REPUBLIC OF KENYA

COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF LAIKIPIA

THE HANSARD

Thursday, 28th September, 2023

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

[The Speaker (Hon. Lantano Nabaala) in the Chair]

PRAYERS

QUORUM CALL

Speaker: Clerk, confirm if we do have quorum.

(Lack of quorum confirmed)

Speaker: Without quorum, I direct that the bell be rang for ten minutes.

(Quorum bell rung for seven minutes)

Speaker: What is it Hon. Kanyutu?

Hon. Simon Kanyutu: Mr. Speaker, I can confirm that we have got quorum at the moment.

Speaker: Clerk, do we have the quorum?

(Clerk confirmed achievement of Quorum)

Speaker: Now that we have got quorum, I direct that the bell stops ringing and move into business.

MOTION

CPAIC AUDIT REPORT ON NAWASCO FOR YEAR ENDED 2018

Hon. Parleto Lekopien: Hon. Speaker, I beg to move the following motion;

THAT, this Assembly adopts the report of the County Public Accounts and Investments Committee (CPAIC) on the report of the Auditor General on Nanyuki Water and Sewerage Company Limited for the year ended 30th June, 2018 dated 11th April, 2023.

On behalf of the Laikipia County Public Accounts and Investments Committee (CPAIC) and pursuant to the provisions of the Standing Order 185(2), it is my pleasure and privilege to present to the House the report of the CPAIC's findings on the report of the Auditor General on Nanyuki Water and Sewerage Company Limited for the year ended 30th June 2018.

The main objective of the County Public Accounts and Investments Committee is to ensure that public funds are well utilized and the public realizes value for money in all government expenditure. The basis of the committee's execution of its mandate is annual and special audit prepared by the Auditor General.

Committee Membership

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The County Public Accounts and Investments Committee consists of the following members:

1. Hon. Parleto Lekopien - Chairman
2. Hon. Simon Kanyutu - Vice-Chairman
3. Hon. Caroline Kihika - Member
4. Hon. Catherine Kibue - Member
5. Hon. Catherine Umija - Member
6. Hon. George Karuiru - Member
7. Hon. Joseph Gitahi - Member

Mr. Speaker, I would like to acknowledge the committee. The Committee appreciates the Office of the Speaker and the Office of the Clerk of the County Assembly, the Office of the Auditor General and the Committee secretariat for the services, advice, and contribution they rendered to the Committee in their various capacities. Further, the Committee also wishes to record its appreciation to the Board of NAWASCO and Officers who appeared and adduced evidence before it. On behalf of the Committee, I now wish to table this report and urge the House to adopt it and the recommendations therein.

Committee Proceedings, Findings and Observations

The interrogation and examination of the report of the Auditor General on NAWASCO for FY 2017/2018 saw the Committee hold a sitting on 14th March, 2023. In the said sitting, the invited witnesses were given an opportunity to respond to the audit issues raised by the Auditor General and other matters that the Committee had sought clarification and explanation on.

Submission by The Representatives of NAWASCO

The following officials appeared before the CPAIC on 14th March, 2023 and made the following presentation and submissions on behalf of the Company;

1. Mr. Kennedy Gitonga - Managing Director
2. Mr. Wachira Gakuru - Commercial Manager

The members provided clarification as sought by members on the following four issues as raised by the Auditor General.

The Statement reflects property, plant and equipment balance of Kshs. 208,459,690 as at 30 June 2018, which excludes the value of assets inherited from the defunct Municipal Council of Nanyuki by Northern Water Services Board of Kshs. 230,715,019 and written off in the financial year 2015/16. However, no approval for the write off from the Water Board was presented for audit verification.

Title deeds for all parcels of land owned by the Company were not provided for audit review. The fixed assets register was not updated and most of the assets were not tagged for identification. As a result, the accuracy and completeness of the property, plant and equipment balance of Kshs. 208,459,690 as at 30 June 2018 could not be confirmed.

