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ORDER OF THE DAY

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ORDER OF BUSINESS

PRAYER

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- 6*. **Notices of motion**

(Hon Fatuma M. Shide-Nominated MCA)

Hon Speaker, I beg to give notice of the following motion;

THAT, aware that the Salaries and Remuneration Commission (SRC) issued guidelines to county governments regarding the provision of housing benefits for Governors and Deputy Governors, as stipulated in SRC letters Ref. Nos: SRC/TS/CGOVT/3/61 dated 18th December 2013, 24th October 2016, 25th August 2017 and SRC letter Ref. No: SRC/TS/CGOVT/3/61/VOL.V.(44) dated 14th August 2020.

FURTHER AWARE that the SRC extended the deadline for the construction of these residences to June 30, 2022, to allow counties time to allocate funds and prioritize construction on public land owned by the counties

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COGNIZANT of the fact that the Constitution of Kenya, 2010, under Article 174, emphasizes the devolved government's responsibility to promote social and economic development and provide proximate, easily accessible services throughout Kenya

CONCERNED that Garissa County has not yet complied with these SRC guidelines, continuing to incur unnecessary expenses on rent for official residences contrary to SRC guidelines;

DEEPLY CONCERNED by the lack of progress in the construction of these residences, which undermines the efficient use of public funds and violates the principles of accountability and prudent financial management

NOW THEREFORE, this Assembly urges the County Executive of Garissa County to:

1. Comply with the SRC guidelines by allocating adequate funds for the construction of official residences for the Governor and Deputy Governor.
2. Prioritize the construction of these residences on public land owned by the county, adhering to the specified acreage limits and cost caps: Ksh 45 million for the Governor's residence and Ksh 40 million for the Deputy Governor's residence.
3. Provide a detailed report on the progress of these constructions to this Assembly within six months, ensuring transparency and accountability.

7*. Questions and Statements

1. (STATEMENT SOUGHT FROM THE CHAIR COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, LIVESTOCK AND PATORAL ECONOMY)

Hon. Speaker, Pursuant to Standing Order 47(1) (c), I wish to request a statement from the Chairperson of the Sectoral Committee on Agriculture, Livestock and Pastoral Economy regarding the status of Agricultural Machinery Services (AMS) at the department of agriculture.

Hon Speaker, these services include renting or leasing machinery, providing operators to run the equipment, or offering repair and maintenance support. i.e. tractors, back holes and graders.

Hon Speaker, lack or inadequate of these AMS can increase challenges such as; Low Productivity, Increased Labor Costs and Time, Delayed Farming Operations, Limited Land Utilization, Soil Degradation and Erosion, Post-Harvest Losses, Reduced Competitiveness, Food Insecurity and Dependency on Manual Labor.

Hon Speaker, addressing these challenges requires investment in agricultural machinery services, training, and support to help farmers transition to more modern, efficient farming techniques.

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Hon. Speaker, Agricultural Mechanization can increase land productivity by facilitating timelines and quality cultivation, reduce poverty and achieve food security while improving people's livelihoods. It also decreases the environmental footprint of agriculture when combined with adequate conservation agricultural practices.

Hon Speaker, in the statement the chairperson should inquire into and report on;

1. How many agricultural machines are currently operational and actively providing support to farmers?
2. Can you provide a detailed breakdown of the agricultural machines in the county, indicating how many are classified as old, new or recently acquired?
3. Does the department have any concrete, actionable plans to purchase new agricultural machines in the near future? if so, what is the timeline of these acquisitions, and how many machines are expected to be procure?
4. Can the department provide a detailed report on the total income generated from Agricultural machines over the past year?
5. What specific plans are in place to ensure that agricultural machinery remains well-maintained and operational?
6. What measures have been implemented to improve the timeliness of machinery service and repair, and how does the department ensure that farmers are not faced with significant delays during peak agricultural seasons?
7. How does the department assess the adequacy and modernity of the machinery available to farmers? Are there any plans to upgrade or expand the fleet to meet the needs of modern agricultural practices?
8. Given the increasing focus on sustainable agriculture, what steps are being taken to ensure that the machinery services provided are aligned with environmental goals, such as reducing emissions and fuel consumption?
9. What key performance indicators (KPIs) are being used to measure the efficiency and success of agricultural machinery services? How often are these metrics reviewed, and are they publicly accessible?

(STATEMENT SOUGHT BY HON ABDULLAHI IBRAHIM SIGAT - MCA NANIGHI WARD)

2. (STATEMENT SOUGHT FROM THE CHAIR COMMITTEE ON WATER AND IRRIGATION SERVICES)

Hon. Speaker, Pursuant to Standing Order 47(1) (c), I wish to request a statement from the Chairperson of the Sectoral Committee on Water and Irrigation Services regarding the status of water pumps in Nanighi Ward.

Hon. Speaker, Article 191 of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010 outlines the functions and powers of the County Government, which include the provision of water services to our residents. It is essential that we uphold these devolved water functions while respecting constitutional rights.

Hon Speaker, Article 43(1)(d) of the Constitution guarantees the right to clean and safe water for every individual. It emphasizes that access to accessible and adequate water services is a fundamental right, and the State has a duty to ensure the provision of these services.

Hon speaker, in Nanighi Ward, the development of farms, water pumps, canals and access roads are crucial for improving agricultural productivity and ensuring farmers have the resources they need. Access to reliable water sources through pumps and canals can significantly enhance irrigation practices which are vital for crop growth.

Hon Speaker, in the statement the chairperson should inquire into and report on;

1. What plans are in place to improve the irrigation systems, specifically regarding the restorations of water pumps, canals and access roads?
2. How does the county government intend to support farmers in accessing these water resources?
3. What measures are being taken to ensure the maintenance and sustainability of existing farms and irrigation facilities?

(STATEMENT SOUGHT BY HON ABDULLAHI IBRAHIM SIGAT- MCA NANIGHI WARD)

8. Motions and Bills
