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

PRAYER

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Hosea Korir): What is the point of order, Honourable Member for Langas?

Hon. Muya: *(On a point of order)* Mr. Speaker, thank you very much. I will take your direction because last week we were in a learning process and some time back we had raised a point that in this Assembly we would like to see ladies who are clerks and we saw them being equipped with their necessary tools of work. I had a word, when the Senators were even here the office of the Clerk would say that they do not have ladies who are clerks. Is that in order? We would like to capacitate our employees and see that the House is in order. Please give direction. Thank you.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Hosea Korir): Thank you, Honourable Member for Langas for that concern. Thank you, thank you Serjeant-at-Arms for this information. I want to inform this House on that concern that has been raised by the Hon. Member for Langas. It is indeed a gender concern. Nonetheless, Hon. Members, there is a schedule for the full House attendance for the Second Assembly First Session and it has a schedule of the various clerks. I want to illustrate a date of second, first and fourth October 2018 where we are expecting Solomon Cheserek and Hellen Jerop. It is like, Hon. Members, that we will be having two clerks in this chamber. That means with time we need to have more clerks and date ninth, 10th, 11th October 2018, we will also have Wylette Sang and Solomon Maswai; that means that gender is catered for. Thank you, Clerk. Thank you, Hon. Members, I have two communications to make.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

MONITORING AND EVALUATION REPORT FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2017/2018

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Hosea Korir): We are in receipt of Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) report for the financial year 2017/2018. The department of Economic Planning, Hon. Members, conducted monitoring and evaluation exercise across the county in the month of June 2018 in line with the provisions of Section 104(1) of Public Finance

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Management Act 2012. In regard of this, Hon. Members, the CEC Finance and Economic Planning hereby forwards 50 copies of Monitoring and Evaluation Report for the Financial Year 2018 to be distributed to House committees and also Members for necessary action. We are advised, Members, that we will get a copy of this nature at the Speaker's Secretary but the same is still committed to the Committee on Budget and appropriation for perusal and to make some recommendations.

REPORT ON THE CONFERMENT OF ELDORET TO MUNICIPALITY STATUS

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Hosea Korir): We are also in receipt of an ad hoc committee report on the conferment of Eldoret to municipality status, pursuant to Section 9 and it goes together with Section 8(2) of Urban Areas and Cities Act 2011.

'Forward herein please find an ad hoc report on the conferment of Eldoret Municipality status.' This was done by the executive and not us, Hon. Members. This is a report that will necessitate other documents to be introduced to this Honourable House like the Municipal Charter and the rest. In view of the urgency of this document, I therefore direct that immediately after this first session, the Committee on Physical Planning and Urban Development, together with the Committee on Lands, should go through this report from the ad hoc committee and do their recommendations. Otherwise I wish you a nice deliberation in this morning session. Thank you. Proceed, Clerk.

NOTICE OF MOTION

ESTABLISHMENT OF COUNTY ASSEMBLY RESOURCE CENTRE

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Hosea Korir): Hon. Sarah Malel, had you given the notice? You can proceed.

Hon. Malel: Mr. Speaker Sir, I beg to give Notice of the following Motion:

Aware that currently the County Assembly lacks a resource centre that can be used by Members and staff for research and other related purposes ; Further aware that research is an integral and important function of any legislative body as it enhances the capacity of its committees in enacting legislation and provision of information in order to make right decisions; Concerned that lack of a resource centre has disadvantaged the Assembly as Members and staff lack materials they can refer to when conducting a research or seeking any other relevant information; Noting that information and knowledge is power: The county Assembly resolves to establish a fully equipped resource centre that will equip, that will be utilized by Members and staff for research and other related purposes as soon as possible.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Hosea Korir): Thank you. Hon. Members, that Motion will be moved this morning. Proceed. Hon. Sarah Malel.