Management Response

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- The Water Act, 2016 proposed for a Service Provision Agreement (SPA) that was signed between the Ministry of Water, NAWASCO and NWSB that stated that the existing infrastructure and assets will be leased to NAWASCO at a rate of 4.5%.
- The NAWASCO Board gave an approval for the write off of the assets that were inherited from the defunct Municipal Council of Nanyuki. This was contrary to seeking approval from the Water Board.
- The ownership of all the parcels of land and the fixed asset register is in the custody of the County Secretary.
- The Water Act, 2016 has prescribed that the acquisition of new assets from the FY 2016 is under the ownership of the WSP.
- All their assets are now currently tagged.

Committee Observation

From the submissions, the Committee observed that;

1. That, the document that was used for the approval of the write-off of the assets inherited from the defunct Municipal Council of Nanyuki was not availed.
2. That, a copy of the fixed asset register was availed after the audit interrogation. However, the title deeds for all the parcels of land were not produced.
3. That, some pictorial evidence of tagged assets was availed; e.g., Personal computers, scanners, printers, desk cabinets, tables, telephone headsets etc.
4. That, the Company did not have an existing asset and disposal policy

Committee Recommendations

1. The Company should always avail a copy of the updated fixed asset register to the auditors during the audit process.
2. The Company should formulate an asset and disposal policy. This will assist the Company to evaluate and provide for guidelines on how and when to dispose of an asset. This is important as some of the company's' vehicles

Consumer Deposits

The statement of financial position reflects consumers' deposits of Kshs.24,805,218 as at 30 June 2018. However, the account held at Equity Bank in respect of the deposits indicated a balance of Kshs.74,928.54 and thus resulting in unreconciled difference of Kshs.24,730,289.46. Consequently, the accuracy and completeness of the consumer deposits balance of Kshs. 24,805,218 as at 30 June 2018 could not be confirmed.

Minutes of the Board dated 15 July 2015 authorized the management to spent an amount of Kshs 20,476,476 from the consumers' deposits account for the construction of the Company offices and development of water extension to Nturukuma and Nkando areas, the funds had not been refunded as at 30 June 2018.

Management Response

- A proper reconciliation of the deposits held in the Equity Bank in respect to consumer deposits had been done.

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- There was Kshs. 9.4M from the defunct Nanyuki Municipal Council of consumer deposits that was not transferred to NAWASCO.

Committee Observation

From the submissions, the Committee observed that;

1. That, the Company did not provide proper reconciliation of the consumer deposit accounts as requested by the Committee.
2. That, minutes of the Board dated 15th July, 2015 authorizing the management to withdraw Kshs. 20,476,476 was availed.
3. That, the Financial Statements provided from Equity Bank was only for the month of June, 2021 and did not indicate whether the Kshs. 20,476,476 withdrawn for the capital projects had been refunded.
4. That, the BQs' of the construction of the Company Office buildings was not availed.
5. That, the BQs' of the water extension in Nturukuma and Nkando areas was incomplete, thus its authenticity could not be verified. (Missing title page and other pages)

Committee Recommendations

1. This account should be properly reconciled so as to reflect the actual figure of the consumer deposits.
2. The Kshs. 20,476,476 that was withdrawn by the management vide a Board meeting dated 15/July/2015 should be refunded back to the consumer deposit account.
3. The Consumer Deposits account should solely be used for maintaining customer accounts funds.
4. The EACC should investigate on the withdrawal and usage of the Kshs. 20,476,476 and give a comprehensive report to the Committee

Trade and Other Receivables

The trade and other receivables balance of Kshs. 272,732,929 as at 30 June 2018 includes an amount of Kshs. 206,441,148 in respect of debts inherited from the defunct Municipal Council of Nanyuki at the inception of the Company and which have remained outstanding over time. Although the recoverability of these debts is uncertain, the provision for bad and doubtful debts of Kshs. 111,556,504 made in the financial statements against the outstanding debts appears inadequate.

Management Response

- The company has put a Debt Management Policy in place.
- The company is engaging the consumers so that they can pay their debts in time.
- The collection efficiency rate currently is at 95%.

