

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

**THE HANSARD**

**Monday, 27<sup>th</sup> February, 2017**

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

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

**PRAYERS**

**PAPER LAID**

REPORT ON THE KILIFI COUNTY SUSTAINABLE FOREST RESOURCES MANAGEMENT POLICY, 2016

**Hon. (Ms.) Muthoka:** Mr. Speaker, Sir, I beg to lay the following Paper on the Table:-  
The Report of the Select Committee on Delegated County Legislation on the Kilifi County Sustainable Forest Resources Management Policy, 2016.

*(Hon. (Ms.) Muthoka laid the document on the Table)*

**STATEMENTS**

MALFUNCTIONING STREET LIGHTS IN MARIAKANI TOWN

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Kenga): There is a response sought by hon. Saidi Mwachenda from the County Executive Committee Member for Lands, Energy, Housing and Physical Planning through the Chairperson Energy Committee. Yes hon. Kaunda.

**Hon. Kaunda:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir. I would like to read a response to the Statement sought by hon. Mwachenda to the County Executive Committee (CEC) Member for Lands, Energy Housing and Physical Planning. It reads:-

“Refer to your letter Ref. CAK/ADM/3/VOL.11/37 dated 10<sup>th</sup> November, 2016 requesting response on street lights in Mariakani Town as to why they have not been working for three months and the actions the Department is taking to address the same.

Kindly, note that energy function on streetlights was transferred to this Department from the Department of Transport, Roads and Public Works on 5<sup>th</sup> July, 2016 (copy attached).

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There are a total of 285 streetlights in Mariakani, comprising of 22 solar streetlights and 263 Kenya Power and Lighting Company streetlights.

The Kenya Power and Lighting Company streetlights have been off owing to pending bills and maintenance issues.

The Department however cleared all the pending bills as evidenced in the attached payments vouchers.

The Department has also set aside Kshs 600,000 for maintenance of streetlights and high masts in this supplementary budget to cater for maintenance cost.

The Department is in the process of entering into a frame work contract with a contractor to be maintaining all our county streetlights and high masts.”

Again Mr. Speaker, I want to say that the issue of non-functional streetlights and high masts is in every part of the county. I had a word with the CEC for Lands and Energy about that and I requested for a comprehensive Report to be read in the House. So, I wish to say that next week the Report will be ready. Thank you.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Kenga): Thank you. The Statement was sought by hon. Mwachenda and he is in the House. I wish to hear from him whether he is contented with whatever he has been given as response.

**Hon. Mwachenda:** Thank you. I think something is still left to be done since the response is dated 5<sup>th</sup> December, 2016 but still up to now, some of the lights are not working. So, I am not satisfied with the response.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Kenga): Thank you. Hon. Mwachenda feels that the Statement does not measure up to whatever was sought. Therefore, the hon. Member asked for more time for him to produce before the Assembly a comprehensive Report. What I want to put across before we hear responses from various hon. Members is that this Statement is dated 26<sup>th</sup> October, 2016, while we are now in the year 2017 end of February and still the Statement that has been given does not satisfy the requirements of the one who sought the Statement. Therefore, the Chairperson must move with speed and make sure that next time Statements are brought to the Assembly on time. Yes, an intervention from hon. Kiraga.

**Hon. Kiraga:** Thank you so much, Mr. Speaker. I have heard the Chairperson saying he is going to produce a comprehensive response; does it mean that he wants to withdraw whatever we have and if he wishes to withdraw, I think he should stand up and tell us.

Secondly, I would wish that the Chairperson tells us about the high mast data. Is it complete or it is in his comprehensive Report which is yet to be brought in this House?

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Kenga): Thank you hon. Kiraga for raising your concerns about the same. Hon. Chairperson, make your request.

**Hon. Kaunda:** If at all I need to inform the hon. Member of Gongoni, hon. Kiraga, I do not wish to withdraw the response to the Statement since it is already in the House. What I would wish to tell him is that next week God willing I will have a Report that covers even the problems you are raising.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Kenga): Thank you. There is a request from hon. Nzaro.

**Hon. Nzaro:** Thank you. I wish to concur with the hon. Chairperson on his sentiments about the Report. Mr. Speaker, there has been a problem in the funding aspect of this Department and if you look at the function of street lights, the resources are lumped under the Transport

Department. When we later requested for these resources to be moved to the Department of Lands and Energy so that they can cater for the maintenance of these street lights, I think that is where the problem was. When the Chairperson comes with a Statement next week, then the funding aspect of this Department in regards to the street lighting should be addressed. Thank you.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Kenga): Thank you very much, hon. Japheth Katana Nzaro. There is a request from hon. Pascal, the Minority Leader. Proceed please.

**The Leader of Minority** (Hon. Pascal): Thank you, Mr. Speaker, for this opportunity. I also want to concur with the Chairperson that he brings a comprehensive Report on the high masts because this one is a bit particular; it is about one town that is, Mariakani Town. We have had the same problem in Kaloleni and many other towns have the same problem. So, I would like him to go deeper into finding out what the mess is all about. This is because we have seen problems in the various Sub-Counties that have been installed with these high masts and probably who is responsible for handling the financial issues on the operations of these high masts. You will find out that if one breaks down, then it will take months for it to be repaired. So, whoever is responsible for handling the expenses involved should actually be on his toes so that whenever there is a break down, a follow up can be done and the problem is sorted out in good time.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Kenga): Thank you very much, the Minority Leader, for raising those concerns. However, the Chairperson for Energy at the County Assembly of Kilifi is guided by the Statement that was set. It reads, "...looking for the issues of street lights in regards to Mariakani Town." Therefore we are waiting as an Assembly to receive a comprehensive Report on the street lights in Mariakani Town. That Report must be comprehensive enough to be able to give a proper response to the Statement that was sought in regards to the issue of Mariakani. Thank you very much. There is still a Statement sought by hon. Stephen Bahati Mlanda. Kindly proceed.

#### LACK OF BASIC LIFE SUPPORT EQUIPMENT AND SIRENS IN THE COUNTY AMBULANCES

**Hon. Mlanda:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have a Statement directed to the Executive Committee Member in charge of Health Services through the Chairperson, Health Services Committee. My Statement reads:-

Whether the County Executive Committee Member in charge of Health Services is aware that the ambulances which were procured by the County Government lack basic life support equipment and also do not have sirens.

If yes, what measures has the County Executive Committee Member put in place to ensure that ambulances are well equipped and maintained?

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Kenga): Thank you very much hon. Stephen Bahati Mlanda for the Statement. The Chairperson for Health Services at the County Assembly of Kilifi hon. Albert Kiraga is present therefore he will pick it up. Yes hon. Kiraga, I can see your intervention.

**Hon. Kiraga:** Mr. Speaker, as much as we would wish to get a concrete Response from the Executive...

*(The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Kenga) consulted with the Clerk-at-the-Table)*

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Kenga): Okay, proceed.

**Hon. Kiraga:** Okay as much as we would wish to get concrete Responses from the Executive, we would also wish to forward concrete Statements to the Executive. The reason I am saying this is because I would like to understand the Mover of this Statement. Did he mean all procured ambulances in the county have no sirens or did he mean a specific ambulance that was used has no siren? If he is in a position to tell me that, then I will be very comfortable so that I can also forward the same to the Executive without further questions.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Kenga): Thank you very much hon. Kiraga. There is also an intervention from hon. (Ms.) Mbeyu.

**Hon. (Ms.) Mbeyu:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir. I was rising on an interjection when hon. Kiraga was speaking. This is a Statement that is sought by a hon. Member in this House; he is supposed to go find the Response. This is because there is no way he can give an answer right away and there is no way he can correct this Statement in the House. Mr. Speaker, I think we need your direction. Thank you.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Kenga): There is a request from hon. Mlanda.

**Hon. Mlanda:** Mr. Speaker, thank you, but I would like to point it out to the Chairperson of Health that it is his duty to know how many ambulances the County Government has and how many ambulances have no sirens and life support equipment. This is because it is within his docket. Thank you.

*(Applause)*

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Kenga): Thank you very much. The Statement that has been sought by the hon. Member has gone through the various stages that it is supposed to undergo before it is brought before the Assembly. Therefore, it meets all that is required for it to be tabled before the Assembly. Hon. Chairperson and the Members within your Committee, I believe you have a duty and responsibility to make sure that you bring to this House a Response to this Statement in two weeks time. Thank you very much.

## ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Members, there being no other business, this honourable House stands adjourned until tomorrow Tuesday, 28<sup>th</sup> February, 2017 at 9.00 a.m. Thank you.

**The House rose at 2:50 p.m.**

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