MOTION

ESTABLISHMENT OF COUNTY ASSEMBLY RESOURCE CENTRE

Hon. Malel: Thank you, Honourable Speaker:

Aware that currently the County Assembly lacks a resource centre that can be used by Members and staff for research and other related purposes ; Further aware that research is an integral and important function of any legislative body as it enhances the capacity of its committees in enacting legislation and provision of information in order to make right decisions; Concerned that lack of a resource centre has disadvantaged the Assembly as

Members and staff lack materials they can refer to when conducting research or seeking any other relevant information; Noting that information and knowledge is power: The county Assembly resolves to establish a fully equipped resource centre that will equip, that will be utilized by Members and staff for research and other related purposes as soon as possible.

Mr. Speaker Sir, while I was thinking about this Motion I really felt that it was very important for us as a County Assembly to have a resource centre. You will realize and appreciate that the staff we have in our committees, since we recently even had the Senate; we had five staff to assist a committee, that is, the clerk, the Serjeant-at-Arms, the Hansard, a person in charge of research and also a legal person. We felt that because we have inadequate staff when we have a resource centre, we can easily go to the resource centre and retrieve some information and even do our own research as Honourable Members of this County Assembly. Many at time you will realize that because of maybe lack of where we can go to read something, we hang around in the place, we normally have our tea and we use our phones doing other things that may not really add very much to the impact of the livelihood of the people of this county. We know that always information is power and many people have always been saying that if you think education is expensive try ignorance and this is the reason why we really want to be equipped. We are Hon. Members that always ought to have information...

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Hosea Korir): What is out of order, Honourable Member for Kaptagat?

Hon. Ngetich: Mr. Speaker, is it in order for the Honourable Member to insinuate that we are not educated?

The resource centre, I believe, is for us to add knowledge but I also believe that all these honourable members who are here are educated. Did she mean that we are not educated?

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Hosea Korir): Honourable Malel, can you substantiate that particularly on---?

Hon Malel: Mr. Speaker, I cannot remember talking about lack of education. I don't know whether the honourable member just come in and has not settled --

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Hosea Korir): Order, honourable member for Kaptagat! I think when you say if you think education is expensive, you try --- I think something of that nature ---

Hon Malel: Thank you, honourable Speaker. I can clarify that it was just a saying that we normally use even when we encourage our students when they are learning that it is good to be well equipped with information at hand. Let me withdraw that statement.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Hosea Korir): Proceed.

Hon Malel : Thank you, honourable speaker. It will make our work easier. What I also realised, when we have this resource centre and when you sit in your normal House Business Committee and give us programmes of a given week, it will be easier for us to retrieve information and we read literature in these centres so that we can make informed decision well.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Hosea Korir): Order, honourable member for Kipkenyo!

Hon. Malel: When a report is brought to this House we need to do some research like currently we had a report on Finance Bill. Many at times we have been talking about low

collections of revenue in this county. We could have gone to the archives to find out why during the defunct municipal council--- it has been alluded many times that during the defunct municipal council the revenue collection was better than when the county governments came into place. It would be very much easier for us to trace why such issues and easily make recommendations and decisions from informed point of view.

We always say that instead of us only relying on the executive side, the number of businesses that are being conducted by the committees, for example, if I want to know the total number of schools that are in this county, when I enter that resource centre I don't need to get a CEC to get that information but I can get the information here. This is because we have been having challenges that when we sit in committees, case example is when we were giving the previous arcaricides that were given, there were other cattle dips that did not get the arcaricide. It is good when we have this information in these centres to help us carry our businesses in this House and we shall be interrogating. Recently we were doing the process of vetting and when we were being given that a certain committee to vet a certain member to ascertain suitability for that work, you may at times find that we need to trace -like the alcoholics board vetting that we were doing recently - to trace how the other board has been performing and how we shall interrogate the candidate presented to us, to find out if that candidate will make changes on what already the other board has done.

Honourable speaker, I feel this is the right time for this House to see it appropriate that we have a resource centre here to enhance our capacity and deliver our work the way we are required.

On that note I urge this House to support this motion so that we can have the resource centre that can really help us and I beg honourable Ramadhan to second this motion

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Hosea Korir): Honourable member for Kiplombe.

Hon Werambo: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, for giving me this opportunity and the mover of the motion. I stand to second this motion. The issue of resource centre is something that is supposed to be there for the support of the business of this Assembly. If you go to advanced assemblies like the National Assembly that had started earlier than the county assemblies, you will find somewhere to get reference of the businesses of the Assembly. Why I am supporting this is that we can have an example of the time when we had speaker for the National Assembly Mr. Marende. Sometimes we had a very difficult argument but through reference, which I believe if we have a resource centre such like references would be made. Through reference to other assemblies in the world, he got direction that he gave and it was a helpful direction to the country at large. We have been having some businesses in this Assembly; a report is brought before this Assembly and abnormality or some anomalies are detected but with this reference centre or somewhere to refer, I think we are going to do our businesses perfectly.

We have staff here whom we have employed, in line with research. I don't think we have anything in terms of research here to be done. Sometimes if you go to detail they are being deployed to assist in other areas. Let us make them useful. Let us give them a resource centre full of reference materials and when we can even be in a position when there is an issue, we send them to go and make research, the research is brought to a place where all members and staff, as it has been quoted, can go have a reference and at least when we are presenting issues we can give a reference that this and this happened in such a place and it was successful. I totally second this and urge my colleagues to pass this. It is now that we are

almost preparing for supplementary budget, so that it can be captured in the coming supplementary because it is timely for us to have a research or a resource centre within this county Assembly.

A misinterpretation may have occurred through expression or somebody giving an opinion but let us all understand what the intention of the motion is. We can be in a position to see if it is me seconding and maybe I have given sentiment - just one sentiment that can be corrected - let us correct ourselves and move ahead but this issue is very important one. It is long overdue. It was supposed to be put in place during the first House of this Assembly. We are not very late but we are also late because we want to run in standard with the other assemblies that have been doing their business in line with what is supposed to be done.

Mr. Speaker, I second this motion. Thank you.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Hosea Korir): A motion has been moved and seconded, honourable members, therefore allow me to propose a question.

(Question proposed)

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Hosea Korir): Ensuing Debate!

Honourable member for Megun!

Hon Sang, K: Mr Speaker, I rise to support the motion that has been brought before us by the honourable member for Kimumu Honourable Sarah Malel. First of all I wish to congratulate the member for bringing up this motion, which is dealing with an issue affecting the Assembly.

Mr. Speaker, we have always often dealt with issues and Motions which touch on the other jurisdictions of the County; the Executive, of the people of this County, but this one touches on the capacity of our Members and the staff. This is a Motion that we ought to all of us support because it is actually touching on the service delivery; on our capacity to deliver services and the roles that we have as Members.

Mr. Speaker, I am in support and I agree with the Members who have spoken; the mover and the seconder that this is an activity which ought to have been done even in the first Assembly. Mr. Speaker when I first came to this Assembly, I first asked; where is the research centre in this Assembly? Where are the research officers in this Assembly? I was only shown one person. I do not know the rest; I was only shown the legal officer and that is Madam Michelle Saina. I am told there is one other legal person whom I am yet to know. So, this is a department that needs to be further revamped and to be enhanced and to be resourced so that we can deliver our mandate effectively. When we talk of a research centre, it is an area that is actually very important; very critical for any sector to thrive; to move forward. We are dealing as an Assembly with sensitive issues of staff for example. We are not Human Resource (HR) experts, but we need knowledge of staff when we are dealing with our staff. So, we need that resource centre so that we are able to have resources, we are able to materials that are able to assist us when we are making decisions. We know of some other areas, Mr. Speaker, where a staff member has been fired without following the due process which, in the end, has had very adverse results for the organization. So, we do not want to go there. We need resources; we need materials to help us as Members, as an Assembly to deal with various sectors effectively.

Mr. Speaker, we are dealing with the issue of conferring this town with the municipal status. We need basic knowledge on areas that touch on the municipal status. Mr. Speaker,

we are lacking on that area. As Members, we need to be resourceful so that when we are discussing issues that touch on matters municipal, we are well versed; we have all the resources; we have all the materials so that we are able to discharge our mandate properly.

