REPUBLIC OF KENYA

COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF LAIKIPIA

THE HANSARD

Thursday, 17th February, 2022

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

[Temporary Speaker (Hon. Veronica Ikunyua) in the Chair]

PRAYERS

QUORUM CALL

Temporary Speaker (Hon. Veronica Ikunyua): Clerk, confirm whether there is quorum.

(Lack of quorum confirmed)

Temporary Speaker (Hon. Veronica Ikunyua): Serjeant at Arms to ring the bell for five minutes.

(The bell was rang for five minutes)

Hon. Mary Samken: Madam Speaker, I can see that we have obtained quorum.

Temporary Speaker (Hon. Veronica Ikunyua): Clerk, you may stop the bell.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

VISITING DELEGATION FROM NGANDO PRIMARY SCHOOL

Temporary Speaker (Hon. Veronica Ikunyua): I wish to recognize the presence of pupils from Ngando Primary School. They are 55 in number from Nanyuki Ward. They are accompanied by their teachers namely; Ms. Esther Kimathi, Mr. Morris Muriithi and Ms. Susan Wambui. Feel welcomed as you learn matters pertaining to legislative.

PAPERS LAID

QUARTERLY REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS BY THE LABOUR COMMITTEE

Hon. Patricia Muthoni: Thank you, Madam Speaker. First of all, I wish to welcome the two teachers and the students from the Ngando Primary School. Secondly, I wish to lay a paper on the quarterly report and financial statements for the period ended 30th June, 2020 by the Sectorial Committee on Labour, Social Welfare and Community Services dated 7th February, 2022.

(Hon. Patricia Muthoni laid the paper on the table)

QUARTERLY REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, PLANNING AND COUNTY DEVELOPMENT

Hon. Mary Samken: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I wish to lay the report on the Committee of Finance and County Planning on the quarterly report and financial statements for the period ended 30th June, 2020 for the department of Finance, Planning and County Development by the Sectorial Committee on Finance and County Planning dated 10th February, 2022.

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(Hon. Mary Samken laid the paper on the table)

NOTICES OF MOTIONS

QUARTERLY REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS BY THE LABOUR COMMITTEE

Hon. Patricia Muthoni: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I beg to give notice of the following motion;

THAT this Assembly adopts the quarterly report of the financial statements for the period ended 30th June, 2020 by the Sectorial Committee on Labour, Social Welfare and Community Services dated 7th February, 2022.

QUARTERLY REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, PLANNING AND COUNTY DEVELOPMENT

Hon. Mary Samken: Madam Speaker, I beg to give notice of the following motion;

THAT this Assembly adopts the quarterly report and financial statements for the period ended 30th June, 2020 for the department of Finance, Planning and County Development by the Sectorial Committee on Finance and County Planning dated 10th February, 2022.

STATEMENT

NOTICE PAPER

Hon. Lochimidi Esokon: Madam Speaker, I wish to read the tentative business for Tuesday afternoon, February 22nd, 2022. Published pursuant to Standing Order No 39(1).

It is notified that the House Business Committee has approved the following tentative business to appear in the Order paper for Tuesday (Afternoon) February 22nd, 2022:

A. PAPERS- Report of the Auditor-General on the Financial Statements of Laikipia County Enterprise Fund for the year ended 30th June, 2019.

B. PAPERS- Report of the Auditor General on County Assembly of Laikipia for the year ended 30th June, 2020.

C. PAPERS- Report of the Auditor General on the Financial Statements of Laikipia County Co-operative Development Fund for the year ended 30th June, 2020.

D. PAPERS- Report of the Auditor General on the Financial Statements of Laikipia County Co-operative fund for the year ended 30th June, 2019.

E. PAPERS- Report of the Auditor General on the Financial Statements of Laikipia County Enterprise fund for the year ended 30th June, 2020.

F. PAPERS- National Government Budget Implementation review report for the Financial Year 2020/2021

G. PAPERS- County Government's Budget Implementation review report for the Financial Year 2020/2021

H. MOTIONS- Report of the Transport and Public Works Committee on County Government of Laikipia (Executive) quarterly reports and financial statements for the period ended 30th June 2020 for the department of Roads and Public Works.

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Madam Speaker, I wish to read for Wednesday morning, February 23rd, 2022. Published pursuant to Standing Order No 39(1).

It is notified that the House Business Committee has approved the following tentative business to appear in the Order Paper for Wednesday (Morning) February 23rd, 2022.

