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WEDNESDAY, 11TH FEBRUARY, 2026

The House met at the County Assembly Chamber at 9:30 a.m.

(Mr. Deputy Speaker [Hon. Stephen Wamalwa] in the Chair)

PAPERS

**REPORT ON THE AFFAIRS OF THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY DURING THE FOURTH
SESSION, 11TH FEBRUARY, 2025 TO 9TH FEBRUARY, 2026**

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Ipara Okasida Johnston.

Hon. Johnston Ipara: Thank you, Honorable Speaker. I rise to table a report of the House Business Committee on the Affairs of the County Assembly during the fourth session from 11th February 2025 to 9th February 2026. I table

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Ipara for tabling HBC report. This report having been tabled, it becomes the property of this House.

**REPORT ON THE CONSIDERATION OF THE BUNGOMA COUNTY FOOD SAFETY
CO-ORDINATION BILL 2025**

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Waiti.

Hon. Wafula Waiti (Chair, Agriculture): Thank you, Hon. Speaker. Allow me on behalf of the Committee on Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries, Irrigation and Co-operative Development to table a report on the Bungoma County Food Safety Co-ordination Bill 2025.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Wafula Waiti. Honorable members, this report having been tabled becomes the property of this House accordingly.

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**REPORT OF THE SECTORAL COMMITTEE ON HEALTH SERVICES ON THE
CONSIDERATION OF CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE
PERIOD ENDED 30TH JUNE, 2025**

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Vitalis.

Hon. Vitalis Wangila (Member, Health): Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir. On behalf of Health Committee, I table a report of the sectoral Committee on Health Services on the consideration of consolidated Financial Statements for the period ended 30th June, 2025.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Honorable Leader of Minority. Honorable Members, the report having been tabled it becomes the property of the House accordingly.

**REPORT OF THE SELECTION COMMITTEE ON THE REVIEW OF MEMBERSHIP
TO SEVEN COUNTY ASSEMBLY COMMITTEES**

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Yes, the Leader of Minority!

Hon. Vitalis Wangila: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. On behalf of the Chair of the Selection Committee, I hereby table a report that this House adopts the report on the review of the members to Seven County Assembly Committees.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Vitalis Wangila. Honorable members, the report having been tabled it becomes the property of the House accordingly.

NOTICES OF MOTION

**REPORT ON THE AFFAIRS OF THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY DURING THE FOURTH
SESSION, 11TH FEBRUARY, 2025 TO 9TH FEBRUARY, 2026**

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Ipara Johnstone,

Hon. Johnston Ipara: Honorable Speaker Sir, I rise to issue a notice of motion that this House adopts the report of the House Business Committee on the Affairs of the County Assembly during the fourth session covering the period 11th February, 2025 to 9th February, 2026.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Ipara. Honorable members, the notice of motion having been issued, I thus direct that the same be circulated in time to all Honorable members as they prepare for the motion after ratification by the House Business Committee.

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**REPORT ON THE CONSIDERATION OF THE BUNGOMA COUNTY FOOD SAFETY
CO-ORDINATION BILL 2025**

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Wafula Waiti!

Hon. Wafula Waiti: Honorable Speaker, I stand to issue a notice of motion that this House adopts the report of the sectoral Committee on Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries, Irrigations and Co-operatives Development on the consideration of the Bungoma County, Food Safety Co-ordination Bill 2025.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Waiti. Members, a notice of motion having been issued, I now direct that the same be circulated to Honorable members for their consumption.

What is it Hon. Chemion?

Hon. Francis Chemion: Chair, let it not be on HANSARD that we are going to adopt that notice that has been given.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Sorry, we are going to note.

Hon. Francis Chemion: The chair who was notifying us can correct that area.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Waiti, just come again.

