



COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF ISIOLO  
SECOND COUNTY ASSEMBLY (THIRD SESSION)  
ORDERS OF THE DAY  
WEDNESDAY, 27<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY, 2019 AT 9.00 A.M.

**ORDERS OF THE DAY**

**PRAYERS**

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6. Notices of motion
7. Statements
8. Motions/Bills

**6. NOTICES OF MOTION**

**DRILLING OF MORE BOREHOLES AT FARTHEST END OF GRAZING AREAS AND ESTABLISHMENT OF SPECIAL EMERGENCY FUND TO MAINTAIN EXISTING BOREHOLES**

***(HON. NURA DIBA)***

**That Aware that** livestock husbandry is a key Kenyan economy player so to our county's individual households' and communities' wellbeing; **Further aware that** arid and semi arid Lands that support this livestock economy in the county consists of more than 80% of the county's land mass; **Appreciating that** livestock economy in the county is the main source of livelihood for the pastoralists communities who live in these arid and semi-arid parts of the county; **Concerned that;** latest research findings by research institutions on resilience in semi-arid economies confirms that lack of water at far end of the County where grasses / fodder are plenty hold back livestock development; **Further concern that** drilling and installation of these boreholes in far end areas of the county without involvement of functional checks, servicing, repairing necessary devices, equipment and machinery renders the effort of availing water in these areas futile; **Further concerned that** these boreholes many a times break and lack preventive maintenance which is a

cost-effective practice that keeps equipment ready for operation at the utilization stage and lengthening system lifecycle; often without set aside operation and maintenance fund that will guarantee sustainability of these boreholes; this county assembly therefore resolves that, the County Executive to drill more boreholes at the furthest end of the grazing areas and establish special emergency fund for repair and maintain existing boreholes.

**7. MOTION.**

**PROVIDE EXTENSION SERVICES TO FARMERS ACROSS THE COUNTY WITH EMPHASIS IN AREAS WITH IRRIGATION SCHEME FOR BEST FARMING PRACTICES SUCH AS RAPSU (HON. ISACK FAYO)**

THAT, AWARE that agriculture including crop husbandry is a devolved functions as enshrined in the Fourth Schedule of Constitution of Kenya, 2010.

further, AWARE THAT, extension services, if properly designed and implemented, improve agricultural productivity by providing farmers with important information, such as patterns in crop prices, new seed varieties, crop management, and marketing;

APPRECIATING THAT, resident of Isiolo County have embraced diversifications by practicing subsistence farming along areas of Ewaso Nyiro and irrigation schemes;

NOTING THAT, the importance of agricultural extension in relation to the fight against poverty has been underscored in the Strategy to Revitalize Agriculture (SRA) (Republic of Kenya 2004);

CONCERNED THAT, the declining effectiveness of the public agricultural extension service has been identified as one among the factors impeding agricultural growth in Kenya;

FURTHER CONCERNED THAT, At times even when technologies are available, smallholder farmers have no access to them underpinning the importance of extension services to facilitate transfer of information to farmers;

This County Assembly urges the County Executive Committee Member for Agriculture, livestock and Fisheries services to provide

- a) identify gaps in agricultural extension services with the aim to filling the gaps;
- b) Prioritize extension services to farmers across the County with emphasis in areas with irrigation scheme for best farming practices such as Rapsu.