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**SUPPLEMENTARY ORDER PAPER**

**ORDERS OF THE DAY**

**TUESDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> JULY 2025 AT 2:30 PM**

**ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**PRAYERS**

1. Administration of Oath
2. Communication from the Chair
3. Messages
4. Petitions
5. Papers

**6\*. Notices of Motion**

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

**THAT, AWARE THAT,** Soko mugdi Market is one of the largest and most vibrant commercial centres within the County, serving as a critical source of income, trade and employment for thousands of residents, and contributing significantly to the County's own-source revenue

**DEEPLY SHOCKED,** by the catastrophic fire that erupted earlier yesterday, 30<sup>th</sup> June 2025, at approximately 6:00 a.m., in which thick smoke and rapid flames devastated dozens of stalls including produce, grocery, electronics and clothing sections inflicting incalculable damage on goods and livelihoods

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**CONSCIOUSLY DISTURBED**, by the fact that this is the third inferno in recent years, again exposing acute deficiencies in local disaster preparedness, response capabilities and infrastructure

**DEEPLY CONCERNED**, by the rising frequency and intensity of fire incidents within the market, which have resulted in the destruction of property worth millions of shillings, displacement of traders, disruption of livelihoods and economic distress to families and businesses

**FURTHER COGNIZANT**, that the absence of a proximate, well-equipped fire and emergency response station has significantly contributed to delayed response times, inadequate containment, and increased vulnerability to disasters within the market and its surrounding areas

**ACKNOWLEDGING**, the constitutional responsibilities bestowed upon County Governments under Part II of the Fourth Schedule of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010, specifically in relation to “fire-fighting services and disaster management”;

**FURTHER GUIDED** by the provisions of the County Governments Act, 2012, particularly **Section 102(c)** which provides for the principles of planning and development including the protection of the right to live in a clean and secure environment;

**Section 103(1)(d)** which requires county governments to promote disaster preparedness and risk reduction through integrated planning; and

**Section 104(1)** which mandates counties to prepare county integrated development plans (CIDPs) that incorporate disaster risk management frameworks;

**RECOGNIZING**, the need for immediate institutional and infrastructural investments in fire preparedness and disaster response to prevent recurrence of loss, promote business continuity, and safeguard the safety and dignity of market users;

**NOTING THAT**, disaster preparedness is not only a legal duty but also a developmental necessity aligned with Kenya’s Vision 2030, the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction (2015–2030), and the principles of sustainable urban development;

**NOW THEREFORE**, this Honorable assembly resolves:

1. To urge the County Government through the department Lands, Housing, Physical Planning and Urban development to prioritize the establishment of a fully functional and strategically located Fire and Emergency Response Station at Soko mugdi Market

2. That the County Government prioritizes the allocation of adequate funds in the subsequent County budgets to facilitate construction, equipping, and staffing of the said station.
3. That, the Department conducts comprehensive fire risk assessments and hazard mapping of Soko mugdi Market and its environs to inform fire safety planning, zoning regulations, and disaster mitigation strategies
4. That, the County Government launches a structured, continuous public sensitization and community outreach program on fire prevention, emergency response protocols, and trader safety targeting all market users and surrounding neighborhoods

**(Hon Hussein Mohamed Dagane-Minority Leader)**

**7. Questions and Statements\***

**(STATEMENT SOUGHT FROM THE CHAIR COMMITTEE ON COUNTY AFFAIRS, PUBLIC SERVICE AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATION)**

**Hon. Speaker,** Pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 47(2)(c), and in execution of my oversight responsibility under Article 185(3) of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010, I rise to request a statement from the Chairperson of the Sectoral Committee on County Affairs, Public Service and Intergovernmental Relation regarding the Human Resource Gaps in the Departments of Lands, Water, Agriculture and Livestock in the County Government.

**Hon. Speaker,** these four departments are critical to the county's mandate in land governance, natural resource management, food security, water access and livestock development. However, a significant and ongoing shortage of technical and professional personnel persists across these departments particularly;

- I. In the department of lands-Land adjudication officers, physical planners and surveyors
- II. In the department of water-Water engineers, hydrologists and technicians
- III. In the department of agriculture -Agricultural extension officers, soil scientists and crop specialists
- IV. In the department of livestock-Veterinary officers, livestock production experts and animal health technicians

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**Hon Speaker**, this situation undermines the County’s ability to deliver on its development agenda and contravenes both national legislation and constitutional obligations.

**Hon Speaker**, the failure to adequately staff these departments undermines the implementation of the following legal and policy instruments;

**Article 43(1) (c & d)** of the Constitution which emphasize the Right to adequate food and clean, safe water.

**Article 60(1)** which also mandate Equitable access to land and sustainable management.

**Article 232(1)** which outlines values and public service including responsiveness, meritocracy and efficiency service delivery.

**The County Governments Act, 2012 (Sections 59–62)** which places the duty on the CPSB to develop and implement HR Policies, ensure equitable staffing and rationalize public service delivery

**The Public Service (Values and Principles) Act, 2015** which Requires responsive and merit-based recruitment.

**Water Act, 2016** which prescribed the County responsibility to deliver sustainable and safe water services through qualified personnel

**Land Act, 2012** which requires the deployment of trained land adjudicators and technical staff for effective land administration

**Agriculture and Food Authority Act, 2013** which emphasizes Agricultural extension, regulation and enforcement

**Animal Health Bill & Livestock Policy** Provide frameworks for disease control and veterinary public health.

**Hon Speaker**, the continued under-staffing in these departments has resulted in;

- I. Backlogs in land documentation, planning and dispute resolution
- II. Poor maintenance and underutilization of water infrastructure
- III. Inadequate farmer support through extension services, limiting crop yields
- IV. Insufficient livestock vaccination coverage, risking outbreaks and income loss.

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**Hon Speaker**, these challenges are further exacerbated in ward and sub-county areas, where frontline staff are most needed.

**Hon. Speaker**, the future of devolved governance and sustainable development in our county depends heavily on the availability of a qualified, motivated and well-deployed public workforce. these staffing gaps represent not only administrative inefficiencies but also a denial of basic rights and a violation of statutory obligations. This matter therefore requires urgent and prioritized attention by the County Executive and this House.

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

1. What is the current staffing status in the Departments of Lands, Water, Agriculture, and Livestock, particularly in technical and professional positions?
2. Has the County Public Service Board (CPSB) undertaken a comprehensive Human Resource Needs Assessment to determine the scope and extent of these gaps?
3. What recruitment plans and timelines are in place to address these gaps in accordance with the County Governments Act, 2012 and the Public Service (Values and Principles) Act, 2015?
4. What measures has the County Executive taken to ensure compliance with constitutional and statutory provisions regarding equitable deployment, merit-based hiring and service delivery standards?
5. Has the County Government established any succession planning, training, or capacity-building frameworks to strengthen the existing workforce and ensure continuity in service delivery?

**(STATEMENT SOUGHT BY HON TIMIRA BISHAR-NOMINATED MCA)**

**8\*. Motions and Bills\***

**Procedural Motion**

**(Hon Hussein Mohamed Dagane-Minority Leader)**

1. **Hon Speaker, I beg to move the following procedural motion;**

**That**, the Notice of motion given this afternoon be exempted from the provision of standing order 57 (6) (b) of the county assembly standing orders that a notice of motion be given at least one day

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**9. THE GARISSA COUNTY FINANCE, FY 2024-2025 (ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 7 OF 2024)**

(The Chairperson, Departmental Committee on Finance, Budget and appropriation)

Second Reading

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