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*[Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker (Ms Emily Oduor) in the Chair]*

PRAYERS

**QUORUM**

**Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker:** Clerk, confirm if we have the quorum.

*(Clerk-at-the Table confirmed there was no quorum)*

Serjeant-at-Arms, could you ring the bell for ten minutes to see if we can get quorum?

*(Quorum bell was rung)*

Clerk, we have the quorum, we can start.

### STATEMENTS

REQUEST FOR STATEMENT REGARDING THE RENAMING OF ROADS IN THE COUNTY

**Hon. Daniel Muturi:** Thank you very much, Hon. Speaker. Pursuant to Standing Order No. 45 (2) (c), I wish to request for a Statement from the Chairperson of the Sectoral Committee on Transport and Public Works regarding the renaming of roads in the County.

Hon. Speaker, Paragraph 5 of the Fourth Schedule of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010, provides for the functions and powers of County Government on County Transport including County roads, street lighting, public road transport, traffic and parking. The County Assembly has passed several Motions, urging the implementing agencies to rename some roads in honour of heroes and heroines who have contributed immensely to the development of the country.

Hon. Speaker, a road in Kileleshwa Ward has been unprocedurally and unclearly renamed after the Central Organization of Trade Unions (COTU) Kenya Secretary General.

Hon. Speaker, in the statement, the Chairperson should enquire into the report on:

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1. The criteria used to rename Dik Dik Road to Mr. Francis Atwoli Road in Kileleshwa Ward; and
2. Steps the County Executive is taking to ensure there are regulations in place to be used in the naming and renaming of roads and County facilities in the country.

Hon. Speaker, if you may just give me a bit of leeway, the media, including the social media has been very active in regard to the renaming of Dik Dik Road. We have seen people being arrested, fires being lit, petitions, and civil society up in arms regarding the same.

Hon. Speaker, we have nothing against anybody, but this is a County with decorum, decisions should be respected and should go along with the people's wishes. The people of Kileleshwa have been on uproar, this is why I have brought this statement so that this issue may be settled once and for all and know what the problem is.

With those few remarks, I look forward to getting a fast and quick reply from the Chairman concerned. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

**Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker:** Thank you, Hon. Ngengi. This is a very sensitive issue, and I think all of us have seen the backlash this issue has caused. We need to discuss and conclude it amicably without seeing people being arrested. At the same time, we have a Motion today by Hon. Waithera Chege which also talks about naming and renaming of roads. I will talk to the Chair of Transport to look at that issue. But if what Hon. Waithera has brought in is the same as what is in the Statement, then we will have to collapse it and probably work with Hon. Waithera's.

**Hon. Daniel Muturi:** I am very much obliged; I am in total agreement. But if I stand on another issue regarding the same, I have a statement which I brought in 2019 on the issue of matatus on Tom Mboya Street, where a child died the other day. I think the girl was the daughter or niece of Deputy Inspector General. The Committee on Roads and Transport has been inefficient, and I stand before you believing that we have blood in our hands as an Assembly and as a County because this is something which has been there, but they seem to get calls from higher offices about the same. So, I hope as you go along, we can also take care of that. Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

**Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker:** Thank you, Hon. Ngengi, I actually get your sentiments. It doesn't only come from you, but from so many Members of this Assembly. Chair of Chairs is not here but I will look for him, and also through our Whip, we need to tell him to whip all Chairs so that next week, we have these things sorted out. It was agreed at a certain meeting that we should also have all Chairs in the Assembly. They should be here physically. I am not seeing that happening, so it makes it very difficult for us to get answers for the statements we are bringing to the Assembly.

I am pushing this over to the Chair of Chairs and the leadership at large to take this matter up because it is very important. So many issues are pending and we need them cleared within the next one month or so. I hope that is okay with you, Hon. Ngengi. Yes, Hon. Waithera.

**Hon. Waithera Chege:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. Just for avoidance of doubt and for clearance purposes on Standing Order No. 45, I need you to give a leeway whether the Statement from Hon. Ngengi has been now dispensed with so that we deal with procedures and processes.

**Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker:** I think for now we will pass it on to the Chair of Transport. As we start working on it, we will see how it works with the one for Hon. Waithera because they are all about naming of roads. Is the Chair of Transport around?

