REPUBLIC OF KENYA

COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF LAIKIPIA

THE HANSARD

Thursday, 10th March, 2022

The House met at the Assembly Chambers at 9.00 a.m.

[The Speaker (Hon. Patrick Waigwa) in the Chair]

PRAYERS

STATEMENTS

NOTICE PAPER

Hon. Daniel Nyausi: Thank you, Hon. Speaker for giving me this chance to take the House through the tentative business for next week.

It is notified that the House Business Committee has approved the following tentative business to appear in the Order paper for Tuesday (Afternoon) March 15th, 2022.

A. **PAPERS**- Quarterly reports and financial statements for the department of Gender, Sports and Social welfare by the Labour and Social Welfare Committee for the period ending 30th September, 2020.

B. **PAPERS**- Quarterly reports and financial statements for the department of Education and ICT by the Education and ICT Committee for the period ending 30th September, 2020.

C. **PAPERS**- Quarterly reports and financial statements for the department of County Administration by the County Cohesion, Justice and Legal matters committee for the period ending 30th September 2020.

D. **NOTICES OF MOTIONS**- Quarterly reports and financial statements for the department of Gender, Sports and Social welfare by the Labour and Social Welfare Committee for the period ending 30th September, 2020.

E. **NOTICES OF MOTIONS**- Quarterly reports and financial statements for the department of Education and ICT by the Education and ICT Committee for the period ending 30th September, 2020.

F. **NOTICES OF MOTIONS**- Quarterly reports and financial statements for the department of County Administration by the County Cohesion, Justice and Legal matters committee for the period ending 30th September 2020.

G. **MOTIONS**- Quarterly reports and financial statements for the department of Gender, Sports and Social welfare by the Labour and Social Welfare Committee for the period ending 30th September, 2020.

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On our second day of sittings, that is, on Wednesday morning, it is notified that the House Business Committee has approved the following tentative business to appear in the Order paper for Wednesday (Morning) March 16th, 2022.

A. **PAPERS**- Quarterly reports and financial statements for the department of County Administration by the County Cohesion, Justice and Legal matters committee for the period ending 30th September 2020.

On the afternoon session, it is notified that the House Business Committee has approved the following tentative business to appear in the Order paper for Wednesday (Afternoon) March 16th, 2022.

A. **PAPERS-** CFSP Report by the Budget and Appropriations Committee

B. **PAPERS-** Supplementary Budget Estimates for the year ending 30th June, 2022 by the Budget and Appropriations Committee.

C. **NOTICES OF MOTIONS-** CFSP Report by the Budget and Appropriations Committee

D. **NOTICES OF MOTIONS**- Supplementary Budget Estimates for the year ending 30th June, 2022 by the Budget and Appropriations Committee.

E. **MOTIONS**- Quarterly reports and financial statements for the department of Education and ICT by the Education and ICT Committee for the period ending 30th September, 2020.

On our very last day of Sittings, Thursday, it is notified that the House Business Committee has approved the following tentative business to appear in the Order paper for Thursday (Morning) March 17th, 2022.

A. **MOTION-** Supplementary Budget Estimates for the year ending 30th June, 2022 by the Budget and Appropriations Committee.

Thank you, Hon. Speaker and Hon. Members. I will request the various committees that we ensure that we stick to this business as it has been proposed and forwarded by the House Business Committee. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you.

[The Speaker (Hon. Patrick Waigwa) left the Chair]

[Deputy Speaker (Hon. Daniel Nyausi) took the Chair]

MOTION

QUARTERLY REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF MEDICAL SERVICES AND PUBLIC HEALTH

Hon. Veronica Ikunyua: Mr. Speaker, Sir, I beg to move the following motion;

THAT, this Assembly adopts the quarterly report and financial statements for the period ended 30th September, 2020 for the department of Medical Services and Public Health by the Health Services Committee dated 25th February, 2022.

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Preface

Mr. Speaker, Sir, the Health Services Committee deals with all matters related to County Health Services including in particular County health facilities and pharmacies.

Ambulance services, promotion of primary healthcare, licensing and control of undertakings that sell food to the public veterinary services (Excluding regulation of the profession) Cemeteries, funeral parlours and crematoria and refuse removal, refuse dumps and solid waste disposal.

The membership of the committee is derived from S.O 191(1) and it comprises of the following:

1. Hon. Veronica Ikunyua - Chairperson
2. Hon. Catherine Nyawira - Vice Chairperson
3. Hon. Daniel Nyausi - Member
4. Hon. George Meshami - Member
5. Hon. Peter Thomi - Member

Committee Mandate

The committee is established under the Standing Order No. 191which provides that it shall consider, for approval of the House appointments under Article 179 (2) of the constitution of Kenya.

