

COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF SAMBURU



THE HANSARD

Tuesday, 25th August, 2020

The Assembly met at the County Assembly chambers at 2:30 p.m.

The Speaker, County Assembly of Samburu, (Mr. Lempere Solomon) in the Chair

PRAYER

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

The Speaker, (Hon. Lempere Solomon): Hon. Members, I have a communication on the demise of Hon. Roseline Lekirimpoto, a Specially Elected Member of County Assembly. Hon. Members, as you aware on the night of Thursday on 20th August, 2020 at 10 pm, with grief and sorrow we received the sad news of the sudden demise of Specially Elected Member of County Assembly the late Hon. Roseline Lekirimpoto, MCA who passed on while undergoing treatment at Isiolo General Hospital.

Hon. Members, the late Hon. Roseline made her debut in county politics in August 2017 when she was nominated by Kenya African National Union (KANU) political party to represent women. Her servant leadership quickly earned her the adoration of women whom she constantly represented their plight in the County Assembly until her passing on last Thursday.

Hon. Members, the late Hon. Roseline an alumnus of Kisima Girls High School Samburu pursued various professions and theological trainings and she was an ordained pastor of the Apostolic Revival Mission Church. She was a uniquely gifted singer who used her artistic talent to serve God and the community. Upon being sworn in as a first Member in the Second Assembly she took up her parliamentary role with enthusiasm. Those who served along her in the Second Assembly will as agree that her swift mastery and grasp of County Assembly (*inaudible*) ensured that her insightful, tremendous and enriching contributions were keenly followed. Particularly, her contribution on legislations and matters relating to advocating for equity and a firm believer in activating and mainstreaming the voices of women in politics... (*Inaudible*)

Hon. Members, as our vibrant Member of this House, the late Hon. Roseline served actively and diligently both in the House and its Committees. In this Assembly, she was Vice Chair Committee on Cooperative, Trade and Tourism, and a resource Member of the Committees on Appointment, Finance, Implementation and Culture, where her contributions and participation were commendable. Many of us who interacted with her, and worked with her will acknowledge that she was a resolute, humble, gentle and amicable personality. And we will always miss her. Indeed, her passing on marks a dark moment not only for her family and the County Assembly

but also residents of Samburu County at large. Samburu has indeed lost a candid legislator, hardworking leader and a true daughter who endeavor to give everything for what she believes in with great courage, tenacity and humility.

Hon. Members, to accord the fallen gallant leader a decent send off, I urge you to liaise with the burial committee and the family with funeral arrangement which will be there tomorrow.

Hon. Members, on behalf of the Members of the County Assembly, the County Assembly Service Board and indeed on my own behalf, I wish to take this opportunity to condole with the family of our late sister Hon. Roseline Lekirimpoto for the great loss. As a County Assembly, we assure the family of our support during this period of great sorrow and grief. In tribute of departed colleague, I request that we all stand up and take a minute of silence. (*All Members rise up and continue standing in silence*).

Thank you and you may take your seats (*All Members take their seats*). Thank you and may her soul rest in eternal peace. Thank you Hon. Members. I will give Members a chance to record their condolences for those who would want to give their condolences on the floor of the House.

MCA Suguta Marmar Ward, (Hon. Shadrack Lesoipa): Thank you Hon. Speaker. As I stand today, I am going to send my condolences to the Hon. Members, the family of the late Roseline Lekirimpoto who has been a colleague since we were elected in 2017. Hon. Speaker, it is with great loss that we stand here today and condole with our colleagues, having lost one of us in this Assembly.

Hon. Speaker, having been a Member of the first and the second Assembly, we are very much grateful to the Lord when we dissolved our last Assembly that He kept us all and we missed none of us in the first Assembly. Here we are today, we are minus one. But we just say thank you to the Lord. Probably, the Lord has set good plans for her wherever she is going.

Hon. Speaker, this is a very difficult moment for this Assembly today to have lost one of us. Probably we might see her again in this world but we cherish that we are going to meet in the second that she has gone.