Hon. Ngengi, we have gone through your statement and also gone through Hon. Waithera's Motion, and it is like it is the same thing. I am kindly requesting if you can withdraw so that we can take up Hon. Waithera's Motion. Is that okay with you?

**Hon. Daniel Muturi:** Thank you very much, Hon. Speaker. I think there is a challenge there because my Statement is very clear and Hon. Waithera's Motion is very clear. My question was simple, just to give me the criteria used to name Dik Dik Road to Francis Atwoli Road because this matter is already in the public domain. I think Hon. Waithera's will address section two of my Statement.

But in the meantime, as a country we are getting really embarrassed and we need to know which criteria was used. I have seen in this House where we have had Motions to rename roads like Joe Kadenge Road, Kenneth Matiba Road, Yussuf Hajji Road, and Jakaya Kikwete Road. When I went through this, I saw an article from the Nation where her Excellency the Governor said she named the road after her political godfather. She also mentions that it was him who called other people on her behalf and he is a staunch supporter of BBI. To me, I find it unsatisfactory because we have such people in our lives, including our godfathers and godmothers who we will be more that glad to give roads.

Hon. Speaker, my intention here is to bring respect to this House, we have 122 Members, and anything that passes through this Assembly is the voice of the people. We cannot just have things flying around.

Off the record, I heard there was a Notice of Motion which was not procedurally done because it was never even approved by the Speaker. It came on a day we had a Special Sitting, and the agenda of any Special Sitting should be gazetted. The issue was not gazetted. If we are doing things in such a manner, and we represent 4.5 million people in the City, the Nairobi people need to know how this was arrived at because the reasons which have been given here do not warrant this kind of action. As I have said, I have nothing against anybody, but everything should be procedurally done, we are a House of rules and decorum. Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

**Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker:** Whip and Hon. Ngengi, can we consult for a minute.

*(Hon. Speaker consulted with Hon. Waithera and Hon. Ngengi)*

Thank you, our two leaders for the consultation. For Hon. Ngengi's Statement, I think it is something that needs an urgent answer because there are a lot of things going on in Dik Dik Road. We have seen people setting fires, and if we don't handle it immediately, we will see people being shot. So to stop that, it is an issue that we need to deal with immediately. Since the Chair of Transport is not around, I am requesting Hon. Waithera Chege to stand in for the Chair of Transport.

**Hon. Waithera Chege:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. On behalf of the Chair of Transport, I think we should be able to answer Hon. Ngengi in a record eight days.

**Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker:** Hon. Ngengi, are you okay with eight days?

**Hon. Daniel Muturi:** Hon. Speaker, much obliged.

**Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker:** Thank you. Clerk, proceed.

### MOTION

#### POLICY ON NAMING OF ROADS AND OTHER COUNTY FACILITIES IN THE COUNTY

**Hon. Waithera Chege:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. I beg to move the following Motion:

THAT, aware that Chapter Four of the Constitution 2010 provides for the Bill of Rights which is an integral part of Kenya's democratic state and is the framework for social, economic and cultural policies; further aware that the purpose of recognizing and protecting human rights and fundamental freedoms is to preserve the dignity of individuals and communities and to promote social justice and the realization of the potentials of all human beings; recognizing that several individuals have served the County at various levels with dedication and splendid work towards the betterment of Nairobi City County and its residents; concerned that such individuals have not been recognized for their outstanding performance in the public service in the County; noting that individuals have upheld the rights of others, serving the community above themselves and contributing to nation building through outstanding service and achievements, this Assembly urges the County Executive to develop a policy that provide for criteria to be used in naming of roads and other County facilities in the County in recognition and appreciation of the extraordinary acts of service made by individuals who performed tremendously in their works not only to the County but to the Country at large.

Madam Speaker, I do not want to belabor on this Motion because from where I sit this is a self-explanatory Motion requesting the County Executive to provide a policy framework for naming the roads in this County.

Madam Speaker, allow me to recognize the efforts from Hon. Daniel Ngengi, whom we consulted with in developing this Motion when we were driving along Kenyatta Avenue and one of the businessmen stopped us along the way and asked us about the saga that was going on.