Committee Meetings

The committee has held a number of meetings to scrutinize the document is as required prior to tabling it in the House. On behalf of the Health Services Committee, I have the honour and pleasure to present the Committee's report. May I take this opportunity to thank all the Members of the committee for their valuable contributions during the entire process.

Committee Establishment

The Committee on Health Services was constituted by the House on 28th September, 2017 during the first session of the second Assembly in Laikipia County. It is one of the Sectoral Committees established under Standing Order No. 191(g) with the mandate to make reports and recommendations of proposed legislation.

Statement of Management Responsibilities

The County Executive Committee Member for Finance and County Planning is responsible for preparation and presentation of the County Governments Financial Statements, which gives a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the County Government at the end of this quarter ended September 2019. This responsibility includes:

1. Maintaining adequate financial management arrangements and ensuring that these continue to be effective throughout the reporting period.

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2. Maintaining proper accounting records, which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the County Government.
3. Designing, implementing and maintaining internal controls relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements, and ensuring that they are free from material misstatements, whether due to error or fraud.
4. Safeguarding the assets of the County Government.
5. Selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies.
6. Making accounting estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, the County Government's financial statements were approved and signed by the CECM for Finance and County Planning on 30th July, 2020.

Background Information

Mr. Speaker, Sir, pursuant to the Public Finance Management Act 2012, Section 166 which stipulates that not later than one month after end of each quarter, the County Treasury shall:

1. Consolidate the quarterly reports and submit them to the Assembly.
2. Deliver copies to the Controller of Budget, National Treasury and Commission on revenue allocation, and
3. Publish and publicize them.

In compliance with the above regulation, the County Government of Laikipia submitted the Quarterly report and Financial Statements for the Quarter ended June 2020 to the County Assembly…

Deputy Speaker: Hon. Veronica, you might not need to necessarily go to each and every detail because Members have copies and I am very sure they have time because the notice was given yesterday so that at least we try to save some time. I am very sure they are perusing and doing that.

Hon. Veronica Ikunyua: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. Health is one of the key departments in the County Government as per the fourth schedule of the constitution of Kenya. It is a major contributor to the social pillars of vision 2030. The County Department of Medical Service is charged with Domestication and development of health policies, laws and programs and coordinates their Implementation.

At the end of the quarter, the county had invested heavily in the readiness and preparation to tackle Covid-19 cases that may arise. The county created an ICU facility and Covid-19 isolation centres, with a continuous aim of boosting the bed capacity in the isolation facilities. During the quarter ended June 2020, the County Executive budgeted for Kshs 2,061,000 of which Kshs.1M…

Deputy Speaker: Is it Kshs.2 billion or Kshs.1 million?

Hon. Veronica Ikunyua: 2 billion.

Deputy Speaker: Yeah it is Kshs.2 billion.

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Hon. Veronica Ikunyua: Kshs. 2,061,059,514 of which Kshs.1,205,805,870 was realised representing a 59% budget realisation. During the quarter ended 30th June, 2020 there were some transfers made from the Ministry of Health as illustrated below. The County Executive during that quarter received a total disbursement of Kshs. 638,029,423.

Transfers from National Government Entities

Leasing of medical equipment of Kshs.131,914,894. Abolishment of user fees in health centres and dispensaries is Kshs. 9,968,208. Covid-19 grants is Kshs. 91,344,000. Total Kshs. 233,227,102. The department received a total of Kshs. 233,227,102 of conditional grants from the National Government by the end of the fourth quarter.

Proceeds from Foreign Grants

We have names of Donors who are DANIDA, World Bank, UNICEF and DANIDA Covid-19 Grants. We have seen the Table because DANIDA gave us Kshs. 12,281,250. The Total was Kshs. 68,104,560. As the quarter ended 30th June, 2020 the department had received a Total of Kshs. 45,112,909 as foreign grants as compared to Kshs. 68,104,560 received as at 30th June 2019. There was a grant received from DANIDA to aid the County Government in combating Covid-19. There is another table.

Department's Own Generated Revenue Performance Statement

If you go through the table you can see what we have on owns source of revenue. The department as at the end of the Financial Year 2019/20 had generated revenue of Kshs. 281,139,964 against a projection of Kshs 370,000,000 thus was able to realize 75.98%. Generally, there was an overall decline in revenue collection especially in the 4th quarter due to negative impact by the Covid-19 pandemic.