Committee Observation

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From the submissions, the Committee observed that;

1. That, the Company provided a Debt Management Policy document dated July, 2020. The said policy outlines the general framework that shall govern the debt collection and sets out guidelines on how the Company shall handle all the matters relating to debt recovery.
2. That, though the Company only engaged the consumers on paying their debts on time through SMS, no pro-active measures had been instituted to ensure that the older debtors honoured their payments.
3. That, the Company provided a trend analysis of trade and other receivables of the next three financial years, 2018, 2019 and 2020. There is a positive indication of improved debt collection in these years.

Committee Recommendation.

1. That the Manager should ensure adequate provisions for bad and doubtful debts be made in the annual budget.

Non-Revenue Water

During the financial year under review, the company produced 4,161,589 cubic meters (m^3) of water was billed to customers. The balance of 1.542,566 cubic meters(m3) or approximately 37% of the total volume of water produced represented non-revenue water (NRW) which is 12% over and above the allowable water loss of 25% as per the Water Service Regulatory Board guidelines. The NRW of 37% may have resulted in loss of sales estimated at Kshs. 62,817,325.

The significant level of non-revenue water is an indication of inefficiency and lack of effectiveness in the use of public resources and may negatively impact on the Company's profitability and its long-term sustainability.

Management Response

- The major causes of NRW was due to inherited old, dilapidated infrastructural water systems that leads to a lot of leakages. Also, there are illegal water connections that are set-up.
- The measures that the Company has put in place to reduce the NRW is to renew the existing infrastructural water systems by:
- Receive a grant of 1.2B from JICA and the WSTF to replace some of the dilapidated pipes.
- Replacement of new water meters- 2,750 meters have been replaced.
- Disconnect on any illegal water connections

Committee Observation

From the submissions, the Committee observed that;

1. That, the Company should ensure that the NRW should be within the allowable threshold of 25% as specified by the Water Service Board Regulatory guideline

Committee Recommendations

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1. The Management should put in place measures to reduce the NRW to allowable 25% as per the WASREB guidelines.
2. Develop a proper policy framework to detect leaks in the existing water infrastructure systems.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As you may have heard the report, there is a lot of waste of public funds. As I have quoted, there is Kshs.20 million of public funds that have been lost. As we stand here as the Committee of Public Accounts, I want to take this opportunity to really thank them for working hard day and night to make sure that we deliver the report and get all the findings of the report.

As the County Public Accounts Committee, we have checked all the Auditor-General reports and gotten all the necessary information that is needed to present to the House and more so, the public. As the County Public Accounts Committee Chair and the committee, we have identified issues that need to be looked at. To date, the Kshs.20 million that had been written off has never been brought back to the books, and we want as a committee, the money either to be refunded to the public or EACC to take action and interrogate what is happening.

Mr. Speaker, as you have heard the report there are a lot of improvements from NAWASCO, and we would also want to thank them for the good job that they are doing. Though there is a lot of non-revenue water loss which up to date, there is no clear indication of any improvement soon. As we continue, I want to urge the House to approve the report so that all the public funds that has been misused can be brought back to the public or customers.

On that note, I will urge Hon. Kihika to second the motion so that we can move forward and make sure that whatever is done, and as the oversight authority of this Assembly and Laikipia at large, we should do our proper oversight as the committee and make sure that all the monies and all that has been misused should be brought back to the public. Thank you.

Hon. Caroline Wanjiku: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir. I rise to second the motion. First and foremost, I congratulate the committee for doing such good work on a tasking job. I am grateful that they made all the findings and recommended what is supposed to be done. I would urge the NAWASCO company to be requested to return all the losses that have been found in their company, all the assets that are missing to be availed and if they are not availed, let the EACC do what is supposed to be done. I am thankful.

Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Lekopien and Hon. Kihika.

(Question proposed)

Speaker: Members, the floor is open for debate on the same.

Hon. Daniel Mugweru: Thank you, Hon. Speaker for giving me this chance to support the motion and the report from the County Public Accounts and Investments Committee which is headed by Hon. Lekopien. It is from the depth of my heart that I thank the Committee Members for working tirelessly to make sure that we have the audited reports being brought to the House for approval. When we delay in bringing the audited reports to the House for approval, it shows that we have failed in our responsibility and the Senate takes our responsibility, which would be so unfortunate.

