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## NYANDARUA COUNTY ASSEMBLY

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#### OFFICIAL REPORT

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*The Assembly met at the Assembly Chamber at 9.00 a.m.*

*[The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Wambugu King'ori) in the Chair]*

#### PRAYER

#### QUORUM CALL AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE SITTING

*(There is no quorum as confirmed by the clerk-at-the-table)*

**Speaker:** Quorum having not been recognized, I direct, pursuant to article 34(1) of our Standing Orders, that the quorum bell be rung for ten minutes or until such a time within the ten minutes that quorum will have been achieved.

*(The bell rings for 2 minutes and quorum is achieved as confirmed by the clerk- at -the table)*

#### PAPERS

#### RESPONSE TO THE STATEMENT SOUGHT ON THE VIABILITY OF THE STALLED KAIMBAGA WATER PROJECT.

**Speaker:** Yes, County Member from Magumu, Hon. Teresia Njoki.

**Hon. Teresia Njoki:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. On behalf of our Chairperson, Committee on Water, Energy, Environment and Natural Resources, Hon. Kiruka Mburu, I wish to table the Report by the Water, Energy, Environment and Natural Resources Committee in response to the statement sought by Hon. Samuel Kimani Njiraini on the Viability of the Stalled Kaimbaga Water Project.

**Speaker:** Very well, the paper is duly laid. Next order.

#### NOTICES OF MOTION

#### RESPONSE TO THE STATEMENT SOUGHT ON THE VIABILITY OF THE STALLED KAIMBAGA WATER PROJECT

**Speaker:** Yes, County Member from Magumu, Hon. Teresia Njoki.

**Hon. Teresia Njoki:** Thank you Mr Speaker. Again, on behalf of our Chairperson, Committee on Water, Energy, Environment and Natural Resources, Hon. Kiruka Mburu, I wish to give notice of the following motion;

THAT this House does adopt the Report of the Water, Energy, Environment and Natural Resources Committee in response to the statement sought by Hon. Samuel Kimani Njiraini on the viability of the stalled Kaimbaga Water Project as a report of this House and the recommendations therein as the resolutions of this House.

*(Hon. Kariuki Muchiri rises on a point of order)*

**Speaker:** What is it Member for Murungaru?

**Hon. Kariuki Muchiri:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. Is it in order for the Member to come all the way to the front table to give a notice of motion while there is a microphone right in front of her? I thought the microphone on the table was reserved for those tabling papers.

**Speaker:** Thank you Leader of Majority, but I beg for your indulgence as we are only learning to use the new equipment. Yes Member for Kipipiri.

**Hon. Michael Kirumba:** Thank you Mr. Speaker but I think it is important that you give us the right direction regarding the issue that has been raised.

**Speaker:** Yes, Member for Murungaru, Hon. Kariuki Muchiri.

**Hon. Kariuki Muchiri:** Thank you Mr Speaker. I think the purpose of mounting the microphones in front of our seats was to reduce unnecessary movements in the House and, if we have to go all the way to the front, their purposes will be defeated.

*(Hon. Dorcas Kihara rises on a point of information)*

**Speaker:** To whom do you want to give the information County Member from Githioro?

**Hon. Dorcas Kihara:** To the Member for Murungaru.

**Speaker:** Member for Murungaru, do you require the information from the County Member from Githioro?

**Hon. Kariuki Muchiri:** Yes, I do.

**Speaker:** Proceed County Member from Githioro.

**Hon. Dorcas Kihara:** Thank you Mr Speaker. I believe that it is only fair that the microphones on the table be reserved for chairpersons or anyone standing in for them when laying papers on the table, giving notices of motion or even moving motions. For the rest of us, let us use the microphones mounted right in front of our seats.

**Speaker:** Thank you Hon. Members; it is important that we emulate the best practices from commonwealth legislatures. However, I really do not see the essence of you leaving your chair with a well mounted and perfectly functional microphone to come all the way to the front unless you are laying a paper on the table. Proceed County Member from Magumu.

**Hon. Teresia Njoki:** Thank you Mr Speaker Sir, in my opinion, the Speaker should take us for an induction course probably in the Senate or the National Assembly.

