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County Assembly Mini Chamber at County Assembly Buildings)

[The Speaker (Hon. C. Korir):(Hon. C. Korir) in the Chair]

PRAYER

The Speaker (Hon. C. Korir): Serjeant-at-arms kindly ring the quorum bell for five minutes.

(Quorum bell is rung)

The Speaker (Hon. C. Korir): Hon. Josphat Kirui, act as the whip for now. Kindly whip up some other members to come. All the phones in the Chambers should be put on silent mode.

Hon. Langat, once the quorum bell has been rung, no member is allowed to leave. Sorry to inform you that you have to resume your seat. Those are the ground rules of this Assembly. Serjeant at arms kindly, still ring for a further five minutes.

(Quorum bell is rung)

The Speaker (Hon. C. Korir): Hon. Emily, may I remind you next time, once the quorum bell has been rung, no member is allowed to move out of the chamber.

Hon. J. Kipkirui (Singorwet ward, Independent): Mr. Speaker we have attained the quorum.

The Speaker (Hon. C. Korir): Are you sure, Hon. Josphat?

Hon. J. Kipkirui (Singorwet ward, Independent): Yes.

The Speaker (Hon. C. Korir): We can proceed.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR.

The Speaker (Hon. C. Korir): Thank you. Hon. members, for the past one week I have been away and there is progress wherever we have gone. In due course I will inform you what our county managed to secure from partners outside Kenya. However, I am concerned about the attendance. I will ask the Serjeant-at-arms to give me the reports of the attendance in this Assembly. Majority whip and minority whip, I don't know where they are and for some few days, I have noted that in terms of attendance, we need to pull up our socks. There are many questions with the different committees. I wish that we could expense with them and those charged with the bills which are remaining kindly finish up. Soon we are going for the long recess and therefore we need to work around the clock to ensure we finish before we proceed for the long recess in the next one week.

At the public gallery, I have members of the public, I believe they must be students.

1. Kiprotich Boaz who is from Kisii University
2. Emmanuel Kibet Kaptich from Kisii University.
3. Victor Kiptoo from Kabete National Polytechnic.
4. Atanas Koech from Karatina University.
5. Aaron Rono from Karatina University.
6. Benisla Chepchumba from Maseno University.
7. Abigael Chepkoech from Maseno University.
8. Cynthia Chepkoech from Karatina University.
9. Emmanuel Kimutai Kirui from Kisii University.
10. Sharon Chepkoech from Mount Kenya University.

I believe they are here for the attachment. I will allow one member to appreciate the said citizens from our county who are in the different universities. Most preferably the chair education.

Hon. E. Rotich (Mogogosiok ward, UDA): Thank you very much Mr. Speaker for giving me this opportunity to also say a word to the students who have come here to attach within the county assembly. First, Mr. Speaker is to welcome you back and I know you will have a story to tell about the Norway country and the practice out there. I know you might have learned so many things also and whether to know if there is a devolution in that country. You will share outside this Assembly so that we also learn. Otherwise, you are welcome. We will give you a long list of while you are away but not now Mr. Speaker.

Let me take this opportunity to welcome the students who have come to attach here at the county assembly. And first is to congratulate them in their studies for their hard work that has seen them through the years that they have been in school. Until such a point Mr. Speaker where they have come to learn from the practice or out there in the field. I want to believe that the opportunity that the county assembly gives these students is to ensure that we prepare them Mr. Speaker so that by the time they are done with their studies they will have understood what is out there in the market.

Mr. Speaker, county assembly is one of those institutions that shapes and gives opportunity to our children within Bomet County. And I want also to believe that even those outside Bomet County are given an opportunity to practice. And this practice Mr. Speaker will ensure that as they learn what we do here they will also be preparing themselves to take over from the staff. And maybe even from some of the Hon. members Mr. Speaker. You see I don't want to relinquish mine. From some of the Hon. members because by the time they are learning here, they may get inspired Mr. Speaker.

