REPUBLIC OF KENYA

COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF LAIKIPIA

THE HANSARD

Thursday, 19th May, 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 there is quorum.

(Lack of quorum confirmed)

Speaker: Serjeant at Arms to ring the bell for ten minutes.

(The quorum bell was rang for two minutes)

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

(Quorum confirmed)

STATEMENT

NOTICE PAPER

Hon. Mary Samken: Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the Deputy Speaker, I wish to read the tentative business for the coming week.

It is notified that the House Business Committee has approved the following tentative business to appear in the Order paper for Tuesday (Afternoon) May 24th, 2022.

A. PAPERS - Quarterly reports and financial statements for period ending 31st December, 2020 by the County Cohesion, Justice and Legal Matters Committee.

B. PAPERS - Quarterly reports and financial statements for period ending 31st December, 2020 by the Agriculture, Environment and Natural Resources Committee (Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries).

C. NOTICES OF MOTIONS - Quarterly reports and financial statements for period ending 31st December, 2020 by the County Cohesion, Justice and Legal Matters Committee.

D. NOTICES OF MOTIONS - Quarterly reports and financial statements for period ending 31st December, 2020 by the Agriculture, Environment and Natural Resources Committee (Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries).

E. MOTION - Quarterly reports and financial statements for period ending 31st December, 2020 by the Transport and Public Works Committee.

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It is notified that the House Business Committee has approved the following tentative business to appear in the Order paper for Wednesday (Morning) May 25th, 2022.

A. BILL - The Laikipia County Water Conservancies Bill, 2021(Second Reading)

B. BILL - The Laikipia County and Community Conservancies Bill, 2021. (Second Reading)

It is notified that the House Business Committee has approved the following tentative business to appear in the Order paper for Wednesday (Afternoon) May 25th, 2022

A. PAPERS - Quarterly reports and financial statements for the period ending 31st March, 2021 by the Trade, Tourism and Cooperatives Committee.

B. NOTICES OF MOTIONS - Quarterly reports and financial statements for the period ending 31st March, 2021 by the Trade, Tourism and Cooperatives Committee.

C. MOTION - Quarterly reports and financial statements for period ending 31st December, 2020 by the Agriculture, Environment and Natural Resources Committee (Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries).

It is notified that the House Business Committee has approved the following tentative business to appear in the Order paper for Thursday (Morning) May 26th, 2022.

A. MOTION - Quarterly reports and financial statements for period ending 31st December, 2020 by the County Cohesion, Justice and Legal Matters Committee.

Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Mary.

MOTION

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

Hon. Veronica Ikunyua through Hon. Catherine Nyawira: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I beg to move the following motion;

THAT, this Assembly adopts the quarterly report and financial statements for the period ended 31st December, 2020 for the Department of Medical Services and Public Health by the Sectoral Committee on Health Services dated 17th May, 2022.

Mr. Speaker, The Members of this Committee are as follows;

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

This committee was established and constituted by the House on 28th September, 2017 and among its key roles are maintaining proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the County Government. It is also involved in safeguarding assets of the County Government and selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies.

Hon. Speaker, during this quarter the County experienced a lot of cash flow challenges and this was due to delayed disbursement by both equitable share and grants from the National

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Treasury. Besides and despite these cash flow challenges, the County managed to run its operations by prioritizing payments of essential services running the Covid-19 activities, which were paid with the available opening balances and local revenue collections, while expenditures such as salaries were paid through bank borrowing and paid upon receipt of cash from the National Treasury.

On page 6, there is a table which shows that budgets were made for medical leasing equipment. They were also made for Covid funds at a total of Kshs. 91,344,000 million. We also had proceeds that came from the foreign grants. On table 7.0 on proceeds from the foreign grants, the department did not receive any disbursements from the domestic grants from National Treasury due to cash flow challenges.

