

**REPUBLIC OF KENYA**  
**COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF KILIFI**

**THE HANSARD**

**Monday, 24<sup>th</sup> October, 2016**

*The House met at the County Assembly Chamber, Malindi Town, at 2:30 p.m.*

*[The Speaker (Hon. Kahindi) in the Chair]*

**PRAYERS**

**STATEMENTS**

**The Speaker** (Hon. Kahindi): Is hon. Foleni in the House? Anybody who has been delegated? Hon. Pascal? He is still out. Next Order!

*Statement deferred*

**BILLS**

**THE KILIFI COUNTY ABATTOIRS BILL, 2016**

*Second Reading*

**Hon. Gambo:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir. I beg to move The Kilifi County Abattoirs Bill, 2016 be read the Second Time. I call upon hon. (Ms.) Chiku Wanje to second.

*(Hon. (Ms.) Chiku stood at her place and bowed to second)*

*(The Speaker spoke off record)*

**The Speaker** (Hon. Kahindi): I am having technical issues with my microphone. The Motion is ready for debate.

*(Question Proposed)*

**Hon. (Ms.) Chiku:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir. I rise to support The Kilifi County Abattoirs Bill, 2016. This is a very important Bill because this is when we shall have rules and

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regulations regarding these abattoirs. Why am I saying this? Looking at the export market of meat especially from our county, targeting the neighbouring countries especially the Middle East, this country exports a lot of meat from Kenya and if we do not have the required standard of an abattoir, then we will not be able to get a certificate for international exports.

If this Bill comes into force, it is also going to assist our citizens in Kilifi County. We have one at Uwanja wa Ndege in this county and another one at Mombasa slaughterhouse. I think there is also one in Vipingo and Kilifi North in Sokoni Ward. These abattoirs are in a pathetic state because we do not have guidelines on how abattoirs are supposed to be but it is well covered in this Bill on cold storage and meat inspection in a very civilized manner. This Bill will also improve waste management and sanitation. I can give an example of the Mombasa slaughterhouse; it looks alright from outside but when it comes to disposal of the waste there was no drainage system and the owner was actually dumping the waste in the river and at the end of that river near Rabai, people were drinking that water. While I was at the council in Mariakani, we really fought hard but we did not have a policy like the one we are going to have now. This is going to be a wake-up call to all abattoir operators and I am sure in this Bill if the regulations are not covered, then we will not be able to be given a license to search an abattoir.

Kilifi County produces the best beef for export because we are a disease-free county unlike other places where they have a problem of foot and mouth disease. So, I urge the Members to support this Motion since we are going to take our abattoir standards to the next level to be international abattoirs. Thank you very much Mr. Speaker, Sir.

**The Speaker** (Hon. Kahindi): Thank you. Hon. Members, a Motion to have the Bill read for the Second Time has been moved and deliberated, I now put the question.

*(Question put and agreed to)*

*(The Bill was read a Second Time and committed to a Committee of the Whole House tomorrow)*

**The Speaker** (Hon. Kahindi): Next Bill!

*Second Reading*

#### THE KILIFI COUNTY LIVESTOCK SALE YARDS BILL, 2016

**Hon. Gambo:** Mr. Speaker, Sir, I beg to move;

That The Kilifi County Livestock Sale Yards Bill, 2016, be read a Second Time. I call upon hon. Sadi to second.

*(Hon. Sadi stood at his place to second)*

*(Question proposed)*

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**Hon. Sadi:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker Sir, for giving me this opportunity. I stand to support the approval of The Kilifi County Livestock Sale yard Bill, 2016 because of the following reasons.

Mr. Speaker Sir, you will agree with me that a bigger part of Kilifi County is semi-arid in that most of the farmers are livestock keepers. If we are going to have the sale yard we are going to create a ready market for our farmers in that whenever they want to sell their produce, they can easily access the market.

This law provides for the establishment of a mechanism of running livestock sale yards in that initially people thought that livestock sale yards are provisions made by the Kilifi County Government and that it was a government affair but in this law, there is a provision in that even a private person can establish a livestock sale yard.

In this Bill, there is an elaborate established system of licensing people to operate in the livestock sale yard. Currently, you will find that in the livestock sale yard, each and every person can go there and do business. You will never know whether they are crooks or really business people but this Bill is establishing a system whereby businessmen will be licensed after being vetted thoroughly to operate in these livestock sale yards.

