

**COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF VIHIGA  
VIHIGA COUNTY ASSEMBLY**

(SITTING NO. 107)

(NO.229)



**FOURTH SESSION  
Afternoon Sitting  
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**THIRD ASSEMBLY – (FOURTH SESSION)**

**ORDERS OF THE DAY**

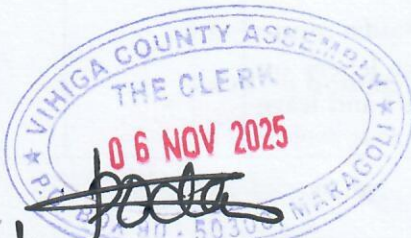
**THURSDAY, 6<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER, 2025 AT 2.30PM**

**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**

| S/<br>NO | MEMBER<br>SEEKING<br>STATEMENT | STATEMENT SOUGHT                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | DATE<br>SOUGHT                       | REMARKS                                            |
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| 1        | Hon Caroline<br>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 <sup>rd</sup> April,<br>2025       | Response<br>on 6 <sup>th</sup><br>November<br>2025 |
| 2        | Hon. Hellam<br>Esipirah        | <p><b>Aware</b>, 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</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>How many staff were employed on contract terms by the County to collect revenue</li> <li>How many staff have received employment letters to be engaged on “Permanent and Pensionable” terms</li> <li>How many staff haven’t received employment letters to be engaged on “Permanent and Pensionable” terms</li> <li>Which criteria was used to provide employment letters on “Permanent and Pensionable” terms to some staff and leave out others</li> </ol> | 4 <sup>th</sup><br>September<br>2025 | Response<br>on 6 <sup>th</sup><br>November<br>2025 |

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| 3 | Hon. Janet Fundi - Nominated MCA | <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Concerned that mining has a long-term impact on the environment and human life in the areas where it is taking place. including <b>habitat destruction, water contamination, and air pollution, which can lead to long-term ecological damage and on human beings</b></p> <p>I therefore seek a statement from the Chairperson environment, water, energy, natural resources and climate change on the following issues</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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</li> <li>What has the County Government of Vihiga done to ensure that the communities around mining area s benefiting from the diverse available resources</li> <li>How is the County Government effectively harnessing revenue from the investors</li> </ol> | 25 <sup>th</sup> September 2025 | Response on 6 <sup>th</sup> November 2025 |
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| 4 | Hon Janet Fundi | <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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</p> <p>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.</p> <p>I therefore seek a statement from the Chairpersons committee on Gender, Culture, Youth, Sports and social services on the following matters;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What is the estimated number of children under the various forms of child abuse?</li> <li>Elaborate on interventions that have been put in place to protect our valuable growing children across the County</li> </ol> <p>Further, I seek a statement from the chairperson committee on Environment Water, Sanitation and Natural Resource on the following matters;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>State whether the County has an elaborative method of protecting the environment from the explorations</li> <li>Explain whether the county has strategically set up revenue collection centres at the exploration sites to maximize revenue collection.</li> </ol> | 2 <sup>nd</sup> October 2025 |  |
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| 5 | Hon. Joyce Mayodi<br>Nominated<br>MCA | <p><b>Aware that</b>, 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 values 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.</p> <p><b>Concerned that</b>, 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</p> <p>I therefore, seek a statement from the chair committee on Early Childhood Education and Vocational Training on the following;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What is the exact number of students with special needs in our Early Childhood Education centres?</li> <li>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?</li> </ol> | 9 <sup>th</sup> October 2025 |  |
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| 6 | <p>Hon. Richard Shugh Muhiga</p> <p>MCA</p> <p>Shamakhokho Ward</p> | <p><b>Aware that</b>, 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.</p> <p><b>Concerned that</b>, 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.</p> <p>I therefore, seek a statement from the chair committee on environment water, energy and natural resource on the following;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clearly demonstrate whether the County government has a policy framework to manage the traditional forests within the county?</li> <li>Explain whether deliberate efforts have been made to engage the communities living around the traditional forests to warrant sustainability of the forests?</li> <li>Explain whether the county government has set aside resources to ensure development and sustainability of traditional forests within the County?</li> </ol> | 9 <sup>th</sup> October 2025 |  |
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| 7 | Hon. Vincent Atsiaya | <p>I seek a statement from the Chairperson Committee on Youth, Sports, Social Welfare, Children And Culture on the following issues of concern:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Who leased Avugwi Hall</li> <li>What is the lease agreement period and agreement</li> <li>How much was paid to the County?</li> <li>Who will repair the damages caused by the tenant?</li> </ol>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 9 <sup>th</sup> October 2025  |  |
| 8 | Hon Gladys Yalwala   | <p><b>Aware That</b> 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</p> <p><b>Concerned that</b>, 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</p> <p>I therefore seek a statement from the Chairperson Committee on Public Service Administration and County Affairs on the following issues; -</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>State the total number of professionals being paid for professional fee, clearly indicating the total sum being paid annually.</li> <li>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</li> </ol> <p>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</p> | 23 <sup>rd</sup> October 2025 |  |

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| 9 | Hon Getrude Lumire | <p><b>Aware That</b></p> <p>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</p> <p><b>Further,</b></p> <p>Aware that the objectives of devolution in Kenya are well stated under Article 174 of the Constitution and just to mention a few;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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;</li> <li>to recognize the right of communities to manage their own affairs and to further their development;</li> <li>to protect and promote the interests and rights of minorities and marginalised communities;</li> <li>to facilitate the decentralization of State organs, their functions and services, from the capital of Kenya;</li> </ol> <p><b>Concerned that,</b> 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.</p> <p>I therefore seek a statement from the Chairperson Committee on Public Service Administration and County Affairs on the following issues; -</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3) explain whether the County government has a legal framework to foster a clear and comprehensive administration of our villages</li> <li>4) what is the current status on the employment of village elders to take charge of the village units</li> </ol> <p>outlined the key strategic approaches that are being deployed to help the county government achieve objects of devolution touching on matters security</p> | 23 <sup>rd</sup><br>October<br>2025 |  |
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