So, Mr. Speaker, this is a Motion that I fully support so that we are well versed, we are well resourced and this Assembly can make laws that govern this County and the entire population of this County so that we are able to move forward. So, I support this Motion and urge all my colleagues to support.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Hosea Korir): Thank you. Kindly because I have to balance, Honourable Tenai and Honourable Member for Soy, I have seen you. Be conscious of time. There are some lights there, Honourable Members. You should be concentrating while giving your presentations. You will be alerted but you were on time, Honourable Member for Megun. Honourable Member for Simat/Kapseret!

Hon. Korir, E. K: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, for this opportunity. I stand here to represent the great people of Simat/Kapseret and today's Motion on their behalf, I stand to support it. Mr. Speaker, a resource centre has several components in it, and one of the components in a resource centre is the ICT sector or a computer lab. You find that in this Assembly, we have been working very hard even when it comes to simple things like generating and typing a Motion. All of us normally crowd in one office; office of the Speaker to do the same, but if we have this resource centre, Honourable Members and staff can do their own things and present to this House.

Mr. Speaker Sir, a resource centre will also help ease activities like in the month of June, we were supposed to remit returns to KRA and due to lack of a resource centre, most of these Honourable were unable to even remit and fill the online form. This Motion is timely because, now I know in this Honourable House, the Members are well inducted; they have a lot of knowledge. One can come up may be with a Bill and we need this resource centre, such that if we have books, we will have also a documentary for this House. From the first Assembly, the County Council, we see the Bills that have been passed in the past, and we get to know what is still pending. We need to learn this form this resource centre.

Mr. Speaker, the resource centre will help the staff, Honourable Members and everyone within to acquire knowledge on various fields. You find that sometimes in our committees, we normally use one person; that is research officers. Sometimes several committees are going on and we give him several tasks to do from various committees. With the establishment of this resource centre, we will be able to do some of the things at our own; we will get to learn from the materials that will be there.

Mr. Speaker, creating and designing a resource centre does not require many resources. In this Assembly, we are lucky, we have little space; it does not require much space. We will utilize the space that we have and acquire the resources - books, computers, and we design one. I know several county assemblies in this Country will one day even visit this Assembly to benchmark on the resource centre that we are going to establish here.

Mr. Speaker, I stand to support the Motion. Thank you.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Hosea Korir): Honourable Member for Kipchamo/Cheptiret Ward!

Hon. Tenai: Thank you, Mr. Speaker Sir, for allowing me also to give my input on this very important Motion that has been moved by Honourable Sarah Malel. I want also to join the other Honourable Members who have actually supported this Motion to say that this Motion is very important and it is a Motion which will enhance the capacity of the Honourable Members in performing their roles as legislators in this Honourable House.

Mr. Speaker Sir, in 1999, it was proved through research that the Parliament of Uganda was not working very well simply because there were no resource materials. By then, USAID came in to assist the Parliament of Uganda to put up a resource centre. Mr. Speaker Sir, the National Assembly in Kenya has been sending staff to UK for internship programmes for a whole month for purposes of making sure that performance in Parliament, by the clerks and for the Members of Parliament, is enhanced. This one came in hand with the introduction of a resource centre at the National Assembly, and currently, more information has been obtained in the same National Assembly for purposes of making the legislation procedures move smoothly.

I want to say, when I came to this Honourable House, at times you make some proposed Motions and you are told those ones were discussed in the previous Assembly. Those Motions we have never found.

Mr. Speaker Sir, at times committees in charge of several departments go for oversight functions and come up with recommendations; we are being told some other committees in the previous Assembly did the same and came up with the same materials.

Mr. Speaker Sir, we do not have a resource centre where we can get all these information to know that this one and this one was dealt with.

When Honourable Sarah brought this Motion, I just saw, and I remember very well when the Senate was visiting this Honourable House last week, in front of me, there were some resource materials that were placed here. Currently the same Honourable House does not have the same materials. I would want to refer to a certain section of the Constitution; I cannot find it on the Table. I would want to refer to certain section of a certain Act that was passed in this Honourable House; I cannot find it anywhere, until and unless I go and sit in the office of the legal department of this Honourable House which is too small. All the Honourable Members, if they want to get those materials simultaneously, I can tell you it will be a problem because congestion will be in that office.