Madam Speaker, allow me to take you to and I do not know whether you did literature; there was a book that was known as Romeo and Juliet, and in the book Madam Speaker, there is a question which I would also like to ask our honorable Members here that Romeo asked Juliet: what is in a name? And that is the same question as we debate this Motion today, I would also want to ask our Hon. Members.

Madam Speaker, the unfolding Francis Atwori's saga in the last, I think three days, did invite this assembly to rethink about the laws that we are supposed to make under schedule 4 of the Constitution of Kenya. When I look at Francis Atwori's Saga, I am also invited to discuss with this House the procedures and processes that are always used in this County when we are naming and renaming roads. As Hon. Ngengi said we do not have an issue and we do not have a problem with anybody naming any road after anyone.

The question I want to place before this Assembly today is, was the procedure followed? was the Motion debated? Because as a leader in this House I only remember a Notice of Motion was given, but no debate took place, no approval no rejection was done before this House. I also want to remind you that the Notice of Motion was given on a special day sitting and the rules governing the Special Sitting are very clear, that you cannot bring an agenda that has not been gazetted for the Special Sitting.

Therefore, were the rules followed, so even if we say we do not have any issues or problems, anybody naming a road after anybody it is upon us that we guide the law, the Constitution of Kenya Schedule 4 which is very clear, that the superiority of the constitution lies within the people.

the Constitution of Kenya is also very clear and eloquent on public participation and it does not necessarily have to be done out there if this Bunge... because power can only be exercised either directly or indirectly through direct representatives. I beg to request this House that let us respect the Constitution and let us follow the law and that is why I am urging the County Executive today to come up with policies of naming these roads and not only roads and there are many advantages and benefits of naming roads and properties in this County.

One, when we speak about KRA, the taxation and the data collection will be so easy because you will be able to know like when we talk about Kimathi Street and then you are looking for a building number 4124, you will be able to recognize that building because the data system is very clear.

Naming and renaming of property Madam Speaker also will help us in quick delivery of goods and services both by the government and private sector. Therefore, Madam Speaker even as we continue debating this Motion today, I want to remind this House that other individuals who worked for this country before have passed through this House.

The other day we debated about Joe Kadenge road, Yusuf Haji road. During Hon Kidero tenure we debated about Wangari Mathai road and many other roads that have come before us. What was so unique in not debating Francis Atwori road? That question is what has brought us to this Motion. I want to remind you that in 1964 the government of the day formed a sub-committee to allow the same naming and renaming of the roads, whereby the work of the sub-committee was supposed to receive proposals from the members of the public.

Therefore, I really do not want to take you back to 1964 but we have grown in time as a Country and therefore we cannot allow that if Waithera Chege wakes up today and thinks of naming a road after Hon. Emily Oduor I can do it at will, but once you follow the rules and procedures we will be able to protect our County and our Country.

Madam Speaker, allow me to say that what I started with Romeo and Juliet. There are some names you name a road and you lose business and investors because some names are way too controversial. There are some roads in this country where you cannot invest in because either the name of that road brings bad memory to the people and therefore those are some of the reasons that we need to come up with proper criteria of naming and renaming of roads in this county, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker as I summarize I would wish to request this House - because of some of the areas and I want to give you an example of Kileleshwa. Kileleshwa and gives Nairobians a free geography lesson on how the rural of this Country is named. If you go there you will find roads named according to the small towns of our rural areas. You will find Siaya road in Kileleshwa, Migori road, Othaya road, Makueni road and it has set up criteria of how that side of the road will be named.

Therefore, we do not want to keep on waking up every morning and if you feel like calling a road mathogothanio road you can call it.

Therefore, Madam Speaker I would want to urge this House to kindly agree with me on this Motion that we need a law very quickly of naming and renaming of roads. Therefore, as I sit allow me to call Hon. Ngengi to second the Motion and I thank you for this chance Madam Speaker. Thank you.

**Hon. Daniel Ngengi:** Thank you, Hon. Speaker and I stand to second this Motion of forming a policy of naming the roads and other county facilities in the country. I will just be very brief because Hon. Waithera has exhausted everything and all I would like to mention is what is importance of creating our policies for naming roads and other county facilities.

Hon. Speaker, this would provide a standard and consistent policy framework which outlines effective and administrative decision-making procedures to deal with the matter relating to the policy. This also demands accountability and we do not want to be in a situation where we are having shouting matches and with a policy and whatever decision that is made it will be a collective responsibility that we cannot defend as a County.

