REPUBLIC OF KENYA

COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF LAIKIPIA

THE HANSARD

Thursday, 24th February, 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, confirm whether there is quorum.

(Lack of quorum confirmed)

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

(The quorum bell was rang for five minutes)

Speaker: Clerk, confirm whether we have achieved quorum.

(Quorum confirmed)

Speaker: Serjeant at Arms to stop the bell.

STATEMENT

NOTICE PAPER

Hon. Daniel Nyausi: Thank you, Hon. Speaker for giving me this chance for taking 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 1st, 2022

A. PAPERS - Report on the Laikipia Annual Development Plan for the year 2022/2023 by the Budget and Appropriations Committee.

B. PAPERS - Report on the Laikipia County Revenue Board for the Financial Year 2019/2020 by the Finance and County Planning Committee.

C. PAPERS - Quarterly reports and financial statements for the department of Transport, Public Works, Roads and Energy by the Transport and Public works committee for the period ending 30th September 2020.

D. NOTICES OF MOTIONS - Report on the Laikipia Annual Development Plan for the year 2022/2023 by the Budget and Appropriations Committee.

E. NOTICES OF MOTIONS - Report on the Laikipia County Revenue Board for the Financial Year 2019/2020 by the Finance and County Planning Committee.

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F. NOTICES OF MOTIONS- Quarterly reports and financial statements for the department of Transport, Public Works, Roads and Energy by the Transport and Public works committee for the period ending 30th September 2020.

G. MOTIONS- Report on the Laikipia Annual Development Plan for the year 2022/2023 by the Budget and Appropriations Committee.

It is notified that the House Business Committee has approved the following tentative business to appear in the Order paper for Wednesday (Morning) March 2nd, 2022.

A. MOTION- Quarterly reports and financial statements for the department of Transport, Public Works, Roads and Energy by the Transport and Public works committee for the period ending 30th September 2020.

It is notified that the House Business Committee has approved the following tentative business to appear in the Order paper for Wednesday (Afternoon) March 2nd, 2022

A. PAPERS - Quarterly reports and financial statements for the department of Medical Services and Public Health by the Health Services committee for the period ending 30th September, 2020.

B. PAPERS - Quarterly reports and financial statements for the department of Water, Environment and Natural Resources by the Agriculture, Environment and Natural Resources committee for the period ending 30th September, 2020.

C. PAPERS - Liaison half year report for 2021/2022

D. NOTICES OF MOTIONS - Quarterly reports and financial statements for the department of Medical Services and Public Health by the Health Services committee for the period ending 30th September, 2020.

E. NOTICES OF MOTIONS - Quarterly reports and financial statements for the department of Water, Environment and Natural Resources by the Agriculture, Environment and Natural Resources committee for the period ending 30th September, 2020.

F. NOTICES OF MOTIONS - Liaison half year report for 2021/2022

G. MOTION - Report on the Laikipia County Revenue Board for the Financial Year 2019/2020 by the Finance and County Planning Committee.

It is notified that the House Business Committee has approved the following tentative business to appear in the Order paper for Thursday (Morning) March 3rd, 2022.

A. MOTION - Quarterly reports and financial statements for the department of Medical Services and Public Health by the Health Services committee for the period ending 30th September, 2020.

Mr. Speaker, I would encourage the Chairpersons and indeed their Members to ensure that the same businesses will be flowing in this House as it has been scheduled. Thank you.

MOTION

QUARTERLY REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE LAIKIPIA COUNTY ENTERPRISE FUND

Hon. Judy Lukio: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Sir, I beg to move the following motion;

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THAT, this Assembly adopts the quarterly report and financial statements for the period ended 30th September, 2020 for the Laikipia County Enterprise Fund by the Sectoral Committee on Trade, Tourism and Cooperatives dated 17th February, 2022.

Mr. Speaker, with me I have a report and I hope every other Member has a report on the financial statements.

Preface

Mr. Speaker, Sir, on behalf of the Members of the Committee on Trade Tourism and Cooperatives in 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 the Laikipia County Enterprise Fund Report and Financial Statement for the Quarter ended 30th September, 2020.

Committee Membership

Mr. Speaker, the Committee has a membership of seven Members and they are:

1. Hon. Judy Lukio - Chairperson
2. Hon. George Meshami - Vice Chairman
3. Hon. Irene Wachuka - Member
4. Hon. Mary Samken - Member
5. Hon. Simon Kanyutu - Member
6. Hon. John Mutahi - Member
7. Hon. Chris Mark - Member

Then there is the Committee's Mandate.

Committee Meetings

Mr. Speaker, Sir, 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 Trade, Tourism and Cooperatives Committee, I have the honor 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?

