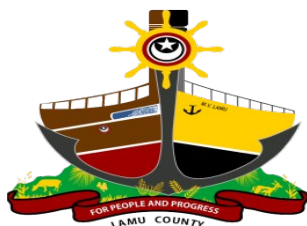


COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF LAMU



THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF LAMU

THE HANSARD

Wednesday, 1st October, 2025

*The Assembly met at the
Main Chambers, at 10:30 a.m.*

[The Speaker (Honorable Azhar Ali Mbarak) in the Chair]

PRAYERS

[The Speaker (Honorable Azhar Ali Mbarak): Next Order.

Clerk-at-the-Table: Notices of Motion

NOTICES OF MOTION

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION AND TREE PLANTING IN WITU WARD

MCA Suleiman Mohamed Farah (Witu): Thank you Mr Speaker. Mr Speaker Sir, I beg to give a notice of the following motion: -

THAT AWARE that Article 42 of the Constitution of Kenya governs every person the right to a clean and healthy environment which include the right to have the environment protected for the benefit of present and future generations.

FURTHER AWARE that under the Fourth Schedule, part 2 of the Constitution, County Governments are responsible for the implementation of specific national government policies on natural resources and environmental conservation, including soil and water conservation and forestry.

COGNIZANT, that Witu Ward, located within a region of rich biodiversity and forest ecosystems, continues to face environmental degradation due to deforestation, unsustainable charcoal burning, overgrazing and poor land use practices.

NOTING that Witu Ward is strategically positioned near sensitive ecological areas including parts of the Boni Forest ecosystem and key water catchments, which are under increasing threat from human activity and climate change.

DEEPLY CONCERNED that environmental degradation in Witu Ward has led to increased vulnerability to droughts, reduced agricultural productivity, loss of biodiversity and drying of water sources.

APPRECIATING the Government's ongoing national efforts through the Presidential directive to plant 15 billion trees by the year 2032 as part of climate change mitigation and restoration of degraded landscapes.

THIS ASSEMBLY RESOLVES to urge the County Executive Committee Member (CECM) in charge of Environment and Natural Resources to: -

- 1.** Develop and implement a ward-based tree planting and reforestation program targeting public institutions such as schools, health centers, churches/mosques, markets, roadsides, degraded lands and riverbanks in Witu Ward.
- 2.** Establish community tree nurseries in collaboration with young and women groups and offer free or subsidized seedlings to residents for domestic and commercial tree planting.

- 3.** Partner with the Kenya Forest Service (KFS), National Environment Management Authority (NEMA) and relevant conservation NGOs to provide technical support, training and awareness on sustainable forest and natural resource management in Witu Ward.
- 4.** Incorporate environmental conservation activities such as tree planting and clean-up exercises into the County's annual calendar of events, especially around World Environment Day, National Tree Planting Days and during ward barazas.
- 5.** Enact and enforce local regulations to protect existing trees, prevent illegal logging and control charcoal burning and other environmentally harmful practices.
- 6.** Integrate environmental conservation and climate change education into school co-curricular activities within Witu Ward to nurture a culture of sustainability among young people.

[The Speaker (Honorable Azhar Ali Mbarak): Since Majority Leader is not in the House, so I will defer his notice of motion to the next Sitting. Next Notice of Motion.

APPROVAL OF THE REPORTS OF THE DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON LANDS, PHYSICAL PLANNING AND HOUSING ON THE VETTING OF THE MUNICIPALITY BOARD MEMBER NOMINEE MR MOHAMED YUSUF NOOR

MCA Amina Hassan Bwanamkuu (Nominated): Thank you Mr Speaker. Mr Speaker Sir, I beg to give the following notice of motion:

THAT, pursuant to the provisions of the Constitution of Kenya, County Governments' Act No. 17 of 2012; and the County Assembly's Standing Orders, this House adopts the report of the Departmental Committee on Lands, Physical Planning and Housing on the vetting of Lamu Municipality Board Member nominee Mr Mohamed Yusuf Noor, laid on the table of the House on Tuesday 30th September, 2025.