Hon. Speaker, names hold a very powerful meaning to the citizens of a country given a sense of belonging and identity and this is why you have people and the residence of Kileleshwa up in arms because they are not associating with the name that has been given to their area.

Hon. Speaker, names can provide an opportunity of promoting community harmony which we are not doing now. Hon. Waithera has asked a very pertinent question. What is in a name, Hon. Speaker, and that is the question we need to be answering today as honorable Members.

Hon. Speaker, when I look at what Hon. Waithera has said the naming of the road did not go through the due process because it was not debated and the notice of Motion which did not come through this House.

As Hon. Waithera has said it was brought on Special Sitting, it was not gazetted and then I saw an article which I may read from the 'Nation' where Her Excellency the Deputy Governor say in quotes "without Francis Atwoli I would not be the Deputy Governor of Nairobi; he called Murathe and told him regardless of being a Sonko nominee he believed that I would deliver. It is in his great honour to name Dik Dik road after my political godfather and on top of that he is a BBI supporter".

Hon. Speaker this is the reason we come to this House and debate issues. In fact, Atwoli is very clear that even Dik Dik road is very small for him and in fact, Jogoo road should be named after him.

I will be more than happy to support that if that came to this House. But in terms of us taking shortcuts and doing things that are not comparable to the residence of any particular area is very unfortunate. Hon. Speaker with those few remarks, and as Hon. Waithera said we have to figure what is in a name, I beg to second this Motion thank you, Hon. Speaker.

*(Question proposed)*

**Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker:** Thank you Hon. Ngengi. Members, it is time to debate. There was a lot of interest on this Motion online, I am waiting to see hands up.

**Hon. Nancy Muthami:** Thank you Hon. Speaker. I hope you can hear me.

**Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker:** Yes, you are very clear.

**Hon. Nancy Muthami:** Thank you Hon. Speaker for this opportunity. I want to strongly support this Motion because this is a House of rules and procedures. We cannot have a person waking up in the morning

and naming a road. It is uncalled for, uncouth and unprocedural. We should have proper ways of naming roads and therefore I am in support of the Motion. Thank you.

**Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker:** Thank you Hon. Nancy. Can we have Hon. Kennedy Oyugi? We will get back to you. Meanwhile can we have Hon. Mary Mwami.

**Hon. Mary Mwami:** Thank you Madam Speaker for noticing me. I hope I am clear. I would like to correct Hon. Deputy Majority Whip. I think it is unfortunate for her to use the word “*Mathogothanio*” when referring to the naming of Did Tik Road to Hon. Atwoli. Secondly, Dik Dik is not a rural Kenyan name. If I can remember my primary science it is a name of a wild animal. I think that one rules it out.

However, it has been quite disappointing for us to note that when Hon. Matiba was named, it was not an issue and even when Hon. Haji road was named, it was not an issue. But when it came to Hon. Atwoli an elder in this country, a recognized trade unionist worldwide who has been the Deputy President of---

*(Point of Information)*

**Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker:** Just a minute Hon. Mwami we have a point of information from Hon. Waithera. Hold on for a minute we hear from Hon. Waithera.

**Hon. Waithera Chege:** Thank you Hon. Speaker. I am on a point of information on two things. One, the Mathogothanio Road was an example and two, we are questioning the process and procedure of naming Francis Atwoli Road. We are not against the name Francis Atwoli. Thank you Madam Speaker.

**Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker:** Hon. Mwami, that is clear. Can you come back?

**Hon. Mary Mwami:** Hon. Speaker, the procedure was followed the same way that of Hon. Haji was done. I was in the House all through not like today. The procedure used for naming Hon. Matiba Road was the same procedure used for Hon. Haji and naming Joe Kadenge Stadium. Unfortunately, Joe Kadenge name has not been put and even other roads that have been renamed. But the ones that have been of interest like that one of Hon. Haji led by Hon. Guyo have already been done.

Hon. Matiba led by Hon. Ngengi seated in the House right now has already been done. But when it came to Hon. Atwoli, it has been an issue.

