

**REPUBLIC OF KENYA**  
**UASIN GISHU COUNTY ASSEMBLY**  
**THE HANSARD**

Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> July, 2018

The House Met at 12:14 PM

*[Deputy Speaker (Hon Hosea Korir) in the Chair]*

PRAYER

**PAPERS LAID**

UASIN GISHU SPORTS POLICY

**Deputy Speaker:** Chair, Sports!

**Hon Misoi:** Thank you, honourable Speaker. I take this opportunity to table the second report on the Uasin Gishu County Sports Policy.

**Deputy Speaker:** Thank you, honourable chair. Honourable Members, the papers are deemed tabled and each every Honourable Member can get a copy on the second report on the Uasin Gishu County Sports Policy.

*(Hon Edwin Misoi, Chair, Sports and Youth Committee laid the document on the Table)*

Clerk!

**NOTICES OF MOTION**

UASIN GISHU SPORTS POLICY

*(Hon Edwin Misoi, Chair, Sports and Youth Committee)*

**Deputy Speaker:** Honourable Edwin Misoi, Chair of Youth and Sports!

**Misoi:** Thank you, honourable Speaker. May I take this opportunity to give this notice of the motion.

That this County Assembly do adopt the second report on the Uasin Gishu County Sport Policy dated 18<sup>th</sup> July 2018 and tabled on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2018 with or without amendments. Thank you.

**Deputy Speaker:** Thank you. Honourable Lowoi!

REORGANISATION OF COMMITTEES

*(Hon Josphat Lowoi, Leader of Majority and Government Business)*

**Hon Lowoi:** Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker Sir, and also I want to thank God.

Mr. Speaker Sir, allow me give notice of the following motion:

That this County Assembly do resolve to amend the Second Schedule (Selection Committee) in our Standing Orders to include and allow the split of big committees in the standing orders (191) and re-organise other committees as per the party request, for efficient and effective performance. The split committees are as follows:

1. Youth and Sports
2. Gender , Sports Social Services And Natural Resources
3. Tourism and Wildlife Management
4. Public Investment Committee
5. Public Accounts Committee

Thank you, Mr. Speaker Sir.

**Deputy Speaker:** Thank you, Leader of Government Business. The two notices of motion will be moved as indicated by on our order paper. I kindly seek your indulgences as we proceed.

Clerk!

## **MOTION**

### **REORGANISATION OF COMMITTEES**

*(Hon Josphat Lowoi, Leader of Majority and Government Business)*

**Deputy Speaker:** Leader of Government Business!

**Hon Lowoi:** Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. Allow me move the following motion:

That this County Assembly do resolve to amend the second schedule (**Selection Committees**) in our standing order to include and allow the split of big committee in the standing order (191) and re-organise other committee as per the party request ,for efficient and effective performance. The split committees are as follows:

1. Youth and Sports
2. Gender , Sports Social Services and Natural Resources
3. Tourism and Wildlife Management
4. Public Investment Committee
5. Public Accounts Committee

Mr Speaker Sir, the split of these committees as mentioned will actually necessitate the effectiveness and let me start by saying the County Assembly and the performance of duties of oversight and representation is always exercised well in committees. This County

Assembly is a bigger committee of the other committees but the County Assembly sectorial committees are the committees that are required and are in law that will facilitate the effectiveness of a department. If today we have a department on roads and public works and the committee of roads and public works is stronger enough, it will push that department to make sure that department works well. Therefore we sat down with our wisdom as the party and we have seen that we have some committees which are too huge and some or of parts of those committees have been forgotten like the committee of Youth and Sports Gender and Social Services and Welfare now we are including welfare in the social services. You get a committee of sports and youth concentrating only purely on sports and youth and they forget the issues of gender; they forget the issues of social services and they forget the issues of welfare. Now we concentrate only on the issues gender. That is why we are splitting this so that we can also give attention to social services, we can also give attention to welfare, we can give attention to gender so that the gender issues can really be brought up be well addressed because during budgeting someone who is on that docket will make sure that money has been put there. Honourable Marry Gorretti has always been pleading with us to put money on HIV which is a social service, money on PWDs which is a social service but because the committee is so huge you cannot get time to interrogate all the other departments; now they become a subsidiary. This House will be effective if the same CO or the same CEC will appear in the committee of Youth and Sports and at the same time next time be called by the committee of Gender, Social Service and Welfare to answer on those other issues so that this county will really give services to the people.

We have the committee of Environment Water and Natural Resources Tourism and Wildlife Management. For sure you have a committee with seven names; we have a committee that deals with water, a bigger thing a priority in this Uasin Gishu County and, the same time, it wants to deal with animals in wildlife management. This is a humongous committee that even the chair will not get time to interrogate the entire thing. Now we split it and we have called it Environment, Water and Natural Resources that can be managed by one committee. Then the Tourism and Wildlife Management will be managed by another committee. We need Uasin Gishu to be a tourist destination but if we don't have a committee that will oversee that, then we Uasin gishu will just be waiting for toothless lions forever because the person who is in charge is concentrating so much on water and forgetting that there is tourism. We will never realise and see the toothless lions we have been promised for the last seven years.

