

COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF LAMU



THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF LAMU

THE HANSARD

Tuesday, 4th March, 2024

*The Assembly met at the
Main Chambers, at 2:30 p.m.*

[Deputy Speaker (Honorable Paul Kimani Njuguna) in the Chair]

PRAYERS

Deputy Speaker (Honorable Paul Kimani Njuguna): Next Order.

Clerk-at-the-Table: Papers.

PAPERS

MCA Barisa Deko Bana (Basuba): Thank you Mr Deputy Speaker.

Mr Deputy Speaker Sir, I would like to lay the following Papers on the floor of this House:-

1. Medium term 2025/2026-2027/2028 draft County Fiscal Strategy Paper 2025.

Thank you.

Deputy Speaker (Honorable Paul Kimani Njuguna): Next Order.

Clerk-at-the-Table: Statements.

STATEMENTS*COMPENSATION FOR ACCIDENT VICTIMS AT THE DEFUNCT LAPSSET
CORRIDOR PROJECT, NOW THE LAMU PORT*

MCA James Njaaga Kariuki (Hindi): Thank you Mr Deputy Speaker.

Mr Deputy Speaker Sir, I rise to seek a statement pursuant to Standing Order 141 (2)(c) on matters pertaining to compensation for accident victims at the defunct LAPSSET corridor project, now the Lamu Port.

Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, During the construction of the LAPSSET corridor project, many Lamu residents lost their lives while others were badly wounded but regrettably, none of them has been duly compensated by the LAPSSET authority.

Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, I seek a statement from the Chair of the departmental committee on Intergovernmental, Labour and Public Service on the following:-

1. Why the compensation for the accident victims at the defunct LAPSSET corridor project have not been paid since its inception?
2. When will the accident victims receive their rightful compensation in accordance with the constitution?
3. What measures has the Lamu Port authority put in place to ensure all the accident victims will be paid their duly compensation as required by law?

Thank you.

Deputy Speaker (Honourable Paul Kimani Njuguna): Any addition to that statement? If there isn't, can we get a response from the chair, vice chair or any member of the committee?

MCA Suleiman Mohamed Farah (Witu): Naomba tupewe muda wa wiki mbili ili niweze kuleta majibu sahihi.

Deputy Speaker (Honourable Paul Kimani Njuguna): Honourable Njaaga are you comfortable with the response?

MCA James Njaaga Kariuki (Hindi): Thank you Mr. Deputy Speaker. I am comfortable with response.

Deputy Speaker (Honorable Paul Kimani Njuguna): Next Statement.

STATEMENTS

VALUATION ROLL AND FINANCE ACT, 2024

MCA Beatrice Wamaitha Munge (Nominated): Thank you Mr Deputy Speaker.

Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, I rise pursuant to Standing Order 41 (2)(c) to seek a statement from the Chairperson of the Departmental Committee on Finance, Budget and appropriations on matters valuation roll and Finance Act, 2024.

Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, the Lamu County Finance Act was passed by the County Assembly of Lamu on 26th June 2024 and the Lamu County GIS based valuation roll was approved by the Assembly on 20th August 2024.

Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, the Finance Act increase the land rate percentage from 0.4% to 1% hiking the land rate by 60%. When the valuation roll was brought, the land values had gone up with over 60% from the previous rating which was done in 2016. This has led to double taxation to the residents of Lamu County and it is a burden to plots owners. A good example its plot no.69 in Shella, its unimproved value was sh. 480,000 in 2016 and now its unimproved site value is sh. 768,000.

Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, also the Valuation Roll is not recognizing the new property owners and the plots which have already been sub- divided still reads the original owners name instead of the new retable owner as stipulated under section 6(1, c) of the Lamu County Valuation and Rating Act, 2015.

Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, The Valuation and Rating Act, 2015 section 15 (c) allows the Chief Officer to record any change in the name or address of the retable owner and a

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supplementary valuation roll can be prepared at least once a year as per section 6(283) of the Lamu County Valuation and rating ACT, 2015.

Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, the County Executive Committee Member for Finance, Mr. Mohamed Ali Mbwana visited Shella in a Public Participation on 11th February 2025 and the resident of Shella complained to him on the high amount of land rates and he promised to bring to the Assembly amendments of the Finance Act 2024 and upto now nothing has been done.

Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, I seek to know from the Chairperson of the Department Committee on Finance, Budget and Appropriations on the following: -

1. Why are the amendments on finance act not being brought to the Assembly?
2. Why is the supplementary valuation roll not being brought to the Assembly for approval?

Thank you.

Deputy Speaker (Honourable Paul Kimani Njuguna): Any addition to that statement? If there isn't, can we get a response from the chair, vice chair or any member of the committee?

MCA Bwana Mohamed Bwana (Majority Leader): Mr Deputy Speaker Sir, this matter is before the County Assembly, the program was approved by the whole Assembly but for that reason, I request for one week so that I can bring my response on the proposed statement.

Deputy Speaker (Honourable Paul Kimani Njuguna): Honourable Beatrice are you comfortable with the response?

MCA Beatrice Wamaitha Munge (Nominated): Thank you Mr. Deputy Speaker. I am comfortable.

ADJOURNMENT

[The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Paul Kimani Njuguna)]: Honorable Members, there being no other business, the Assembly stands adjourned until Tomorrow Wednesday, 5th March, 2025 at 10:30 a.m.

The Assembly rose at 3:15 p.m.