She was very prayerful. She conducted prayers in this Assembly in most of the cases. In most Committee sittings that I sat, whenever we conduct our business, we normally look for her to open our meetings with a word of prayer. It is correct Hon. Speaker that she left a voice in this earth that will be celebrated by many. She is good gospel singer; I think her voice will many remain in this earth and probably to deliver many from evil.

Today my heart is very heavy as we bid to our dear sister. And we say thank you to the Lord because He has chosen her, I am sure she will rest with angels. Thank you Hon. Speaker.

MCA Maralal Ward, (Hon. Fred Kiragu): Thank you Hon. Speaker I also wish to record my condolences to the family and all of us.

I have known the late for quite some time because I taught her in primary school. I also wish to pass our condolence on behalf of Committee on implementation of which she was an active Member in. This confirms to us that life on earth is transient; we are here for some time because this is not our home. I believe that none of us expected that this will happen today. The reports we were getting was that she has been improving so this is shocking to us all.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to put a suggestion that was brought to us because it is good for us to think, most of us I included never though MCAs (Members of County Assembly) can die that quickly or pass on. We do not have a laid down procedure of how to deal with such a situation.

PS (Permanent Secretary) Lesiyampe challenged us yesterday while we were having a burial committee meeting, he challenged us when he asked what the Assembly and the Members are doing. When we finish laying our sister down we should sit down and try to see what regulations we can put down hoping that this does not happen again but just in case it does happen, we have regulations to guide us, thank you Mr. Speaker.

Specially Elected MCA, (Hon. Osman Dube): Asante mshemiwa Spika. Kwa niaba yangu na familia yangu nasema pole kwa familia ya mwenzake Roseline.

Mwenzake alikuwa rafiki yangu, hapa kwa Assembly nikona majina mengi sana; mwenzake alinipa jina na kunishauri kwamba mimi si disable lakini ni able man. Naomba kwamba mungu amlaze mahali pema. Sisi kama Assembly tumepata pengo moja sasa bwana spika.

Kama tumekosana tusameheane, barabara ni ya hapa tu na sote tutaenda. Naomba kwamba kama kuna mtu amembeba marehemu kwa roho yake tafadhali amsamehe kwasababu mahali yeye yupo saa hizi pia sisi tutampata huko, asante sana mweheshimiwa spika.

Specially Elected MCA, (Hon. Zamzam Ismail): Thank you Mr. Speaker sir. first and foremost, I want to send my sincere condolences to the children, the family, to the Hon Members of this House and the community at large.

Mr. Speaker, we have lost a great lady. I would like to share a little memory as we travelled to Nakuru for a meeting with the Department of Gender, Culture and Social Services, we co-opted Hon. Doris. I think she fell ill in Nakuru. As we were travelling, she gave us a lot of advice especially as nominated Members.

She said; “Madada zangu, let us work as a team, let us love each other. In This world life is short” Mr. Speaker, she spoke from the bottom of her heart and we all felt the message she gave us. I want to urge the Members of this House, especially the nominated Members that we heed her words.

While in Nakuru, she would call us every evening and ask how we were doing. All we can offer our sister now is our prayers, may her soul rest in eternal peace.

The last time we spoke to our sister was in May, I think we went to visit her accompanied with Hon. Josphine Lesilampa during Ramadhan and she still gave us a lot of advices as much as she was not feeling well. When she saw us she stood and said; “vile nimewaona, nimepata nguvu na nasikia uchungu imepungua kwa mwili wangu” she was happy to see us. We pray for her and keep the love preached, have the unity she wanted and do as she advised, thank you Mr. Speaker sir.

MCA Ndoto Ward, (Hon. Raisy Letura): Thank you Hon. Speaker sir. I stand with a very heavy heart to condole the family of the County Assembly, my own family as well as the family of Ndoto Ward.

Hon Speaker, we have lost a gallant, and a warrior who has been in the midst of us for quite some time. The late Hon. Roseline stood for very many things in this County. She has

endeavored to get a very big constituent through her songs praising God, empowering women and girl child.

