

**COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF VIHIGA
VIHIGA COUNTY ASSEMBLY**

(SITTING NO. 91)

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THIRD ASSEMBLY – (FOURTH SESSION)

ORDERS OF THE DAY

THURSDAY, 2ND OCTOBER, 2025 AT 2.30PM

ORDER OF BUSINESS

PRAYERS

Determination of Quorum

1. Administration of Oaths
2. Communication from the Chair
3. Messages
4. Petition
5. Papers
6. Notice of Motion
7. Questions and Statements - As per the appendix
8. Motion



**AMBAKA KILINGA
CLERK OF THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY**

4	Hon. Rita Atieno	Aware, that on 22nd January 2025 His Excellency the President of the Republic of Kenya made a courtesy call to Luanda Market with an aim of promoting trade and encourage common Wananchi to embrace the entrepreneurial culture alongside the development of a modern market. During HIS speech the president promised to award each trader affected by the construction of the modern market within Luanda town a total of Kshs 15,000. I seek a statement from the CEC Trade and Enterprise on the following issues: - How much was received from His Excellency the President of the Republic of Kenya towards traders affected by the project? - How many traders from Luanda Market benefited from the amount given by His Excellency the President of the Republic of Kenya? - That the CECM to submit a certified list of beneficiaries from the amount given by His Excellency the President of the Republic of Kenya?	25 th September 2025	
5	Hon. Janet Fundi - Nominated MCA	Aware that The Mining Act 2016 was enacted to give effect to Articles 60, 62b (1) (f), 66 (2), 69 and 71 of the Constitution in so far as they apply to minerals; provide for prospecting, mining, processing, refining, treatment, transport and any dealings in minerals and for related purposes. The Act also came about as a result and part of implementation of the Mining and Minerals Policy, Sessional Paper No. 7 of 2016 and applies to the minerals specified in the First Schedule and does not apply to petroleum and hydrocarbon gases. In Vihiga County the Vihiga Artisanal and Small-scale Mining Association (VASMA). VASMA brings together registered miners in Vihiga with the objective to sensitize members on mining sector regulations and increase awareness of best available technologies, safety and environmental practices.	25 th September 2025	

County Government of Vihiga in collaboration with the National Government through the Planet Gold programme aims to train Artisanal and Small scale miners to significantly improve the production practices and work environment through connecting mining communities with mercury-free technology.

Concerned that mining has a long-term impact on the environment and human life in the areas where it is taking place, including **habitat destruction, water contamination, and air pollution, which can lead to long-term ecological damage and on human beings**

I therefore seek a statement from the Chairperson environment, water, energy, natural resources and climate change on the following issues

- a) Has the County Government of Vihiga established necessary legal framework guiding the mining activities in Vihiga county, if not which measures have put in place as checks and balance on mining
- b) What has the County Government of Vihiga done to ensure that the communities around mining area s benefiting from the diverse available resources
- c) How is the County Government effectively harnessing revenue from the investors

6	Hon Janet Fundi	Aware that International Labour Organisation (ILO) in its recent report titled "Child Labour: Global Estimates 2024, Trends and the Road Forward" estimates that at least 138 million children (78 million boys and 59 million girls) are involved in child labour, and 54 million of them (about 4 in 10 children) in hazardous work. In Kenya data from the Kenya National Bureau of Statistics (KNBS) shows that 8.5 percent of children or 1.3 million children are engaged in child labor. Vihiga County being one of the 47 devolved units in Kenya, has in the recent past faced challenges attributing to high cases of child abuse. It is estimated that the number of children in the County whose rights and welfare have been violated are slightly above 3,120 Concerned, that the trend on child abuse is on the rise with individuals and organizations taking interest in exploring natural resources within the county. It is evident that gold mining and sand harvesting has attracted children to work in order to earn some monies at the expense of academic achievement. Schools next to mining areas are reporting increased cases of drop-outs of students and reportedly majority are boys. I therefore seek a statement from the Chairpersons committee on Gender, Culture, Youth, Sports and social services on the following matters; - What is the estimated number of children under the various forms of child abuse? - Elaborate on interventions that have been put in place to protect our valuable growing children across the County Further, I seek a statement from the chairperson committee on Environment Water, Sanitation and Natural Resource on the following matters; - State whether the County has an elaborative method of protecting the environment from the explorations - Explain whether the county has strategically set up revenue collection centres at the exploration sites to maximize revenue collection.	2 nd October 2025	
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