

COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF LAMU



THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF LAMU

THE HANSARD

Thursday, 23rd October, 2025

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

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

PRAYERS

[Deputy Speaker (MCA Paul Kimani Njuguna): Next Order.]

Clerk-at-the-Table: Papers

PAPERS

Papers laid

MCA Barisa Deko Bana (*Basuba*): Thank you Mr Deputy Speaker. Mr Deputy Speaker Sir, I beg to lay the following Paper:-

1. Finance, budget and Appropriations Committee on consideration of Lamu County Annual Development Plan 2026/27.

MCA Aisha Ali Abdulrahman (*Nominated*): Thank you Mr Deputy Speaker. Mr Deputy Speaker Sir, on behalf of Chair for agriculture I beg to lay the following Papers:-

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- i. The Departmental Committee on agriculture, fisheries and blue economy on the Revenue and Scrutiny on Lamu County agricultural development and research Bill.
- ii. The Departmental Committee on agriculture, fisheries and blue economy on the Revenue and Scrutiny of the Lamu County agricultural mechanization service Bill 2025.

[Deputy Speaker (MCA Paul Kimani Njuguna): Next Order.

Clerk-at-the-Table: Notices of Motion.

NOTICES OF MOTION

Approval of the report of the Departmental Committee on Agriculture, Fisheries and Blue Economy on the Consideration of Lamu County Agricultural Mechanization Bill 2025

MCA Aisha Ali Abdulrahman (*Nominated*): Thank you Mr Deputy Speaker. Mr Deputy 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 and approves the reports of the Departmental Committee on Agriculture, Fisheries and Blue Economy on the Constitution of Lamu County Agricultural Mechanization Bill 2025, tabled today 23rd October 2025.

[Deputy Speaker (MCA Paul Kimani Njuguna): Next notice of motion.

Approval of the report of the Departmental Committee on Agriculture, Fisheries and Blue Economy on the consideration of Lamu County agricultural development and research Bill 2025

MCA Aisha Ali Abdulrahman (*Nominated*): Thank you Mr Deputy Speaker. Mr Deputy 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 and approves the reports of the Departmental Committee on Agriculture, Fisheries and Blue Economy on the consideration of Lamu County Agricultural Development and Research Bill 2025, tabled today 23rd October 2025.

[Deputy Speaker (MCA Paul Kimani Njuguna): Next notice of motion.

Approval of the report of the Departmental Committee on finance, budget and appropriations on the consideration of Lamu County annual development plan 2026/27

MCA Barisa Deko Bana (*Basuba*): Thank you Mr Deputy Speaker. Mr Deputy 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 and approves the reports of the Departmental Committee on Finance, Budget and Appropriations on the consideration of Lamu County annual development plan 2026/27, tabled today 23rd October 2025.

[Deputy Speaker (MCA Paul Kimani Njuguna): Next Order.

Clerk-at-the-Table: Statements.

STATEMENTS

Escalating destruction caused by elephant at Bahari, Mkunumbi and Hongwe Wards.

MCA Francis Ngure Gakonga (Bahari): Thank you Mr Deputy Speaker. Mr Deputy Speaker Sir, Pursuant to Standing Order 41(2)(C) I wish to request for a Statement from the Chairperson of Departmental Committee on Agriculture, Fisheries and Blue Economy on matters pertaining to the escalating destruction caused by elephant at Bahari, Mkunumbi and Hongwe Wards.

Mr Deputy Speaker Sir, in recent days, there were a public outcry regarding increasing crop raids and threats to human safety by a group of elephants which spotted within several areas of Hongwe, Bahari and Mkunumbi.

Mr Deputy Speaker Sir, the said destruction has been reported to KWS and is leaving the farmers from these areas with great loss and these destructive animals targets specific plants like coconut trees.

Mr Deputy Speaker Sir, the specific areas where destruction has been going are Bopwe, Zebra, Witho, Juhudi, Marafa and Lake Amu.

Mr Deputy Speaker Sir, this situation is not only agricultural destruction but undermines food security, livelihoods and general well-being of families who depend on farming.

Mr Deputy Speaker Sir, I seek to know from the Chairperson of the Departmental Committee on Agriculture, Fisheries and Blue Economy on the following: -

- a.** What are the urgent measures in place by the Kenya Wildlife Services (KWS) to intervene the situation?
- b.** Whether there are any designated wildlife corridors within the County and measures to curb human-animal conflicts?
- c.** Whether there is any mechanism to compensate the affected farmers?