For me, it has been very tribal and a very bad behavior by some Kenyans who think that roads cannot be named after some people. I will give you an example---

**Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker:** Hon. Mary Ariviza

**Hon. Mary Mwami:** Please Madam Speaker let me----

**Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker:** I just want to correct you. I don't think it is tribal.

**Hon. Mary Mwami:** There was a time when--- and he was stopped because Luyhas are not supposed to---

**Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker:** Hon. Mary Ariviza, I am going to disconnect you because you do not want to listen. There is nothing tribal that has been brought here. As far as I am concerned Hon. Waithera talked about naming the roads according to counties or according to areas like Siaya. She did not say that Dik dik Road has been renamed from a Kikuyu to a Luyha or vice versa. I think she was talking about procedure. Let us stick to the main issue and to Waithera's Motion so that we do not start playing tribal wars in something that is not tribal.

She only wants to find the procedure to be used even in the future. Let us not get personal please. Let us get the procedure and a way out on how this can be done in the future. Thank you, you can proceed.

**Hon. Mary Mwami:** Madam Speaker, you are sitting on that Chair and in this country we cannot say there are no tribal insinuations. It is wrong to pretend. The point that I am putting across is that there were other roads that have been named - and I am not against the procedure she is setting – that will be used and it is okay.

What I am saying is that, how comes that when it came to Hon. Atwoli it became a very big issue? You may not like him, some of us may not have liked Matiba and his politics, we may not have liked Hon. Haji with his---- But we honour and respect them because they are elders in this country. It was wrong for people to set up the sign post on fire and they are well known to the county. They should be arrested because they have made-----*(Hon Mwami spoke off-record)*

**Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker:** Hon. Mary Ariviza, we are going to disconnect you because you are not giving us opportunity to speak. Please wind up. I think the reason why this has brought a lot of issues is because there is so much that has been going on that road. We have seen fire being lit, people being arrested and that is what elicited this.

I don't think this should be personal. Hon. Ariviza I think your time is up. I will call upon Hon. Ndonji. Hon. Ndonji, can you hear me? And please Members let us stick to the Motion let us not be personal. Let us stick to the main Motion.

I am hoping that all of you have the Motion. Please read through so that we do not go out of the Motion and start talking about personal issues. Hon. Ndonji, we have given you the opportunity, can you hear me?

**Hon. Mary Mwami:** Madam Speaker---

**Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker:** Hon. Mary Ariviza, we are going to the next person. Hon. James Kiriba Kariuki, are you there?

**Hon. James Kiriba:** Thank you Hon. Speaker. It is very unfortunate at this time when the word tribalism has been erased from Kenyan minds. I wish to request the honorable Member to realize that is very good to follow the procedures before any naming is done.

Personally I object to Atwoli because I feel people like Martin Shikuku should have been given the honour but there was a specific reason why the naming was done. I think people the road should have named to other Luhya personalities like Masinde Muliro, Wamalwa Kijana who brought peace in this country. Naming of roads should be given to Kenyans who have sacrificed for this nation and deserve not rewarding a friend because of what he did. I object to that personally. Thank you.

**Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker:** Hon. Kiriba can you hear me? Are you there? Sorry we have lost you but according to your debating it doesn't add up. Probably we shall come back to you later.

Hon. Kiriba!

**Hon. James Kiriba:** I can hear you now.

**Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker:** According to your debating and conclusion, they do not add up. Do you support or oppose the Motion?



**Hon. James Kiriba:** *Mimi nimesema sina shida na barabara kuitwa jina la Atwoli. Lakini nina shida na mikakati iliyotumika kupatia hiyo barabara hiyo jina.*

**Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker:** Hon. Kiriba, this Motion talks about the procedure and not individual names. Hon. Waithera's Motion is about procedure that has been used and will be used. There is no issue with Hon. Atwoli. It was just an example but not the major thing of the Motion.

**Hon. James Kiriba:** The procedure must be followed. If it was not followed I don't support. I support Hon. Waithera's Motion.

**Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker:** Thank you. Can we have Hon. Kiragu?

**Hon. Jeremiah Themendu:** Thank you Hon. Speaker.

**Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker:** Hon. Themendu I have not called you. But now that you are there, please go ahead as we wait for Hon. Anthony Kiragu.