[The Speaker (Honorable Azhar Ali Mbarak): Next Order.

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Clerk-at-the-Table: Statements

STATEMENTS

MOKOWE AFFORDABLE HOUSING

MCA Mercy Wangeci Nyambura (Nominated): Thank you Mr Speaker. Mr Speaker Sir, Pursuant to Standing Order 41 (2)(C) I wish to request for a Statement from the Chairperson of the Departmental Committee on Inter-government, Labour and Public Service in regard to matter pertaining to Mokowe Affordable Housing.

Mr Speaker Sir, County Government has been mandated under the fourth schedule of the Constitution of Kenya 2010 to oversee County planning and development as such County Assemblies mandated to conduct oversight on the affordable housing project that is undergoing.

Mr Speaker Sir, I seek to know from the Chairperson of the Departmental Committee on Inter-governmental, Labour and Public Service on the following:-

- 1.** When were the Mokowe affordable Housing Contract awarded and to which Company?
- 2.** What are the number of Housing units as contained in the said contract, stating clearly the number of units sold and those pending to be sold?
- 3.** What is the current status of the project and what is the expected date of the completion as per the contract?
- 4.** What is the price of the Houses per unit?
- 5.** Are there any plan to construct more houses in other areas within Lamu County?
- 6.** What measures has the County Executive put in place to ensure that the affordable housing project within the County and realised within the stipulated timeline contained in the said contract?

[The Speaker (Honorable Azhar Ali Mbarak): Any other Member who would like to add on this Statement? Honorable Hope you have a Statement go on.

*DILAPIDATED STATE OF STREETLIGHTS IN ROCKY AREA IN BAHARI WARD
IN MPEKETONI.*

MCA Hope Wanjiku Mwaura (Nominated): Thank you Mr Speaker. Mr Speaker Sir, Pursuant to Standing Order 41(2)(C) I wish to request for a Statement from the Chairperson of the Departmental Committee on transport and public works on matters pertaining to the dilapidated state of streetlights in rocky area in Bahari Ward Mpeketoni.

Mr Speaker Sir, street lighting is the key element in ensuring security safety in the general wellbeing of residents. Unfortunately, the streetlights in rocky area has remained non-functional, inadequate completely absent, this has left the area in darkness during the night exposing residents to insecurity, fear and vandal able to criminal activities.

Mr Speaker Sir, reports from the residents indicates that the poor state of the lighting in this area has contributed to raising cases of theft, merging and even defilement and rape.

Mr Speaker Sir, this situation is not only alarming but also unacceptable considering that the provision of basic infrastructure such as lighting is a core mandate of the County Government. It is the duty of the Executive to ensure that our people feels safe, secure and able to move and work without fear.

Mr Speaker Sir, I seek to know from the Departmental Committee on transport and public works on the following: -

- What immediate measures will the County Government take to ensure restoration of streetlights in the said area?

- How often does the County Government carry out inspection and maintenance of streetlights across the County and why has the rocky area be diglated?
- What long term plan does the County Executive have to ensure sustainability and proper maintenance of streetlighting and infrastructure in Lamu County?

[The Speaker (Honorable Azhar Ali Mbarak): Any other Member who would like to add something in these two Statements? If not can we get response from the Chairpersons of these two statements starting with Inter-governmental followed by transport.

MCA Barisa Deko Bana (Basuba): Thank you Mr Speaker. Mr Speaker Sir, on behalf of the Chairperson of the Departmental Committee on Inter-governmental, Labour and Public Service I would like to be given two weeks.

[The Speaker (Honorable Azhar Ali Mbarak): Honorable Mercy are you comfortable with two weeks?

MCA Mercy Wangeci Nyambura (Nominated): Yes, Mr Speaker I am comfortable with two weeks.