But I am encouraging them to get inspired, go for any position they wish they want to. But of importance Mr. Speaker is that we want to prepare citizens who are law abiding. Citizens who when given an opportunity to serve in different offices and capacities and different fields that they have studied at least we will have people who are accountable, people who are transparent in the position that they are going to serve in future. They need to learn from the county assembly. Mr. Speaker it is good that they came to the county assembly because this is where we have accomplished professionals. And Mr. Speaker in this county assembly we have professionals running different directorates and departments who are qualified. It is in the county assembly Mr. Speaker where we learn about accountability, transparency and being able to be dedicated in your work. It is even seen in the kind of building that we have here Mr. Speaker at the county assembly, the new chambers. It shows that money and public resources are well spent at this county assembly.

They will learn so Mr. Speaker so that when they cross over to the executive, if there some who will be employed by the executive, they will carry the spirit and the lessons that they have learned at the county assembly. Thank you very much and I want to ask them that they have a nice stay. They learn from what we do here during this period that they are going to be in attachment. Thank you very much and they are welcome. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. C. Korir): Thank you very much Chair education. Any other member? If there is none, then clerk.

PAPERS.

Hon. V. Rop, Deputy Majority Whip (Nominated member, UDA): Thank you Hon. Speaker. Hon. Speaker, I beg to lay the following papers on the table of the county assembly today, the Wednesday of 7th May 2025. That is the program-based medium-term expenditure framework and annual estimates of recurrent expenditure and development expenditure for the year ending 30th June 2026.

And second, the county assembly budget estimates for the year ending 30th June 2026. I beg to lay.

The Speaker (Hon. C. Korir): Proceed to lay. Hon. Victor, not over the maze. At the side of the maze. Not down the maze. Kindly just go around. Yes, at the side. Either side. Thank you. Thank you very much.

Hon. V. Rop, Deputy Majority Whip (Nominated member, UDA): Again, Hon. Speaker, I would beg to lay the following papers on the table of the county assembly. That is the report on the vetting of the chairperson of the Bomet County Affordable Housing Committee. I beg to lay.

The Speaker (Hon. C. Korir): Proceed to lay. Hon. Victor. Hon. Victor, I've seen you laying just a paper. I thought it was a report.

Hon. V. Rop, Deputy Majority Whip (Nominated member, UDA): Hon. Speaker, I got confused on the way. So, I laid three documents instead of two. So, the other document is there. So, there are now three. Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

The Speaker (Hon. C. Korir): Clerk, kindly confirm. All right. I know it is the first time you are laying government. But you have done well. I must congratulate you for the good way you've handled. Thank you very much. Let's proceed with the order paper.

The budget estimates report that has been given to us is hereby committed to committee on budget and appropriations committee. Chair, kindly acknowledge.

Hon. E. Kirui (Kimulot ward, UDA): Obligated Hon. Speaker.

The Speaker (Hon. C. Korir): Thank you very much and you have 14 days to finish up with the report.

Hon. E. Kirui (Kimulot ward, UDA): Noted Hon. Speaker.

The Speaker (Hon. C. Korir): Thank you very much. Clerk.

NOTICE OF MOTION.

Hon. V. Rop, Deputy Majority Whip (Nominated member, UDA): Thank you, Hon. Speaker. Hon. Speaker, I beg to give notices of the following motions. That pursuant to standing order 201, F. This county assembly adopts the report of the committee on lands, urban planning and housing under vetting of Mrs. Grace Rop, the county rural and urban affordable housing committee nominee. And pursuant to section 34,2, A and 3 of the affordable housing act 2024 approves the nomination of Mrs. Grace Rop for appointment as the chairperson of the county rural and urban affordable housing committee.

Secondly, Hon. Speaker, that pursuant to standing order 201,5, F. This county adopts the report of the committee on lands, urban planning and housing of vetting of Mr. Kiptoo Josphat Sigei, the county rural and urban affordable housing committee nominee. And pass one to section 34-2, C of the affordable housing act 2024 approves the nomination of Mr. Kiptoo Josphat Sigei for appointment as a member of the county rural and urban affordable housing committee. Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

The Speaker (Hon. C. Korir): Thank you very much Hon. Victor. The Assembly business will meet later to deliberate on that. That which Hon. Victor has just laid. Clerk.

STATEMENTS.

Hon. P. Langat (Merigi ward, Independent): Thank you Hon. Speaker. I'm responding this statement.

(Hon. E. Rotich (Mogogosiek ward, UDA) rose on a point of order)

The Speaker (Hon. C. Korir): What is your point of order Hon. Ernest.