*(Hon. James Gachomba rises on a point of order)*

**Speaker:** What is it Member for Njabini Kiburu?

**Hon. James Gachomba:** Thank you Mr Speaker, I feel it is unbecoming of a Member of the County Assembly to ask for an induction course on an issue like this. Surely, do you require to be taught how to use a microphone?

*(Laughter)*

**Speaker:** Proceed County Member from Magumu.

**Hon. Teresia Njoki:** Thank you Mr Speaker. I wish to give notice of the following motion;

THAT this House does adopt the Report of the Water, Energy, Environment and Natural Resources Committee in response to the statement sought by Hon. Samuel Kimani Njiraini on the viability of the stalled Kaimbaga Water Project as a report of this House and the recommendations therein as the resolutions of this House.

**Speaker:** Very well, the notice is duly given and I believe the motion has already been slotted in the order paper.

Next order.

### STATEMENTS

**Speaker:** What is it Member for Mirangine?

**Hon. David Ndirangu (Mirangine):** Thank you Mr Speaker, I remember asking for a Statement from this House regarding road projects in Mirangine around August- September and if my memory serves me well, the Member of the that Committee present during that sitting promised they would bring a report to this House in two weeks' time but no report has been brought here. Yesterday, the Committee was to visit my ward about the same issue and I waited all day but I saw no one.

**Speaker:** Very well, fortunately, the Chairperson of the Committee on Roads, Public Works and Transport is in the House and he can respond.

**Hon. Kimani Gachuhi:** Thank you Mr Speaker. I am surprised that the member for Mirangine is speaking as if he doesn't know the story...

*(Hon. James Gachomba rises on a point of order)*

**Hon. James Gachomba:** Is it in order for the Member for Weru to tell us about stories when all the Member for Mirangine was asking is whether or not his statement was responded to so that we can deliberate on it?

Thank you Mr Speaker.

**Speaker:** It seems that the Member for Njabini/Kiburu is not aware that the Member for Weru is the Chairperson of the Committee on Roads, Public Works and Transport and he is attempting to explain what transpired so that the statement was not responded to. Proceed Member for Weru.

**Hon. Kimani Gachuhi:** Thank you Mr Speaker, it seems as though the Member for Njabini Kiburu has his own issues. You cannot be oblivious to the political environment as it is. Right now you will find over 10 opponents on the ground. It is a sacrifice to even come to the House because the people on the ground are complaining that they never see us yet we are here representing them. I however do not intend to give excuses to this House. The Committee is committed to visit the ward tomorrow and the Member for Mirangine is well aware of that. He knows what transpired the day we were to visit his ward. We even had a man to man talk. Let the Member wait for the Committee to expedite its mandate appropriately and we shall table that report in less than two weeks. Thank you Mr Speaker

**Speaker:** Very well. So you are saying the report will be ready next week?

**Hon. Kimani Gachuhi:** Yes, Mr Speaker, after we come back from the County Assemblies' Summit.

*(Hon. Dorcas Kihara rises on a point of order)*

**Speaker:** What is it County Member from Githioro, Hon. Dorcas Kihara

**Hon. Dorcas Kihara:** Thank you Mr Speaker, for giving a window for this order (Statements). I also remember asking for a statement in December, 2015 from the very same chairperson of Roads and because the chair is here, maybe he can tell us what transpired because it is over two years now. There is also another statement I had requested from the chairperson of Tourism and Industrialization regarding the funds spent on Miss Tourism event. I requested for some time in 2015 and it is unfortunate that the chairperson of Industrialization is not here. We have a role to play on matters oversight and I would like to know when the statements will be responded to.