[Deputy Speaker (MCA Paul Kimani Njuguna): Response from the Vice Chair of the Departmental Committee on Agriculture, Fisheries and Blue Economy.

MCA Aisha Ali Abdulrahman (*Nominated*): Thank you Mr Deputy Speaker. Mr Deputy Speaker Sir, I request to be given two weeks.

[Deputy Speaker (MCA Paul Kimani Njuguna): There is a Statement for Honorable Beatrice and she is not in the House, so I defer to the next sitting. Next Order.

Clerk-at-the-Table: Motion.

MOTION

DESIGNATION AND HARMONIZATION OF OFFICIAL MARKET DAYS IN HINDI, MPEKETONI, WITU, FAZA AND LAMU TOWNS

MCA James Njaaga Kariuki (*Hindi*): Thank you Mr Deputy Speaker. Mr Deputy Speaker Sir, **AWARE THAT**, markets and trade are fully devolved functions under the Fourth Schedule, Part 2 of the Constitution of Kenya (2010) and are therefore the responsibility of the County Government;

FURTHER AWARE THAT, vibrant, well-managed markets are essential to the economic wellbeing of local communities, providing income for farmers, traders, fishermen, artisans, women and youth across Lamu County.

RECOGNIZING that the towns of Hindi, Mpeketoni, Witu, Faza and Lamu serve as key commercial hubs within the County attracting traders from surrounding areas.

NOTING WITH CONCERN that the absence of officially designated and harmonized market days in some of these towns results in: -

- Inconsistent market operations.

- Confusion for traders and buyers.
- Overlapping market schedules that reduce turnout.
- Missed economic opportunities and low tax revenues and
- Unregulated trading conditions and poor planning.

THIS HONORABLE ASSEMBLY RESOLVES THAT:

- 1.** The County Executive Committee Member (CECM) for trade, tourism and Industrialization formally designates and gazettes specific weekly market days for the towns of Hindi, Mpeketoni, Witu, Hongwe, Faza and Lamu towns consultation with local stakeholders.
- 2.** The designated market days should:
 - Be evenly distributed throughout the week to allow for trader mobility across towns.
 - Avoid clashing with national or religious holidays.
 - Reflect the traditional market patterns already in place in some areas.
- 3.** The County Government shall conduct public participation forums in each town to allow local traders, transporters, farmers and other stakeholders to contribute to the decision on the most appropriate day.
- 4.** Upon gazette, the County Government shall:
 - Upgrade market infrastructure (sanitation, stalls, security and water points).
 - Enhance enforcement of trade regulations and
 - Strengthen revenue collection systems at each market.
- 5.** A status report on the implementation of this resolution, including proposed dates and stakeholder feedback shall be submitted to this Assembly within 60days of adoption.

Mr Deputy Speaker Sir, I think this motion is very much explanatory and bearing in mind that with due respect I call upon Honorable Gakonga to second.

Secunder

MCA Francis Ngure Gakonga (Bahari): Asante sana Bwana Naibu Spika kwa kunipa nafasi hii na Bwana Naibu Spika nimesimama kuunga mkono hoja iliyoletwa na Mheshimiwa James Njaaga Kariuki. Bwana Naibu Spika ninajua ya kwamba Mpeketoni ina siku maalum zimetengwa za soko ambazo ni siku ya Jumatano na Jumamosi lakini Wadi zengine hazina siku maalum za soko.

Bwana Naibu Spika, hoja hii inaeleza kwa kina kwamba maswala ya upangaji wa soko na pia biashara ni baadhi ya majukumu ambayo yameweza kugatuliwa kwa asilimia 100 kulingana na Katiba ya Kenya ya 2013. Itakuwa ni vizuri pia Wizara ya biashara na utalii kutangaza katika gazeti la Serikali siku maalum za soko katika miji iliyotajwa. Pia itakuwa bora Wizara hiyo ilete ripoti katika Bunge hili letu la Lamu ili sisi Waheshimiwa tuweze kujua siku maalum za soko.