Hon. Wafula Waiti: Honorable Speaker, I stand to issue a notice that this House notes the report on the consideration of the Bungoma County Food Safety Co-ordination Bill 2025.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Masai for the keenness. Honorable Members, this House is directed to note the same as a Bill which will be coming up after consideration by House Business Committee.

Next,

**REPORT OF THE SECTORAL COMMITTEE ON HEALTH SERVICES ON THE
CONSIDERATION OF CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE
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Mr. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Vitalis!

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Hon. Vitalis Wangila: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am on my feet to issue a notice that a report of the sectoral Committee on Health Services on the consolidated Financial Statements for the period ended 30th June, 2025 to be noted.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Vitalis. Honorable members, a notice having been issued, I therefore direct that the same be circulated for in-depth perusal by Honorable members and it will be coming up as Business after ratification by the House Business Committee.

**REPORT OF THE SELECTION COMMITTEE ON THE REVIEW OF MEMBERSHIP
TO SEVEN COUNTY ASSEMBLY COMMITTEES**

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Vitalis Proceed!

Hon. Vitalis Nyongesa: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am on my feet once more to issue a notice that the House notes the report of the Selection Committee on the review of the membership to seven County Assembly committees.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Vitalis. Honorable members, Once again after the notice of motion has been issued, I direct that the same be circulated in time for the Honorable Members to peruse and understand the contents of the same which will be coming up for debate in this House after consideration by the House Business Committee.

QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS

**HOUSE BUSINESS OF THE WEEK COMMENCING WEDNESDAY 11TH TO
THURSDAY 12TH FEBRUARY, 2026**

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Cornelius Makhanu,

Hon. Cornelius Makhanu (Member, HBC): Thank you Hon. Speaker for the opportunity to present the tentative weekly program of the Business of the County Assembly which is commencing on Wednesday 11th - Thursday 12th February, 2026.

Wednesday, 11th February, 2026 at 9:30 a.m.

Order of Business

Papers

1. Report of the House Business Committee on the affairs of the County Assembly during the Fourth session that is 11th February 2025-9th February, 2026.

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2. Report of the sectorial Committee on Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries, Irrigation and Co-operatives Development on the consideration of the Bungoma County Food Safety Co-ordination Bill 2025
3. Report of the Sectorial Committee on Health Services on the consideration of the consolidated Financial Statements for the period ended 30th June, 2025
4. Report of the Selection Committee on the review of the membership to seven County Assembly committees

Notices of motion

1. That this House adopts the Report of the House Business committee on the Affairs of the County Assembly during the Fourth session that is 11th February 2025-9th February 2026
2. That this House notes the Report of the sectorial committee on Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries, Irrigation and Co-operatives Development on the Consideration of the Bungoma County Food Safety Co-ordination Bill 2025.
3. That this House adopts the report of the Sectorial Committee on Health Services on the consideration of the consolidated Financial Statements for the period ended 30th June, 2025.
4. That this House adopts the report of the Selection committee on the review....

...

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Honorable members, kindly consult in low tones and follow up what is being read because it will inform you on how you plan your week. It will be very important.

Hon. Cornelius Makhanu: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I was on number 4, that this House adopts the report of the Selection Committee on the review of the membership to seven County Assembly committees.

Questions and Statements

1. That a member of the House Business Committee shall inform the House of the weekly Business of the House and that is what I am doing.
2. Member for Mbakalo Ward Hon. Bernard Kikechi - MCA to get a response from the Chairperson sectorial Committee on Roads, Transport, Infrastructure and Public Works

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3. Member for Mbakalo Ward, Hon. Bernard Kikechi - MCA to get a response from the Chairperson Sectorial Committee on Roads, Transport, Infrastructure and Public works.

Wednesday, 11th February, 2026 2:30 p.m.

Papers

1. Report of the sectorial Committee on Finance and Economic Planning on the consideration of Receiver of Revenue Financial Statement for the period ended 30th June, 2025
2. Report of the sectorial Committee on Finance and Economic Planning on the consideration of Revenue Fund Financial Statement for the period ended 30th June, 2025.
3. Report of the sectorial Committee on Trade, Energy, and Industrialization on the consideration of the Financial Statements for the period ended 30th June, 2025.

