleta hii shida yote ni sisi Waheshimiwa kwa kuwachilia kazi ikiwa haiendi vile inastahili.

Wananchi ndio wametuleta hapa. Ikiwa wananchi ndio walituleta hapa miradi za wananchi zinastahili, zikiletwa katika Bunge hili na zikipitishwa, zifuatiliwe. Nikiangalia kwa ufasaha, hakuna Mheshimiwa ambaye atasimama katika Bunge hili na kusema ya kwamba kuna miradi ambayo ilifanyika kwa wadi yake na kukamilika. Miradi yote ambayo inafanywa inaachiwa katikati.

Ukienda katika eneo la Zimbabwe, kitu kimoja kimeshinda Idara ya Maji ambacho kinagharimu elfu mia moja. Kama umetengeneza kisima katika hili eneo na ushindwe na shilingi elfu mia moja. Ni *inverter* tu. Umeweka *Solar* lakini *inverter* imekushinda kununua. Angetuambia ya kwamba kazi imemshinda ili ipatiwe mtu mwingine kwa sababu hatuwezi tembea mashinani na kuulizwa mradi ambao ulitengewa pesa.

Hiyo miradi ilikuwa imetengewa pesa na ni lazima ikamilike ili tunapokuja katika Bunge hili tujue ya kwamba tunawakilisha wananchi. Hatuwezi ongea kila siku kitu kimoja katika Bunge hili. Ninaomba Waheshimiwa ambao wako hapa kwamba hatukuja hapa kukaa na kudhibitiwa na watu wengine. Tumekuja hapa ili tusimamie wananchi ambao wametuleta hapa. Kama kuna jambo ambalo haliendi vizuri, litatuliwe.

Nyinyi mnaogopa kusema ya kwamba mtu fulani hafanyi kazi. Kama tulichangua watu ambao wanafanya kampeni kama sisi, kwani tuliwachagua wafanye kampeni. Tuliwachagua ili wahudumie wananchi kule mashinani. Kama anahitaji kiti, anafaa kujiuzulu katika kazi ili angoje wakati wa kampeni. Mheshimiwa Spika, haya mambo yametukera sana. Kama vile

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Mheshimiwa Ndiritu alisema ya kwamba Abrahamu aliitishwa sadaka na akapatiana mtoto wake, huyo ni Abrahamu wa Bibilia na si wa Laikipia.

Sijui tutaitisha Abrahamu wa Laikipia nini. Tunahitaji maendeleo katika wadi zetu. Tunahitaji hizo mashimo na baada ya wiki mbili tuambiwe ya kwamba hizo mashimo itatekelezwa au la. Kama hakuna, watu wataandika dua na waseme kwamba hizo mashimo zimeangamiza wananchi na wanyama. Katika eneo letu, wanyama ni wengi na kuna wananchi.

Mtu akileta dua katika Bunge hili na kusema kuna mashimo ambayo imewekwa huko na Serikali ya Kaunti, sisi hatukuitisha mashimo. Tuliitisha maji katika eneo letu. Asante, Bwana Spika.

Hon. Catherine Umija: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise to support this motion. I stand to support what Hon. Salim has said. If people are not ready to work, it is time to exercise our power as a House. It is now four years and we cannot be speaking the same thing. We have holes everywhere. Let me switch to Kiswahili. *Kila mahali ni shimo. Kama vile Mheshimiwa Ndiritu alisema, kila mahali ni shimo.*

Kwani tumekuwa mining county. If we are mining gold, let us see it is gold. If we are mining diamonds, let us see the diamonds but let us not put holes all over the county and expect that our people will be happy and we stand there and say that we are drilling water for them and there is no water. Let us be realistic, the women are suffering, we are lying to them as a county that we are providing water for them and there is no water.

This FLLoCA project needs to be evaluated. As a House, we need to sit down and evaluate the FLLoCA project and see whether it is value for money. If it has no value for money, people should be held accountable because this is like a scam for this county. It saddens people and this House. We will not be speaking the same thing. It is high time that we evaluate the FLLoCA project and see if that was value for money.