There is the Committee establishment in 5.0 and background information in 6.0.

Fund Establishment

Laikipia County Enterprise Development Fund was formed through an Act of Assembly that was enacted in 2014. Further Amendments have been done to the Act in 2017 and 2018 respectively. The Fund is managed by a board comprising of 7 Members with the Fund Manager being an ex-official member and Secretary to the Board.

Fiduciary Management of the funds

The Fund is managed by eight board Members who include the fund administrator whose mandate includes supervision and control of the fund, prepare budgets and such plans for better administration of the fund and impose conditions and restriction on the use of fund as may be necessary. During the period under review, the board Members are as indicated in table 1:

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	NAME	POSITION
1.	George Mwangi	Chairman
2.	Daniel Thuo Njoroge Butti	Board Member representing Youth
3.	Monicah Masiano Lenanyokoe	Board Member representing Women
4.	Joseph Lerina	Board Member representing People with disability.
5.	John K Gitonga	Secretary to the Board.
6.	Jemimah Mburugu	Chief Officer Trade ,Tourism, Co-operatives and Industrial Development
7.	Paul Njenga Waweru	Chief Officer Finance and Economic Planning.
8	Annette Muriuki	Ag Chief Officer Education ICT and Sports
	KEY MANAGEMENT	
1.	Biwott Tirop	CECM Trade Tourism and Enterprise Development.
2.	John Gitonga	Ag Fund Administrator
3	Murungi Ndai	CECM Finance and Economic Planning.
4	Archangel Gachoka	Fund Accountant.

The Funds Financial Statements

Mr. Speaker Sir, the County Government presents the recent actual fiscal performance for the first Quarter of Financial Year 2020/2021 and makes comparison to the budget appropriation for the same period of the year. It further provides a comprehensive report and financial review with sufficient information to show changes from the projections outlined in the latest County Fiscal Strategy Paper 2020/2021.

The statement provides overview of how the actual performance of the first quarter of 2020/2021 where effected in compliance with the physical responsibility principles and financial objectives as detailed in 2020/2021 County physical Strategy paper. It is unfortunate that you cannot tell the non-employed and employed because the diagram is dark.

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Mr. Speaker, Sir, during the period under review Statistic analysis for individual and group loan applications under category of employment was 13.5 % applicants, while employed were 86.5% with None employment as captured in the figure above, though it is not clear. (Here *we are going to be guided by what is written*). The Table has analysed loan of groups and individuals, numbers and the year. That is, 2015/2016 group loans were 66 with amount of Kshs.3, 300, 00 and 2015 individual loans were Nil.

On 2016/2017 we had 17 groups which applied the loan and they were given Kshs. 850,000 and there were no individual loans. In 2017/2018, we had 4 groups and they were given Kshs. 1,541,731 and there were no individual loans. In 2018/2019 we had 163 groups with Kshs. 4,960,000 and there were no individual loans. In Total we had 250 applicants, with that amount of money, that is Kshs. 2 billion. I don't know if I am seeing it well as she said, but you can read for yourself Members.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, as per the loan analysis in Table 1 above since financial year 2015/2016 to financial year 2018/2019 the table group loans issued was 250 while for the individual Loans was 163 adding up to a Total of 413 loans Issued. Total amount of loan issued for the four years captured was Kshs. 36,377,731.

On Table 2, and am hoping that every Member is following up, statement of comparison of budget and actual amounts for the quarter ended 30th September 2020. It is analysed there 2020, transfer from county government that is, Kshs. 10 million and there was no adjustment, final budget and performance difference was Kshs. 10 million. Interest income was Kshs. 300,000 throughout.

Loan repayment and final budget was Kshs. 7,000,000 with some other figures there on actual comparable bases and performance difference. It continues to page 8, Opening balance and we go on up to total expenditure, surplus for the period was Kshs. 18,336,569.5. On page 8 down there, as per the Table 2 above the loan repayments, final budget was Kshs. 7,000,000 against actual on comparable basis of Kshs. 227,481 leading to performance difference of Kshs. 6,722,519. This may be due to defaulting on loan repayments or delay on loan insurance. On loan disbursement, the final budget was Kshs. 25,000,000 and the same figure was recorded on performance difference meaning no loans were issued during the period under review.

Committee Observations.

Mr. Speaker, the Trade, Tourism, Enterprise, Development and Co-operatives Committee made the following observation.