[The Speaker (Honorable Azhar Ali Mbarak): Yes, Honorable Fahd when will you bring the response?

MCA Fahd Dini Adnan (Minority Leader): Thank you Mr Speaker. Mr Speaker Sir, I would like to be given two weeks.

[The Speaker (Honorable Azhar Ali Mbarak): Honorable Hope, are you comfortable with two weeks?

MCA Hope Wanjiku Mwaura (Nominated): Yes, Mr Speaker I am comfortable with two weeks.

[The Speaker (Honorable Azhar Ali Mbarak): Next Order.

Clerk-at-the-Table: Motion.

MOTION

*ESTABLISHMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT AND AWARENESS
PROGRAMMES IN DISPENSARIES*

MCA Hope Wanjiku Mwaura (Nominated): Thank you Mr Speaker. Mr Speaker Sir, **THAT AWARE** that, mental health challenges such as depression, stress, substance abuse and anxiety are on the rise and have continued to affect productivity, family cohesion and general well-being of citizens in our communities.

FURTHER AWARE that, many citizens particularly in rural areas lack access to proper information, counselling and treatment due to stigma, ignorance and inadequate facilities.

NOTING that, dispensaries are the closest health facilities to the grassroots and are often the first point of contact for community members seeking medical attention.

CONCERNED that, the absence of mental health support services and awareness programmes at the dispensary level denies community members timely intervention, thus aggravating cases that would otherwise be managed at an early stage.

COGNIZANT that, there are mental health desks at King Fahd referral hospital, Faza Sub County hospital but they cannot attend all the patients since they do not visit their respective Dispensaries.

THIS ASSEMBLY RESOLVES:

- That the County Government through the Department of Health, establishes mental health support desks in all Dispensaries manned

by trained health workers capable of offering basic counselling and referrals.

- That the County Government develops and rolls out mental health awareness programmes within communities through dispensaries to address stigma, educate the public and promote early detection and treatment.
- That the mental health Officers create specific days to visit the dispensaries and attend to patients and it be known when the Officers are supposed to be in the Dispensary.
- That adequate budgetary allocation be made for training of health personnel, supply of educational materials and facilitation of outreach programmes to sensitize the community on mental health.

Mr Speaker kindly allow me to shed more light to my motion. Mr Speaker we are all aware that health is a devolve function and it is therefore important that this issue of mental health be integrated to the Dispensaries in our Counties that are in the Ward level. So this issue is very distractive just like broken roads, its only that it doesn't manifest on the outside. When this motion come to pass, the respective mental health Officers who are at County and Sub-County hospitals when they go to the Dispensaries alot of people will be helped.

According to statistics about 4 suicide cases per day are reported to our Country and in the past four years according to KNBS and NPS, 1576 suicide deaths have been recorded. The mental health Act CAP 148 also mandates our Counties to ensure accessiblity of mental health care. With those few remarks allow me to call Honorable Beatrice to second.

Seconder

MCA Beatrice Wamaitha Munge (*Nominated*): Thank you Honorable Speaker and thank you Members in the House. Honorable Speaker, as I thank you together with the Office of the Clerk for making it a very

conducive environment for us to bring such noble motions which are very helpful to the citizens of Lamu. Honorable Speaker, I also wish to congratulate Honorable Hope Mwaura for having brought this noble motion in this Honorable House. This an issue that is happening Countrywide and its a matter that needs to be taken with alot of seriousness and urgency.

Honorable Speaker, it is important that we note that as she has highlighted, she has mentioned about the Dispensaries. This is the smallest unit when it comes to the health and therefore many of the citizens in Lamu County will be able to reach to the facilities if need be.

Mr Speaker Sir there are things that are inevitable for example biological factor and mental health is very important. Another factor is social factor which include poverty. There is also substance abuse and this we can see many of our youths in Lamu County and in our Country generally are affected due to use of substance abuse.