I think the Committee for Environment should take a hard stance on this, especially on the people who are sitting down there and managing the resources for this county.

This is not the resources from our pockets; these are resources for our people. Let the resources for our people be managed well. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Catherine Nyokabi: Asante, Mheshimiwa Spika kwa kunipa hii fursa. Kwanza niwape kongole Waheshimiwa ambao wamenitangulia kwa kuongea. Bwana Spika, leo ndio mara yangu ya kwanza kuona Waheshimiwa wakiongea kwa uchungu. Kisha na maana ya uchungu ni nini. Wale watu ambao waliwaleta hapa ndio wanaumia na ndio wanaangamizwa na mtu ambaye tulikaa hapa chini na kumpa kazi.

Bado ni sisi tuko na mamlaka ya kumwondoa kwa hicho kiti. Bwana Spika, nikipeana mfano na Wadi ya Ngobit, mahali hizo mashimo zimewekwa ni katika shule zetu. Walimu, wazazi na watoto walikuwa na imani na Gavana na mwakilishi wa wadi yao. Waliona tuliwasaidia kupata maji. Hadi wa leo ni mashimo tu, wanafunzi na waalimu hawasaidiki. Sasa unashangaa bajeti ni ya nini tulimpa. Tunashukuru tunasikia anakuja masaa zingine. Alikuwa akuje asubuhi na sijui ni nani alibadilisha.

Ningeomba Waheshimiwa wenzangu hata kama tunaitwa *toothless dogs*, leo tuume mmoja ili tuwache kuitwa *toothless dogs*. Tusimuume kama hajafanya makosa ama tunamuonea, makosa iko. Kama kuna afisa mkuu aliye na madharau katika hii Kaunti, ni Abraham. Hata ukimpigia simu, hawezi kushika simu ya Mheshimiwa yeyote. Ninajua wale ambao wataongea hapa watatoa ushuhuda waseme kama anapokea simu zao.

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FLLoCA ambao tunaongea saa hii, wale ambao unasikia walipatiwa vifaranga kama Mheshimiwa Mwaniki, Mheshimiwa Anthony walipatiwa sukuma. Mimi sijui ni miujiza gani ilifanyika nikapatiwa kisima ambayo ilikamilishwa. Ili uweke kisima na ulete vifaranga, mwakilishi wa hawa watu yuko katika Bunge hili. Angetuita tukae chini na yeye nimwambie kama ninataka vifaranga, mbuzi ama Ng'ombe. Yeye ndiye anatuamulia.

Kwa uhakika mbwa katika Bunge hili hawana meno. Ninaomba siku ya leo Mheshimiwa Spika, utupe makarani wako ili watuongoze kujua njia ya kutoa Abraham na waziri wake. Kama ni Gavana tutaambia atutolee Abraham, tumwambie. Kulingana na vile ninajua sheria kidogo Waheshimiwa wanafaa kutoa waziri. Gavana ndiye anafaa kutoa Abraham.

Hiyo ndio inafaa kuwa kazi yetu, tukikuja hapa kwa Bunge wiki ijayo ili wawe funzo kwa wengine. Kasoro katika Kaunti yetu na ninahurumia Gavana wangu Joshua Irungu ni kuwa alipatia wanasiasa kazi. Wote wanataka viti. Atafanya kazi kwa ofisi saa ngapi ilhali anataka kutafuta kiti Kaskazini mwa Laikipia. Nilifikiri kwa Mheshimiwa Lekopien, mahali Abraham ametoka ndiko miradi ya visima vimepelekwa kwa sababu anatafuta kura huko.

Ninashangaa analia nikilia. Ninaomba Waheshimiwa wenzangu tufike mahali tunasema ametoka kwa wadi yangu na unataka kuweka kifua mbele umlinde. Wacha tufinye mmoja ili wale wengine watupatie heshima. Nimesikia Mheshimiwa Wachuka akisema mwingine ambaye anaitwa Kibaara alitaka kumpiga. Naye atajua ya kwamba ndiye atakuwa wa pili kuingia hapa.