You will note on the table underneath that statement which were coming from DANIDA GRANT, the others were UNICEF, Universal primary health care grant, Transforming Health care system and DANIDA-Covid 19 funds. At the end of the quarter ended December 2020, the department received foreign grants equivalent of Kshs. 7,325,200 out of total of Kshs.152,888,408 appropriated for.

The department was also able to generate its own revenue and on table 8, you will be able to see that the hospital revenue was at Kshs. 79, 373,128 million. The department as at the end of the second quarter financial year 2020/2021, had generated revenue of Kshs. 79,373,128 million against a projection of Kshs. 350,000,00 million and thus was able to realize 22.6%. This shows there was an overall decline in revenue collection during that quarter due to negative impact by the Covid-19 pandemic.

You remember most of the people were staying at home, schools were closed, and communicable diseases were not easily spread because the children were not in school. The health centres which we visited as a committee at that time, told us that people did not go for common colds which were very common.

Basically, the only people who went to hospital were those people who had to go like mothers giving birth. I believe these figures show the impact of that time. On the budget execution by programmes, the health services improvement had an approved budget Kshs. 384,588,997 million and the actual payment was Kshs. 2,977,441 million.

There were the General Administrative and Planning Services whose budget approved was Kshs. 86,465,000 against an actual payment of Kshs. 14,881,173 and preventive health services at an approved budget of Kshs. 290,030,277 million, against what was actually paid which was Kshs. 7,040,453 million.

Mr. Speaker, the departmental approved budget for financial year 2020/21 was Kshs. 761,084,274 million while total payments towards the programmes executed was Kshs. 24,901,067 million which was 3.2% of the total approved budget.

Committee Observations

1) That despite the adverse effects of the Covid-19 pandemic, there was a cash flow challenge from the National Treasury.

2) That there was a fall in proceeds from foreign grants advanced to the Department of Medical Services during the quarter ended December 2020. Hon. Speaker, some of these funds have not been advanced to the county. One is because a programme set by foreign donors has timelines and it has what it should have achieved by the

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end of those timelines. Once the timelines lapse, sometimes the donor pulls out to do an analysis to see whether it shall come back to the same programmes.

3) That there was very low uptake of funds appropriated for and payments made during that second quarter.

Committee Recommendation

1) That the Medical Services disbursements and payments of expenditures should be enhanced bearing in mind that the department's contribution to revenue collected is also high.

Hon. Speaker, I will speak briefly about this report. You know that this is a 2020/2021 report during the times of COVID. The challenges that were faced were both at County Level and National Level country wide. Therefore, the result of these funds and less funds being used and less revenue being collected.

If today you look at the budget that has been prepared by the Executive and brought before this House, Grants from DANIDA which mainly caters for the CHVs is almost depleting and the county had to budget its own money for them to be able to pay the CHVs. It is important that as we progress, we are able to sustain what we already have.

Mr. Speaker, in conclusion I urge that this Honourable House adopts the Health Services Committee report and I wish to call upon the Chairperson of my Committee, Hon. Veronica Ikunyua to second this report.

Hon. Veronica Ikunyua: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise to second this report. The report is well explained and everybody can get the message. As we all know, in the year 2020/2021, we had a lot of challenges and that tells you that this department has gone through many challenges.

Despite that, we have managed to fight the Covid-19 pandemic and we have tried our best as a department. Even if some grants were pulled out, we are grateful that this time they have been brought back in the department. Therefore, we will be able to cater for those challenges and pay the staff in our dispensaries who are complaining even today. So I urge you to support this report.

Speaker: I hope that you are not begging me to support the report but the Members.

(Question proposed)

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I stand in support of this motion.

Speaker: If there are no other contributions, I then call upon the mover to make a reply.

Hon. Catherine Nyawira: Thank you, Hon. Members for supporting this report and this motion. I want to urge the House to continue and adopts the same. Thank you.

(Question put and agreed to)

ADJOURNMENT

Speaker: This House now stands adjourned until Tuesday, 24th May, 2022 at 2.30 p.m.

The House rose at 9.18 a.m.

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