A. MOTIONS- Report of the Labour, Social Welfare and Community Services Committee on County Government of Laikipia (Executive) quarterly reports and financial statements for the period ended 30th June 2020 for the department of Sports and Social Services.

Published pursuant to Standing Order No. 39 (1). It is notified that the House Business Committee has approved the following tentative business to appear in the Order paper for Wednesday (Afternoon) February 23rd, 2022:

A. PAPERS- Report of the Trade Tourism and Cooperatives Committee on 1st Quarter for the Laikipia County Cooperative Development Revolving Fund financial statements for the period ended 30th September 2020.

B. PAPERS- Report of the Finance and County Planning Committee on 1st Quarter Laikipia County Executive Members mortgage scheme fund financial statement for the quarter ended 30th September, 2020.

C. PAPERS- Report of the Budget and Appropriations Committee on County Governments Budget Implementation Review report for the first nine months for the financial year 2020/2021.

D. PAPERS- Report by the Transport and Public Works Committee on Local Physical Development Plan for Alienation purposes laid on 22nd July 2020.

E. NOTICES OF MOTIONS- Report of the Trade, Tourism and Cooperatives Committee on 1st Quarter for the Laikipia County Cooperative Development Revolving Fund financial statements for the period ended 30th September 2020.

F. NOTICES OF MOTIONS- Report of the Finance and County Planning Committee on 1st Quarter Laikipia County Executive Members mortgage scheme fund financial statement for the quarter ended 30th September, 2020.

G. NOTICES OF MOTIONS- Report of the Budget and Appropriations Committee on County Governments Budget Implementation Review report for the first nine months for the financial year 2020/2021.

H. NOTICES OF MOTIONS- Report by the Transport and Public Works Committee on Local Physical Development Plan for Alienation purposes laid on 22nd July 2020.

I. MOTION- Report of the Finance and County Planning Committee on County Government of Laikipia (Executive) quarterly reports and financial statements for the period ended 30th June 2020 for the department of Finance, County Planning and Enterprise Development.

Published pursuant to Standing Order No 39 (1). It is notified that the House Business Committee has approved the following tentative business to appear in the Order paper for Thursday (Morning) February 24th, 2022.

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A. MOTION- Report of the Trade Tourism and Cooperatives Committee on 1st Quarter for the Laikipia County Cooperative Development Revolving Fund financial statements for the period ended 30th September 2020.

Thank you.

[Temporary Speaker (Hon. Veronica Ikunyua) left the Chair]

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

Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Member.

MOTION

QUARTERLY REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND SOCIAL SERVICES

Hon. Catherine Kibue: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. May I take this opportunity to welcome pupils from Ngando Primary; May they feel at home and welcome. Mr. Speaker, I beg to move the following motion;

THAT, this Assembly adopts the quarterly report and financial statements for the period ended 30th June, 2020 for the department of Education and Social Sciences by the sectoral Committee on Education and ICT dated 7th February, 2022 dated 7th February, 2022.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, on behalf of the Members of the Committee on Education and ICT Services pursuant to the provision of standing order No. 191/5 (f), It is my pleasure and duty to present to the House, the Committee's report on County Government of Laikipia (Executive) Quarterly report and financial statements for the period ended March 2019.

Committee Membership

The Committee as currently constituted, comprises of the following members:

1. Hon. Catherine Kibue - Chairperson
2. Hon. Daniel Mugweru - Vice Chairperson
3. Hon. Jacob Endom - Member
4. Hon. Chalumbo Ole Kaparo - Member
5. Hon. Joseph Kiguru - Member

Committee Mandate

The Committee is established under the Standing Order No. 191 which 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 as required prior to tabling it in the House. On behalf of the Education and ICT 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

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The Committee on Education and ICT 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 to the Assembly as often as possible, including recommendations of proposed legislation.

Statement of Management Responsibilities.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, 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 for and as at the end of this quarter ended 30th June 2020. These responsibilities include:

1. Maintaining adequate financial management arrangements and ensuring that these continue to be effective throughout the reporting period.
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 CEC Member for Finance on 30th July, 2020.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, allow me to move to the committee's observations since each and every Member has this report.

COMMITTEE OBSERVATIONS

1. That there was no uptake of funds budgeted for the headquarters programme.
2. That the uptake of funds for Education development was at 3.2% .This indicates that either few projects were undertaken. This also could mean that projects were undertaken and minimal payments made.
3. That the rate of absorption for ICT infrastructure was above average.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

1. That the department should ensure that all budgeted programme projects and services are undertaken and timely payments are made.
2. That the department should at the end of a financial year reflect on where it went wrong in making payments for projects undertaken and how to improve on that.
3. That all programmes should be given equal opportunities during uptake of funds so that the department runs efficiently.

COMMITTEE CONCLUSION.

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That this House adopts the report by the Committee on Education, ICT and Vocational training on County Government of Laikipia (County Executive) quarterly report and financial statements for the quarter ended June 2020.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, may I call upon Hon. Patricia Muthoni to second this report. Thank you.

Hon. Patricia Muthoni: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise to second this motion. First of all, I want to congratulate the Education Committee for bringing this report that was read by their Chairperson Hon. Catherine Nyokabi. I want to urge our Honourable Members to support this motion. I second.

(Question proposed)

Hon. George Karuiru: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. First, I welcome the students and teachers from Ngando Primary. They were lucky that their Ward Representative was the Acting Speaker. They have seen the potential in her and they are well represented. I would want to tell them that during the diverse elections and who they want to be in future, they are in one of the best places that rules and orders are made and adhered to.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to quote some few things because I think there has been a rotten department which is the Department of Education. Mr. Speaker, it's not once or twice that I have stood in this Honourable House trying to raise matters on education. This is the only department though it is not indicated in the report that has changed the Chief Officers. We had Annette who left and there was a replacement by Mwangi *(Woodboy)* who has also resigned and maybe it is because of what he wants to be.

I must commend the committee for indicating in their recommendation that there are late payments, lack of plan from the department because the famous Marura ECDE class that I always argue about has never been constructed. The committee has visited the site and it is evident that the last financial year they were able to pay some toilets made in 2017.

I would urge the Chair to keep vigilance. Like now God is good, we have these students from Ngando primary and they have heard the quarterly report from the department. When these things come in to our House and in the public domain, truth must be said that they need are not to be done in this department.

Again, I am going to rise with a statement wanting to know if there were findings from the department and my ECDE class, the contractor was awarded a tender. I would want this contractor to be keen on it. There are some material that have been brought on the same. I can see some pending bills and I am expecting with Kshs.18 million they added on this report, something will be done.

Hon. Speaker, I know the Chairperson for Education, Hon. Nyokabi will be able to do a follow up. On my side, I expect something to be done. I appreciate and I also join to support the report but I think despite this year being a campaign year, the few slots remaining will be done well. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I support.

Speaker: May I now call upon the mover to give a reply.

Hon. Catherine Kibue: Asante sana, Bwana Spika. Tumesikia malalamishi ya Mheshimiwa Karuiru na tutafuatilia. Lakini hata tukifuatilia, sijui kama ni wizara ya Elimu wako na kasoro ama ni uongozi wa Kaunti hii kwa sababu tukiangalia wizara zote, Wizara ya Elimu haina waziri na Afisa Mkuu. Sielewi kama ni hii Kaunti haielewi umuhimu wa masomo.

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Tutafuatilia kwa umakini na pia hawa wakuu wetu wa Kaunti ndio tujue kwa nini hawana shughuli na masomo. Asante Bwana Spika.

(Question put and agreed to)

Speaker: I know my predecessor; Madam Speaker had already welcomed the pupils and the teachers from Ngando primary school where Hon. Veronica represents. You are much welcome and I want to thank you for choosing the County Assembly of Laikipia. It is an opportunity where you can come and learn on matters of legislature. I know at times, we don't have space in the gallery that is enough for all of you but feel free to visit this place again and again. I hope you have been able to follow the proceedings of the Assembly.

I was reminding some pupils like you, during our time we had to travel all the way to Nairobi to see parliament which is just like this. We didn't have enough time because we had to visit KICC, Nairobi National Park, Parliament and the Kenya Museum. You had to wake up at 2.00 a.m. to leave for Nairobi and finish the business around 3.00 p.m. because of the roads back then. We didn't have such an opportunity to sit at *Bunge* and watch the proceedings. You could only see the *Bunge* and the Speaker's seat and there is nobody.

I think it is an opportunity in this country where we have 47 County Assemblies. Student from Ngando Primary can come to Nanyuki and watch the proceedings. There is no difference between this Assembly and the Senate and National Assembly. For teachers, spread the news to other schools. Let them use this opportunity to come and let the student learn. It is more practical than what they read on books.

ADJOURNMENT

Speaker: This House now stands adjourned until next week Tuesday, 22nd February, 2022 at 2.30 p.m.

The House rose at 9.40 a.m.

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