**Hon. Jeremiah Themendu:** I rise to support the Motion from Hon. Waithera. I think rules and procedures should be followed when naming roads. And not only roads but whenever we are doing functions concerning the assembly and the county of Nairobi all rules must be followed.

I don't see anything wrong with what has been said here as tribal because it is very dangerous to bring such issues. We are all Kenyans and even Hon. Atwoli should be honoured because he contributed a lot to workers in Kenya and all over the world.

Even a few months back he was awarded something by a world organization. So, what I would like to add on that Motion is that let us follow all the procedures, because I have never heard that Motion brought in the Assembly. The other Motions have been brought and the roads named accordingly, for example Hon. Matiba Road, Hon. Yusuf Road and I think the other Motion that was brought to the Assembly and I heard is for Mr. Wakiihuri. So I think the rules should be followed and we do not have to argue over something which is not even important. Let us continue doing what is good for us and for Nairobians. Thank you Hon. Speaker and I beg to support the Motion from Hon. Waithera Chege. Thank you.

**Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker:** Thank you Hon. Themendu. I can see Hon. Antony Karanja and then we have Hon. Mellab. So we start with Hon. Karanja then Hon. Mellab.

**Hon. Antony Kiragu:** Thank you very much Hon. Speaker. I would like to put my view and I would like to support the Motion that we need a procedure in naming roads. What we saw happen the other day, I think it is very unfortunate that some Members are saying that the procedure was followed. Hon. Speaker the procedure in place now is the one that was made by the City County in 1964 and one of the basic requirements is that one should die first.

Hon. Speaker, unless Hon. Atwoli has forgotten to die, if he needs a road named after him, the law that is there today requires that he dies first. Hon. Speaker, I would like to support this Motion and say that the roads that are being referred to by my colleagues, it is because those people who are being honored have followed the 1964 law.

Hon. Speaker I think it is important that what IEBC is saying, that people need some education so that we can reduce the level of ignorance, especially of the people who are proposing and who...

*(Loud consultation)*

**Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker:** Hon. Kiragu can you withdraw; that is not parliamentary language. There is nobody in this Assembly that is ignorant, please withdraw otherwise we are going to disconnect you. Kindly withdraw, there's nobody here who is ignorant.

**Hon. Antony Kiragu:** Hon. Speaker, I withdraw that, although I have already said it, but...

**Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker:** Excuse me, can you withdraw without a 'but', just withdraw completely and then proceed.

**Hon. Antony Kiragu:** Okay, I have withdrawn and removed the 'but', Hon. Speaker, and I support the Motion by Hon. Waithera and let the Assembly, the County and especially the Governor, Her Excellency, let her follow the law, let her not tell us that what we saw in the media the other day, that because she received a phone call from Atwoli, so Atwoli deserves the road, because he actually has Kananu's number. That is wrong, let us follow the law, and I support the Motion that we have a procedure for naming our roads. Thank you very much.

**Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker:** Thank you Hon. Kiragu. Hon. Mellab are you there?

**Hon. Mellab Atema:** Yes, Madam Speaker

**Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker:** Continue

**Hon. Mellab Atema:** Thank you very much for the opportunity. First of all, I would like to remind Hon. Kiragu that there was a Motion that was brought in the House saying that people should also be recognized when they are still alive if they are doing good things.

And I go back to Waithera's Motion, I support it so that we have ways on how to name the roads. We should have guidelines and should also vet and know who has a right to have the road. But I am also registering my disappointment on the way people handled Atwoli's road. It is really bringing out a different and negative way, as much as we avoid speaking about tribe, it came out so clearly that there is someone who is really against Atwoli. I don't know if it is on tribal or work lines or environment lines.

But we have also named Joe Kadenge and we have not seen Joe Kadenge road outside there, but the way Atwoli's road was handled, even if it was not done or followed the law, it should have been brought to the floor of the House and we say we are stopping this because it was not done in the right way.

What we are trying to say is we don't know who is doing this thing. Because people cannot just wake up and burn a road or demonstrate without being guided politically. I think there is more politics in this. So as much as we are naming the roads, let us have the procedures and know who is the right person to be named, and when, and let us agree.