1. The loan analysis table 1 provided in the report did not capture the period under review i.e. quarter ended September, 2020.
2. Statistical analysis for loan application outline that, most of the loan applicants are non-employment having 86.5% of overall applications whereas 0.7% were Persons Living with Disabilities.
3. The loan analysis table 1 indicate that only 413 Laikipians benefited from the loans amounting to Kshs. 36,277,731 for a period of four years, this is at a low margin compared to unemployment rate and number of SMES in Laikipia.

Committee Recommendations.

Mr. Speaker Sir, the Trade, Tourism, Enterprise, Development and Co-operatives Committee made the following recommendation.

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1. Accurate and up to date documentation should be the best practice when managing the Laikipia County Enterprise Development funds.
2. Intensive sensitisation and capacity building should be done among the Laikipians to ensure more youth, women and people living with disability have benefited from the fund. This will help on curbing unemployment and food shortage within the County.
3. More funds should be injected in the Laikipia County Enterprise Development fund vote in order to accommodate more applicants.

Committee Conclusion.

That this House adopts the report on the Committee report on Trade, Tourism and Co-operatives on the Laikipia County Enterprise Fund report and financial statement for the quarter ended 30th September, 2020. I would kindly request one of the Hon. Members of the committee, Hon. Mary Samken to second the report.

Hon. Mary Samken: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir. I rise to second the report and I would like to thank the Chair for taking us through the report. As the Chair has said, it is true that this Enterprise fund should be looked into. Many times, we have removed that money from the budget, but it is evident from the report that these are funds helping the Laikipians.

From page six we can see from the statistics although the figure is not visible, but from the percentage 13.5% applicants were employed, while 86.5% were non-employed as captured from the figure above. This tells you that from these funds, the people that benefitted are small business people.

That is why from the percentage, we can see that not a lot of people who are employed are going for these small loans. There are a lot of challenges in disbursement of these loans and also in the application process because now the fund is being managed by the banks because we know even now it is being managed by Family bank.

It is a bit difficult for the applicants because the bank process is always tedious. It is my wish and the wish of the committee and I know the Members from this House wish the same. These funds should be managed totally by the County Government. I think they can manage because even the Cooperative funds are being managed by the Cooperative people, not by the banks.

As a revolving fund we should see more people taking these funds and we can disburse to many people. It will be of great help to the business people, youths, women and unemployed people from our county.

Mr. Speaker, people will be busy especially now that we are in the election period where many people may waste a lot of time going for political rallies which may not be of benefit to them but if they get something to do, they can be building this nation and our county. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I second and I urge Hon. Members to support the report.

(Question proposed)

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Asante, Mheshimiwa Spika. Nasimama kuunga mkono ripoti Kamati ya Biashara. Kwa sababu hii ni ripoti ambayo imeonyesha vile idara imekuwa ikitumia hizo pesa, nafikiri kama ripoti zingine ambazo zimekuwa zikiletwa hapa naona hii idara ndiyo imeweza kutumia pesa kwa njia ambayo inaonekana. Ukiangalia jedwali ya pili, utaona zile pesa maofisa wa Idara ya Biashara walipewa, walitumia mpaka shilingi ya mwisho.

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Kwa hivyo nafikiri hii idara ilifanya kazi nzuri ya kusaidia wanalaikipia. Kuna mambo mawili nimeona katika hii ripoti. Kwanza ni kwamba kamati ieleze watu ambao wanapata hizi pesa hasa wanabiashara ambao waliweza kupata hizi pesa ili tujue wametoka sehemu gani na ni watu wa kiwango kipi.

Kuna mahali nimeona waliweza kupeana mikopo. Katika jedwali ya kwanza, utaona mwaka wa 2015/2016, 2016/2017, 2017/2018 na 2018/2019. Bwana Spika, katika safu ya kwanza ya 2015/2016 waliweza kupatia watu 66. Mwaka uliofuata walipeana 17. Hiyo ni kumaanisha watu wengi hawakuweza kupata hizo pesa ilhali idara ilikuwa na pesa. Katika mwaka wa 2017/2018, watu 4 pekee ndio waliweza kupata hizo pesa. Katika mwaka wa 2018/2019 walipatia watu 163. Hapa ndipo naomba idara iweze kutueleza ni watu wagani kwa sababu hii ni nambari tu imewekwa.

Hatuwezi kujua hawa ni akina nani na tunaomba kuelezewa kati ya hawa 66 ni wangapi wanauza bidhaa mingi na wachuuzi ni wangapi. Pia ni wangapi wameajiriwa na serikali. Tungetaka kufafanuliwa kwa sababu madhumuni ya hizi pesa ni kusaidia wananchi wa kawaida ambao wanateseka na hawana njia nyingine ya kupata hizi pesa. Nikiangalia hii ripoti nitaipigia debe lakini kuna mambo ambayo sijaelewa. Idara haijafafanua na hili ni changamoto ambalo walifaa kuangalia.