Hon. E. Rotich (Mogogosiek ward, UDA): I'm rising on a point of order Mr. Speaker to know from your chair whether Hon. Victor is in order to just read the notice and leave it on his table. I don't know what the Assembly business will use once they get back to sit and plan for the business of the day.

The Speaker (Hon. C. Korir): Thank you very much for bringing that to the attention of the chair. Hon. Victor.

The Speaker (Hon. Hon. C. Korir): Did you read and kept the document at your table?

Hon. V. Rop (Nominated MCA, UDA): Hon. Speaker, I do not know how I woke up today. Additionally, I am not used to fronting the businesses of the government. Hon. Speaker, I beg to lay.

The Speaker (Hon. Hon. C. Korir): Proceed to lay

(Hon. V. Rop laid the Notice on the Table of the Assembly)

The Speaker (Hon. Hon. C. Korir): Thank you, Hon. Ernest for noting that we were not following our Standing Orders. We will appreciate the fact that this is Hon. Victor's first time to undertake this business of laying government businesses. I expect him to apologize the Standing Orders.

Hon. V. Rop (Nominated MCA, UDA): I am guided, Hon. Speaker, and thank you for briefing me on the rules of this Assembly.

The Speaker (Hon. Hon. C. Korir): Let us proceed. Hon. Langat.

Hon. P. Langat (Merigi Ward, Independent): Hon. Speaker, I rise to read this response on behalf of the Chairperson, Committee on Roads, Transport and Public Works, who is away on special duty.

(Hon. E. Kipkemai rose on a point of order)

The Speaker (Hon. Hon. C. Korir): Hon. Ernest, what is your point of order?

Hon. E. Kipkemai (Mogogosiek Ward, UDA): Hon. Speaker, I was sitting pretty well but I am shocked with what Hon. Peter is saying. He says that his chairperson is away on a special duty. I do not know whether your Chair is aware of the special duty and what are some of these special duties, since it has been mentioned on the floor of the Assembly.

The Speaker (Hon. Hon. C. Korir): You will note that I have not been around and as far as I know no one is away on any special duty. Hon. Peter, kindly substantiate.

Hon. P. Langat (Merigi Ward, Independent): Hon. Speaker, he told us in our Committee Sitting yesterday that he will not be around today. That is what I meant. Maybe he is on a special duty. Let me just respond to the Statement.

The Speaker (Hon. Hon. C. Korir): Before that, it is good to follow the procedures of this Assembly. When asked to substantiate, you are supposed to do so.

(Hon. R. Ruttoh rose on a point of information)

The Speaker (Hon. Hon. C. Korir): Whom do you wish to inform?

Hon. E. Kipkemoi (Mogogosiek Ward, UDA): Yes

The Speaker (Hon. Hon. C. Korir): Proceed.

Hon. R. Ruttoh (Chemaner Ward, UDA): Hon. Speaker, thank you. As the vice-chairperson of the Committee, I wish to communicate the apology of my chairperson. He informed us yesterday that since his ward is bordering Transmara and the President will in Transmara today, it was good for him to attend that function. He asked to be represented today.

I beg this Assembly to accept the apology and I ask that we allow the Member to proceed with the response.

The Speaker (Hon. Hon. C. Korir): You should have been the one presenting the report.

Hon. R. Ruttoh (Chemaner Ward, UDA): Hon. Speaker, I appreciate the fact that you were also away. I am also reporting to the Assembly today, after the break that you gave me after losing my mother. The Chair informed me that he had asked one of the members of the Committee to present on his behalf.

The Speaker (Hon. Hon. C. Korir): Hon. Langat, kindly proceed.

Hon. P. Langat (Merigi Ward, Independent): Hon. Speaker, I thank Hon. Richard Ruttoh for protecting me.

This is the response to the Statement raised by Hon. Dancel Kirui concerning the rehabilitation of zero two steel foot bridge in Ndaraweta ward.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, Hon. Dancel Kirui on the 5th day of March, 2025 sought for a comprehensive statement from the Chairperson Committee on Roads, Transport and Public Works concerning the rehabilitation of Zero Two steel Foot Bridge in Ndaraweta ward.

