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The House met at the County Assembly Chamber at 2:30 p.m.

(Mr. Deputy Speaker [Hon. Stephen Wamalwa] in the Chair)

PRAYERS

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QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS

IT IS NOTIFIED THAT PURSUANT TO STANDING ORDER NUMBER 47.2(C) THE CHAIRPERSON
SECTORAL COMMITTEE ON TOURISM, ENVIRONMENT, WATER AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO
RESPOND TO THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Sundukwa Namarome, is there a problem? Proceed.

Hon. Grace Sundukwa: Thank you Mr. Speaker, progress report on statement raised by Hon. Jack Wambulwa in relation to the utilization of climate change funds within Bungoma County.

Deputy Speaker: Yes Hon. Otsiula... you're the one standing in for Member for Kimaeti? Very well, thank you. Proceed Hon. Namarome.

Hon. Grace Sundukwa: Honourable Speaker, according to Standing Order 54 of the County Assembly of Bungoma Standing Orders, the committee of Tourism, Environment, Water and Natural Resources hereby present its progress report regarding the statement sought by Hon. Jack Wambulwa on utilization of climate change funds within Bungoma County.

The report was tabled before the committee on Tuesday 10th March 2026. Following this, the committee requested a formal response from the department through a letter dated 10th March 2026 in reply the C.E.C Tourism, Environment water and natural resources submitted a report on date 11th March 2026 through the office of the clerk to the County Assembly.

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The report was also shared with the owner of the statement Hon. Jack Wambulwa. The committee subsequently invited the department to appear before it on Monday 30th March, 2026 to address the concern arising from the statement.

The department appeared before the committee to provide the response; however, the owner of the statement was away on official duty and requested that the meeting be rescheduled. The meeting considered the request and invited the Chief Officer to a further consultative meeting on 28th April, 2026 to comprehensively address the concern raised.

The Chief Officer submitted a letter to the Office of the Clerk to the County Assembly on 24th April, 2026 requesting for rescheduling of the consultative meeting as the department was appearing to the Senate in Nairobi on the same date. At this meeting held on 28th April at 1.00 p.m. the committee resolved to consider their request and subsequently reschedule the matter for deliberation on 11th May, 2026 at 2.00 p.m.

According to the Chief Officer of Tourism and Environment together with the director climate change appeared before the committee on Monday 11th May 2026 at 2.00 p.m. in the committee room 1 within the County Assembly premises to respond to the concern raised in the statement. The committee made the following observation;

1. Most projects remain incomplete with some recording 0% implementation despite the department having received funds for the project.
2. The committee was not furnished with any monitoring and evaluation report to verify project progress implementation status and challenges encountered.

A letter has been done to the department to submit a comprehensive response to hold the concern raised in the statement, an evaluation report project together with a detailed status report indicating the project name, scope of work, group name, ward location, project cost, number of trees planted and percentage of work completed for the period 2023-2025.

Moreover, the committee resolved to carry out a fact finding exercise across all wards to ascertain the status of tree seedlings planted by the department during the year 2023-25. In view of the ongoing, the committee seeks a leave for the House for an extension of 21 days to undertake the fact finding exercise across the County, consider the evaluation report and a detailed status report of the project. Thank you.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Thank you so much Hon. Grace Namarome Sundukwa, member for Sitikho, now she's whispering to the owner of the statement. They're talking. The owner of the statement are you satisfied?

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I can see you're talking so...you must be reaching consensus.

Hon. Benjamin Otsiula: Thank you Honourable Speaker, on behalf of Hon. Jack Wambulwa and looking at the nature of the report, the committee seeking for an extension of 21 days to undertake a fact finding exercise across the County, I cannot deny the committee such a request because it is in the benefit so that we get to the root cause of the issues that were raised in the statement so that they can be granted 21 days.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: 21 days... Members that would be in June isn't it? June 3rd... Very well so we expect that the committee will report back to this House with findings to satisfy the owner of the statement and the House on the 3rd day of June 2.30 p.m.