Others factors in the total of social factors are relationship, some face challenges in their relationships and they find very hard to handle the situation which brings up mental illness. So for us to improve the mental illness we need to talk to the people whom we feel and we see that they have these challenges. We also need to relook on our lifestyle, we need some exercise, we need to do good eating habits so that we can maintain our health. We need to stay connected with the people who are suffering so that incase they need any attention we can be able to respond with immediate effect. And the final thing that we need to do to improve the mental health issue is that they need to seek immediate medical attention or the profession who can be able to foreseen the challenges and give the medication that is required. With those few remarks I second.

[The Speaker (Honorable Azhar Ali Mbarak): Thank you Honorable Beatrice, in fact before I propose to this motion I would like to notify to

this House that even in our Assembly when our able new Clerk came in, he came up with an idea of something called wellness program. Which we get some funds and we are going to work on it for our staffs that includes HIV, drug abuse, depression and is going to be going together with manual and policies that are guided by this House. So it is good for you Members to know the plan and before Honorable Hope come up with this motion, the management and my leadership we are already working on it.

Motion Proposed

Members Contributions

MCA Paul Kimani Njuguna (Mkunumbi): Asante Mheshimiwa Spika kwa kunipa nafasi hii. Mheshimiwa Spika nasimama kuunga hoja iliyoletwa na Mheshimiwa Hope Wanjiku, tukizingatia ya kwamba hoja hii ni muhimu kwa sababu inaelezea matatizo ambayo tumekuwa nayo hasa wenye matatizo ya kiakili. Mheshimiwa Spika kama unavyojuwa hali ya maisha imekuwa ngumu haswahaswa katika familia ambazo tunawakilisha mashinani. Kwa mfano katika Wadi yangu ya Mkunumbi safari ya kutoka Poroko hadi hospitali ya Mpeketoni ambayo utaweza kupata huduma ya matatizo ya kiakili ni Zaidi ya kilomita 18. Kama unavyoelewa Mheshimiwa Spika, usafiri ambao tunaweza kuupata kiurahisi ni usafiri wa bodaboda na ambapo gharama zake ni ksh 800.

Ndiposa nimesimama kuunga mkono hoja hii ili tuweze kuisisitiza Serikali yetu ya Kaunti ambayo itaweza kutoa huduma za wananchi ambao wako mashinani. Mheshimiwa Spika ikiwa hili litafanyika basi litaweza kuwasaidia wananchi walioko mashinani kupata huduma bila ya gharama yoyote. Kwa hivyo ningependa kuisisitiza katika bajeti ambayo tunaipangilia ya mwaka wa 2026/27 tuweze kuangalia kupitia kwa Bunge hili hata kama Waziri wa afya hatoweza kutenga pesa hizo basi tuna haki ya kuongezea pesa ambazo zitaweza kuwapeleka wale Maafisa masomo ya huduma za kiakili. Nikimalizia Mheshimiwa Spika kulingana na kauli

yako kuwa una mpango wewe na Katibu wa Bunge hili kuhusiana na maswala ya wafanyikazi pia sisi kama Viongozi ambao tumebeba majukumu mengi kutoka kwa familia hadi kwa wapiga kura tuweze kuekewa pesa za kuweza kutuangalia.

MCA Suleiman Mohamed Farah (Witu): Asante Mheshimiwa Spika nimesimama kuunga mkono hoja iliyoletwa na Mheshimiwa Hope Mwaura. Mheshimiwa Spika kwa hakika uraibu umekithiri katika Kaunti hii yetu ya Lamu. Kwa hakika tukiboresha Zahanati zetu na madaktari waliko mashinani wapewe mafunzo ya kuwadumia wagonjwa hao. Na katika Zahanati nne unapata Daktari ni mmoja peke yake na inakuwa vigumu kuwahudumia wagonjwa wengi.