In this Bill, there is a mechanism of running a proper administration in the livestock sale yards in that the County Government through the Public Service Board which will appoint an Inspector General who will be stationed in different sale yards to ascertain if an animal is fit to be sold. There will be a system whereby before a farmer brings an animal to the yard, it is properly inspected and given a sale certificate to ascertain that this animal is fit for sale.

In the livestock sale yards, there will be a proper system whereby the welfare of animals is taken care of. Currently, you will find that most people handle animals in an inhuman manner but this Bill seeks to establish a system whereby livestock and other animals will be taken care of properly; the owner of the livestock sale yard is supposed to ensure that the animals are fed and taken care of and even after sales, they are able to be transported in a good manner.

This Bill seeks to establish stalls whereby other type of business can be able to take place in the livestock sale yard. When you go to a livestock sale yard, you will find that there are other kinds of businesses like selling food, vegetable among others. This Bill seeks to establish that every livestock sale yard must have some stalls for other types of businesses to take place. I believe once this Bill is passed, we will go a long way in ensuring that Kilifi County is moving forward in terms of livestock sales in general.

**The Speaker** (Hon. Kahindi): Thank you hon. Sadi for your eloquent presentation. I am sure the Members are convinced to allow the Motion to go for a Second reading.

*(Question put and agreed to)*

*(The Bill was read a Second Time and committed to a Committee of the Whole House tomorrow)*

We had Statements but the owners of the Statement were not present. Hon. Pascal you are the Minority so I will let you have your say. Please proceed and read the Statement as soon as possible.

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## REQUEST FOR STATEMENT

### DELAYED PAYMENTS TO CONTRACTORS

**Leader of the Minority** (Hon. Pascal): Thank you Mr. Speaker for giving me an opportunity despite the fact that I did not have the first chance to read the Statement. This Statement is directed to the County Secretary through the Leader of Majority and it is all about delayed payments.

Is the County Secretary aware that Kilifi County contractors face bureaucratic challenges that range from loss of documents at the hands of corrupt County Officers to delayed payments?

What measures is the County government taking to cure this vice that has contributed to under-performance of the government and rendered many of County project re-voted every year?

**The Speaker** (Hon. Kahindi): Thank you. I think the Leader of Majority...these are very sensitive issues hon. Mwingo. What time do you need to bring feedback to this House?

**The Leader of Majority** (Hon. Mwingo): Thank you Mr. Speaker. I think I need at least two weeks.

**The Speaker** (Hon. Kahindi): The House will be proceeding on a short recess. I think on the 26<sup>th</sup> to come back on the 4<sup>th</sup> so we will handle it when we come back after the recess. Thank you.

## COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

### OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE REFURBISHED CHAMBER

Hon. Members, I want to revert back to the communication of the House. I received a confirmation from the Speaker of the Senate that he will be available to officiate the official opening of this refurbished Chamber on 4<sup>th</sup> of November. It is the day that we will be resuming back from recess. The function is scheduled to take place here at the County Assembly precincts starting from 2:00 p.m. I think before we depart for the short recess we will have a simulation of what to expect on that material day. We have invited His Excellency, the Governor to accompany the Speaker of the Senate and they will both sit on these two chairs which are with me here.

We have invited all the Members of the National Assembly, our Senator, our Women Representative, the 47 Speakers and some Members have already confirmed. We have invited the business community; the people of Kilifi; the CRA (Commission on Revenue Allocation), COB (Controller of Budget), EACC (Ethics and Anti Corruption Commission) and we expect that about five hundred people will attend.

The function is expected to be aired live either on NTV or Citizen TV so from 2:00 p.m, it is going to be one hour or two hours where we will be at the helm of National broadcasting. So there is a set of activities that will take place that day. We will launch our first edition of the County Assembly Magazine and I think enough copies will be given out to you so that you see the magazine. The County Assembly Service Board (CASB) has also finalized the Strategic Plan

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and the chief guest will also be laying a foundation stone for the new office block that we are building on the other side.

We have arranged two or three groups of people to have entertainment. I think the Leader of Minority undertook to bring traditional dancers from his Ward to entertain the guests. It is going to be a brief session so we need very brief entertainment. Members will not have anything to say in the Chamber since we will just listen to the speeches. After the speeches then we are going to mount a dais out there so that the Members can have something to say but I believe we will have so many guests. I am sure they will have more to say about us than us saying much that day.