She has contributed a lot in this County Assembly and also outside this Assembly especially on education and empowering of women. Mr. Speaker, it is clear that we are all a family as Members of this Assembly. Many of us were not familiar to each other when we joined here but as we continued to stay together we got glued to each other and we are all now feeling that we lost one of us. Mr. Speaker, how I pray that we continue being together and pray for each other in the remaining time and pray for long life.

Hon. Speaker, I also wish to thank you so much for managing this County Assembly. The moment we got the message that a benevolent fund should be set aside so that when such things happen I know you must have undergone a lot stress because the family was saying that we need to bury Hon. Rosaline on Wednesday, that is tomorrow and that was just on Sunday. I know the situation we are in as a County. In fact, I couldn't believe that you could go to that level of arrangement see that we are able to meet the wishes of the family. Mr. Speaker this should be an eye opener for the members of this county assembly and prosperity both for the staff and even the MCAs because this is a family, we are like conjoined twins. We need to always have a plan for each and every one of us.

We are all believers and you know that we here temporarily. As Hon Dube said, it is always important that we forgive each other. If at all in any case Hon. Rosaline has wronged you in one way or the other and she could not say sorry for one reason or the other, it is only important that we forgive her and also pray for her to forgive us. As a team sometimes in one way or the other, we get to brush shoulders but at the end of the day we are still family. So, on my own behalf Mr. Speaker, I pray that God rests her soul in eternal peace till we meet again. Thank you.

MCA Wamba West Ward, (Ho. Leitore Benjamin): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Allow me to send my condolences and that of my family to the entire family of Lekirimpoto and to the County Assembly of Samburu. As we all know, Hon. Rosaline was an iconic Samburu gospel artist and a great leader as she demonstrated in several fields. Mr. Speaker when I recall a time when she was serving as the head of audit in the defunct local authority, she performed her functions with all the commitment and after that when she joined the County Assembly of Samburu, she

demonstrated her leadership through several aspects. Being a great leader of women, a great leader in the church and demonstrating her different aspects of leadership within the community.

Without forgetting that she was also my deputy in the tourism and trade committee, we have lost a great person, a great leader that we will keep in our minds to remember the kind of leadership she provided and particularly to my committee when I was absent. Mr. Speaker, she was a great person. My prayer is that God rest her soul in eternal peace. That is the much I can say.

Majority Leader, (Hon. Lentukunye Chris): thank you, Hon. Speaker. I also stand to condole with the rest of the members of the County Assembly and also people of Samburu County. The loss of Hon. Rosaline Lekirimpoto is a loss of this house and loss of residents of Samburu County. The time we have been with Rosaline in this house, the honorable proved to be a good leader. I do remember, Mr. Speaker, some time when we had some quarrel or some conflict in this house, the Hon. Rosaline stood between the two factions. During that time it was clear that she is a mediator. Her loss is a big blow to the people of Samburu County and also this house.

I also wish to thank you for moving very fast because this is something that we did not expect when it happens but you know these are difficult times. It is a time when all Counties experience financial constraints. As you acted very fast, we must say thank you. In future, because I have been in this house for almost three terms, the first being when I was in the County Council and these two after devolution, Mr. Speaker this is my first time to lose a colleague. I think we should plan or make some arrangements for when such things happen, this institution should look into ways in which the house meets emergency issues. That is all I can say. Tomorrow being the day that we are going to as a house lay our colleague to rest I call upon honorable members turn up and make sure they turn up very early. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Specially Elected MCA, (Hon. Dube Osman): Mheshimiwa Spika, nimerudi sababu ya maneno mawili. Mheshimiwa Rosaline ako na watoto na kuna mmoja anasoma. Kama ni mwenzetu tutafanyaje watoto wasifikirie wazazi? Pia alikuwa na mortgage na miaka yake haijaisha. Tafadhali zungumza na County Assembly Board kuhusu mambo haya. Asante, Mheshimiwa Spika.

The Speaker, (Hon Lempere Solomon): Thank you honorable members. Kama vile Mheshimiwa Dube amesema baada ya mazishi tutakaa chini kama members tuone kile tunaeza fanya.