MCA Mercy Wangeci Nyambura (Nominated): Thank you Mr Speaker Sir, I also stand to support this motion. In the establishment of establishment of mental health support and awareness programmes in dispensaries will help in accessibility especially that we need to know of geographical situation in our County the Dispensaries will bridge the gap.

MCA Atwaa Salim Mohamed (Shella): Thank you Mr Speaker Sir for giving me this opportunity to comment on today's deliberation. Mr Speaker Sir I stand here to sincerely acknowledge of the big effort and to support on today's motion on depression issue. The journey of stress, anxiety and depression has come along way and actually it covers 27 stages and it does contribute to the problem ahead of us into 2 sections. So this journey, the bottomline depict it squarely 100% and I really acknowledge your earlier deliberation on the issue of wellness the root cause is all about the wellness in our society.

Mr Speaker Sir, be it the Organisational arena this problem does well and at the same time looking at the grassroot we have it in the highest bar. Mr Speaker Sir as we can see failure to address the intention of the said subject matter of the stress the output of this House will eventually affect

the service delivery of this County. And now Mr Speaker Sir putting the whole stakeholders together it will have a big impact. With those few remarks I said we are in full support of this motion and a big thank you to our able Clerk for bringing this subject matter to the House.

MCA Francis Ngure Gakonga (Bahari): Asante sana Mheshimiwa Spika kwa kunipa nafasi hii. Mheshimiwa Spika nimesimama kuunga mkono mada hii ambayo imeletwa na Mheshimiwa Hope Mwaura. Nina imani mada hii tutakapoipitisha basi tutakuwa na mambo mazuri ya kutusaidia sisi Waheshimiwa pamoja na wananchi. Mada hii inazungumzia kuhusu maswala ya uhamasishaji katika vituo vyetu vya kiafya na pia kuwa na dawati maalum ambalo ni la kupeana msaada wa kiafya ya kiakili. Mheshimiwa Spika katika Wadi yangu ya Bahari niko na zahanati moja ambayo iko Tewe na ningepomba zahanati hiyo iwe na dawati kwa sababu msongo wa mawazo unapatikana kwa wingi haswahaswa vijana ambao wamehitimu vyo vikiu na hawana ajira. Kama tujuavyo kuna madaktari ambao wamesomea mambo ya kisaikolojia ingekuwa bora wangetuelimisha namna ya kujipanga kimaisha ili na sisi tuweze kuwaelimisha wananchi tunaowakilisha.

MCA Husuni Alawi Mohamed (Nominated): Asante Mheshimiwa Spika kwa kunipa nafasi ya kuunga mada hii. Ili kuumaliza ugonja huu ni lazima tupige marufuku utumizi wa mogokaa haswahaswa kwa vijana wa chini ya miaka 18. Kwa hivyo ni lazima tuwawekee sheria wauzaji mogokaa kutowauzia vijana wa chini ya miaka 18 na iwapo watapatikana wakiwauzia vijana hao basi hatua kali za kisheria zitachukuliwa dhidi yao.

MCA James Njaaga Kariuki (Hindi): Asante sana Mheshimiwa Spika kwa kunipa nafasi kama hii na mimi niweze kuchangia mada iliyoletwa na Mheshimiwa Wanjiku Mwaura. Kwanza ningependa kuipongeza Ofisi yako na Ofisi ya Karani Mkuu kwa kuona ya kwamba kuna haja ya kuweza kutufikiria sisi Waheshimiwa pamoja na Wafanyikazi walioko ndani ya Bunge hili. Hii ni kumaanisha ya kwamba milioni hili na tatizo na

mukawa muko katika harakati ya kuweza kulipangilia ili na sisi tuweze kupata hizi huduma. Mambo mingi ambayo yalikuwa yakifanywa katika Serikali Kuu yaliweza kuletwa mashinani.