In the Statement, the Hon. Member asked the Chairperson to:

1. Indicate why despite the award of a contract of KES 3,826,260 for the rehabilitation of the foot bridge, the foot bridge was not rehabilitated to a proper state;
2. Provide an engineer's report on the workmanship that was done on the footbridge vis-à-vis the contract amount used;
3. Explain why the contract was signed just four (4) days after the notification to the successful bidder contrary to section 135(3) of the Public Procurement and Asset Disposal Act, 2015 which requires that at least a period of 14 days should have elapsed following the giving of that notification provided that a contract shall be signed within the tender validity period.

Mr. Speaker Sir, the Committee then convened and resolved that a letter be written to the County Executive Committee Member for Roads, Public Works and Transport to respond to the issues

raised therein the statement. A letter was then consequently written to the CECM Roads, Public Works and Transport on 10th of March 2025 urging him to expedite his response within 3 working days.

The CECM did not however respond until a reminder was sent to him on 10th of April 2025. It was however not until the 29th of April 2025 when the CECM ultimately responded.

Question 1, on why despite the award of a contract of KES 3,826,260 for the rehabilitation of the foot bridge, the foot bridge was not rehabilitated to a proper state, the CECM indicated that the foot bridge was completed practically to the satisfaction of the inspection and acceptance committee.

Question 2 on the engineer's report on the workmanship that was done on the footbridge vis-à-vis the contract amount used, the CECM did not provide the requested engineers report to demonstrate the workmanship that went to the construction of the foot bridge.

Question 3 on why the contract was signed just four (4) days after the notification to the successful bidder contrary to section 135(3) of the Public Procurement and Asset Disposal Act, 2015 which requires that at least a period of 14 days should have elapsed following the giving of that notification provided that a contract shall be signed within the tender validity period, the CECM did not provide an explanation as to why the contract was signed just four (4) days after the notification to the successful bidder contrary to section 135(3) of the Public Procurement and Asset Disposal Act, 2015.

Having scrutinized the statement vis-a-vis the response from the CECM Roads, Public Works and Transport, the committee made the following observations:

1. THAT in response to question number one of the statements, the CECM did not indicate whether the foot bridge was rehabilitated to the state that would be commensurate to the resources that were put to its rehabilitation. He merely stated that the bridge was completed to the satisfaction of the inspection and acceptance committee. It is imperative to note that Hon. Dancel Kirui appears to have been questioning whether there was value for money in the rehabilitation of the said footbridge which the CECM failed to indicate.
2. THAT, the CECM failed to provide an engineer's report to demonstrate the workmanship that went to the construction of the foot bridge. The committee therefore notes that this failure by the CECM leaves this aspect of the statement unanswered.
3. THAT, the CECM failed to explain why the contract was signed just four (4) days after the notification to the successful bidder contrary to section 135(3) of the Public Procurement and Asset Disposal Act, 2015 which requires that at least a period of 14 days should have elapsed following the giving of that notification provided that a contract shall be signed within the tender validity period. The committee notes that this was an

audit query in the Auditor-General's report for the FY 2023/2024 and therefore should have been easily responded to.

4. THAT, the CECM provided a summary of the physical progress of the rehabilitation of the foot bridge indicating that on average the rehabilitation works is 99.8% complete.

Arising from the above observations, the Committee made the following recommendation:

THAT the CECM for Roads, Public Works and Transport do adequately and comprehensively respond to the questions as asked in the Statement and provide a comprehensive report to the county assembly on the rehabilitation of Zero Two Steel Foot Bridge in Ndaraweta Ward within a period of two weeks.

That is the report. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Hon. C. Korir): That means the Committee needs to still relook at that and report back to the Chamber. Hon. Kirui.

Hon. E. Kirui (Kimulot Ward, UDA): Hon. Speaker, can I request to make a comment on the response given by Hon. Peter Langat?

The Speaker (Hon. Hon. C. Korir): Proceed

Hon. E. Kirui (Kimulot Ward, UDA): Hon. Speaker, I have listened to that response by the Committee and from my end, that response is sloppy. It looks like a letter was forwarded to the CEC and the response that was given seems to be saying, "You have asked the Question, so what? I think the Committee would have done better. They would have invited the CECM to the Assembly to respond on those Questions. What is the CECM going to do in the 14 more days given, after he has responded? A Question raised by a Member in this Assembly ought to be responded to diligently and adequately. The Committee ought to take its work seriously. We look like a conveyance Assembly that we just send Questions to the Executive; they can respond the way they want and we can give them an extra 14 days.