So, that is what we are planning in the whole issue. The CASB appointed a Committee of the members of staff because we do not want hon. Members to run up and down for this day so there is a management committee that is running the whole affair. Lunch will be prepared at Dream of Africa hotel whereby the right hon. Speaker will arrive in the morning from Mombasa; he will be picked by his convoy and will be heading towards the hotel. All the Members of the County Assembly will be hosted for a luncheon with the guests and the convoy will leave the hotel heading this way. A guard of honour will be mounted and it will be inspected by the hon. Speaker, and the Members will proceed in to sit in the Chambers.

The Speaker of the Senate will be invited by his counterpart his Right hon. Speaker Kahindi in his office and then will match as we walk in. The TVs and Cameras will be on us and then we will make our speech which will be very brief; I can assure you. Then we will come out and give it to the Members whom we will have invited. We expect to receive more government delegations than members of the public.

There was a suggestion that for purposes of representation and it is open to your suggestion through the Leader of Majority who sits for the majority in the Board that Members get an opportunity to bring at least two or three people. We do not have space for everybody but the County Assembly can facilitate every Member to bring at least one or two people from his/her Ward to come and witness the whole event because we cannot bring everybody here. In fact by our projection these seats will not be enough because we have the ten CEC (County Executive Committee) Members, the Secretary General of CAF (County Assembly Forum) hon. Kochei told me he already took his *per diem* to come to Kilifi so he has confirmed he is coming and he is coming with his CASB because they want to see what we have done. So, we should expect many people to come.

I had suggested at the Board that you have one or two people in your Ward that you think you can bring along so that they can see what kind of work you have been doing as Members of the County Assembly. So, we will facilitate them to come and join us for lunch and then they can go back. I had suggested at least five people but then I was asked a very simple question; where will they seat? Because five multiply by the people who are here it is about one hundred and five the gallery itself will not be enough. I think with the two people it is okay. In the conference, we will mount one screen which is still lying in the stores. There are those people who will not have an opportunity to sit here who can watch the proceedings from the conference hall and we expect to put seats for about fifty people. In fact, they will see us being digital

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because they will not be here but they will be watching the proceedings from the conference hall just to maximize on the space.

I think I will deliberate with the Leader of Majority if you think that is a good idea and I am referring to all the Members of the County Assembly both elected and nominated; you can bring anybody you want. The assembly will arrange for their transport and lunch and everything just to showcase to the Ward people to witness the whole event. So if that is appropriate then of course we will make prior arrangements where these people will sit. We need them included in the lunches and everything so that we have a very wonderful and a fruitful day.

Earlier on, I had communicated on the 28<sup>th</sup> but I just got a letter from the Speaker of the Senate saying 28<sup>th</sup> he has parliamentary duties so he asked whether we could do it on 4<sup>th</sup> which is going to be on Friday. Fortunately, Friday is the day which we are supposed to resume session but since we do not sit on Friday, we will Gazette that day so that we re-open the Chamber officially on Friday then on Monday it will be the aftermath of the official opening then we proceed with our normal duties.

So, it is very simple; you will be live on television and you want to look your best. Though you will not get the opportunity to say anything but either Citizen TV or NTV will mount live broadcast so we need to look serious. You know what I mean hon. (Ms.) Chiku. I know you can do it very well.

#### MCA's PENDING CLAIMS

The Communication and word from the Clerk is that we were supposed to have a *Kamukunji* but I want to wrap it up that we were following up on issues of welfare and I am told things might be ready today but tomorrow anybody who has any outstanding issues please go where you are supposed to go and meet the people who you usually meet so that you see life is much more smoother.

When you were sitting here, the Clerk gave me a note that the cars now can go full tank in the afternoon but I am sure it has to be tomorrow because now all of us have been here including the Clerk but things are not as bad as you may think. I think I have answered the questions to some of the *Waheshimiwa*.

*(The Clerk at- the-Table consulted with the Speaker)*

I think I have put the question? My Clerk tells me we have not put the question, have we not? Hon. Gambo you will have to read now. So you have the power to read the Bill for the Second Time since the ayes have it.

*(Question put and agreed to)*

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## ADJOURNMENT

**The Speaker** (Hon. Kahindi): That brings us to the end of today's business. Hon. Members, in the absence of any other business in the Order Paper, I move to adjourn the House until tomorrow in the morning. Thank you very much.

**The House rose at 3:43 p.m.**

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