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ORDERS OF THE DAY

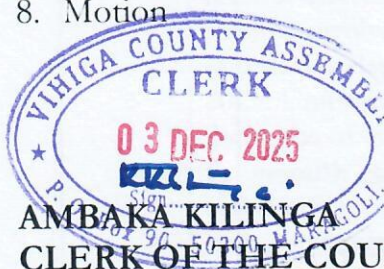
WEDNESDAY, 3RD DECEMBER, 2025 AT 2.30PM

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


AMBKA KILINGA
CLERK OF THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY

S/ NO	MEMBER SEEKING STATEMENT	STATEMENT SOUGHT	DATE SOUGHT	REMARK S
1	Hon Caroline Angote	I seek a statement from the CEC – Member, Early Childhood Education & Vocational Training regarding the sanitation at ECDE centres which lack washrooms and if there are any, the young pupils are forced to use washrooms for the elder ones exposing them to unhygienic conditions, what is the Department doing to address this issue.	3 rd April, 2025	Response on 3 rd December 2025
2	Hon Manoah Karega Mboku	Aware, that Vihiga County Referral Hospital is crucial for the healthcare system as it serve as a bridge between primary care and specialized treatment. The referral hospital is mandated to ensure that patients with complex health needs receive appropriate care by directing them to facilities that can provide specialized services. Concerned that currently there is a public outcry regarding the mismanagement of funds and compromised service delivery at the hospital resulting to generally poorly managed facility. Bearing in mind of its significance in healthcare system for Vihiga County. Pursuant, to Standing order No. 56 of Vihiga County Assembly (third Edition) I seek a statement from the Chairperson Committee on health Services on the following issues; a) To urgently submit a submit detailed accounts for the last two quarters that are operated by Vihiga County Referral Hospital including and not limited to; i) FIF Accounts ii) Imprests Account iii) Free maternity Account iv) Social Health Insurance Fund Account v) Any other Account operated by Vihiga County Referral Hospital b) Provide detailed and certified particulars of the persons deemed as signatories to the various accounts operated by Vihiga County Referral Hospital	21 st August 2025	Response on 3 rd December 2025

3	Hon. Pauline Amwatta	AWARE that conversation supply and distribution of clean drinking water are devolved functions and basic human rights. CONSCIOUS of the fact that Majengo and its environs have been deprived of the supply of this essential product for the past several years following the demolition of the pipes during the construction and maintenance of the Kakamega – Kisumu road that passes Majengo and have consequently been exposed to several water borne diseases due to lack of clean water and in some certain circumstances forced to travel long distances to access clean water. TAKING NOTE of the fact that despite several please seeking for redress from the CEC – Department of Environment, no effort has been undertaken to restore the supply of the same, I hence seek an urgent statement as to: a) The reasons and circumstances why the residents of Majengo and environs cannot be supplied with clean drinking water b) Why has the Department not taken any effort to restore the water that was supplied in the area before the disconnection which was occasioned by the construction and maintenance of the Kisumu – Kakamega road	28 th August 2025	Response on 3 rd December 2025
4	Hon. Hellam Esipirah	Aware, that The County Government of Vihiga employed revenue collectors on contract basis with an aim of promoting revenue collection and enhance efficacy in coverage of all revenue streams involved. It is in public domain that the contract of the said staff is elapsing by end of October 2025 to end of November, 2025. Unfortunately, it is reported that the county has converted the terms of engagement to some of the staff to “Permanent and Pensionable” terms leaving out others especially those involved in collecting revenue from motorbikes, bus-parks and markets. I seek a statement from the CEC Public Service Administration and County Affairs on the following issues a) How many staff were employed on contract terms by the County to collect revenue b) How many staff have received employment letters to be engaged on “Permanent and Pensionable” terms c) How many staff haven’t received employment letters to be engaged on “Permanent and Pensionable” terms d) Which criteria was used to provide employment letters on “Permanent and Pensionable” terms to some staff and leave out others	4 th September 2025	Response on 3 rd December 2025

5	Hon. Ritah 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: a) How much was received from His Excellency the President of the Republic of Kenya towards traders affected by the project? b) How many traders from Luanda Market benefited from the amount given by His Excellency the President of the Republic of Kenya? c) 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	Response on 3 rd December 2025
6	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. 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	25 th September 2025	Response on 3 rd December 2025