So, I thank the committee for bringing this report and I believe that going by the way they have started, very soon they are going to bring all the audited reports. Preferably, maybe in the next few months we will start working on the current audit reports which would be the

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best for us so that we become the pioneers in adopting reports in the Assembly before the Senate comes in.

Otherwise, the Senate should be discussing the reports that we have already approved here as a County Assembly because we as a County Assembly have a responsibility to investigate, audit and do oversight on the businesses that happen in this county before the Senate comes in. The Senate should always go as per what we as an Assembly have already gone through.

I thank the committee because the start is so good and I believe that as many reports as possible will come so that we may be dealing with the current reports. I am sure we will bring the previous ones and that will really help us to do oversight as projects are going on. Having said that, I really like the way they have articulated the issues and gone through the audit report. I would only dwell much on the non-revenue water because it has been there for a very long time. When we lose 37%, we have gone overboard as a County Government of Laikipia.

Why I am saying as a County Government of Laikipia is because NAWASCO is owned by the County Government of Laikipia. In other counties in this country, water companies are privately owned, but luckily enough NAWASCO is 100% owned by the County Government of Laikipia because the Governor has 97% of the shares. The County Secretary has 1% shares, 1% shares by the CECM for Finance and another 1% share by the CECM for Water.

It is a 100% County Government company, so when it fails it means the County Government of Laikipia has failed. It is therefore high time, especially on non-revenue water, when we say 37%; the recommendation of WASREB is normally 25% so when we say 37%, we are far much overboard by 12%.

So, Hon. Speaker, when I say as a County Government and as this House, we really need to work on non-revenue water because that is water that just goes down and nobody pays for it and is just a waste. As the management of NAWASCO has stated, they are putting their hope in JICA and Water Sector Trust Fund to help them minimize this non-revenue water.

As a county government we need to chip in because it is our company. When it loses all this money then it means as a county, we are losing big. So, we also need to chip in by setting a budget to purchase new systems for this water company. As much as we work on illegal connections, there is also a big part that we need to play.

If we check how NAWASCO operates, it has three systems. One system was installed before you were born. In fact, it is not plastic or metal pipes but asbestos, which some of us have never even seen. You expect a lot of water loss in that system. The other system is also old, 1975 when no Hon. Member here had been born. I am not saying nobody here was born but probably none of them was here. The youngest is that of 1983 which just means that there is a lot of water wastage in this company. This water that we are wasting is where we as a County Government are supposed to collect revenue from.

So, we need to wake up as an Assembly and agree that every year we will be setting a budget to purchase modern pipes so that we may reduce wastage of water. Or we can recommend to the management of the company that every time they collect revenue, they make it a priority to remove the old system and bring in the new so that we may reduce this water wastage. Otherwise, when we waste water we waste revenue, destroy our roads and so on.

It will be so unfortunate when we say that there is somewhere we can collect revenue from yet it is just going to a waste. On non-revenue water, the committee has recommended

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that the management should put in place measures to reduce that one to an allowable of 25% and develop a policy framework to detect leaks and so on.

Hon. Speaker, they need to add a recommendation that the County Government as the owner of this company to chip in and set budget to minimise wastage of water by bringing up new systems rather than using the old systems expecting better results. Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I support and believe this is a good move and we are heading somewhere.

Hon. Joseph Gitahi: Thank you, Hon. Speaker for this opportunity. Hon. Speaker, this morning we are in an important exercise that we have been mandated by the people of Laikipia to oversight all bodies as a cardinal function of the Members of the County Assembly. Having said that Hon. Speaker, I want to state that I am in support of the adoption of this report. I also want to thank the entire committee led by our Chairman, Hon. Parleto Lekopien for the commitment to ensure that the people of Laikipia gets these services.

Hon. Speaker, first I would like to state that water is a universal need. It is a clear need for all the people. Having stated that, the commodity is very important to the success of all establishments that we are trying to lay. In the last two months, the Senate Public Investment Committee committed all Governors to investigate all water companies across the country starting with Murang'a and Laikipia is not an exception.