Notices of motion

1. 1. That this House adopts the report of the sectorial Committee on Finance and Economic Planning on the consideration of Receiver of Revenue Financial Statement for the period ended 30th June, 2025.
2. That this House adopts the report of the sectorial Committee on Finance and Economic Planning on the consideration of Revenue Fund Financial Statement for the period ended 30th June, 2025
3. That this House adopts the report of the sectorial Committee on Trade, Energy and Industrialization on the consideration of the Financial Statements for the period ended 30th June, 2025.

Motion

Report by the Selection Committee on the Review of the Membership to Seven County Assembly Committees.

On Thursday 12th February, 2026 at 2.30 p.m.

Papers

1. Report of the sectorial Committee on Roads, Transport, Infrastructure and Public Works on the consideration of Financial Statements for the period ended 30th June, 2025.

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2. Report of the sectoral Committee on Gender, Culture, and Social Welfare on the consideration of Financial Statements for the period ended 30th June, 2025 in respect to the department of Gender and Culture.
3. Report of the sectoral Committee on Public Administration and ICT on the consideration of Financial Statements on the period ended 30th June, 2025

Notices of Motion

1. That this House adopts the report of the Sectoral Committee on Roads, Transport, Infrastructure and Public Works on the consideration of Financial Statements for the period ended 30th June, 2025.
2. That this House adopts the report of the Sectoral Committee on Gender, Culture and Social Welfare on the consideration of financial statements for the period ended 30th June, 2025.
3. That this House adopts the report of the Sectoral Committee on Public Administration and ICT on the consideration of financial statements for the period ended 30th June, 2025.

Questions and Statements

The member of the House Business Committee, pursuant to the provision of Standing Order number 47 2(a), will inform the County Assembly of the weekly business coming before the House on Tuesday 17th to Thursday 19th February, 2026.

MOTION

Report of the House Business Committee on the affairs of the County Assembly during the fourth session that is from 11th February, 2025 to 9th February, 2026

That is the end of the tentative weekly program.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Cornelius Makhanu for presenting the tentative weekly program of the business of the County Assembly for the week commencing Wednesday 11th to Thursday 12th February, 2026. So Honourable members take note of the same, as it will inform how you prepare yourself for the week.

Hon. Francis Chemion, member for Kaptama, what is the issue?

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Hon. Francis Chemion: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I don't know what we could do, because the tentative program has been read to us, is it also possible for it to be shared in our Whatsapp so that we are able to follow it.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Thank you. That's what I have just directed, that you have to prepare yourselves, as it's read, it was important that you follow, but it's going to be shared, so that each one of us, on the plenary, we have that plenary section of the media, each one of us has on his or her gadget, so therefore, it will be shared immediately, so that members can go through. Well, next item

RESPONSES AND STATEMENT

RESPONSE IN RESPECT TO THE CONSTRUCTION OF KIBISI, CATHOLIC CHURCH, BILONGO, MARACHI BRIDGE AND THE CONSTRUCTION OF MAMA JOANES KARIMA A.C.K. CHURCH BRIDGE

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Very well, Hon. Frankline Simotwo, Member for Chepyuk and Chair - Roads

Hon. Frankline Simotwo (Chair, Roads): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am on my feet to have a response to the statement...

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Order Members, you have to be very keen.

Hon. Frankline Simotwo: I rise to issue a comprehensive response to the statement that was committed to the Chairperson, Committee on Roads, Transport, Infrastructure and Public Works in respect to the construction of Kibisi, Catholic Church, Bilongo, Marachi Bridge and the construction of Mama Joanes Karima A.C.K. Church Bridge. The County Assembly of Bungoma, Standing Order No. 54, provides that the Chairperson of the Committee shall submit a progress of the House questions.