MESSAGES

The Speaker, (Hon Lempere Solomon): Honorable members, pursuant to Standing Order number 41(1) I wish to read the following message from the Governor of Samburu County, His Excellency Moses Lenolkulal. It is a later dated 17th August 2020, addressed to the Clerk County Assembly of Samburu.

Dear Sir,

Nominee for Chairperson Samburu County Conservation Board.

In exercise of powers conferred by Section 36,1(a) as read with Section 34 (b), (d) and (g) of the County Government Act number 17 of 2012 to the County Executive and pursuant to section 12,1 (a) of the Samburu County community Conservancies Act of 2019, I wish to forward here with the name of County Community Conservancies Board Chairperson nominee for the County Assembly vetting and approval.

1. Daniel Letooiye for Chairperson.

Kindly see your way to expedite the process and approval

Sincerely, His Excellency, Moses Lenolkulal.

Hon. Members, further to that; Pursuant to Standing Order number 41/3 and having been laid, I refer the message to the Committee on Tourism, Trade and Cooperatives for consideration and reporting to this House.

MOTION

Leader of Majority, (hon. Christopher Lentukunye): Thank you Mr. Speaker. I want to move a Motion to alter the Calendar. Aware that due to Covid 19, the House had moved a Motion to alter its Calendar Pursuant to Standing Order number 25/4; I therefore wish to move a Motion that the Assembly needs in accordance with the Standing Order number 27/1.

MCA Ndoto Ward, (hon. Raisy Letura): Thank you Mr. Speaker. I wish to second the Motion but I seek your direction if the House is to resume on Thursday or Tuesday next week. I think we should resume on Thursday this week. It is not clear what the Majority Leader has read, thank you.

(Hon. Letura bows to second the Motion)

The Speaker, (Mr. Solomon Lempere): The Motion is in accordance with Standing Order number 27/1 which says that unless for the Speaker in convenience of the County Assembly otherwise directs, the County Assembly shall meet on 9 am on Wednesday and 2:30 pm on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday but more than one sitting may be directed during the same day. Secondly unless for convenience of the County Assembly the Speaker of the Chairpersons directs that...yes that is the Standing Order 27/1. After a small deliberation with the feeling of the secretariat of the House and due to the morning under whatever is going on in the work before us tomorrow and Thursday this week, they requested that we fully resume our sessions on Tuesday next week but I will open for the Members to put in their views and I will later put the question, that is a request made from the secretariat side. I will propose the question that a Motion to alter the Calendar of the House, Aware that due to Covid 19 pandemic, the House had moved a Motion to alter its Calendar Pursuant to Standing Order number 25/4; I therefore wish to move a Motion that the Assembly meet in accordance with the Standing Order number 27/1 as read. Hon. Members give your contribution in regard to that.

MCA Ndoto Ward, (hon. Raisy Letura): Thank you Mr. Speaker. I support the Motion. It is important that we all agree as the secretariat and the leadership of this House; it was informal. We were of the feeling that we resume on Thursday. The Majority Leader was to deliver on the same to your office and the secretariat. It is important to talk together. At some point it was like the secretariat was bulldozing the leadership of the Assembly in taking a meeting after meeting with the Majority Leader. We respect hon. Roselyn and I also respect the Motion to resume full next week. I advise that the secretariat respects the Majority Leader; we are a family. The Majority directed the secretariat to write it in the Order Paper that Assembly resumes on Thursday but the secretariat went ahead and met you Mr. Speaker and changed the dates, I do not think that is right. It is not cast in stone if anyone does not want us to resume on Thursday. We

are not fighting with the secretariat, I support the Motion to resume on Tuesday next week but we should consult with the office of the Majority Leader, thank you hon. speaker.

The Speaker, (Mr. Solomon Lempere): Hon. Members, I put a Motion that due to the Covid 19 pandemic the House had moved a Motion to alter its Calendar Pursuant to Standing Order number 25/4; and that this House adopts the Motion for the Assembly to meet in accordance with the Standing Order number 27/1 starting from Tuesday next week.

(Question put and passed)

Hon. Members the time being 7 minutes to five o'clock and there being no other business, this Assembly stands adjourns until Tuesday 1st September, 2020.