So, Mr. Speaker Sir, I find this Motion very important because it will also enhance efficiency and effectiveness for the staff and the honourable members. It will also support the members who have private member's Motions or Bills because by research and referring to several materials you get the quality of materials that you want. That particular resource centre will be in a position to have all those documents either online or in hard copies or soft copies. You will have to get those materials there.

I find this Motion very important and I also do request this honourable House to also support this Motion for purposes of enhancing the performance of this honourable House. Thank you, Mr. Speaker Sir.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Hosea Korir): I had seen you, honourable Kesumo. I have seen you, honourable member for Ziwa.

Hon. Kesumo: Thank you, Mr. Speaker Sir, for giving me this chance to contribute to this Motion. First, I want to thank Sarah for bringing up this Motion. I want to say this

Motion is timely and it is very important one. Learning is a continuous process. When we have a learning resource centre especially this one that we need to come to the assembly for the purpose of researching on what we present especially the Motions we present, it should have been researched such that you know what you are presenting. We need to research because such that what Tenai has said when you keep on passing Motions and they are not implemented, it could be because of lacking of research. So we want to say this has come at the right time and we need to support it.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Hosea Korir): Thank you. Honourable member for Segero/ Barsombe, you have stood for long.

Hon. Yego: Thank you, Mr. Speaker Sir, for giving me---

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Hosea Korir): Order, honourable member! I want to give direction. Refer to honourable member with his or her title. Do not say Tenai; say honourable Tenai or honourable member for..

Proceed, honourable member for Segero/ Barsombe.

Hon. Yego: Thank you, Mr. Speaker Sir, for giving me this opportunity to give my contributions towards this Motion. Starting from the first statement of the mover of the Motion honourable Sarah Malel, you feel education is expensive you try ignorance. So in the same process I believe that we are in a digital world. We have all the information at the click of the button. So in that connection I want to urge the honourable members that however small the materials we have, however small the resources we have we must appreciate. We wish to appreciate the County assembly through the leadership of honourable Speaker, because we have actually got several trainings related to legislation.

We have done a lot. We have our researchers and research office up there. However small it is, we must utilize it to the maximum. We have the legal office. So I was a bit confused whether we really require a resource centre or an archive because the mover of the Motion was saying that we need a point of reference. So I am a bit confused because in my view I feel that we have sufficient resources for legislation. We have them in our phones. At the click of the button, we have the necessary information.

In the prayer of this Motion---

Deputy Speaker: What is out of order, honourable member for Ziwa?

Hon. Korir, K: Yes, Mr. Speaker. I fail to understand the honourable member who is contributing, whether he is in support of this Motion or he is rejecting the Motion.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Hosea Korir): I think he is still building his case. He may conclude with it. Proceed, honourable member for Segero/ Barsombe Ward.

Hon. Yego: Thank you, Mr. Speaker Sir, for having advised my friend honourable Korir that I am building my case and sooner or later I am going to state my stand.

Mr. Speaker Sir, I was saying that in the prayer of the Motion the honourable member has put it clearly that the County assembly resolves. Resolving for this case meaning that it has been determined that it would be done. So I don't see the need of argument or the need of argument or the need of debate of this Motion. Otherwise my stand is that we have sufficient information unless we want to put an archive. Otherwise I oppose this Motion.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Hosea Korir): Honourable member for Ziwa.