On Thursday, 2nd October 2025 at 2:30 p.m. Hon. Bernard Kikechi requested through the statement to the Chairperson, Committee on Roads, Transport and Infrastructure and Public Works for a response on the construction of...

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Tony Barasa, what is the matter? Hon. Frankline Simotwo you can take your seat for a minute.

Hon. Tony Barasa: Honourable Speaker, just for information purposes, the Chair, Roads is responding on a statement raised by Hon. Bernard Kikechi.

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And Bernard Kikechi is rightly seated here, procedure is that when he's doing either progressive or substantive response, the member should have a copy. I don't know if the member has a copy, if he doesn't have a copy, is he doing a rightful thing to the Honourable Member?

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Tony is raising a valid question, but it was supposed to be raised by the owner of the statement, which means he is comfortable.

Hon. Tony Barasa: Honourable Speaker, when the matter is being debated...

Mr. Deputy Speaker: I'm speaking, Hon. Tony. It's imperative that the owner of the statement raises the issue. He is there, so why should you raise on his behalf. He may be comfortable with what is going on.

Hon. Tony Barasa: It is a matter of the County importance, that's why it is in the House, any member can raise,

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Kikechi is around, it's a matter of County importance and he's very keen listening. Hon. Tony, you are out of order.

Order Members, Hon. Bernard Kikechi had discussions about this issue in the morning. Yes, why is it that I'm aware, so therefore let us all put the cart before the horse.

Hon. Isaiah Busolo: Honourable Speaker, the issue at hand is about Mbakalo Roads and the Member for that Ward is here with us, I wonder why the Member for Lwandanyi is so worried and the owner of the statement is very comfortable. So why can't we allow the Chair of Roads to read the statement, if it will be an issue, Chair, then we shall come in.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: I want to say this, Members. We should not always be coming up with issues to disrupt the flow of information in the House. We look at some issues and when we feel it's that deliberate to derail flow of information, which should not be coming up from us. But we have to put substantial attention to what is coming, so that we allow the information to flow. It's unfortunate that we can delay some very important issues and trivialize them.

Hon. Jack Wambulwa,

Hon. Jack Wambulwa: Thank you, Honourable Speaker. First of all, I want to thank you for allowing us to inform the House. Once a statement has been raised by a Member, it becomes the property of this House, and all that Hon. Tony Barasa was trying to remind you Honourable Speaker is that, one, before you allowed the Chair - Roads to read, you will have found out from Hon. Kikechi whether he has the report or not, because it's to be consumed by all of us. It was not just about Hon. Bernard Kikechi as Hon. Isaiah Sudi puts it, this statement is for all of us and we need to know if it's well articulated and responded to or not.

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Mr. Deputy Speaker: Being the House of debate, each opinion counts, but then let' us have word from Hon. Bernard Kikechi then allow the Chair to proceed

Hon. Bernard Kikechi: Thank you, Honourable Speaker. First of all, I would like to appreciate the Hon. Member from Lwandanyi Ward for having raised that issue. It was then I just entered the House and I was about to raise the same point. So thank you so much Hon. Tony Barasa for raising it. Honourable Speaker, I have a copy here.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Bernard Kikechi. You should learn to come early, especially when there is something touching on your statement.

Hon. Frankline Simotwo: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. On Thursday, 2nd October, 2025 at 2:30 p.m. Hon. Bernard Kikechi requested a statement to the Chairperson - Committee on Roads, Transport, Infrastructure and Public Works for the response in respect to the construction of Kibisi, Catholic Church, Bulingo, Marachi Bridge and Cnstruction of Mama Joane's Karima A.C.K. Church Bridge.