I am not satisfied, Hon. Speaker.

The Speaker (Hon. Hon. C. Korir): Hon. Ernest, then Hon. Nathan, followed by Hon. Rosaline.

Hon. E. Kipkemoi (Mogogosiek Ward, UDA): Hon. Speaker, thank you. It is good that you gave me to speak first, then those who are in the Committee can speak later. Hon. Speaker, this is one of the lowest moments in this Assembly. I have looked at this report. I do not know whether it qualifies to be a report. The CECM gave one sentence and the Committee also gave one sentence. The CECM is not serious. The Committee is equally not serious. The Hon. Member who sought the Statement is not even present in the Assembly to give us a timely and precise feedback.

I do not understand the world that this County Assembly operates in. I do not know if Hon. Japhet also uses that bridge and since the Hon. Member is not present in the Assembly too, we

will all have to speculate. If he uses that bridge, then what we saw on social media could be his works. I understand the contractor taken to the site and he decided to paint the steel bridge and then requested for Kshs. 3,826,260.

The way the Committee on Roads, Transport and Public Works treat matters of roads is enough reason for us to think of changing membership of Committees. The CECM did not even give the engineers report yet the Committee says the CECM gave a physical report. What is this physical report?

I am not crucifying my colleagues but if you look at this report, it is a two-page report. This means that the Committee probably never sat and these are the wordings of the chairperson. Looking at the eyes of the Committee members who are present, and I have also asked one of the members who sits closer to me here, they have not met, neither have they invited the CECM. The Statement seeker is also not present. I do not know where we are. Are we compromised? That is the question I should ask these members.

If we are compromised, because this is coming from a backdrop Mr. Speaker, of a situation where we were doing a supplementary budget the other day and in the vote book balances for this department is zero and when we ask the committee to ask the CEC of whether there were any commitments, whether there were some roads that were already procured, then it was a word of mouth, like we are getting today two weeks, from where? From when? To get what? Mr. Speaker, we are lost and because we are lost, we are depending on your wisdom. Could it be high time we change the committees in the Assembly? Or, could it be high time we send some of the executive backing starting with the Governor? Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker (Hon. C. Korir): Yes, honorable Nathan.

Hon. N. Kibet (Kapletundo Ward, UDA): Okay, thank you, honorable Speaker. I rise to comment on what my colleagues have said. On the statement, on the report that honorable Langat has just read. Honorable Speaker, honorable Kipkemoi, who is my junior, when I was in Form three, he was in Form one. I say it a lot, but honorable Speaker, I want to dispute the fact that he said we have never met as a committee.

(Hon. E. Kirui rose on a point of order)

Hon. E. Kirui (Kimulot Ward, UDA): Can Hon. Nathan Kibet clarify whether he is insinuating the fact that honorable Ernest Rotich is his junior in this Assembly? He needs to clarify that and he needs to come out clearly Hon. Speaker, because it feels demeaning to call your fellow honorable Member a junior in this Assembly.

The Speaker (Hon. C. Korir): Yes.

Hon. E. Kirui (Kimulot Ward, UDA): Can he clarify that?

The Speaker (Hon. C. Korir): I think you are right honorable.

Hon. N. Kibet (Kapletundo Ward, UDA): Hon. Speaker.

The Speaker (Hon. C. Korir): Honorable Nathan, before you proceed, honorable Nathan, kindly hold it. Thank you, I was seeking to understand whether honorable Nathan was in breach of the standing orders. What I don't know is how honorable Ernest has taken the statement from honorable Nathan. Did you take it positively or negatively? You need to register dissatisfaction and action will be taken.

Hon. E. Kipkemoi (Mogogosiek Ward, UDA): Mr. Speaker, I want to say that it is good to go to the records of this Assembly, that we went to school together with honorable Nathan from Kapletundo.

The Speaker (Hon. C. Korir): So, you do agree you are his junior?

Hon. E. Kipkemoi (Mogogosiek Ward, UDA): What he has said, Mr. Speaker, about me being in Form one while he was in Form three is still true but, Mr. Speaker...

The Speaker (Hon. C. Korir): But you have not taken offense. That's what I want to hear.

Hon. E. Kipkemoi (Mogogosiek Ward, UDA): I have not taken offense about it.

The Speaker (Hon. C. Korir): Okay. Thank you.