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

7	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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8	Hon. Joyce Mayodi Nominated MCA	Aware that, Vihiga County has limited schools for learners with special needs, hence, this necessitate learners to be accommodated in normal schools. A learner with special needs is entitled to access educational institutions and facilities that are integrated into society to the extent compatible with the interests of the person. If all Kenyans are entitled to the essential vales of human rights and equality, then it follows that all learners with special needs in Vihiga County should be entitled to an equal compulsory and free education alongside their normal peers. Concerned that, Early Childhood education is devolved as per the Fourth schedule of the constitution of Kenya 2010 and yet Vihiga county lacks exact statistics and policy framework to warrant conducive learning environment for students with special needs I therefore, seek a statement from the chair committee on Early Childhood Education and Vocational Training on the following; a) What is the exact number of students with special needs in our Early Childhood Education centres? b) Explain whether the county government has put in place strategies or policy framework to ensure that students with special needs are provided with necessary support to ensure effective and efficient learning process in our Early Childhood Education centres?	9 th October 2025	
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9	Hon. Richard Shugh Muhiga MCA Shamakhokho Ward	Aware that, across the Country, indigenous communities have managed their lands for generations with approaches that not only support ecological health but also respect the intricate balance of nature. The critical role that indigenous stewardship plays in forest conservation, investigates the effectiveness of traditional African land management, and advocates for policies that recognize and empower these practices as central to global biodiversity efforts. Concerned that, despite the clear benefits of indigenous stewardship, our indigenous communities face significant challenges that hinder their ability to protect forests and biodiversity effectively. The county government does not formally recognize indigenous land rights, leaving communities vulnerable to displacement for commercial activities like mining, logging, and agriculture. When land is commodified, traditional practices are often disregarded, compromising indigenous ability to sustainably manage these areas. I therefore, seek a statement from the chair committee on environment water, energy and natural resource on the following; a) Clearly demonstrate whether the County government has a policy framework to manage the traditional forests within the county? b) Explain whether deliberate efforts have been made to engage the communities living around the traditional forests to warrant sustainability of the forests? c) Explain whether the county government has set aside resources to ensure development and sustainability of traditional forests within the County?	9 th October 2025	
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10	Hon. Vincent Atsiaya	I seek a statement from the Chairperson Committee on Youth, Sports, Social Welfare, Children And Culture on the following issues of concern: - Who leased Avugwi Hall - What is the lease agreement period and agreement - How much was paid to the County? - Who will repair the damages caused by the tenant?	9 th October 2025	Response on 13 th November 2025
11	Hon Gladys Yalwala	Aware That professionalism is key in County public service and warrants quality service to the citizens of Vihiga. Hence the County Public Service is under obligation to pay professional fees for her staff to various bodies including Accountants, Auditors, Doctors, engineers, lawyers, surveyors and human resource managers Concerned that, the professionals mentioned above undertake private practicing outside their engagement with the County Public Service. Sometimes this is done during active working hours and yet the public is in need of the same service. Summarily this ends up compromising quality of service offered to the mainstream public facilities I therefore seek a statement from the Chairperson Committee on Public Service Administration and County Affairs on the following issues; - - State the total number of professionals being paid for professional fee, clearly indicating the total sum being paid annually. - Outlined the key strategic approaches that are being deployed to ensure that there are checks and balance that guarantee quality service being offered to the public without compromising time Explain if there is policy framework established by the county to harmoniously the relationship between private. practice and public service for professionals engaged in the county public service	23 rd October 2025	

12	Hon Getrude Lumire	Aware That Village Elders play an essential role in Kenya's public governance at the grassroots level, providing a vital platform for community issues, cohesion and effective conflict resolution. They are also key stewards of our cultures, indigenous knowledge, practices, and heritage. Notably the above roles are in conformity to the National Government Village Administration Policy, 2024 Further, Aware that the objectives of devolution in Kenya are well stated under Article 174 of the Constitution and just to mention a few; - to give powers of self-governance to the people and enhance the participation of the people in the exercise of the powers of the State and in making decisions affecting them; - to recognize the right of communities to manage their own affairs and to further their development; - to protect and promote the interests and rights of minorities and marginalised communities; - to facilitate the decentralization of State organs, their functions and services, from the capital of Kenya; Concerned that, as a county village administration is not being felt at the grassroot. This has increased insecurity and compromised the level of administration of our village units. Insecurity in the County ranges from cases of rape, property vandalism, boda-boda killings, herd theft and farm crop destruction. If this is not checked then we may not be able to achieve objects of devolution. I therefore seek a statement from the Chairperson Committee on Public Service Administration and County Affairs on the following issues; - 3) explain whether the County government has a legal framework to foster a clear and comprehensive administration of our villages 4) what is the current status on the employment of village elders to take charge of the village units outlined the key strategic approaches that are being deployed to help the county government achieve objects of devolution touching on matters security	23 rd October 2025	
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13	Hon David Onjiri	I seek an urgent statement from the Chairperson, Committee on Finance in respect to the employment on the 8th of May 2025 of the sixty five cleaners and the payment of the respective worker's compensation as per the contractual terms, The budgetary sums for the said workers was allocated and approved in the budget estimate fy 24/25 I hence seek to know ; a) Reason leading to non-payment of wages and salaries as per the contractual terms of the said workers b) Circumstances leading to the non-payment of the said workers for any month yet the said sums were budgeted for and approved c) When shall the department of finance pay the said staff who are rendering their services	13 th November, 2025	
14	Hon Erick Odei	I wish to seek a statement from CECM water concerning vihiga water services company (VIWASCO) over the following: 1. Revenue status and liabilities for the last 2yrs 2. The current revenue/rating system being used to bill and collect revenue, cost, agreements, MOU/agreements and maintenance 3. Monthly revenue collections and their expenditure on electricity bills for the last 2years, staff salaries, chemicals and other variable costs 4. Pending bills for the entire company and time incurred 5. Total Number of staff employed by the company 6. Other Automated departments. 7. How many revenue systems are currently in use. 8. The Circumstances surrounding the present and the continuous non operation of the amasti water company in respect to supply of water ,	3 rd December, 2025	