In the Statement, the Chairperson was to inquire into and report on the following;

1. The procurement process, including the tender advertisement, evaluation report, professional opinion, and tender award report;
2. The total amount allocated towards the project;
3. The total amount so far paid;
4. The current status of the works;
5. Whether the Committee was aware that backfilling and leveling were not done, rendering the road impassable, and the measures the department is taking to rectify the situation and make the bridge passable; and
6. Any other information deemed necessary.

Pursuant to Standing Order No. 52 (a), you directed that the Committee on Roads, Transport, Infrastructure and Public Works liaises with the respective County Department and provides a response to the Honorable Member.

Accordingly, the Committee deliberated on the statement under consideration during its sitting held on 14th October, 2025. Consequently, in complying with Standing Order No. 52 (b), the Committee resolved to seek for formal responses from the County Executive Committee Member (CECM) for Roads, Transport, Infrastructure and Public Works.

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A response from the County Department of Roads referenced CG/BGM/RPW/CA/VOL.1/002 was submitted as contemplated under Standing Order No. 53.

The Committee considered the response in the presence of the owner of the statement; where he expressed dissatisfaction. This prompted the Committee to resolve to invite the CECM to appear before it to provide further clarification on the inconclusive issues.

The Consultative meeting was held on Thursday, 6th November, 2025 at 11:00 a.m. and responses provided as follows:

STATEMENT No. 1

Kibisi Catholic Church-Bilongo-Marachi Bridge

- 1. The procurement process, including the tender advertisement, evaluation report, professional opinion, and tender award report;**

The process of procuring the said projects was carried out according to the Public Procurement and Asset Disposal Act. All the documents were submitted and reviewed by the Committee and the owner of the statement.

The total amount allocated towards the project and Amount Paid to Date:

The contract sum for the said project is Kshs. 7,411,723.00 (Seven Million, Four Hundred and Eleven Thousand, Seven Hundred and Twenty Three Shillings Only), and the amount paid to date according to the measured and certified work is Kshs.6, 669,907.20 (Six Million Six Hundred and Sixty Nine Thousand Nine Hundred and Seven Shillings and Two Cents Only)

- 2. The Current Status of Work:**

The current status of the projects is as follows;

Appraisal of Bill of Quantities;

The works were executed as per the new appraisal done on 24th February, 2025 in consultation with the owner of the statement.

1. Dozing is 100% complete – The Contractor did 48 hours of Dozing for 1.5km as per the new appraisal.
2. Grading and Compaction is 100% complete - The Contractor did Grading and Compaction for 1.5 km as per the new appraisal.

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3. Gravelling and Compaction is 100% complete – The Contractor did gravelling and Compaction for 1.5km as per the new appraisal
4. Culverts Installation 600mm diameters 70% complete – The Contractor did 16m out of 23m, remaining 7m to be installed as per the new appraisal.
5. Culverts Installation 900mm diameters 100% complete – the Contractor did 7m of culverts at per the new appraisal.
6. Box Culvert is 98% complete – The Contractor carried out all the works as per the bill of quantities apart from installation of guardrails. That's 2% remaining on box culvert

d) Measures being undertaken by the Department make the bridge passable

Honourable Speaker, the Department submitted that the Contractor has been notified through a letter dated 24th October, 2025 which is hereby annexed, on the completion of the remaining works basing on the outcome of the consultative meeting held on 14th October, 2025. The Contractor responded vide a letter dated 4th November, 2025 outlining the steps and timelines on when he is going to complete the remaining works. The letter is annexed.

In the response, the Contractor requested for 21 days from the date of his letter to complete the pending works; that includes installing 7m of 600mm diameter culverts and reshaping the affected section of the road. The Department granted the request and committed to follow up the execution of the commitment; failure to which the following measures would be taken against the contractor.

- a. The Department would not release the retention money amounting to Kshs.741, 100.80 (Seven Hundred and Forty One Thousand, One Hundred Shillings and Eighty Cents Only), to the Contractor.
- b. That M/S Alto Construction Ltd will not be considered for any works in the subsequent financial years.
- c. The Department will source another contractor usinSg the retention money to complete the remaining works.