If you ask me, I would not want to be named when I am dead, but it depends on an individual, they have a right, we need to find out which are these icons that comes out of someone to be named. Thank you for this Motion. It has brought a lot of hatred, sorry, not the Motion. What happened on Atwoli's road brought a lot of emotions, brought a lot of negative thoughts about how people feel about others and also we are still waiting to see Kadenge's road, if it will happen the same way.

It is the same House which discusses roads, but when it comes to implementation, such things happen and we still wonder what is happening, but we are really feeling marginalized. Thank you Madam Speaker.

**Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker:** Thank you Hon. Mellab. Members, please, am pleading with you, can we just stick to the Motion. And then secondly, if you mention someone's name who is not here, you mention Atwoli, first of all he's not Atwoli, you have to respect his name and call him Hon. Atwoli. If you mention any person who is not in this Assembly or is not online, I will disconnect you, because they are not able to defend themselves.

Let us stick to the Motion, and the Motion talks about the procedure; it has not mentioned anyone. I have read the same Motion over and over again, I have not seen anything about Hon. Atwoli's name being mentioned. So if you come here and start mentioning Hon. Atwoli who is not here to defend himself, if you come here and mention Her Excellency the Governor who cannot defend herself on the floor, then I will disconnect you. Let's stick to the Motion.

Let's see this Motion, some are opposing for the sake of opposing but they do not know exactly what is in the Motion. I think Hon. Waithera can take a copy and send to Members so that they know what they are talking about, because from what am listening to, it is like people are not understanding what the Motion is all about. It is becoming so personal and we are losing the focus, we are losing a very important Motion, which is about the laws and regulations.

So, Members, I hope you have understood me. I have Hon. Doris Kanario, it is your turn. Please go ahead. Hon. Kanario? Hon. Mary we are actually noting your concerns and they will be addressed, don't worry. Am reading all your concerns, we will take that into consideration. Hon. Kanario?

**Hon. Doris Kanario:** Madam Speaker, I would like to put a little input in that when it comes to naming roads in this County, I think when the policies are being made, it is only honorable also to consider adding people's names when they are alive, when they can celebrate the good things they have done to this country, rather than when they are dead. So that is my little input, I support the Motion and ask to recognize what has been done by the people who have been named and because roads have always just been named out of blues in this country Madam Speaker.

**Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker:** Hon. Kennedy Oyugi are you there? Hon. Kennedy Oyugi we are looking for you; your hand is still up. Hon. Kanario please mute your system. I think we are done with people online. Mover!

**Hon. Waithera Chege:** Thank you Madam Speaker. That was very good, however, I would really want to inform Hon. Ariviza that the tribal connotations that she has brought forward will actually be cured by this law, because this law will not be thinking about a tribal name, it will be thinking about leaders, it will be thinking about heroes and heroines, it will be thinking about people who have worked tremendously for this country.

So we really do not want tribal language to be used especially when we are dealing with issues of the law. Number two, Madam Speaker, the Kenya Communications Authority Act 2013 gave the Communications Authority the power to actually establish an address system for Nairobi County. And because of the issues of intergovernmental relations, we would like to encourage the County Government of Nairobi to make sure that they work closely with the Communications Authority of Kenya.

They had done a very good draft rules and we actually don't mind, because I have really gone through them for the last two or three days, and if you are able to follow all those things as indicated by the Communications Authority of Kenya, all these problems that we are having with Atwoli Road we would not be having them.

Number three Madam Speaker, I think the CEC in charge of Roads and Public Works needs to apologize to Nairobi County for misleading the Governor, Her Excellency Ann Kananu into naming and renaming of roads in this County. Having said that Madam Speaker, I beg to reply. Thank you.

**Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker:** Thank you Hon. Waithera. And Members, before I put the question, I am kindly pleading with you, next time when we have a Motion or a Bill, please read through it. It's very important, we are losing focus because you just pick what you want to hear or you want to see.

This is an honorable House, and if a Bill comes, even if you pass it, let's pass it because we have understood it, let's oppose because we have understood it, let's support when you have understood it. So I hope this is what is going to happen from now onwards. But if I sit here and people bring in issues that are not in the Bill, I will disconnect you. Thank you.

*(Question put and agreed to)*

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

**Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker:** Members, there being no other business, the Assembly stands adjourned until today Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2021 at 2.30 p.m. Thank you.

**The House rose at 4.10 p.m.**