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ORDER OF THE DAY

TUESDAY 17TH DECEMBER 2024 AT 2.30 PM

ORDER OF BUSINESS

PRAYER

- 1. Administration of Oath
- 2. Communication from the Chair
- 3. Messages
- 4. Petitions
- 5. Papers
- 6. Notices of motion
- 7*. Questions and Statements

1.(STATEMENT SOUGHT FROM THE CHAIR COMMITTEE ON HEALTH)

Hon. Speaker, Pursuant to Standing Order 47(1)(c), I rise to request a statement from the Chairperson of the Sectoral Committee on Health regarding the status of Bula Mzuri dispensary in Waberi ward.

Hon. Speaker, Article 43(1)(a) of the Constitution of Kenya guarantees every individual the right to the highest attainable standard of health. To fulfill this mandate, the County Government is tasked with providing effective and accessible healthcare services, which include emergency medical services.

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Hon. Speaker, Part 2 of the fourth schedule of the constitution 2010 apportions the health functions to the County Governments hence commitment to the optimal functioning of the health facilities need to be ensured.

Hon. Speaker, a fundamental principle of primary health care states that everyone in the community should have access to it. Having access indicates the potential to use a service when it is needed. The proof of access is the use of the service rather than a simple existence of a facility, in this regard, Bulla Mzuri dispensary is not fully operational for a while despite the critical role it plays in providing essential healthcare services.

Hon Speaker, Additionally Bula Mzuri dispensary is currently in a dilapidated state, posing significant challenges to the quality of healthcare services it can offer. The infrastructure is outdated and in urgent need of renovation to ensure the safety and well-being of both patients and staff. The County Government is mandated to provide healthcare services to all the people of Waberi are not an exception.

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

- 1. Whether the Department is aware of the dilapidated status of Bula Mzuri dispensary?
- 2. Whether the department is aware of the maternity unit at the dispensary that has been closed for over five years? If yes, are there any plans of reopening the maternity?
- 3. There is lack of security personnel present at the dispensary. Is the department planning on hiring a watchman for the facility?
- 4. Whether the department is aware of the inadequate sanitation facilities at the dispensary which is a critical shortcoming that compromises the hygiene standards of both patients' health and staff working conditions?
- 5. Given these pressing issues, what plans or strategies is the Department putting in place to address the challenges facing Bula Mzuri dispensary?

(STATEMET SOUGHT BY HON ABUBAKAR HAJI SUGOW-MCA WABERI WARD)

2.(RESPONSE TO THE STATEMENT SOUGHT FROM THE CHAIR COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, LIVESTOCK AND PASTORAL ECONOMY)

1. Why has the establishment of processing for products such as tomatoes and milk not been given adequate priority, and what steps are being taken to address this gap?

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- 2. Why the department has not presented a proposal to address the need for these facilities, as expected for key county development initiatives?
- 3. What is the current status of processing facilities for agricultural products, including tomatoes and milk, within the county? If they are there I request for a comprehensive report on the number of operational facilities, their locations, capacities, and accessibility for farmers
- 4. What measures has the department of agriculture taken to involve farmers, cooperatives, and stakeholders in the planning and development of processing facilities?
- 5. What funding models or mechanisms are currently in place to support the establishment and maintenance of processing facilities?
- 6. What challenges are being encountered in the establishment and operation of processing facilities, and what strategies is the department employing to address these challenges?
- 7. How is the department of Agriculture collaborating with national government agencies and other partners to support the development of processing facilities?
- 8. Why does Fafi and Nanighi Ward both lack a single processing unit for key agricultural products like tomatoes and milk?

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

8. Motions

9*. THE GARISSA COUNTY RANGELAND MANAGEMENT BILL (ASSEMBLY BILL NO 6 0F 2024)

(The Chairperson, Departmental Committee on Agriculture, Livestock and Pastoral Economy)

First Reading