**Speaker:** Chairperson of the Committee on Roads, Public Works and Transport, please respond.

**Hon. Kimani Gachuhi:** Thank you Mr Speaker but as we have already indicated we will bring the report after recess

*(Hon. Rebecca Nyangati rises on a point of information)*

**Speaker:** To whom do you want to give the information, County Member from Njabini Kiburu?

**Hon. Rebecca Nyangati:** To Hon. Dorcas Kihara.

**Speaker:** Proceed

**Hon. Rebecca Nyangati:** Thank you Mr Speaker, as a member of the Roads Committee, I am aware that the statement requested by Hon. Dorcas has been worked on and on two separate occasions, we have sought facilitation to go and write the report but we have never been granted on the basis that there are no funds. However, should the letter we brought to you be signed, the committee will be travelling tomorrow to compile that report for two days.

*(Hon. Kinyanjui Gachari rises on a point of information)*

**Speaker:** To whom do you want to give the information, Member for Shamata?

**Hon. Kinyanjui Gachari:** The Chairperson of the Committee on Roads, Public Works and Transport.

**Speaker:** Do you require the information, Member for Weru?

**Hon. Kimani Gachuhi:** Yes, Mr Speaker, Sir.

**Speaker:** Proceed Member for Shamata.

**Hon. Kinyanjui Gachari:** Thank you Mr Speaker, we passed the budget and the executive has been repairing roads. However, the executive is repairing the roads in bits and when we ask for the schedule, they are not willing to give us any information. I am requesting the chairperson of the Committee on Roads to visit those offices and ensure that we are furnished with all the relevant information.

**Speaker:** What is it Member for Njabini- Kiburu?

**Hon. James Gachomba:** Mr Speaker, I want to echo the sentiments of the Hon. Members. Let us call a spade, a spade. Statements on road have been requested by members in this House but the committee on road has not followed up on them despite the fact that those

roads were allocate money in the budget. The committee on roads should wake up and a save this House from what it is going through...

*(Hon. Kimani Gachuhi rises on a point of order)*

**Speaker:** What is it member for Weru?

**Hon. Kimani Gachuhi:** Is it in order for the member to attack the Committee on Roads knowing very well that the committee did its part and the investigation on this was left to the Public Investments and Accounts Committee.

**Speaker:** Order member for Weru! Hon. Gachomba was giving you information.

**Hon. Kimani Gachuhi:** Mr Speaker, this is all a lie. I want to tell the member how the LSOs are being given. Two weeks ago we invited all the members to the committee and none of them turned up. We cannot work without the support of the members. You cannot expect the committee to follow up on roads and push and then individual members go to the CECM for Roads Transport and Public Works department to do it on their own. We have to go there as one under the Committee on Roads...

*(Hon. Kieru Wambui rises on a point of order)*

**Hon. Kieru Wambui:** Mr Speaker, in as much as I would like to agree with the member for Weru, I do not. Members failing to turn up for a committee is a non-issue here. Has the committee compiled a report on what they have been doing and it failed to pass? They should have gone ahead and compiled a report with recommendations. If in a committee you call a witness and he or she fails to turn up, does that mean that you will not compile a report? You are saying that members go there and they are compromised. How sure are you that members get compromised or get into tricky businesses?

**Speaker:** It seems like this issue is becoming difficult and we have two options here, to request for a statement or move a motion.  
Next order!

*(Hon. Josphat Kamau rises)*

What is it member for Leshau-Pondo?

**Hon. Josphat Kamau:** Mr Speaker, allow me to air my concerns like the rest of the members have done...

**Speaker:** Do you want to speak because the rest have?

**Hon. Josphat Kamau:** Mr Speaker, I want to air my views as a representative of the people. I want to disagree with the member for Weru that members are being compromised by the executive. Is the chairperson aware that one of the public offices has remained closed for almost four months? This is the office of the chief officer and the members can attest to this. There is no single day that we have found the person we vetted here for that position in the office. He works from elsewhere. We have not been compromised, the word we should use is that the department has frustrated the members completely.

*(Hon. Kimani Gachuhi rises)*

**Speaker:** Order member! What the members are saying is important but I have said that for this issue to be debated on a member should seek a statement or bring a motion for debate.