There is another table for Department of Medical Services Revenue Realization Statement of appropriation versus statement of receipts and payments. Mr. Speaker, the table indicates that most of the revenue appropriated for had 100% uptake apart from the revenue type (Transforming health care systems).

Mr. Speaker, Sir, on Budget Execution by Programmes, the departmental approved budget for financial year 2019/2020 was Kshs. 582,802,005 while total payments towards the programmes executed was Kshs. 624,250,970 which exceeded total approved budget.

Committee Observations

1. That despite the adverse effects of the Covid-19 pandemic the department had the highest own revenue generation in the County during the quarter ended 30th June, 2020.
2. That there was a fall in proceeds from foreign grants advanced to the Department of Medical Services during the Financial Year ended 2019/2020 in comparison to the Financial Year ended 2018/2020.
3. That there was 100% uptake of funds appropriated for and payments made apart from the revenue type (Transforming health care systems) which registered 47.5% uptake.
4. That in the budget execution by the programmes, the programme preventive and promotion health services recorded an over expenditure on what had been approved in

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the budget indicating poor budgetary management thus there must be a votehead that was affected.

Committee Recommendation

1. That the medical service allocation should be enhanced bearing in mind that the departments contribution to revenue collected is also high.
2. That the County Government should source for more foreign grants on behalf of the department to aid in funding some of its programs.
3. That the County Government should improve on its budget management skills and appropriate for vote heads in accordance to the approved budgets.

Committee Conclusion

That this House adopts the Health Services Committee report.

Mr. Speaker, this is self-explanatory. We have seen what we allocated, what we did not get and that the department is able to collect the highest revenue. What is allocated back to them is not as they have collected.

Therefore, this tells you that we have a problem. There is a short fall and we are not able to accomplish what we budgeted for. Therefore Mr. Speaker, I am urging this House to adopt this report bearing in mind that we were not able to give the quality health care because we are short of funds.

They have realised that the grant was pulled out. Therefore, we are short of money in the said department which is helping every person in this county. We tried so much to make sure that when people were affected with COVID, they will not go to other counties looking for help yet they will be helped in our county. We made sure that our ICU is installed. We did many other things in the quarter of that financial year.

Therefore, I am urging Hon. Members to support this report knowing that if this department is not well funded there will be a short fall. There will be an outcry in our dispensaries in the sub-counties. This is a department that we need to look at with our both eyes.

We cannot be able to collect the highest revenue and we are getting less. It is not realistic and it is not fair to the people of Laikipia not because of the Chairperson of the department, but for the people of Laikipia. I keep hearing people crying here telling me they want the bill to be waived and some are vulnerable families and cannot raise the hospital bills. We do waive. If we are not going to equip and give them enough money the outcry will continue.

Mr. Speaker, I am urging Hon. Members to support. We have not given 100% satisfaction but I know it is because of lack of enough funds. If we allocate enough money, I promise you we will not hear the outcry. It is affecting everyone in this county. I urge Hon. Members to support this report so that we can continue giving service to this beautiful county. I call Hon. Mary Samken to support the report.

Hon. Mary Samken: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise to second the report. I appreciate the Chair for taking us through the report. She has explained deeply and I think the Members have understood. During this quarter, the whole country and the world was preparing for Covid-19. I

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would like to thank the department for the good work they did. They were so much prepared. There was an ICU in place, isolation places around the county and they were able to meet the bed capacity required for the Ministry of Health.

Mr. Speaker, for sure this Ministry prepared to fight Covid-19 and we thank the Chair. I know the role she has played together with her committee. I also thank the CECM and officers from the ministry for making sure our people got the required services during the time of Covid-19. I second. Thank you.

(Question proposed)

Hon. Salma Zamzam: Asante sana, Bwana Spika kwa kunipa nafasi nichangie. Mwenyekiti ameelezea na kupitia kurasa kwa ukurasa na tukaona changamoto na vile waliweza kutumia hizi pesa. Katika mapendekezo, wameomba Bunge la Kaunti ya Laikipia iwape kipao mbele kama Wizara ya Afya. Hii wizara ndio inatatiza na watu wengi wanaumia kisha baadaye tunalaumu serikali. Hapa katika Bunge tunaweza kuondoa Bajeti ya Afya. Kwa hayo machache naomba wajumbe watilie mkazo na tuone umuhimu wa Afya kwa binadamu. Asante.

(Silence)

Deputy Speaker: If there are no other Members ready to contribute, I will give you time to do the same next week. This programme will continue.

(Motion deferred)

ADJOURNMENT

Deputy Speaker: The sittings of this House stands adjourned until next week Tuesday, 15th March, 2022 at 2.30 p.m.

The House rose at 9.40 a.m.

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