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COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF GARISSA

GARISSA COUNTY ASSEMBLY



**Third County Assembly
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THIRD COUNTY ASSEMBLY – (THIRD SESSION)

ORDER OF THE DAY

WEDNESDAY 20TH MARCH, 2024 AT 2:30 PM

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Administration of Oath
2. Communication from the Chair
3. Messages
4. Petitions
5. Papers
6. Notice of Motion
7. Statement

(STATEMENT SOUGHT FROM THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE, BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION)

Hon.Speaker, Pursuant to standing order 41(2), (c), I beg to seek a statement from the chair committee on Budget and appropriation committee.

Hon Speaker, the issues related to county pending bills can arise due to various factors, including financial mismanagement, inefficiencies in budgeting and accounting processes, delays in approvals, discrepancies in documentation, and economic downturns affecting revenue streams.

Hon.Speaker, un paid dues to the genuine contractors may result cash flow problems, affecting its ability to pay vendors, contractors, and service providers in a timely manner. Delayed payments can incur late fees and penalties, increasing the financial burden on the county and potentially damaging its credit rating and thus affecting the cash flow of its economy.

Hon.Speaker, Vendors or contractors may take legal action against the county for non-payment, resulting in costly litigation and reputational damage. Pending bills can indicate budget overruns or discrepancies between budgeted and actual expenses, leading to questions about financial management and accountability.

Hon.Speaker, the un paid bills will translate negatively on services as it will disrupt services provided by vendors and contractors, affecting essential services such as healthcare, infrastructure maintenance, and public safety.

Hon.Speaker, Failure to address pending bills promptly can jeopardize the county's long-term financial stability, making it harder to address future challenges and invest in growth initiatives.

Hon.Speaker, addressing these issues requires proactive financial management, transparent communication with stakeholders, efficient budgeting and accounting processes, and a commitment to resolving pending bills in a timely manner. It may also involve implementing stronger internal controls, improving cash flow forecasting, and exploring avenues for revenue generation and cost reduction.

In the statement the chair should report and inquire into:

1. What is causing this delays in respect to payments of pending bills?
2. What is the total amount and plans put in place to avoid such accruals?
3. Whether there is payment plan and challenges faced by the county in executing such plans?

(STATEMENT SOUGHT BY HON FATUMA ADEN ABDI- MCA NOMINATED)

7. Motions and Bill