Next order

*(Hon. Michael Kirumba rises)*

**Speaker:** What is it Hon. Kirumba?

**Hon. Michael Kirumba:** Mr Speaker, I also have something that I need to say here and now that it is touching on roads. Mr Speaker, we have about two months to finish the financial year 2016/2017. Contractors have not even seen some of the roads that they are supposed to work on. Is that not a joke? We were born in Nyandarua and it is only this year that the rains did not come in February. In Kinangop it is raining and if you dare take a grader there, the electorate will ask where you were when it was not raining. There are about four to five roads in my ward that I do not know who the contractors are. It is good that the Chairperson of the Committee on Road captures that so that he can consult with the executive. You can see that we are having a problem achieving quorum here because of the pressure that we have and it cannot continue like this.

Thank you Mr Speaker.

**Speaker:** Yes, member for Gathanji.

**Hon. Samuel Thuita:** Mr Speaker, I also want to contribute on the same. If my memory serves me right, the Hon. Speaker directed the Leader of Majority to liaise with the department on the LSO and I do not know how far he has gone with that. Now that it has come up in this House (and it is generating a lot of heat) he is in the House and he can tell the House the progress he has made.

**Speaker:** Yes member for Shamata.

**Hon. Kinyanjui Gachari:** Mr Speaker, now that this issue has become very serious, I rise to move a motion to adjourn the House to discuss a matter of county importance

**Speaker:** This is a very important issue and the Standing Order that Hon. Gachari is trying to quote cannot apply. That is Standing Order No. 33 (2)

A Member who wishes to seek leave to move the suspension of the House shall, at least two hours before the commencement of the sitting, hand to the Speaker a written notification of the matter but the Speaker shall refuse to allow the claim, unless the Speaker is satisfied that the matter is definite, urgent and of county importance and may properly be raised on a Motion for adjournment of the House.

I will say that Hon. Gachari and the rest of the member to have that motion moved in the afternoon.

## MOTION

### WASTE MANAGEMENT IN KARAU WARD

**Speaker:** Yes, member for Karau Hon. Kamau Ngotho.

**Hon. Kamau Ngotho:** Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir, I beg to move the following motion;

Aware that Part II of the Fourth Schedule of the Constitution of Kenya 2010 provides for refuse removal, refuse dumps and solid waste disposal as part of the devolved functions;

Further aware that the Nyandarua County Government has established the department of Health Services whose mandate includes among other things to deal with management of refuse removal and disposal; ...

*(Hon. Samuel Thuita rises on a point of order)*

**Speaker:** What is it member for Gathanji?

**Hon. Samuel Thuita:** Mr Speaker, the member for Karau ward is moving a motion but in the order paper it is written notice of motion. We ask that we get a clarification on the same.

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

**Speaker:** The member for Gathanji is very observant and it is true that in the order paper it seems like it is a notice of motion that should be given but it had been given yesterday. I am however being informed by the Clerk-at-the-Table that this is a typo. Member for Karau proceed.

**Hon. Kamau Ngoto:** Thank you Mr Speaker, I hope the member for Gathanji was present yesterday. The notice of motion was given on my behalf by Hon. Joyce Ng'ang'a, county member from Magumu.

Aware that Part II of the Fourth Schedule to the Constitution of Kenya 2010 provides for refuse removal, refuse dumps and solid waste disposal as part of the devolved functions;

Further aware that the Nyandarua County Government has established the department of Health Services whose mandate includes among other things to deal with management of refuse removal and disposal;

Concerned that Ol'kalou Town has witnessed piling of refuse along the roads and pathways leading to environmental pollution and blockage of water ways and trenches; Further concerned that funds set aside for the Karau Garbage Collection amounting to Kenya Shilling one million (Ksh.1,000,000) in the 1<sup>st</sup> Supplementary Budget Estimates for the FY 2016/2017 has not been utilized in Karau Ward;

Noting that so many youths and women are jobless and desperately looking for meaningful earning to fend for their families and who would be directly involved in this noble course of garbage collection;

Now therefore I urge that this House does resolve that:

1. That the Executive Committee Member for Health Services does actualize the implementation of the Karau Garbage Collection vote head in the 1<sup>st</sup> Supplementary Budget Estimates for the FY 2016/2017;
2. That in the implementation of the budget, the County Executive Committee Member for Health Services does consider utilization of the youths and women in collection of garbage in Karau Ward; and
3. That the Department of Health does formulate a garbage collection and management policy that shall sustainably ensure clean urban centres in Nyandarua County.

Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir.

Mr Speaker, waste in the major town of the county has become an eyesore. Waste management in the upcoming towns such as Mairo-Inya, OlJoro-Orok, Kasuku, Captain, Kariamu, Wanjohi Miharati, Engineer and Magumu has been ignored. Waste management has been given to Health Sector and liquid management was given to department of Water.

Some of these towns have been allocated casual labourers, Njabini has been given 7 new casual labourers. I do not know how the County Public Service Board works on this because when I and the member for Kaimbaga go to them asking for casual labourers in the county headquarters they tell us that there are no vacancies for casual labourers. It was said by Hon. Kamau Josphat that in here there are some people that eat meat while others eat grass.

*(Hon. Dorcas Kihara rises on a point of order)*

**Speaker:** What is it Hon. Dorcas?

**Hon. Dorcas Kihara:** Mr Speaker, the issue that Hon. Kamau is discussing is very sensitive and it is good that he tables a document to ascertain what he is saying.

**Speaker:** Is your claim on what is transpiring in the County Public Service Board a true one.

**Hon. Kamau Ngotho:** Mr Speaker, the burden of truth is vested on... If for instance I say that you are a thief, you will have to proof that you are not a thief. I would have asked Hon. Peter Maina, since he is the chairperson of the committee that deals with Public Service, whether it is true that there are newly engaged casual labourers and that it is true that 7 of them are in Njabini. It has been said that all of the newly engaged casual labourers were taken to Kinangop Sub-County. I am not sure how many were taken to Ndunyu-Njeru. This is a fact and even if I would be woken up in the middle of the night I would say the same. Let Hon. Peter Maina proof that statement wrong.

Mr Speaker, most of the members take lunch in this town and some of them reside here but this is a place that you cannot be proud of. There is no need for such magnificent houses like this County Assembly and the County Headquarters that is ongoing while the town is covered in litter. There is need for a policy to manage this. The problem we have is that the chief officer health is the acting County Secretary. He does not even know what he should do first, to be a County Secretary or the Chief Officer. These are the most important dockets in the county and it is unfortunate that the governor appointed a Chief Officer Health to act in the position of a County Secretary. We had issues with J. M hospital now it is garbage collection and very soon we are going to have issues in the dispensaries.

I have been going to those offices requesting that the women and youth groups are given the job to clean the town. I have gone to the chief officer's office around seven times. He referred me to a certain Mr Chege whose office I have gone to severally, I have made calls also to no avail. The dumpsite for Ol'kalou town is in Kaimbaga ward represented by Hon. Njiraini and they have tried to rehabilitate it. We wanted the garbage separated so that we can have polythene or waste that can be recycled separated and then engage organisations that do recycling. There is no need of building magnificent buildings like the new Assembly premises and the county government headquarter offices whose construction is underway when our town is strewn with litter. We should even have a policy on litter management.

The Chief Officer for Health Services doubles up as the acting County Secretary. This makes it tricky for him to divide his time between the two dockets. The two dockets are very important and it is unfortunate that the Governor could appoint the Chief Officer for Health Services to be the County Secretary on acting capacity. Things are not okay; we had issues of J. M. Hospital, now we are talking of garbage collection. Soon we will probably be discussing issues related to dispensaries. I have been visiting the related offices to compel them to utilize the Kshs.1 million on funding garbage collection by the youth in the model applied by the

National Youth Service (NYS). For more than seven times have I visited the Health Services Chief Officer's Office to advocate for this only to be referred to one Mr Chege. All has ended in vain. Nevertheless, the Department of Health Services has made efforts to rehabilitate the dumpsite in Kaimbaga Ward, to which garbage from Ol'kalou is taken.