Recommitment

This statement was responded to on the floor of the House on 2nd December, 2025 at 2:30 p.m. At that time, the contractor had not reported to the site to complete the works on the project as he had earlier committed.

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Consequently, you referred the statement back to the Committee on Roads, Transport, Infrastructure and Public Works to follow up on the matter and report back on the accurate status and necessary steps that had been taken.

The Committee held a consultative meeting with the CECM, Department of Roads, Transport, Infrastructure and Public Works on 21st January, 2026. He submitted as follows;

STATEMENT No. 1:

- a. Despite the numerous reminders, the contractor had neither responded nor returned to the site to complete the pending works.
- b. The Department had resolved to hold on to the retention sum for the project amounting to Kshs.741, 100.80 (Seven Hundred and Forty One Thousand, One Hundred Shillings and Eighty Cents Only).
- c. That M/S Alto Construction Ltd will not be considered for any works in the subsequent financial years.
- d. The Department will source another contractor, who shall use the retention money to complete the remaining works on the project.

Conclusion

The Committee therefore resolved that the CECM, Department of Roads, Transport, Infrastructure and Public Works should implement the resolutions as stated above and report back to the Committee on the progress within 30 days. The owner of the statement expressed satisfaction.

STATEMENT No. 2:

Periodic maintenance of Mama Joanes – Karima ACK road (Proposed Construction of Mama Joanes –Karima ACK Box Culvert)

1. The procurement process, including the tender advertisement, evaluation report, professional opinion, and tender award report;

The process of procuring the said projects was carried out according to the Public Procurement and Asset Disposal Act. All the documents have been attached to this response.

2. The total amount allocated towards the project and Amount Paid to Date:

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The Contract was awarded to M/S Table Mountain Construction Ltd at a sum of Kshs.3,945,832.21 (Three Million, Nine Hundred and Forty Five Thousand, Eight Hundred and Thirty Two Shillings and Twenty One Cents Only). No payment has been done to the Contractor.

1. Current Status of Works;

The Box Culvert is 98% complete – The Contractor carried out all the works corresponding to the bills of quantities, apart from installation of guardrails; that is, 2% remaining on box culvert installation and for grading and gravelling of approaches measured at 300m; 80% is complete, while 20% remains incomplete.

2. **Measures being undertaken by the Department:** The Department reported that several attempts had been made to reach out to the contractor—through formal correspondence and follow-up telephone calls—requesting the contractor to return to the site and complete the pending works, but all efforts have been unsuccessful. It was further reported that, despite having completed approximately 98% of the works, the Contractor had not raised any payment certificate for compensation for the works done.

Conclusion

The Committee directed the CECM, Department of Roads, Transport, Infrastructure and Public Works to take appropriate action in line with the terms of the contract and to report back to it on the progress made on the project. The Committee granted a timeline of up to 28th February, 2026. The owner of the statement expressed satisfaction with the Committee’s intervention on the matter.

Report signed by Hon. Franklin Simotwo Chairperson - Committee on Roads, Transport Infrastructure and Public Works

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Well, the owner of the statement is around and he has been following. I have been also observing Hon. Kikechi. You can react on what has been presented.

Hon. Benard Kikechi: Thank you, Honourable Speaker. Indeed what the chair of the committee of Roads has read is what we discussed at the committee level. I would like to raise some concerns on these roads. On the issue of culverts... I need your protection Mr. Speaker. Hon. Allan here is trying to distract me

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Mr. Deputy Speaker: Let us allow him to proceed Hon. Allan.

Hon. Benard Kikechi: We had agreed at the committee level that the contractor should come back on site to complete the works. As we are speaking now, that bridge, the first one of Bilongo, the rains have started there and as we are speaking now, it is completely impassable because the contractor never came back on site. We agreed with the CECM that the way the chairman has read here that he was to come back but obviously he has not.