Motion Proposed

Members Contributions

MCA Aisha Ali Abdulrahman (Nominated): Asante sana Bwana Naibu Spika, na mimi nimesimama kuunga mkono hoja iliyoletwa na Mheshimiwa Njaaga. Kwanza ningependa kumshukuru kwa kuleta hoja hii ambayo ameileta kwa wakati mwafaka. Kusema kweli sisi watu wa Lamu tunafaa kumshukuru Gavana wetu kwa sababu ametujengea masoko katika Kaunti yetu ya Lamu. Kuna soko katika Wadi ya Witu lakini la kusikitisha soko hilo halifanyi kazi, kwa hivyo itakuwa bora hoja hii tukiipitisha basi swala hili litiliwe maanani sana.

MCA Shekhuna Abbas Shekhuna (*Mkomani*): Asante sana Bwana Naibu Spika. Bwana Naibu Spika kwa kunipa nafasi ya kuchangia hoja iliyoletwa na Mheshimiwa Njaaga kwa sababu hoja hii itaweza kuleta jamii kwa pamoja haswahaswa wafanyibiashara. Kwa hivyo ningemuomba Waziri wa biashara na utalii aweze kulizingatia swala hili na kulifanyia kazi ili wananchi waweze kufaidika.

MCA Mercy Riziki Nzai (*Nominated*): Asante Bwana Naibu Spika. Bwana Naibu Spika nimesimama kuunga mkono hoja iliyoletwa na Mheshimiwa Njaaga. Ukiangalia wananchi wanapitia changamoto nyingi kwa sababu hawajui siku maalum za soko na ni wapi wanafaa kupeleka bidhaa zao. Kwa hivyo hoja hii itakapopita basi itaweza kuwapa wananchi mwelekeo mzuri.

MCA Ahmed Hamid Omar (*Nominated*): Asante Bwana Naibu Spika. Bwana Naibu Spika, kusema kweli Kaunti yetu ya Lamu ikifanya maendeleo na isiweze kuleta natija basi maendeleo hayo yatakuwa hayana maana. Na maendeleo tunayoyafanya malengo yake ni kuwaenua wananchi kiuchumi na kimaendeleo. Kwa hivyo kukiwa na mpangilio wafanyibiashara wataweza kujipanga na hawataweza kupata hasara katika biashara zao. Kwa hivyo namalizia kwa kuunga hoja hii na ningependa kumpongeza Mheshimiwa Njaaga kwa kutuhimiza sisi Waheshimiwa tuwe na mipangilio kama haya kwa kuhakikisha maslahi ya wananchi yametimizwa.

MCA Bwana Mohamed Bwana (*Majority Leader*): Asante sana Bwana Naibu Spika. Bwana Naibu Spika nimesimama kuunga mkono hoja iliyoletwa na Mheshimiwa Njaaga. Tukiwa na siku maalum za soko basi tutaweza kuimarisha uchumi wa Kaunti yetu ya Lamu, kwa hivyo kuwekwa siku maalum ya soko katika Wadi hizo zilizotajwa litakuwa jambo la faida kwetu. Hata mimi ningetamani Wadi yangu ya Kiunga iekewe siku maalum ya soko ili wananchi wangu waweze kujiendeleza kiuchumi na

kimaendeleo tukizingatia ya kwamba tuko nyuma kiuchumi kwa sababu ya ukosefu wa usalama.

Mover's Response

MCA James Njaaga Kariuki (Hindi): Asante sana Bwana Naibu Spika kwa kunipa nafasi hii, pili ningependa kutoa pongezi kwa Waheshimiwa waliochangia hoja hii. Ni dhahiri kwamba kuna uhitaji wa kuwa na siku maalum za soko. Bwana Naibu Spika wakati nikileta hoja hii niliona tunaweza kujenga masoko mingi katika Kaunti hii yetu ya Lamulikiwemo soko la hapa Mokowe, Hindi, Majembeni na Witu yote hayajafanyiwa kazi. Kwa hivyo kuna haja ya kuhamasisha Idara husika kuwaita wahusika na kujadiliana namna ya kuzianzisha masoko haya na kuweka siku maalum za soko. Pia kuna ukusanyaji wa ushuru kwa wafanyibiashara utaweza kuimarisha uchumi wa Kaunti yetu ya Lamu.

(Question put and agreed upon)

ADJOURNMENT

Honorable Members, there being no other business, the Assembly stands adjourned until Tuesday 28th October 2025 at 2:30pm.

The Assembly rose at 3:30pm