Wakati nilikuwa katika hiyo Idara na wakasema wanapeana hizo pesa, niliweza kuuliza ni akina nani wanapatiwa hizo pesa na ni sehemu gani watu wengi wamepata. Kuna wakati nilileta ripoti hapa ya kusema Nanyuki, Umande, Githiga na Ngobit tulipatia watu fulani na tuliweza kuleta. Bwana Spika, haya ni mambo ambayo ningetaka kamati iweze kuangalia tusiwe tunatenga hizi pesa ambazo tunatarajia ziweze kusaidia mwananchi wa kawaida na badala ya kusaidia mwananchi wa kawaida zinasaidia matajiri.

Ukiangalia kuna mahali walipatia watu 4. Watu wanne ni kumaanisha ni matajiri wanne. Sijui ni kina nani lakini naweza kusema ni matajiri fulani kwa sababu kila wakati tumekuwa tukiona watu ambao hupata pesa hapa. Tunasikia kila wakati makandarasi kama Chieni, Bemwaki na wengine ambao ni matajiri.

Wakati nasema hawa watu tujue ni akina nani, litatusaidia sana. Wale wachuuzi tuko na wao hapa ni wangapi wametuma maombi ya zile pesa na wakapata. Wale wauzaji wa mboga katika Soko Mzee tujue ni wangapi wametoa maombi ya hizi pesa ni wangapi wamepata. Vile vile, wale wanauza mtumba. Katika ile sehemu nasimamia ya Njoguini, Mirera, Baraka na sehemu hizo zote ni wangapi wametuma maombi wakapata? Hili ndilo linaweza likatusaidia. Tumekuwa na mtindo kama vile Mheshimiwa Samken amesema, hizi pesa zikitengwa zinapelekewa benki. Kwa nini benki ipewe hizi pesa ilhali tuko na wizara ambayo iko na afisa ambao wamehitimu kupatiana hizi pesa?

Bwana Spika, nilisema juzi kuna watu tunawakilisha katika wadi zetu hata mlango ya benki hajui. Sio kwa sababu hajaelezwa lakini zile pesa anapata inaingia kwa mfuko kisha inaishia pale. Yule mtu hatapata nafasi ya kukuja KCB ama Equity ama benki ya Family. Kukitengwa zile pesa kuwa na mtu pale kwenye wizara. Kuwe na mtu pale anapokea maombi ya zile pesa, anaonyesha watu kisha anapatiana zile pesa. Watu wengi hawajajua namna ya kupokea zile pesa na wengine wao wanajua biashara.

Bwana Spika, wakati tunapea benki pesa na hatupei wizara, ni aibu. SACCO zenye ziko Laikipia ziko chini ya wizara ya Biashara na shirika. Hizi SACCO ndizo zinapea hawa Wananchi pesa. Najiuliza, kama wadogo wenu wanaweza peana kwa nini nyinyi msipeane? Najua kama wewe ndio *mdosi* ndio uko na nguvu yote. Kama wewe Spika ukiwa pale uko na

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uwezo wa kuajiri na kufuta, ni kumaanisha hii wizara inaweza peana pesa vizuri zaidi kuliko SACCO na Wananchi wataweza kuzipata kwa urahisi.

Bwana Spika, hawa maafisa wa serikali wataweza kutembea huko nje, hadi Kimanjo wakijua ni watu wangapi wanahitaji zile pesa watume maombi pale na wazipate mahali pale kwa urahisi. Kisha waende Kalalu waulize ni akina nani wanataka zile pesa, watume maombi na wazipate hapo hapo hata kama ni kwa Mpesa. Wako na huo uwezo, wako na maafisa na wako na Mpesa. Ni kufinya tu na kupokea.

Kwangu naona hiyo ndiyo njia mwafaka ya kupata hizi pesa. Nashukuru kamati kwa kazi nzuri. Naona tangu wakati nilitoka, wale niliacha ni watu ambao wako na uwezo wa kushikilia ile wizara hadi Wananchi wapate haki yao. Kwa hayo machache naunga mkono.

Speaker: May the mover give a reply.

Hon. Judy Lukio: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. On replying, I would wish to request that intensive sensitization and capacity building needs to be done among the people of Laikipia to ensure more youth, women and PWDs have benefitted from the funds. This will make them create employment and ease the hard times of these living conditions. Thank you.

(Question put and agreed to)

ADJOURNMENT

Speaker: The House stands adjourned until next week Tuesday, 1st March, 2022, at 2.30 p.m.

The House rose at 9. 40 a.m.

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