Hon. Korir, K: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise to support this Motion that, as an assembly, we need to have a resource centre. Resource centre means that we need to have a resource centre where all archives of this assembly can be kept. Remember that since the inception of second assembly we have been having a programme of capacity building and we have not even covered --- we want to make sure that as we go out for capacity-building for maybe seven days or six days or five days, still there is need that during our time especially during recess time, we go to that resource centre which is an archive that pertains all the documents on leadership position of this assembly of Uasin Gishu County so that you can see. You would like to do research on maybe education because education is a learning process. Now we have come in this time while some of us were councillors and you see now the proceedings of assembly are different from local authority. This is to say that in the world now and, especially in this Country when devolution has been brought up to the grassroots level, we need to do research. Therefore we need to have time to go to library, to that archive or the resource centre because most of the things are technological. You can say that I would like to see something concerning water and environment, so in that resource centre, which is an archive of this assembly, you can go to the shelf and decide which book you want to see, which research you want to do about, say, engineering and others. Even if you need to consult an engineer, you just call the engineer and tell him, 'we want to see something here,' and we refer. We have the materials to refer. For us...

Hon. Yego: Point of order, Mr. Speaker.

Deputy Speaker: What is out of order, honourable member?

Hon. Yego: On a point of order, Mr. Speaker Sir. I find it out of order for the member of Ziwa, honourable Korir, to say that given that they were councillors some time back and the last dispensation of five years and the last one year is actually insinuating that we have been in the dark ages. I was actually requesting that he comes out clearly to tell us exactly what the difference between that time, now and the future. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Deputy Speaker: Order! is it a concern within this Motion.

Hon. Yego: Yes, Mr. Speaker, because he is actually comparing that time and now which it implies that there was actually some breakdown of information meaning that we have been in dark ages. I want him to come out clearly.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Hosea Korir): Proceed, honourable member for Ziwa.

Hon. Korir, J: Mr. Speaker, allow me to continue to build my case pertaining this Motion that was brought by honourable Malel. This resource centre is very important because it is a centre where all materials pertaining our leadership in this County will be brought and that is, as I said before, is an archive. In archives you will find all the books you need, you will find all the materials that you need, we have this Act, that is, the Act of the assembly and we have Acts of the Parliament.

Last time when we had the Senate here, you find we even had our Constitution 2010. There are some laws that allow us as an assembly to enact within our region and, in most cases, we said that we will still wait for the national government.

For instance, when we met the Senate Committee on Security and Legal Affairs, there were some things that we never knew. It was also difficult for the Executive since the things were tight. When they read the Constitution for us, we saw that we had the material with us but it is just that we don't have time to refer to the Acts or the Constitution. So, when we build the centre for the Assembly, it will be very important because we can have time to peruse some laws regarding the departments we are concerned about; whether it is Security, Water or whichever and you can even find a law that you did not know. Every time we come here, we just conduct the business of the House, we attend committee meetings and we don't have time to go through these Acts. Even this Act that we have here, we have not even gone through it. Nobody can quote more than two or three Standing Orders that he has majored in. So, at least we need a conducive environment that you can have time to understand these Laws.

(Point of Order)

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Hosea Korir): Proceed, Honourable Member for Ziwa!

Hon. Korir, K: So, Mr. Speaker, I stand to support this Motion because we have come to this Assembly which is the second Assembly that we have and we don't even have some of the information on the Bills and Motions that were passed in the first Assembly at our finger tips. But if we have an archive which is the resource centre, we can be in a position to go through and understand some of the Motions that were discussed and passed last time, and whether it has been implemented so that we can be guided from there.

Mr. Speaker, thank you. I stand to support the Motion.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Hosea Korir): Hon. Member for Langas!

Hon. Muya: Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. From the onset, I want to register that I am in support of the Motion that is before us.

(Applause)

Mr. Speaker, I want to take this opportunity to congratulate our representative to the County Assembly Service Board, Hon. Malel, Member representing Kimumu Ward for coming up with this noble Motion.

First of all I want to clear the air that, as one of the Hon. Members who served in the first Assembly, this was one thing that we were supposed to have done and was supposed to be in place. In fact, we have some staffs who were supposed to work in that resource centre but because the Assembly did not have enough rooms, to date it has not been established. So, I want to clear the air that it is not anybody's making but it is a thing that was supposed to have been established before even the inception of this Assembly. Therefore we are behind schedule and we are supposed to have it. Any legislative House needs to have a resource centre. Why? Mr. Speaker, it is because there are three main functions of a County Assembly member - representation, legislation and oversight and when we are doing our oversight role it entails very deep research. For instance, there is a given road that has been upgraded to bitumen or tarmac standard, and we would want to know, in the case of upgrading a road; what are the standards of engineers? What were the measures that were supposed to be looked upon? Was the road constructed in its rightful place? All those issues cannot be found in our phones; there are supposed to be somewhere.

