

**COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF VIHIGA
VIHIGA COUNTY ASSEMBLY**

(SITTING NO. 81)

(NO.165)



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ORDERS OF THE DAY

WEDNESDAY, 3RD SEPTEMBER, 2025 AT 9.30AM

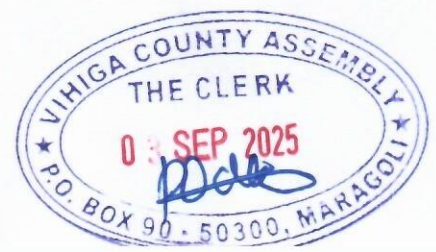
ORDER OF BUSINESS

PRAYERS

Determination of Quorum

1. Administration of Oaths
2. Communication from the Chair
3. Messages
4. Petitions
5. Papers
6. Notice of Motion - **AWARE** that on diverse dates during the month of May 2025, in effort to fulfill the provisions of Article 43 of the Constitution of Kenya 2010 that provides every person has a right of highest attainable standards of health, which include rights of health care service, including reproductive health care and further to that a person shall not be denied right to emergency medical services, the County Assembly of Vihiga passed two health bills that being Vihiga County Facilities Improvement Financing Act 2025 which provided for public health facilities financing, management and administration, while Vihiga Teaching and Referral Act 2025 provided for a legal framework for the establishment Vihiga Teaching and Referral hospital.

COGNISANT of the fact that the two Acts (Vihiga County Facilities Improvement Financing Act 2025 and the Vihiga Teaching and Referral hospital) were aimed at curing the challenges of lack of drugs and other HPTS (Heath Products and Technologists) at the referral hospital and other medical facilities, over reliance on locum staff at the referral despite the County having employed adequate permanent medical staff, lack of



structural leadership in the entire health department and at the medical facilities, logistical, infrastructural, human resource, financial and operational deficiencies that had brought the health sector to its knees causing untold suffering and pain to the residents of Vihiga.

CONSCIOUS THAT the desired aims of the House in the passage of the bills haven't been met and the health sector remains in a deplorable manner, facilities have been run down, they lack basic drugs, their subordinate workers remain unpaid for the past many months, fraudulent expenditure of SHA monies and donor funds continue, while the referral hospital exists in name and not in practice as itself refers patients referred to it to other hospitals not because of health complications to patients but due to malfunctioning of machines, lack of drugs, fraudulent expenditure a fact sighted by the Auditor-General in her latest report, lack of proper structured leadership issues exuberated by the non-operationalization of the approved bills, lack of regulations, non-existence of oversight committees as contemplated in the Facilities Improvement Financing Act 2025, fraudulent expenditure of scarce funds deposited in facilities accounts be they donor funds or SHA, acts facilitated by the repeal of the Vihiga Facilities improvement fund Act 2020, which was repealed by approval of the Vihiga County facilities Improvement Financing Bill, 2025, as provided for in section 35.

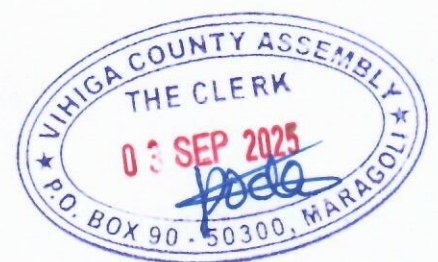
DEEPLY CONCERNED that service delivery has been weakened, patient's confidence is at an all-time low, the public hospitals are now referred to as death beds, residents of Vihiga suffer and continue to suffer in pain due to poor or no service in the public facilities.

TAKING NOTE OF THE FACT that The County Assembly is duly mandated pursuant to Article 185 of the Constitution of Kenya as read with section 8 and 9 of the County Government Act 2012 to undertake the necessary oversight over health services which is one of the devolved functions.



NOW THEREFORE, I wish to give Notice of Motion that this House resolves that;

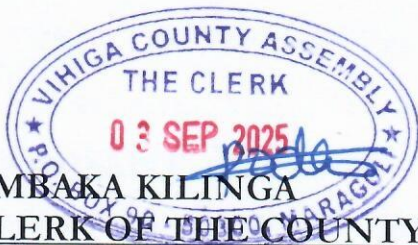
- a. Within twenty one days(21) upon approval of this motion:
 - (a) the CECM Department of Health Services publishes and operationalize the Vihiga Teaching and Referral Hospital Act 2025 and the Vihiga County Facilities Improvement Financing Act 2025, and or if the same has been published submit the status of implementation
 - (b) the CECM Department of Health Services submits to the County Assembly the relevant Regulations to the Vihiga Teaching and Referral Hospital Act 2025 and the Vihiga County Facilities Improvement Financing Act 2025 for processing
 - (c) That the County treasury and department of health services do enable the repair and restoration of the renal unit, CT scan and oncology and or submit steps undertaken to address the same.
 - (d) That the department of health do procure and supply health essential medical reagents, medicines and other critical medical items in the County
 - (e) That the Chief Officer Health services do review staffing levels and ensure optimal deployment of permanent medical staff as per their specialty and to reduce over reliance on interns and locum staff
 - (f) The CECM and Chief Officer, Department of health services to instruct the County referral coordinator to document and submit referrals to other hospital; as undertaken by the Vihiga County referral Hospital for the period 1st January 2025 to 1st September 2025
- b. The County Treasury and the department of Health strengthen budget preparation and implementation to ensure timely allocation and use of funds for health services in line with the Facilities Improvement Financing Act 2025



- c. The CECM Department of Health Services within thirty (30) days upon approval of this motion;
- (a) submit a report to the County Assembly Committee on Health services, covering the leadership reforms in the department of health services and at Vihiga Teaching and Referral Hospital, equipment repairs, drugs and reagent supply, staffing and financial management improvements
 - (b) In conjunction with the CECM Department of Finance restructure/facilitate the procurement and accounting departments at the Vihiga Teaching and referral Hospital
 - (c) Submit a report to the County Assembly committee on Health services, on the level of implementation of the Vihiga County Facilities Improvement Financing Act 2025 and the Vihiga Teaching and Referral Hospital Act 2025
 - (d) Enable the display of the Vihiga Teaching and Referral Hospital organogram and public redress mechanism and contacts in an open and accessible wall board.
- d. That the joint committees of Health and implementation do submit a report to the house on the level of implementation in respect to the house resolution (**HON ERICK ODEI – MCA - GISAMBAI WARD**)

7. Questions and Statements

8. Motion - ***61*** - Pursuant to Standing Order No 134 – That The Vihiga County Food and Nutrition Security Bill, 2025 be now read for the **First time (HON. FREDRICK MAVISI– CHAIRPERSON, COMMITTEE ON HEALTH SERVICES)**



AMBAKA KILINGA
CLERK OF THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY