REPUBLIC OF KENYA

COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF LAIKIPIA

THE HANSARD

Thursday, 17th March, 2022

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

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

PRAYERS

QUORUM CALL

Speaker: Clerk, kindly confirm whether we have got quorum.

(Lack of quorum confirmed)

Speaker: Sargent at arms to ring the bell for ten minutes or until we achieve quorum.

(The quorum bell was rang for six minutes)

Speaker: Clerk confirm whether we have achieved quorum.

(Quorum confirmed)

STATEMENT

NOTICE PAPER

Hon. Mary Samken: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. On behalf of the Deputy Speaker, It is notified that the House Business Committee has approved the following tentative business to appear in the order paper for Tuesday (Morning) March, 22, 2022.

A. **BILL-** Laikipia County Supplementary Appropriation Bill, 2022.

B. **MOTION-** Quarterly report 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.

C. **MOTION-** Procedural Motion for adjournment.

MOTION

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

Hon. Daniel Mugweru: 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 Education and Social Services by the Sectorial Committee on Education, Vocational Training and ICT dated 14th March, 2022.

Hon. Speaker, the Committee of Education and Social Services has come up with this quarterly report at this time. This is the best time because it is the time of preparing the next budget for Members to understand the Department of Education and what it entails. More so

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the shortcomings and the issue of the less budget that is always in that department. You cannot just say that the budget is little yet you do not bring a report on the same.

Committee Observations

In this Department of Education, the Committee was able to observe:

1. Low uptake of funds during the first quarter since funds had not been disbursed by the National Treasury.

On that we may not have much to do but immediately the funds are disbursed it is upon the Executive, the Department of Education to uptake the funds as early as possible. It has been on record that most of the years in this County Government of Laikipia, today as we speak, the year is ending in the next two or three months yet until now we have not even disbursed bursaries for the year that is ending.

It becomes unfortunate and these reports will be able to advise on the appropriate timing on issuance of bursaries and maybe the issue of construction of ECDEs, not necessarily implementing the budget but also implementing at the right time.

2. The committee was also able to observe that the main source of own-generated revenue did not realize anything since Vocational Training Centres had been closed due to Covid-19.

It has been a tough year for everyone and VTCs were not functioning, they were all closed so the main source of revenue for this department did not get anything.

3. The committee also observed that we did not get any domestic grants in this department during the first quarter since the allocation bill had not been approved by the Senate.

Mr. Speaker, some of these things are beyond our control because if the Senate does not approve them, then we have nothing to do until we wait for them to approve. But having said that, it does not mean we sit down and look helpless.

As Assemblies of this Country because we have 47 County Governments in Kenya and all those County Governments have Senators, the Senators represent the same people we do. It is upon them to take this issue seriously because it is the responsibility that was bestowed to them by the people of this Country. So that we do not have this issue of the Senate approval and now on that one and it is devolved down to the County Government.

We are not able to execute what we are supposed to do. Having bad times because the whole country was affected by Covid-19 and now it is gone, I believe that this time round we are going to improve and recover where we lost. I urge Hon. Members to support this quarterly report on Committee of Education and Social Services. I call upon the Hon. Majority Leader to second this report.

(Hon. Joseph Kiguru seconded the motion)

(Question proposed)

Speaker: May the Mover, give a reply.

Hon. Daniel Mugweru: Thank you, Hon. Speaker and Hon. Members as well for supporting the report. When you see Members are quiet, they have either concurred with what

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the committee have said or applauding the good work. I thank the Members for seeing the good work done by the committee.

(Question put and agreed to)

PROCEDURAL MOTION

ALTERATION OF HOUSE SITTINGS

Speaker: Hon. Majority Leader of the Party.

Hon. Joseph Kiguru: Thank you, Hon Speaker. I beg to move the following motion;

THAT, this Assembly approves the application of Standing Order No. 31(3) to allow it change it's sitting for Tuesday 22nd March, from 2:30 p.m. to 10:00 a.m.

Hon. Speaker, as we all know in this Assembly, we have an invitation to go to Kisumu on 22nd March, 2022. For that purpose we urge Members to support this Motion to make sure that after the morning session we head directly to Kisumu for the obvious reason. I think Members should know that the Kenya Law Society of which Registrar of Political Parties in conjunction with the Kenya *(…off record)* need to give us the strategies on how to do a good and manageable campaigns because of what the Assemblies have done. It is as if the Government wants us to come back so they have a very detailed program on how to engage and teach us on how we can manage strategies to do campaigns so that we can come back in this Assembly.

Mr. Speaker, I urge Members to support this Motion and make sure by morning on Tuesday, they come here and do the legislative work and then we go to Kisumu. I also urge the management of this Assembly to make sure that the facilitation will be readily available. I urge Members to support this Motion. Thank you and I also want to call upon Hon. Daniel Mugweru to support this Motion. Thank you.

Hon. Daniel Mugweru: Thank You, Hon. Speaker. I stand to second this Motion. It is necessary for us because those top organs have come up with an idea to help all the Assemblies to understand what is ahead of them. I second and it will be great for us, so this is the best thing we can do. In the morning, we can do our business here and then leave for the next business on the same day. Hon. Speaker, I second. Thank you.

Speaker: As I propose the question, it is good to say that it is the Office of the Political Parties Registrar in conjunction with the County Assemblies Forum. Those are the two Organizations that have invited Members for the election preparedness training in Kisumu. That is in our case because we are in south Rift.

(Question proposed)

Hon. Mary Samken: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I support the motion we come on Tuesday and Members proceed for training which will prepare them on their campaign and on their exiting and coming back to this House. It is a good thing that the CAF together with the other organizations has come up with a training and at the right time. Those who are vying for the elective seats are preparing to start their campaigns. It is good we join with other Members from other counties to interact during this period of campaigns and speak for peace. The most paramount thing now is peace. After elections, we still have a country to continue building. I support.

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

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Hon. Joseph Kiguru: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I urge Members to approve this motion so that we can do the needful next week. Thank you, Mr. Speaker for that good thing.

(Question put and agreed to)

ADJOURNMENT

Speaker: The sittings of this House stands adjourned until Tuesday, 22nd March, 2022 at 10.00 a.m.

The House rose at 9.30 a.m.

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