Mr. Speaker, when we want to see whether the Executive flouted a give law, we need to go to the resource centre to see which law was flouted, what was supposed to be done by

the Executive or by everybody. Therefore, let us stop this issue of adoring our mobile gadgets that we only got the other day, even if we go to the courts of law where we have learned fellows. This is because I understand that it is only lawyers who are learned fellows, they really value resource centres. Why? It is because they can do research on a given case that they are handling at that moment. Maybe it was handled years back in a given country or in our Country, and what was the verdict? How did the judge consider the matter then? It is such resource that guides them to give an informed decision. Therefore Mr. Speaker, let us not be told that we have all these issues on our mobile phones. Maybe others have but mine has not been installed because I am not a IT guru or expert.

Therefore, let us get this issue in the right context that we need a place where when an Hon. Member wants to bring a given legislation, Motion or Bill to be deliberated here, he or she needs to do proper research guided or assisted by the relevant officers so that we get things right from the word go. Mr. Speaker, I want to urge my Hon. Colleagues that this is a unit in this County Assembly that we ought to have found operating, not even to establish it because this is where you ask yourself what comes first between a chick and an egg. It is the same thing that we are debating here. Before we even had the plenary, we ought to have had a resource centre somewhere where our employees, who have never worked in any legislative Assembly, would have got materials. Therefore, we are behind schedule and the Motion having come from a representative to the County Assembly Service Board that has the responsibility of presenting the County Assembly budget to us to consider as budget and appropriation, she is rightly placed and she has seen the gap. I want to tell her that she has done what we failed to do in the last five years. Therefore congratulations, Hon. Sarah.

Honourable colleagues, without much ado, this is such a noble Motion that before we even have a new Assembly, we need to have research centre somewhere within what we have because this is something that we really need to have.

Finally, the resource centre is not only meant for the Honourable members; we need to be very clear. It should be there for us the Honourable members, our staff and even somebody who would like to do anything in relation to our work; whether it is a member of the public and he or she wants to get clarifications, he or she can find a place to get information. Therefore, Mr. Speaker, I can only add that it is supposed to be a resource centre - cum an archive, the way somebody said. This is because in the last five years, there are Motions and Bills that we passed but if today if you can ask Hon. Members who came for their first time, some are not in the picture. Even some of us who where there would like to review.

Mr. Speaker, this Motion is timely and I fully support it and I ask my Hon. Colleagues with due respect, we need to pass this Motion with maximum speed and minimum delay, and ask the leadership of the Assembly, to move with speed and establish this thing before establishing a new Assembly for years to come. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I beg to support.

Thank you.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Hosea Korir): There being no other deliberations over the same, Hon. Members, allow me to now put the question.

(Question put and agreed to)

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Hosea Korir): The ayes have it, Hon. Members. This one is taken and I hope it will be taken seriously as a resolution of this Hon. House from the Service Board and even to the office of the Clerk.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

MEETING FOR LANDS COMMITTEE

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Hosea Korir): Before we adjourn Hon. Members, I want once again to give the first communication and emphasize that immediately after this the members to the Lands, Housing and Physical Planning Committees to meet at the main committee room in view of deliberating on the Uasin Gishu County Ad-Hoc Committee on the conferment of the Municipal status.

REFERENCE MATERIALS FOR CHAMBERS

I also direct the office of the Clerk that in the afternoon session; let us have the few materials that we have placed here. I know we have the bigger copies, even though they are four; the Public Finance Management Act and others. I direct that they should be placed here at the Table.

ADJOURNMENT

Being no other business on this morning session Hon. Members, the House stands adjourned until today at 2.30pm.

The House rose at 10.45am