Ninaomba Waheshimiwa tukiongea haya maneno katika *kamukunji* ajenda ya kwanza inastahili kuwa vile Waziri wa Maji na Abraham watasafiri. Kwa hayo machache, asanteni sana.

Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Nyokabi. I give this chance to Hon. Lekopien.

Hon. Parleto Lekopien: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I am sorry Hon. Wachuka. I think she is a little upset for the fact that what is happening here we are not doing oversight. Hon. Speaker, I take this opportunity to appreciate the Member who brought this motion on the floor of this House today. As we speak, we could have done this two or three years ago with what is happening to FLLoCA money.

Hon. Speaker, I support the motion. As Hon. Gitahi said, we need to get the difference between the rig and the FLLoCA money. At times, we have the rig and the FLLoCA. The rig is doing the same thing as the FLLoCA money. When we have a lot of money from both sides, it becomes a challenge to do oversight. You are getting Kshs. 3.5M from the County Assembly and another Kshs.4 million from FLLoCA. That is enough to drill and equip a borehole for one year.

Hon. Speaker, what surprises me is that and Hon. Speaker interject because it seems there is a party on the other side of the House. Thank you, Hon. Speaker. It looks like there is a big celebration somewhere. We should be informed later on what is happening so that we get to know. Hon. Speaker, as I said, at one point you get Kshs. 3.5 million to drill a borehole then you get another Kshs.4 million for FLLoCA.

By then it is not even enough to drill and equip one borehole. Ask yourself how much does one borehole cost? If I put all the monies together it is about Kshs.7 million which is not enough to drill one borehole. I think we need to know the tendering process. How much does it cost to drill one borehole in Laikipia? It is worrying that the money that we are putting in is

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not enough. Hon. Speaker, as Hon. Nyokabi said it is because Abraham comes from my ward, I am equally complaining and I think everyone else in this House is complaining.

It is not because of the fact that the CO and the CECM comes from your area but it is because your people are not getting the services. We don't support someone because he is from my area. We just want to get the right services and value for money. Hon. Speaker, for the first time I have seen a House that is warming up and waking up from the slumber. I remember one time somebody called us *Chihuahua*. I do not know what *Chihuahua* means.

Today, I have heard Hon. Nyokabi and I do not want to repeat the words saying that there are dogs here. Hon. Speaker, as much as we are here, we just want to do the proper oversight. Hon. Members, I am grateful that everybody is waking up. What surprised me this morning is that we are supposed to have a meeting here which is an interrogation meeting with the Water Department. Suddenly, it was changed into a committee of which we had expected them to be here in the Assembly.

I don't know who is colluding or who is planning otherwise behind our backs. So, Hon. Speaker, as much as we plan these things, I think we should sit down and plan properly because then we will not be in these seats forever. But then, we also want to leave a legacy that one time, Nyokabi has been an MCA from Ngobit ten, five years and she's done a lot of work for her people.

That's also why people will remember you for what you've done. But then if we just sit down, keep quiet, watch as people do campaigns or as people utilise or use the money that was supposed to be used in your wards for other things, I think it's sad.

Hon. Speaker, again, we had bought a rig for Kshs.40 million or whatever amount of money that was bought. If that rig could drill a hole, the money from the FLLoCA will also equip that same hole. But surprisingly, we use the rig to drill the hole, we just cap it or close it, and the money from FLLoCA, God knows where it goes. My learned friend here, Gitahi, has done enough calculation and even knows the exact figures.

I think from the figures you have, we need to check and do a proper accounting of what has been used and what is still remaining in the kit. So Honourable Speaker, I stand in support and thank you, Members. I think after here, I will advise the Members, because the meeting was supposed to be for all of us and it's not a committee meeting.

I advise the Members that once we are done here, we all assemble ourselves and ask the same questions in front of the CECM and in front of the CEO, so at least we can get some information or someone will clear the air for us so that we understand what is happening and if there's anything good coming up, who knows, and if there's nothing, then at least we get to know that the value for money. Whether we're getting the value for money or not. Hon. Speaker, I stand in support of the motion, and thank you, Honourable Member for bringing the motion. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Lekopien. Just to let you know, the invite for the CECM was done for the CECM to come to the committee, not to the plenary. That is the letter written from the committee clerk. Hon. Members, allow me now, as I observe the mood in the House, to invite the mover of the motion to reply.

Hon. Nicholas Mwaniki: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I'm replying on behalf of Hon. Stephen, because he has just stepped out. As the Members have raised their sentiments on matters of FLLoCA Fund, I think it's time. As you knew, there was an invitation, but you have clarified that it was a committee invitation. It should have been a Whole-House invitation,

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summoning the CECM and CEO, to come in this House, so that he or she can explain what happens in the same department.

Mr. Speaker, if at all, Laikipians will have water, Lemanyishoe must go. If at all, Laikipia boreholes will not be fully equipped and functional, the CECM water Leah must go. If at all, FLLoCA fund will not be expedited equitably across all wards in Laikipia County, Lemanyishoe and Leah must go.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate all the Members who have contributed on this motion, and it is a biting thorn, in the flesh, because, as Members, they have done their work, they have done their research, homework, they have already passed budgets in this House on matters of water, on matters of FLLoCA and on matters of counter-funding. If at all, nothing will happen, either we go or they go. It's time we be accountable to our people, it's time we did oversight, as it is supposed to be done in this county, and it's time we streamlined things across all departments.

Mr. Speaker, there is no way we can go around promising all over that we are providing water whereas people are lagging behind and lazy people in these departments who cannot be accountable to anyone. As you remember, Speaker, we as a Committee of Budget, we have summoned them twice. Every time there is matters of missing documentation, lame excuses, lame explanation and it's time to put that to a stop. Water is life, and whereas we are not providing water to our people, then, if at all the buck stops with this Assembly, then they have to go. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and I really appreciate the Members of this House and I appreciate your time for giving this chance to reply. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

(Question put and agreed to)

PROCEDURAL MOTION

ALTERATION OF THE ASSEMBLY CALENDAR

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Thankyou Hon. Speaker, I beg to move the following the motion;

> THAT, pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 29(4), this Assembly resolves to alter its calendar as adopted on 4th March 2025, so as to continue with its sittings until Wednesday 10th December, 2025.

Hon. Speaker, this is a motion of alteration of the calendar whereby, we are seeking to extend the sittings of this Assembly up to 10th December. I know Members are very much aware that we have so many issues that need to be addressed before we proceed to recess. When we were elected by the people of Laikipia, we were elected with a clear mandate to work for the people.

In this case, Hon. Speaker, the calendar states that we proceed to recess from today, from 4th tomorrow, up to February. These Members have faith in the people who elected them, they want to extend, or we want to seek extension of time so that we can work for our people.

In this week, Hon. Speaker, we have so many unfinished businesses. One is that of making sure that all departments work smoothly and ensure that before we proceed to recess, all things, including this Assembly, are in one line. So that when we come back, we will be able to start to where we left.

Therefore, we need to have extension of this time Hon. Members, and I request that you approve this alteration of the Assembly Calendar, so that we can work for our people. I

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therefore, request Hon. Kanyutu who is also a senior youth, very active and energetic Honourable Speaker, to support this motion of altering the calendar and extend the sittings of this Assembly up to 10th December, 2025. Thank you.

Hon. Simon Kanyutu: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, I stand to second the motion on extension of time. Mr. Speaker, I feel the Members are feeling there are some issues that they ought to sort before they go for recess and we are ready to work together to see to it that we sort all the issues that are pending to the letter. So, I second. Thank you.