Hon. Benjamin Otsiula: Thank you Honourable Speaker.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Well. Yes that's well, Hon. Jack Zakayo Kawa... you have something? You're so happy... What is it?

Hon Jack Kawa: Speaker I'm sorry that it has been overtaken by events. After your ruling Honourable Speaker

Mr. Deputy Speaker: After my ruling?

Hon Jack Kawa: Yes.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: So sorry. Well you live to fight another day.

(Laughter)

Next item?

MOTION

THAT, THIS HOUSE ADOPTS THE REPORT OF THE SECTORAL COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND ECONOMIC PLANNING ON BUNGOMA COUNTY REVENUE ENHANCEMENT ACTION PLAN LAID ON THE TABLE OF THE HOUSE ON TUESDAY 28TH APRIL, 2026

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Very well. I was observing Hon. Sifuna and the way he's behaving. He's excited and smiling... Hon. Namarome proceed by introducing what you have before we come to the quorum issue.

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Hon. Grace Sundukwa: Thank you Speaker. Committee on Finance and Economic Planning report on Bungoma County Enhancement Action Plan...

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Maybe you could just read us what you're presenting, on what, then we find out the quorum and then we proceed. It is a report on?

Hon. Grace Sundukwa: Bungoma County Revenue Enhancement Action Plan.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Very well. Honourable Members that's revenue enhancement action plan report presented to this House by the Committee on Finance. So let's have the quorum of Finance Committee members.

(Loud Consultations)

Honourable Members you can resume your seats... Hon. Namarome you can resume your seat please.

(Applause)

Hon. Grace Sundukwa: Speaker you can...

Mr. Deputy Speaker: And you can see

(Applause)

Even the way I'm talking to her, very softly. Resume your seat

Hon. Grace Sundukwa: Speaker give us like 10 minutes we look for quorum. We can raise the quorum in the next 10 minutes.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Resume your seats first. It's okay. We have our acting chair, he's here and he's my uncle. I have a lot of respect for them.

Now Members as you can see our Committee on Finance has not attained the quorum required and it's a tradition which everyone knows. Even if I stood up myself you could not make any meaningful change to achieve the quorum and I cannot. After all when I'm sitted here, I'm a referee. I stop being a player and I become a referee so it's unfortunate that the chair communicated through the Clerk of the committee in the morning that we shall be having this motion.

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Hon. Zakayo drove fast and he was telling me that he's rushing to reach here in time because he does not want to miss this important session and congratulations Hon. Kawa for that. The chair was here in the morning struggling but some other Members are letting us down. Hon Lusenaka has been around, I don't know where he is.

(Loud consultations)

Mr. Deputy Speaker: I've ruled.

(Loud consultations)

Yes. Let him just give information; we have to be democratic enough Hon. Zakayo.

Hon Jack Kawa: This is a House of rules and procedures

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Yes...

Hon Jack Kawa: Honourable Speaker I want to inform the....

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Allan relax...very well, very well.

Hon Jack Kawa: Hon Speaker as we're sitted here as we transact our business of the day, remember, we are achieving the quorum. Secondly, remember the Finance Committee, we are minus one Member, why can't we calculate from 14 if we can attain the.....

(Laughter)

That is the truth...yes. That's the truth.

(Loud consultations)

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Order Members! Order!

Hon Jack Kawa: We're minus one Honourable member my dear son-in-law. With your guidance anyway. Number one let us consider the House itself in achieving the quorum? Before we come to Finance Committee.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Now let me stand. Honourable Members, there's nothing to argue about. I'm on my feet.

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(Loud consultations)

Order! Order!

Hon. Allan the clan you come from does not behave like that...

(Laughter)

Order Members!

Now Members, even we've been buying time but you can see Members cannot even arrive, so as a tradition which we set in this House, the quorum was not attained. It's not about anything else about the normal practice that we do here. Because of lack of quorum, we're so unhappy and unfortunate about the same. This will be scheduled again for consideration so that we can dispense of the same. Next item?

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business, Honourable Members, we will adjourn and resume tomorrow Thursday at 2.30 p.m.

The House rose at 3.00 p.m.

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