We should engage the youth in sorting garbage after which we invite multinational organizations to recycle polythene bags and other wastes. This is being done in Nakuru and Nairobi Counties where garbage collectors are multimillionaires. Even youths with degrees can collect garbage. These are the means of engaging the youth in profitable activities. I challenge Members who represent the youth in this House to look for ways of engaging the youth in activities that benefit them financially. We should not always talk of employing the youth in government organizations. How many youths can the vacancies in the County Executive or Assembly employ? Actually very few. Engaging the youth in activities such as garbage collection makes them resourceful. I hear some officials in the Executive start by implementing projects that are allocated huge sums of money. They have no regard for projects allocated small amounts of money.

We need to have public-private partnership. The youth cannot start collecting garbage with vehicles; they can only start with donkey-pulled carts. Why can't the county government provide vehicles and related tools to the youth for garbage collection for the first three years after which it tells them that they should have their own vehicles for the same? That is what Governor Kinuthia Mbugua of Nakuru County did. Now in Nakuru you see lorries branded names of youth or women groups. This should be adopted in our County rather than engaging casuals which will increase the wage bill. Should the engaged youths or women fail to deliver better services, the county government should terminate the engagement. The clean-up initiative by the NYS helped improve the hygienic status of many urban areas, for example, Kondere in Kisumu and Kibera in Nairobi.

*(The deputy Speaker, Hon Wambugu King'ori, leaves the Speaker's Chair)*

*(Temporary Speaker, Hon Rahab Wanjihia, assumes the Speaker's Chair)*

Governor Joho is being accused not because he has not constructed roads nor built attractive tourist sites, but because of the grotesque condition of Mombasa town. Mombasa town is also strewn with litter. Sewer also runs in open trenches throughout the town.

Lack of garbage collection system in Ol'kalou can cost not only Hon. Kimani Njiraini and I seats but also the Governor himself. As part of his legacy, our Governor should leave Ol'kalou a very clean town. Right now the town is small but very dirty.

I used my money to install dust bins in Ol'kalou town. But that is not sustainable. This is because once the dust bins are filled there is no one to collect the litter. The Department of Health Services purported to have thought of doing the same. We need a fully funded department for garbage collection and management. The CECM for Health Services should manage of garbage collection in Ol'kalou town and its environs, especially Huruma, Site and Jua Kali estates. I now wish to call my good friend and neighbour, Hon. Kimani Njiraini, to second. Thank you Madam Speaker.

**Speaker:** Yes Hon. Kimani Njiraini.

**Hon. Kimani Njiraini:** Thank you Madam Speaker. I thank Hon. Kamau Ngotho for moving the motion on cleanliness of Ol'kalou town and its environs. We have always cried foul about this matter. Failure to collect garbage has made the town look a small dirty market. We should make Ol'kalou clean.

It seems some officers in the Executive have no interest of our county at heart. Some of them have not been heeding the resolutions of this House. Hon. Kamau Ngotho had to come

up with the motion at hand, yet there is money that was set aside in the budget for garbage collection. The money will end up being returned to Treasury and therefore it will not serve its intended purpose.

We should involve our youths in garbage collection and cleaning of our town. We have very aggressive youth who can do this job excellently. Thirty percent of projects should be awarded to the youth and women. We should involve the youth and women in projects implementation in our County. If the youth are involved in cleaning Ol'kalou town, they would feel a sense of ownership for the same. I see some youths ferrying garbage with donkey-pulled carts to dumpsites from Ol'kalou town. The Department of Roads, Public Works and Transport did not upgrade the road leading to the dumpsite up to the required standard.

Establishing public private partnership will enhance healthy competition between the county government and private sector. Ol'kalou town, which is our county headquarters, is one of the dirtiest. Blocked drainage systems take centuries to unblock. But if we involve the youth in unblocking the drainage systems they would do an excellent job and our town would have a new face. The Department of Health Services and the Department of Water, Environment and Natural Resources should address issues relating to drainages and solid waste management. To give our headquarters a new face, the motion at hand that has been moved by Hon. Kamau Ngotho should be taken very seriously.

With those remarks Madam Speaker, I beg to second. Thank you.