Hon. Speaker, we were doing a noble cause in trying to understand the utilisation of funds and effectiveness of systems in these institutions. Water and electricity in civilised countries and civilised economies whether in Japan, China and USA are taken care of by high security government agencies. If you come to our country and Africa which Laikipia is part of, there is gross mismanagement in the provision of the same important commodity to our people.

This denies us and Hon. Speaker what I supervise in all areas is that it cuts across health, trade in terms of investments and in the livelihoods of our people. Hon. Speaker, this disturbs my mind with the kind of findings that we found in our interrogation and the report writing on the loss of funds. Hon. Speaker, when I heard the Chairperson talk about the writing off of debts in excess of Kshs.20 million is disturbing. Like we had said in the previous session, we are using the collection of revenue in this county.

We are taking money that has been earned through blood and sweat. Today the cost of living and other things is so expensive. When a management sits down and writes off without a proper documentation, debt in excess of Kshs.20 million is in the interests of sane people in this county to raise alarm so that this money is recovered for our people. Secondly, I want to state that Hon. Mugweru has put a case in the support of NAWASCO by the County Government and through the County Assembly in the budgeting process.

You and I is a cardinal rule that if you cannot be trusted with the little that you have, then it is increasingly difficult for you to be trusted with more. Hon. Speaker, I get concerned because of this same water company. We have seen the issues from the mismanagement of funds to the incompetence. If you look at the recommendations of this report by implication, it lays a big doubt on the integrity of people working in these offices.

Again Hon. Speaker, you have also seen the lack of adherence to statutory bodies and regulation bodies. As a Member of this County Assembly and as the Chairperson of this important docket of Water, I get concerned and I think it is time that we change the way we are doing things. As the Chairperson of the Committee on Water, I would advise this House without hesitation we have a total overhaul of this company before we invest a single cent on this company.

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Hon. Speaker, it makes me wonder. In the last two months and the Members of this Assembly are my witnesses, we passed a legislation to spearhead the development of a municipality. It is disturbing if we will have a municipality that has a water company that is dysfunctional and marred with a litany of corrupt practises. If you check the report and you read word by word, you unearth a lot.

If you listen to the public, the important stakeholders of this issue, you will find a lot of mistrust from the public on these companies. This report is just a confirmation of the same. That is why even as we adopt the report, it is incumbent upon us to understand the recommendations that this committee has put and all the bodies that have been mentioned to act against the issues that have been unearthed by this report.

Hon. Speaker, you will note that the committee has invoked the power of the ethics and anticorruption commission. We urge these bodies to speed the process. We urge this House to see the observations put by this committee so that even as we budget in future, as we lay important mandate to institutions in future, that should be informed by the observations made by this committee.

Having said that Hon. Speaker, in the interest of time I want to state that I would wish to urge all the Members in this Assembly to support the adoption of this report and as we adopt this report, we would wish that all the people that have been requested by this report to do whatever they are supposed to do with speed so that our people will be able to be served with this important commodity called water. Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

Hon. Simon Kanyutu: Thank you, Mr. Speaker for giving me this chance. I may not have much but I must thank the Chair of the Committee for being vibrant on pushing us the committee members to ensure that these reports are properly compiled. As we were compiling the report, I was a bit concerned with the issues pertaining to consumer deposits. Mr. Speaker, it is very unfortunate that a lot of money of more than Kshs.20 million from the consumer deposits can be withdrawn and later on it cannot be acknowledged where the money has been.

It is a concern and I am against the issue of the Assembly while making the budget adding some more funds to the same company while there is misappropriation. I am concerned because when we are making the budget, rarely do we allocate any project of more than Kshs.5 million. I am sure as we are speaking, I had one million in my area that we are trying with the NYAHUWASCO to extend water to a region.

If Kshs.20 million can be availed for replacing the dilapidated piping, a lot could have been done. Mr. Speaker, I am concerned because the committee does not rely on heresy but we get the information from the Auditor General's Report. I was concerned because in the report we have a building that has been done but the in the Auditor General's Report, nobody availed the BQ's for the construction of the company offices.