Hon. E. Kipkemoi (Mogogosiek Ward, UDA): But, Mr. Speaker, it is good so that in the near future some of our colleagues should tell us where they schooled, Mr. Speaker. So that at least we can...

The Speaker (Hon. C. Korir): Where does the issue of school come in honorable?

Hon. E. Kipkemoi (Mogogosiek Ward, UDA): It is about school, Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker (Hon. C. Korir): I think we are losing track. We are losing track here.

Hon. E. Kipkemoi (Mogogosiek Ward, UDA): He was in Form three Mr. Speaker and I was in Form one. So, I was just saying, in that spirit, Mr. Speaker, in the near future, us we were in Kaplong Boys, so the other honorable Members can tell us...

The Speaker (Hon. C. Korir): Honorable Members, now you are taking this Assembly in circus. Honorable Nathan, just to remind you, all of you here are honorable Members and of the same capacity.

Hon. N. Kibet (Kapletundo Ward, UDA): Hon. Speaker...

The Speaker (Hon. C. Korir): There is no member who is junior to anyone.

Hon. N. Kibet (Kapletundo Ward, UDA): Hon. Speaker...

The Speaker (Hon. C. Korir): Only that, just to remind you, a senior member who is ranking can say that a member who has just come in, but not young, or he can say, I am a ranking member. That is allowed. But now about school, I think it does not come to this Assembly. Refer to all members with honor. Apologize and proceed with your statement.

Hon. N. Kibet (Kapletundo Ward, UDA): Honorable Speaker, before I proceed, I want to clarify, while I was making the statement, I clearly stated that Kipkemoi is my schoolmate. I was in Form three when he was in Form one. I do not know how honorable Kirui saw it but I said Kipkemoi was in Form one when I was in Form three. That was not to demean him anyway.

The Speaker (Hon. C. Korir): All right.

Hon. N. Kibet (Kapletundo Ward, UDA): Anyway, Hon. Speaker, honorable Kirui and honorable Ernest have spoken about the committee. I agree there might be some problems here and there, but in that committee, I also sit there and according to the report that honorable Peter Langat has just read, we as a committee, we were not satisfied also as a committee. So yesterday we invited honorable Dancel, who was supposed to be here today. Actually, this report was supposed to be given yesterday, but because of lack of quorum, it was postponed to today. But honorable Dancel was there yesterday and when we invited him to the committee, he himself was not satisfied also and the same way we were not satisfied as a committee. We have procedures in this Assembly. When you say the committee is not serious, then we are not honest to ourselves, because there are procedures. Yesterday we sat as a committee. We wrote back a letter to summon the CEC to appear before the committee and then from there, if he does not appear, then we go to the next stage, which is to invite him to the whole Assembly. So, there are procedures which needs to be followed. I agree also we have so many issues with the Department of Roads and when we invite them to this Assembly, I think it will be an opportunity for them to come and tell us what we have been asking them. So, the only difference is that there are procedures. You cannot overstep the other procedures that are there in the Assembly. So, I wanted to clarify that honorable Eric Kirui. Otherwise, as a committee, we were not satisfied and we did our part by inviting them to appear before the committee next week on Tuesday because it requires that we give them a seven-day notice. So, it was not possible to invite them within a day. So, because of the standing orders of this Assembly, we invited them next week and then from there, the reason why honorable Langat said two weeks was to allow us to summon them then if they fail, then we invite them to the Assembly. That is what I wanted to clarify honorable Speaker. Otherwise, thank you very much and personally, I am committed. If they fail, I am very ready remember last year honorable Speaker, I was the first one here to send someone home. I am also ready this time around again. If someone fails, I'm ready to send him home. Thank you honorable speaker.

The Speaker (Hon. C. Korir): Thank you. Honorable Rosaline.

Hon. R. Cheptoo (Rongena/Manaret Ward, UDA): Thank you honorable speaker, I have heard from the honorable Member and I was seeing that as much as we want the committee to be serious and executive, we also feel that the Statement Seeker should also show seriousness. So

unfortunate that honorable Dancel is just marching along the corridor while we are in serious business. So that seriousness should start from the Statement Seeker if he was really interested in the...

The Speaker (Hon. C. Korir): Honorable Rosaline, are you alluding that the honorable Member whose question we are discussing is within? Sergeant-At-Arms kindly find the honorable member please.