We have Chebororwa being put money; we have Chagaiya being put money; we have our giraffes but nobody is following the department to make sure that those things are realised. but today that we are splitting this, that committee will have only time to to make sure wildlife and tourism management is managed on day-to-day basis and we will really realise and see those toothless lions; we will see baboons; we will see giraffes and our kids will no longer be travelling to Kisumu. They will no longer be travelling to other places to go and see animals; they will just be seeing them here and all the neighbouring counties will be coming to Uasin gishu to observe the animals because we are the tourist attraction. We have some areas like Koromoshu; we have some areas where we can go and call for tourists and

get enough revenue, but because we don't have a real person or a real watchman to that, then we cannot move forward.

Mr. Speaker Sir, we had the committee on Public Investment and Public Accounts Committee. Most people use to call it PIC/PAC. You ask somebody which committee are he is attending today, they tell you PIC/PAC. This person is going to investment and at the same time going to accounts. The committee on Public Investment and Accounts Committee is a crucial and integral part in the management of the public resource.

Kenya is now crying of graft. Every news paper, every radio, every television station is crying of graft. The people of Kenya are losing money in every department just because we don't have an oversight, a watchdog that is so close to those things. That is why we hear the cry of people of this country. We don't want as Uasin gishu tomorrow to be told that we have lost billions of shillings in dealings that are not followed up by the big committee as we call it PIC/PAC. We saw it in Vihiga County - for those who read papers and watch televisions - the other day they were impeaching the CEC Youth, Sports and Gender because they decided to withdraw money and deposited in a personal account - ksh 18.8M.if that committee of PIC/PAC was not that close that money would have been withdrawn and disappeared to the air. So today we are giving another line to the committee of Public Accounts Committee and another line to the committee on Public Investment so that when the national government is bringing the issue of investment - the issue of AEZ, the issue of housing of which we want to build 5000 houses or so, any investment here, safaricom investing here - every other person is investing in Uasin Gishu but we don't know how much they are giving to our county as revenue.

Instead of us increasing the revenue we are reducing in revenue collection. This committee will now have to follow all the investments done by the county. Today the county is starting a department or is starting a corporation .We have ELDOWAS; we are going soon to start the roads, maybe we have Chebororwa, we have this other investment that the county wants to invest on. We are every day talking of putting up millers. Who will make sure that there is prudence in where we put out money? Who will make sure that we get value for money? who will make sure that our people get employed by those investors who are coming to Uasin gishu and not just have us by name but those employed are not from Uasin Gishu?

This has facilitated us to split these committees so that now effectiveness and efficiency will be seen. This is not anything new but it is just to reduce the weight that is in our shoulders, the weight that one person is carrying. A committee with seven departments that one person is carrying such as investment and at the same time carrying an audit accounts part. That one person who is carrying the sports is carrying the youths, is carrying the gender, you know. I was just laughing to myself some other day the current chair of Youth Sport Gender Social Welfare, our honourable Misoi, I was just looking at him, he is an honourable Member able ...

**Deputy Speaker:** Order, honourable Leader of Government Business! A Member is on a point of order. Honourable Muya, you just entered now and you want to raise point of order. What is it ?

**Hon Muya:** Thank you very much. I am rising on a point of order as an old Member of this honourable House. Looking at our time, Mr. Speaker, we are about to hit the time that we are supposed to break and, because we are discussing a very important point, you can give direction on how many minutes you can add officially so that we can deliberate these issues at hand comfortably and conclusively. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Deputy Speaker:** Thank you for that concern. Order, honourable Member for Kipkenyo! Our standing orders are very precise on the time, honourable Members. Standing orders number 27 and that notice you should have given 30 minutes before the actual time. We shall be concluding immediately at 12:30 and I will give direction on when a resumption of the same will be done.

Proceed, Honourable Leader Of Government Business.

**Hon Lowoi:** Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker Sir, for the direction. I was saying that these committees, once they become smaller, then it will help us manage and effectively run activities. I want to call upon the Members of this County Assembly to agree with this proposals so that now we will have effective committees we, will have efficient committees so that we can have committees that can run us through and make us realise our dream. I was giving a story before I was cut short by the point of order, that I was looking at honourable Miso. If he is so well fitting to the youth and sports but if it comes a day that there is a gender issue where women have a meeting and they are calling upon him to go and address the gender issue, then an assembly introduces ...

**Deputy Speaker:** What is it again, honourable?

**Hon Muya:** Mr Speaker, again I find the Honourable Member who is on the Floor to be misleading this House. Why? We would like from the seat you are sitting to give us the definition of gender because when you say gender and women, it means that gender is women but my English teacher taught me otherwise. Kindly give direction. Thank you.

**Deputy Speaker:** I think it is obvious, Honourable Members, gender always refers to both either the male or female. It can be used in any context as long as is there.

Proceed, honourable! Order, Leader of Government Business!

## **ADJOURNMENT**

**Deputy Speaker:** Order! Order! Honourable Ramadhan! In view of the time of the first session, honourable Members, I want to give direction that we will not proceed with this morning session. Kindly we will do a resumption of this motion and the Leader of Government Business will still proceed from where he has left.

The House rose at 12:31 PM