Na mswada huu ambao umeletwa na Mheshimiwa Hope unasema ya kwamba zile huduma ambazo tunafaa kuwapatia wananchi imeweza kupatiwa katika Hospitali 3 katika Kaunti yetu ya Lamu ambapo si wananchi wote watakaofaidika na huduma hii. Jambo lengine Mheshimiwa Spika ni Wizara husika iweze kutenga pesa ili tuweze kuwa na fedha za kuweza kuelimisha jamii. Kwa hivyo namalizia kwa kumpongeza Mheshimiwa Hope kwa sababu inaonekana aliweza kuketi chini na akaweza kuangalia familia ya Kaunti ya Lamu akajuwa ni matatizo gani tunapitia na ni vipi tutaweza kusuluhisha.

MCA Aisha Ali Abdulrahman (*Nominated*): Asante sana Mheshimiwa Spika hata mimi nimesimama kuunga hoja iliyoletwa na Mheshimiwa Hope. Kusema kweli ugonjwa wa akili unaletwa na mambo mingi sana kama utumizi mbaya wa madawa ya kulevya. Kwa hivyo ningeiomba Serikali ya Kaunti ya Lamu haswahaswa idara ya afya ifuatilie kwa kina chanzo cha wananchi kujinyonga na kuja na mbinu mbadala ili kukomesha swala hili.

MCA Shekhuna Abbas Shekhuna (*Mkomani*): Asante sana Mheshimiwa Spika, pili ningependa kumpongeza Mheshimiwa Hope kwa kuleta fikra kama hii kwa sababu janga hili liko Kaunti nzima ya Lamu. Kama Mheshimiwa Husni alivyosema athari kubwa ya ukosefu wa akili unatokana na ulaji wa mogokaa ambao umeenea sana katika Wadi yangu ya Mkomani. Jambo hili ni lazima tulizingatie kwa kina ili tuweze kuwaokoa vijana wetu ambao ni Viongozi wa baadae. Kwa hivyo ningeiomba Wizara ya Afya iruhusu zahanati hizo ziweze kuhudumu masaa 24 ili ziweze kuwatibu wagonjwa wa akili. Kwa hivyo namalizia kwa kuunga.

MCA Amina Hassan Bwanamkuu (*Nominated*): Asante sana Mheshimiwa Spika kwa kunipa nafasi ya kuchangia mada iliyoletwa na Mheshimiwa Hope. Kusema kweli watu wenye ugonjwa wa ukosefu wa akili wengi wanatoka katika Wadi ya Faza kwa sababu utapata vijana wengi wanakatana kwa mapanga kwa sababu ndogo sana. Kisha wakishikwa wanasema hawana sababu maalum ila ni kulipiza tu kisasi. Kwa hivyo ningeiomba Wizara ya afya ipeleke madaktari wa kisaikolojia katika Zahanati iliyoko katika Wadi ya Faza ili iweze kuzungumza na vijana hao.

Mover's Response

MCA Hope Wanjiku Mwaura (*Nominated*): Thank you Mr Speaker for giving me this opportunity. First and foremost I would like to thank you for allowing me to move this noble motion on the floor of this House. I also want to acknowledge the effort of your Clerk for handling this issue of mental health. Its true that we us Members of Lamu County Assembly and Staffs of this House some of us faces a situation that you are unable to handle and this leads you to experience mental health. Mr Speaker I want to close by saying "health in minds are foundation in health communities."

[The Speaker (Honorable Azhar Ali Mbarak): Thank you Members, before putting the question its look like we are having some crisis with our own Members. So I therefore direct Mr Clerk to check on the retreat for the Members to be taken inorder to refresh their minds because as I can see also Members have some small issues.

(Question put and agreed upon)

[The Speaker (Honorable Azhar Ali Mbarak): Honorable Members, there being no other business, the Assembly stands adjourned until today Wednesday 1st October, 2025 at 2:30 p.m.

The Assembly rose at 12pm

ADJOURNMENT