



COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF BUNGOMA

THIRD ASSEMBLY, FOURTH SESSION

**PROGRESS REPORT BY THE COMMITTEE ON
LAND, URBAN PLANNING PLANNING AND HOUSING ON
STATEMENT RAISED IN THE HOUSE BY HON. KENNEDY
WANYAMA**

HB C
For response to the
Statement.
23/7/25

**Clerks' Chambers
County Assembly Buildings
PO BOX 1886,
BUNGOMA, KENYA**

JULY, 2025

QUESTION/ STATEMENTS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE

Mr. Speaker Sir, the committee on Lands, Urban, physical planning and Housing, received a statement sought by Honorable Kennedy Wanayama in this House on 10th July, 2025 and referred to Committee for reply pursuant to Standing Order 47 (2) (c) of the Bungoma County Assembly Standing Orders. The statement was in relation to the upcoming administration block that will house offices for the Executive.

The committee was given upto the 24th of July, 2025 to provide a replay to the house through the chairperson.

The committee held its meeting on 14th July, 2025 and deliberated on the matter. It was resolved that the department be invited in the presence of the owner of the statement on 21st July, 2025 to respond to the issues raised. Through the office of the clerk, the CECM lands, Urban, Physical Planning and municipalities was invited to appear before the committee on 21st July, 2025 at 3:00 p.m.

The CECM appeared as scheduled and responded to the issues raised in the statement as follows:

- 1. Why the project is domiciled in the department of Housing and Lands instead of Public administration;**

Response: the housing department is legally mandated to support county government through the provision, planning and management of office block;

- The fourth schedule, part 2 section 8 of the constitution of kenya 2010 which states the function as “County public works and services, including storm water management systems in built up areas and housing.”

This gives counties through housing department the mandate over housing and public building including provision and management of office accommodation for county departments.

- Land Act 2012 section 98-107 on leases.

Section 104- planning framework; “every county shall prepare a county development plan which shall include objectives, strategies, policies and programs for the provision of infrastructure and physical development.”

Counties are legally required to plan for office space and other physical infrastructure, and, Housing development plays a central role in this.

iii. Housing Act(cap 117) General Housing Development and Housing Leasing. It is from this background that the department strongly support that this project is domiciled in Housing and Lands.

2. Provide the plans and bills of quantities for the project;

Response; the bills of quantities were provided and interrogated.

3. How much has been paid towards the project so far, when was the same paid and provide vouchers to support payment;

Response; the department paid Ksh. 97,476,00 being payment to the contractor as stated below:

1st payment Ksh. 50,000,000 Feb, 2024

2nd Payment Ksh. 47,476,000- dec 2024

Total. Ksh. 97,476,00.00

Payment documents were provided and interrogated by the committee.

4. How much is the balance;

Response: contract sum. Ksh. 498,880,128

Advance paid ksh. (97,476,000)

Balance ksh. 401,404,128

5. At what level is the project in terms of implementation, are the works done commensurate with the payments made so far?

Response: Works done:(sub structure works at 75% done and ongoing

Site clearance and setting out of the structure as per the working drawings.

Bulk excavations of foundations is 100% done

Foundation column Base is 75% done and ongoing. This include:

- a) Steel reinforcement fixing to column bases
- b) Formwork to column bases
- c) Casting of the column bases
- d) Stripping of form work of the column bases

Steel fixing reinforcement to substructure columns is ongoing

Form work to sub-structure column is ongoing

Casting of the sub-structure columns is ongoing

6. What was the project commencement date?

Response; the project commencement date is 2nd November, 2023

7. What was the project completion date?

Response; the project completion date is 2nd November 2026

8. Whether there was allocation of funds for the projects as at the stipulated commencement date.

Response; the project is a multiyear project with a contract sum of ksh. 498,880,128. At the start of the project, the department had an allocation of ksh. 98,000,000.

Honorable Speaker.

The owner of the statement and the committee were not satisfied with the response provided for the 5th question on level the project is in terms of implementation and the works done commensurating with the commencement date. The committee resolved to visit the site for verification.

The committee therefore, asks leave of the Hon. Speaker and the house to allow it visit the site on Monday the 28th, July, 2025 to ascertain if the contractor is indeed on site and the completion levels of the foundation. The committee asks to report back to this house on Wednesday 30th July, 2025.

I beg to report

Thank you



Hon. Francis Chemion,

MCA- Kaptama Ward

Chairperson, committee on Lands, Urban, Physical, Planning and Housing