On the recommendation of the department using the retention money to complete the work, they have not given the timelines. I agreed to that but how I wish they could have given the timelines, the way they have given to the second one whereby they have given a deadline of 28 February. What I would like to urge the chairman of the committee is that this work is long overdue. The contractor was paid almost everything. How I wish that the department could have moved with speed so that they could finish the work that was supposed to have been finished in time. Thank you.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Thank you so much Hon. Kikechi, chair respond to and assure the House on the concerns of the Hon. Kikechi.

Hon. Francis Simotwo: Thank you Mr. Speaker as a committee, we have noted.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Kikechi you should be listening to him.

Hon. Francis Simotwo: We have noted the concern and I will be able to make a follow-up so that the department can really commit on the date and time. If it is the issue of retention, they should be able to communicate the time that the contractor would be assigned should we go back to the work, then complete the work as said by the Hon. Kikechi.

I think it is very important that they have to get us the timeline because we should not just be having a story which does not end. It's good that we make sure that he gets back and commits on time that they should be able to complete and make what they want as per the recommendation. Thank you.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Thank you. Yes, Hon. Ipara.

Hon. Johnstone Ipara: Honourable Speaker, I'm happy that our chair says that. I also happen to be a member of that committee. The first response to the first issue raised by Hon. Kikechi was

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conclusively agreed in the presence of Hon. Kikechi where it was said two attempts have been made to make the contractor come back. He failed.

Then the decision that the committee together with Hon. Kikechi decided was we resolved that the department should retender the remaining works which had a balance of Kshs 700,000 and the CEC and his team agreed that that money is capable of completing the remaining works. So what we are waiting from the CEC is only a confirmation that a firm has been identified.

Number two, have you heard from the chair? He's saying 98 percent of the works have been done. What was left was only two. The default was not for the department. The default was for the contractor. He never even raised any certificate for payment and in the presence of the CEC and the committee, Hon. Kikechi was also tasked to assist the department to trace the whereabouts of the contractor so that he can be paid what is duly due for him or her. That was the position. These other matters that are being raised here are not there or here; they are non-issues. Thank you.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Thank you Hon. Okasida, being part of the committee. Hon. Chikati Timothy Chetekeyi...

Hon. Timothy Chikati: Yes, thank you, Speaker. I also happen to be a member of the roads committee and as the two reports have been read by the chair, Hon. Kikechi was satisfied with the committee recommendations.

(Applause)

So he should not stand here to raise extra issues because we have been going around with this statement several times. This is now the fourth time, Hon. Kikechi. You need to be satisfied with what we gave you. Thank you.

(Applause)

Mr. Deputy Speaker: We have the whip, Majority whip.

Hon. Meshack Museveni: Asante Spika kwa kunipa nafasi. Langu ni nataka tu niulize hii mambo ya response tukileta kwa House, nataka nijuwe hii reponse ile huwa tunafanya Ministry inafanya wakati kama sahih Mheshimiwa Kikechi ameleta hii *response* yake huwa wanaifwata wafanye ile tumepitisha ama huwa tunakaa tu hapa tukiongea. Kama Mheshimiwa Kikechi aongee wakati ikiisha hawafanyi unaona kesho yake Mheshimiwa Kikechi tena anakuja na

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statement tena anataka *response*. Nataka Mheshimiwa spika kama tumefanya *response* acha tuangalie mwenzetu yule ameuliza *response* yake ifanyike pia hata mtu akileta mjadala ya *response* itakuwa inafanya kazi. Bure vile ninaangalia hii kaunti yetu ni kama tumekuja tu tufanye mchezo hapa na mwisho hawatufanyii kazi. Nataka niulize Mheshimiwa Chikati ya kwamba *yes* yeye ni *member* wa *roads* lakini mwenye ameuliza sababu yeye ndio anafinywa kwa kiatu. Wacha niulize Mheshimiwa *chair* wa barabara ya kwamba tunataka kama mheshimiwa spika umepitisha hapa kwasababu wewe ndio vile tumesema yale wewe umesema iende na tungalie kitu imefanyika kwa mwenzetu ndio kesho hata nikiwa na shida mimi itatusaidia. Lakini hii vitu kila siku hata hii leo Mheshimiwa anamaliza mwingine ataleta lakini hakuna mahali penye inaenda. Asante