*(Question proposed)*

**Speaker:** Yes, Member for Gathanji, Hon. Samuel Thuita.

**Hon. Samuel Thuita:** Thank you Madam Speaker. I rise to second the motion moved by Hon. Kamau Ngotho. If you visit the town centres in our county, you will affirm what Hon. Kamau Ngotho said. Many activities related to garbage collection happen in cities like Nairobi and Nakuru. Assuming the said towns were in Nyandarua, would our County Government manage to collect all the garbage in them? At the main market in Ol'kalou town, for example, there is a huge pile of garbage, possibly accumulated for more than a month, notwithstanding that this House passed a vote head on purchase of trucks for garbage collection. I wonder what the trucks do. I also wonder whether those charged with the responsibility of garbage collection and cleaning our town centres in our county are serious with their work. Of the seven town centres in Gathanji ward, it is only in one (Boiman Town) in which a casual worker was deployed to collect garbage. We pay the youth to collect garbage in the other six town centres. Residents know that the area MCA is responsible for garbage collection.

You wonder why casual workers were deployed to collect garbage in some town centres and not in others. Has the responsible authority divided the county into regions? We should have equal distribution of resources in our county, even human resources. The responsible county department should wake up from its slumber. A motion on garbage collection was moved in this House and nothing was done. Something should be done on the motion at hand and the Committee on Implementation should do that.

With those remarks I beg to second.

**Speaker:** Yes, County Member from Githioro, Hon. Dorcas Kihara.

**Hon. Dorcas Kihara:** Thank you Madam Speaker. I rise to support the motion. Garbage collection in Karau ward was allocated a million shillings (Kshs.1,000,000) in the financial year 2016/17 supplementary budget. Is the Executive committed to improving the standards of Ol'kalou town as the county headquarters? The county government used a lot of money in constructing pavements and drainage systems along the main roads adjoining Ol'kalou town. But they are now strewn with litter. Someone must be sleeping on their job.

Remember offices of the Governor, CEC Members and other officers are situated within the headquarters.

Cleanliness is second to godliness. Nevertheless, Ol'kalou is heaving with litter. Remember dignitaries and diplomats who wish to pay our Governor a visit must access the town. In addition, I do not think anyone would be willing to invest in Ol'kalou town in its condition Madam Speaker. Our youth should be engaged to collect garbage in Ol'kalou town. The county government can formulate a policy in the mode of *kazi kwa vijana*<sup>1</sup> through which the youth should be involved to clean the county headquarters and other town centres in the county. Women groups could also be engaged in the same. Needless to say, women operate most of the businesses in our markets. They need to sell their products and materials in clean business environment. The buyers need to buy from clean markets.

If one visits the Assembly premises, they will feel as if they are in Nairobi. But when they visit Ol'kalou they find a totally different picture. I urge the Department in charge of health Services to do something. They cannot claim that there are no funds Madam Speaker. As the motion at hand states, there was an allocation of one million shillings (Kshs.1, 000,000) in the financial year 2016/17's supplementary budget.

I would wish that the county government and the department of health does something, they cannot say that there is no funds. In our first supplementary budget 2016/17, money was allocated for that purpose, I cannot understand why we seeing litter everywhere Madam Speaker. Drainages are filled with mud and litter too and will be blocked by the onset of the rains. A lot needs to be done and especially the people in charge of cleanliness in our towns should work hard and improve Ol'kalou, this is our city and people need to admire it. It sad that the Governor passes there, the honourable members and we truly do not want to see this

Hon. Kamau Ngotho had initiated this project, of garbage collection but it has not been a success. Hon. Ngotho had gone out of his way to make sure the town is clean but his efforts were frustrated, therefore the County Government needs to create policies to make sure that the town is clean. We also need to have a smoking zone, and litter collected everywhere including the chewing gums that are dropped everywhere. This project should be allocated money with no question. I always say Cleanliness is next to Godliness and I therefore support this motion. I hope you rule wisely Madam Speaker. They have money since this project is already allocated money, the executive has therefore no reason at all of not cleaning our town and this should have been done like yesterday.