Hon. R. Cheptoo (Rongena/Manaret Ward, UDA): In addition, honorable Speaker, concerning the Department of Roads, we are aware that I'm privileged to be in the Committee of Budget and we budgeted a lot of money to the Department of Roads and especially for tendering of roads, major roads and minor roads and even cross-cutting but while we were in the supplementary budget, we realized the money which was meant for those tenders is no longer there and we are not seeing any work in our wards. So, part of the issues which we expect the Department of Roads to take it seriously and ask the Executive to explain to us where the money went and yet we are not seeing any projects in our wards. Another issue is that I was expecting the Chair, Committee on Housing and Urban Planning. I have a statement which I raised for concerning exotic municipality. So, I came very early expecting that I would get the response. Also, the Department of Administration, I'm seeing the Chair here. I also have another statement which I raised. It was supposed to be answered last week, but it was postponed to this day because of the quorum. So maybe you'll allow the Committee concerned to maybe tell us whether the statement is ready or what. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. C. Korir): Hon. Josphat, but before you proceed, clerks, why was the response for what honorable Rosaline is referring to, the report from Urban Planning not given today? If it is not in today, kindly in the afternoon ensure that report is within this Assembly. Honorable Josphat, proceed.

Hon. J. Kipkirui (Singorwet Ward, Independent): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Allow me to also make a comment on this statement in question. Apparently, Mr. Speaker, this is a breach that connects Ndaraweta Ward with Singorwet Ward, Mr. Speaker and I also happen to be a member of the Roads Committee and from the onset Mr. Speaker, I wish to express some happiness in the manner in which the members have also shown concern on how we are tracking the responses to the various questions that we put forward before the floor of this Assembly. Mr. Speaker, I'm one of those people who have been branded to be seeking statements so many times before this Assembly and many a times, after the responses have been supplied before this Assembly, we often find out that the reports given are not satisfactory and we often go another step to seek for another comprehensive statement, which sometimes, Mr. Speaker, does not come. It is important that we keep track of the resolutions that are passed before this Assembly, so that where a

member of the Executive Committee is required to supply further information, it is also captured in the Order Paper, so that when that time comes, we are able to keep track of the resolutions that were passed before the Assembly. Secondly, Mr. Speaker, as a member who is much interested in this response, we have done our part as a committee, diligently I must say and Mr. Speaker, looking at the response given by honorable Langat, this question we wrote to the Executive Committee member on the 10th of March. Mr. Speaker, the response was supposed to be given within three working days. A month later, that was 10th of April, no response was forthcoming and it was until the 29th of April is when now the CEC is giving the response. That is two months afterwards. Mr. Speaker, this Department of Roads is where we have had a number of issues remember, we sent the CEC packing last year, we had another CEC who was acting and we now have a new CEC whom to the best of our knowledge, we really believe that he will be very swift in how he responds to the issues of the members having been a member to this Assembly Mr. Speaker. Unfortunately, we are noticing a replica of what was happening before in the committee and sometimes, Mr. Speaker, it reaches a point where we lose even interest in how the Department is mishandling the committee.

Mr. Speaker, the breach in question, so that I don't spend a lot of time, is a very key breach in the sense that it connects two areas of Ndaraweta and part of my ward and interestingly, how this breach went down was very unfortunate. We had students from Ndaraweta girls visiting the area and having stepped on that bridge, that is really how it went down and fortunately, we didn't have any casualties, we only had minor injuries for the students of Ndaraweta girls. Mr. Speaker, we went ahead and requested that it was a matter of urgency and when we had the contractor showing up, it really took a very long time. We expressed deep concerns in the Department and I was in the forefront, asking the CEC then, who was in charge, to ensure that the breach is rehabilitated because of the essentiality of that bridge.