(*Applause*)

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Thank you Majority whip Hon. Meshack Wekesa Simiyu Museveni member for Mukuyuni. Hon. Kikechi, we need to get you, hear you and then our chair will respond by giving us timelines. Yes.

Hon. Benard Kikechi: Thank you, Honourable Speaker. You see it is very disheartening to see members of a committee doing mob justice to a valid raised statement and you see this is an issue that is really affecting me as an Honourable Member of that ward. I put there money through CEF 7.5 million. That's not little money.

As we speak now, the box culvert is not passable. The word on the ground is that I ate that money that's why the bridge is not complete. So when you find somebody an elected member, also supporting as if he works with the Executive, it is very disheartening because this is an issue whereby I expected the chair of the committee to give the timelines.

On the second issue, the second bridge he has clearly stated that the CEC should respond by 28th of February. Now, this first one, there are very good recommendations whereby the department will not release the retention money, which is okay, I agreed. MS/Alto Construction will not be considered for any works, it's okay. The department will source for another contractor using the retention money, it is okay. But where are the timelines? When? That is a valid concern. Kindly give guidance.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: I think... A minute Hon. Korir.

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We can't labor so much on this issue. It's a straightforward issue because in conclusion this report talks about the Honourable Member having been satisfied with the committee intervention on the matter but what he is asking is timeline.

So Hon. Korir, can you tell the House this issue about timelines? If not, you convene a meeting with your committee and hasten the process of this. So that you do the same, addendum to the same so that we hasten and the people of Mbakalo should get their rights. Hon. Korir.

Hon. Francis Simotwo: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'm in agreement with the Speaker. But I want to bring the attention of this House that as far as the issue of Hon. Kikechi, the committee, we have done our part. You see the commitment from the committee. We have attended to this statement for quite some time. I want to urge Hon. Kikechi that we are committed. I feel the pain and we will work around the clock to make sure that the issue of Mbakalo be resolved.

The issue of the second statement is that it's just about to sanction the department to start the process because now they will be using the retention. Just to immediately source another contractor so that he can go to site, then the works can be completed.

The issue of that now the statements coming to the House, as a department of roads, we have done our part. We have attended to these statements, sought by Hon. Kikechi. This is the third time we have been making sure that he gets the information. That is the primary step of the committee. So I urge that members, we are on the track. We are on the track. We are handling the issue.

The issue of discrediting the committees that we own statements. The statements have been coming to this House. They have been attended. So we cannot say that statements have been coming then we as chairs we are not attending. We have been doing that's why today we are responding for the third time. That is our commitment as a committee.

Otherwise, Hon. Kikechi, we are committed that we will do whatever it costs to make sure that the timeline is that now you know the issue of the process, should be initiated by the department. So I think we will call the CEC at the department so that we can agree the time to start the process. Thank you.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Korir Franklin Simotwo, member for Chepyuk and Chair - Roads.

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Honourable members, I want to give direction here that the leadership of the committee on Roads should convene a meeting as soon as possible and be in consultation with the Executive so that you can work on the timelines of this issue. Let it be documented that we have timeline for the same. I think you can organize for an emergency meeting, committee meeting, immediately this week so that you can have a deliberation on this and set timelines so that the work in question can be completed. That's my direction.

Next item,

ADJOURNMENT

Honourable members, there being no other business, this sitting will be adjourned so that we resume in the afternoon, 2:30 p.m. but after here all the Liaison members are meeting in committee room three.

The House rose at 10:35a.m.

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