

COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF LAMU



THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF LAMU

THE HANSARD

Wednesday, 1st April, 2026

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

[Temporary Speaker (MCA Beatrice Wamaitha Munge) in the Chair]

PRAYERS

[**Temporary Speaker** (MCA Beatrice Wamaitha Munge)]: Next Order.

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

NOTICES OF MOTION

COUNTY OFFICIALS ENGAGING IN POLITICS WHILE IN OFFICE

MCA Bwana Mohamed Bwana (*Majority Leader*): Thank you Madam Temporary Speaker. Madam Temporary Speaker, on behalf of MCA Fahd Dini I beg to give the following notice of motion:-

THAT AWARE THAT, County Government Officers including CECMs, Chief Officers, Ward Administrators and Support Staffs such as drivers are employed to serve the people with neutrality, professionalism and integrity.

FURTHER AWARE THAT, the increasing involvement of these Officers in partisan political activities while still holding Office has raised serious concerns about bias, abuse of Office and conflict of interest.

DEEPLY CONCERNED THAT, such conduct undermines public confidence, distorts fair political competition and leads to misuse of government resources for personal political gain.

NOTING THAT, the Constitution of Kenya under Article 10 enshrines national values of good governance, integrity, transparency and accountability.

FURTHER NOTING THAT, Article 232 provides for high standards of professional ethics, impartiality and political neutrality in public service.

COGNIZANT of the provisions of the County Governments Act, which require County Public Officers to maintain discipline, professionalism and avoid conduct that compromises service delivery.

ALSO GUIDED by the Public Officer Ethics Act, which clearly prohibits public officers from engaging in activities that conflict with their official duties or bring their Office into disrepute.

THIS HONORABLE HOUSE RESOLVES:

1. THAT all County Officials including CECMs, Chief Officers, Ward Administrators and all Staffs must refrain from engaging in active politics while in Office.

2. THAT any Officer wishing to participate in politics must resign, retire or step aside in accordance with the law before engaging in any political activity.
3. THAT the County Public Service Board and relevant authorities enforce strict disciplinary action against any Officer found using their position, government resources or influence for political purposes.
4. THAT clear County guideline be established to reinforce the separation between public service and political ambition.
5. THAT this House affirms that public office is not a campaign platform but a service to all citizens regardless of political affiliation.

Closing statement Madam Temporary Speaker you cannot be a referee and a player at this time. Let those who want politics to step down and face the people fairly and let those who remain in Office serve without bias and hidden interest.

[Temporary Speaker (MCA Beatrice Wamaitha Munge)]: Next Order.

Clerk-at-the-Table: Statements.

STATEMENTS

LACK OF GARBAGE DISPOSAL FACILITIES AT MPEKETONI MARKET

MCA Bwana Mohamed Bwana (Majority Leader): Thank you Madam Temporary Speaker. Madam Temporary Speaker, on behalf of MCA Beatrice Wamaitha who is our Speaker today in the Chamber.

Pursuant to Standing Order 41(2)(C) I rise to request for a statement from the Chairperson of Departmental Committee on health services, water and

environment regarding to the alarming lack of garbage disposal facilities at Mpeketoni market.

Madam Temporary Speaker, Mpeketoni market is one of the busiest trading centers in Lamu County serving hundreds of traders and residents on daily basis. However, the market currently lacks adequate garbage bins a situation that has led to indiscriminate dumping of waste within and around the market area.

This has resulted in:-

- Unhygienic conditions that pose serious public health risks to traders and consumers.
- Pollution of the environment, including blockage of drainage systems.
- A decline in the attractiveness and usability of the market, negatively affecting business activities.

Madam Temporary Speaker, it's so pathetic that even the market cleaners are not able to collect the garbage because of lack of protective gear.

Madam Temporary Speaker, the absence of proper waste management infrastructure undermines the dignity of traders and contradicts the County's mandate to provide a clean and healthy environment for its citizens.

Therefore, I wish to seek the following clarifications:

1. Why has the County Government failed to provide adequate garbage bins at Mpeketoni market?
2. Are there any plans in place to install sufficient waste disposal facilities in the market, and if so, when will this be done?

3. What interim measures has the Department put in place to address the current waste management crisis?
4. What long-term strategy does the County Government have to ensure proper solid waste management in all major markets across Lamu County?

Madam Temporary Speaker, this is a matter of urgent public concern that requires immediate intervention to safeguard public health and support economic activity in the market.

[Temporary Speaker (MCA Beatrice Wamaitha Munge)]: Any addition to that statement? If there isn't can we get the response from the Chairperson of the Departmental Committee on health services, water and environment.

MCA Francis Ngure Gakonga (Bahari): Asante sana Bi Spika. Bi Spika nimeisikiza kauli ambayo imesomwa na Kiongozi wa walio wengi kwa niaba yako, kwa hivyo ningeomba nipewe muda wa wiki mbili ili niweze kuleta majibu kuhusiana na kauli hiyo.

[Temporary Speaker (MCA Beatrice Wamaitha Munge)]: Honorable Chair health the last statement read that this is a matter of urgent and if you can make it one week or in the cause of this week, I think the House and the citizens of Lamu will be very proud. Is it possible Honorable Chair?

MCA Francis Ngure Gakonga (Bahari): Well guided Madam Temporary Speaker, I will try my best.

[Temporary Speaker (MCA Beatrice Wamaitha Munge)]: Next Order.

Clerk-at-the-Table: Motion

ADJOURNMENT

[Temporary Speaker (MCA Beatrice Wamaitha Munge)]: Honorable Members, there being no other business, the Assembly stands adjourned until today Wednesday 1st April 2026 at 2:30pm.

The Assembly rose at 11:30am