Mr. Speaker, what was done to the best of my understanding as a member from that area, is not really to the value of the money that was spent. We have had a very difficult time answering questions to our people on how the 3.8 million was spent and here, the first question really was seeking to ask whether there was value for money and Mr. Speaker, the CEC is very swift only to respond that it was completed, practically to the best or the satisfaction of the inspection and the acceptance committee. Mr. Speaker, I think we need to ask for more seriousness from the Department and I am very sure that the members of this Assembly will be ready to have the CEC appearing before the floor of this Assembly. Mr. Speaker, as said by my colleague honorable Nathan Kibet, we made a recommendation that the CEC be summoned within seven days but Mr. Speaker, looking at the time at which the question was raised, this was the 10th of March. Using your powers Mr. Speaker of the Chair, I want to request that you direct that the committee writes

back asking the CEC to appear in person before this Assembly so that we ask this question alongside other teething issues within the Department of Roads. Mr. Speaker, as you are aware, we are at a time when most of the emerging issues in the county are surrounding roads. Our roads are really in poor and pathetic conditions and these members are slammed so much because of the inefficiencies in how the Department is running its operations. Mr. Speaker, we are very shocked that the vote book balances in the Department of Roads are almost zero, yet we are not seeing works implemented or executed in our wards. Then it begs the question that where is really this money going to? I want to ask that you direct that they appear before this Assembly so that these questions can be made live and also our people get to know why our roads are not in good conditions.

Lastly Mr. Speaker, allow me to make a comment on what is happening across the country. We are having a situation where the members of the National Assembly, the members of the Senate and the women representatives are pushing to have the CDF and the NGAAF money be onboarded in the Constitution. Mr. Speaker, where are we in the question of devolution? Are we really wishing to have this devolution further or it should just die and we just have all the works implemented from the National Assembly? I wish that all of us as members of this county assembly raise concern on how could the National Assembly have the bill in place. We know there was NADCO report, but we needed also to have something in the county assembly, preferably ward development fund Mr. Speaker. That is the easiest way in which our people would be able to earn development but if we just allow our people to speak to the CDF, the Senate oversight and the NGAAF money without talking of ward development fund then we are losing it on devolution. Us as champions of devolution, we would want our voices to be heard that we want more of the resources to be brought to the county level. Mr. Speaker, we had the RMLF funds which I heard the head of state openly talk that it should be taken back to the national government. Mr. Speaker, losing 163 million from the budget of this county means that we will not have roads done. 163 million is supposed to have done or was supposed to have done at least 3 kilometers or 4 kilometers in a ward. But Mr. Speaker, the contention between the National Assembly and the Council of Governors, it was so clear that that money ought to have been used or utilized within the county to the benefit of the members of the public. Otherwise, Mr. Speaker, I thank you for the opportunity and I ask that you direct that the CEC appears so that we are able to ask this question of 02 steel bridge and also other supplementary questions. I ask my residents of Singorwet Ward to still also be patient as we process this matter. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. C. Korir): Thank you very much Honorable Josphat for your response on that. You are a member of the committee and what honorable Nathan is saying and what you are saying are two different requests. Honorable Nathan, however, the report has been given. You

have already asked again the CEC to expound more on the same report. So, it should have been the other way around. You should have asked for more time, meet the CEC and then from that point you can, as a committee, bring the whole comprehensive report from him. However, you have brought a report and you are requesting again to go and meet the CEC over the same and yet another member is requesting that the CEC appears before the chamber. I do not know.

Hon. J. Kipkirui (Singorwet Ward, Independent): Allow me to clarify Mr. Speaker. When we sat in the committee, it was a majority agreement that let the CEC be summoned. And Mr. Speaker, we also were aware that this would appear in the order paper and we needed at least some response on what has already transpired. Maybe only the approach was not captured very well, but it was in good...

The Speaker (Hon. C. Korir): So, all the members of Roads Committee, you agree that the CEC appears before the full Assembly? Is that your feeling? All right. So, thank you for your contributions. And I'll ask you, I want to put a question before you, members, to agree with me whether we proceed with the member coming in. So, although I don't have the right English to really put it, but the question is, would you want the CEC to appear before the full Assembly?

(Question put and agreed to)

And therefore, as earlier, I think you would now correct the vice chair of the committee, on behalf of your chair, inform the CEC that next week, on a day like this, on a Wednesday, he will appear before the full Assembly.

Hon. R. Ruttoh; Majority Whip (Chemaner Ward, UDA): I Oblige.

ADJOURNMENT

The Speaker (Hon. C. Korir): Hon. Members, considering that all the issues that were in our order paper are complete, the appointments committee, I am requesting that we meet immediately after this sitting in my office. Otherwise, as of now, we adjourn up to 2.30 pm today.

The Assembly rose at 11:25 am