(Question proposed)

Hon. Parleto Lekopien: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I stand to support the motion on the alteration of the calendar. Hon. Speaker, as you've seen, that we've got a lot of issues that we need to sort out, and if that one week will be enough, it will be well and good, but you know, we might also just one day again decide that we will see there's more business, and then probably still alter the calendar.

Hon. Speaker, as we did before, we've also had, I think, two or three weeks of our calendar being altered by the CASA Games event. So, I think it's also in order that we finish the businesses before we go on the long vacation or the long holidays. I stand to support, and I also urge all the Members to please utilise the time that we've added the calendar for the next one week, settle and work out on issues that need to be done. Thank you, Hon. Speaker, and I stand to support. Thank you very much.

Hon. Joseph Gitahi. Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I also stand to support the motion that we have an extension of one week, for unfinished business. You see, there's a famous saying in English, that *'work without play makes Jack a dull boy.'* It has never told us about play without work makes Jack looks like what.

Hon. Speaker, we have been in recess and the last time I checked, is that my title is Member of County Assembly. I work for the assembly. There's a lot of unfinished business that I have to do in this Assembly, Honourable Speaker, before I go to relax for festivities.

Mr. Speaker, in as much as we acknowledge the importance of festivities, we also acknowledge the centrality of the contribution of Members, for one more week. I don't know who takes issues of the Assembly to the social media, but they should also tell the social media today that we have sacrificed for one week to ensure that we push and we expedite the remaining business for the wellness of this House. Wellness of these Members, and for the welfare of our people in the 15 wards and for those that are specially elected.

Having said that, Hon. Speaker, you see, my teacher for public speaking, Dr. Margaret Ouma, told us that once you have delivered your point, there is no need for much words, because it's after the important issues, that you end. I wouldn't wish to continue just to say that I support the motion, so that we complete our issues. Thank you.

Hon. Leila Hussein: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I do agree with the mover of the motion that we do need more time to air out things. I don't think we should limit it to a week, just in case things might change. I would also like to stand and say that the invite that we sent out was not just for the committee, it was for the committee and the whole house, so you are all welcome. The CECM and the chief officer are here. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you. Allow me now to invite the mover of the motion to reply.

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Asante, Bwana Spika. Nishukuru wajumbe kwa kuchangia huu mswada na kuungana nasi kuhakikisha kwamba Bunge imeendelea na kazi yake kumalizia kazi

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zilizobaki. Nakubaliana na Mheshimiwa Leila kwamba tumeongeza wiki moja ndio kufanya kazi iliyoko mbele yetu. Kama kazi iliyoko mbele, itatubidi tuongeze hadi mwezi tuko hapa kuhakikisha kila kitu imelainika.

Bwana Spika kubadilisha kalenda wengine watachukulia ni muda wa kukaa hivyo. Huo ni muda wa kufanya kazi. Nauliza wajumbe wiki ijayo muwe hapa kufanya kazi na tuhakikishe kila kitu kiko sawa. Sisi tuko hapa kufanya kazi na kuhakikisha Bunge imelainishwa na kupewa heshima. Ukiitwa saa moja kuja saa moja. Sio kutuchukulia kama sisi ni mboga kwamba unaweza kuja wakati wowote. Hapana, lazima tuonyeshe heshima yetu. Naomba wajumbe tuunge mkono.

Bwana Spika sisi hatutaki kulipwa vya mbele. Naungana na Mheshimiwa Gitahi wale ambao wanaandika mitandaoni kupitia mshamba ambaye yuko hapa awaambie tumeongeza masiku ndio tusonge mbele. Kwa hayo machache, nashukuru sana.

Speaker: Now Honourable Members, allow me to refer you to Standing Order No. 29, we don't put a question, but since we are continuing, I am going to put the question.

(Question put and agreed to)

ADJOURNMENT

Speaker: The sittings of this House now stand adjourned until Tuesday, 9th December, 2025 at 10.00 a.m.

The House rose at 3.59 p.m.

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