**Speaker:** Yes, the County Member from Njabini Kiburu, Hon. Beth.

**Hon. Beth Wahito:** Hon. Speaker I rise to support this motion. Yesterday as I was passing through the streets of Ol'kalou town, I could see that the town is very dirty especially around Jamaa area. I tried to convince myself maybe it is the issue of the casual workers, but this notwithstanding, it is really sad to live in such a dirty place having allocated a million shillings for the purpose of cleaning our town. Ol'kalou is the headquarters and it should be considered first, there is dirt in other counties too because Njabini is also not in its best shape but the headquarters should come first and should be cleaned.

This is where all leaders stay. We sleep here and eat here. The Governor is here, the deputy Governor, but I wonder why they would not see this and it is only the MCA who saw this. If people cannot take care of a town, what will happen with the whole County? I can remember there is a time the Vice President visited Nyandarua and he refused to sign the visitors book because he saw it a small market place and could not even get to see where the

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<sup>1</sup> A programme rolled out by the Kenya National Government to engage the youth (and women) in implementation of proposed projects.

Governor stayed. It is unfortunate that the area MCA never got the full support and I think this is the time we talked loudly as honourable members and get our town cleaned. The whole executive staff mandated with the work is just seated waiting to get their salaries, they have failed the whole county. Some of us want to be re-elected for another term and with this kind of situation, we do not know what to go and tell *Wanjiku*. Hon. Kamau wants another term but how will he even address his electorate in a dirty town? Madam Speaker, we should come up with a serious resolutions for this town, I support the motion.

**Speaker:** Hon Kairu, Member for Githabai ward.

**Hon. Peter Kairu:** Thank you Madam Speaker, I rise to support this motion, taking in consideration that Ol'kalou is the headquarters. Somebody said you cannot pass by a mirror without looking at yourself, to see if you are smart or otherwise. In the same way Ol'kalou is giving a very bad impression of our county. We have talked of this issues so many times, and nothing has been done. It is even worse to know that one million shillings has been allocated to cleaning yet it has not even been utilised and one asks what was the need to allocate money and not utilise it? In Countries like Rwanda, cleanliness is a vital matter and one time as a county, we had decided to follow in the same route. The people employed in this county for the work are not diligent enough. If we look at our public toilets, most of the times they are very dirty and that is why the casual labourers should be considered to take charge. When you visit KPCU, down town from the railway coming from Ol'kalou town, you will find a heap of Garbage lying there. This can initiate communicable disease and it is therefore a health hazard. Something should be done Madam Speaker, and I would urge as the budget is being made, a reasonable amount of money should be allocated for cleaning of the town.

I would also urge the communities, to be involved in cleaning, and like Rwanda where every first Friday of the month sees everybody in the community involved in cleaning, as community members, we should clean our counties. I fully support this motion by stating that something should be done urgently. If the person concerned cannot see the problem then they should be shown. With these few remarks I call the mover.

**Speaker:** Yes, the mover Hon. Kamau Ngotho.

**Hon. Kamau Ngotho:** Thank you, I thank all the members that have supported the motion and have really expressed themselves concerning the County Headquarter. It is good to see that members can even sight areas full of filth. Hon. Kairu being the Chair of Health, I hope he will sit with the CEC for health and emphasise on this issue. I hope the Chief Officer and Kuria who was mandated to oversee this project will expedite and I hope that as early as next week this project will start. This money will be enough to engage the youth. The Hon Member has talked of a classical example in Rwanda. We can have our Rwanda in Ol'kalou. There is even another member who talked of designating smoking zones and curbing throwing of chewing gums and biscuits wraps, this comes with enforcement Madam Speaker. When you approach the ministry of health they refer you to the ward administrator and on seeing the ward administrator they refer you back to the ministry of health, this is a behaviour that should be discouraged and people must take responsibility and have harmony and the policy suggested in no three will truly work well. With all that I thank all the members.

*(Question put and agreed to)*

**Speaker:** The executive committee members should do the necessary and ensure a habitable town, this is very important and should be taken very seriously. Next order

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Speaker:** Having exhausted the business on the order paper, the House adjourns to today, the 15<sup>th</sup> day of March 2017 at 2:30 pm.

*(The House rose at 10:45am)*