Mr. Speaker, I do not know how that can transpire in an entity that has been given powers by the County. Our role being oversight, we need to know the truth. There might be something that is being done underneath because a BQ cannot be provided. Mr. Speaker, when I am even trying to make a small project at my place, I must have a BQ of what will be utilised. This is a government office and not a personal property yet a BQ cannot be provided. Mr. Speaker, we need to know much.

There is also a BQ for the extension of Nturukuma and Nkando areas which it is unfortunate because I could not imagine running a company like a personal property. Even if it is a personal property, there must be documentation on whatever that is happening in the

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company. Mr. Speaker, I am concerned with this report and as one of the Honourable Members has stated, we will try as much as possible as a committee to ensure that all these reports are accomplished by the end of December.

The committee will accomplish its role as mandated by the members of the public and as a House because we have been mandated to avail all these reports to the House. We will ensure that we will bring all of them. Mr. Speaker, I support the committee's report whole heartedly and I promise to continue working with the Chair and other members to ensure that all other reports are brought in the floor of this House. Thank you.

Hon. George Karuiru: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I support the good report from the CPAIC Committee. I am one of the Members and I congratulate the whole team led by the able Chairman, Hon. Parleto Lekopien Sammy for this concrete audited report. Mr. Speaker, one as the Members have said, what is required of us as human beings and one of the necessities that our body needs is water. Water is life and out of all that have been put in this audited report, it is a clear indicator that if we do not follow issues of water for our people, then we are going make our people suffer.

Mr. Speaker, God granted me to be in this Assembly in the last regime and we were trying to do some policies on sand, water and other things. I remember there was a big issue that came out that if we put up water policies, the shallow well at your homestead will be paid for so that the government gains from it. We know the government has never eaten from its people. Mr. Speaker, this audited report is a clear indicator.

I was trying to reconcile myself when I saw in the social media and television that one of the key stakeholders of this region was chased from the CEO's office of the central rift valley water agency; Mr. Samuel Oruma. Mr. Speaker, he was trying to defend himself that he has not done anything. That is one of the key issues. The said CEO did a borehole in Kio Primary and I am a witness if I am told to produce myself, the borehole did not have any water.

Mr. Speaker, the same central rift went ahead to install solar panels as well as a pump. So you wonder, a dry shallow well with dust and a full company installing solar power. This is misuse of finances. Because there is a delay, I always respect this House because it works with timelines and orders.

Mr. Speaker, there are so many critical things that need to be done to ascertain the County Government being an umbrella of NAWASCO and other water companies. When will we have trust as Hon. Kanyutu has said? I will have trust issues with NYAHUWASCO that is near me to govern water yet we are yet to see their report. We are doing boreholes and sometimes it seems we want to give the big companies to manage these waters. It also means bondeni water or Ndaraguiti borehole or Olmoran hospital borehole. If we give this same management, then we will be killing our people.

I would want a clear follow up of this as indicated by the Auditor general and by the Committee's Observation so that we can serve our people diligently. Thank you. I support.

Hon. Catherine Nyokabi: Thank you Mr. Speaker for the opportunity. I want to congratulate the able committee led by Hon. Lekopien. On the non-revenue water, the report indicates that the company has one which has allowable rates of 25%. I therefore call upon management of NAWASCO to look and address this issue in a sustainable manner.

Lastly, I want to promise this House that as a Committee of CPAIC we will work extra hard to make sure all the reports needed by this House will be brought on time. Thank you.

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Hon. Catherine Umija: Thank you Mr. Speaker for giving me this opportunity. I want to echo a few words. One, accountability is the key that everyone is given to run a company or public funds. I want to echo the words of this report. I hope that NAWASCO Company will be able to take the recommendations of the committee and pull up their socks on whatever they are doing and especially the weak areas that has been pointed out in this audit report for this particular year. We are also hopeful that maybe in the on-going report, we will not see a recurrence of the same.

Consumer deposits which is people's money – my money, your money, *mama mbogas* money and everyone's money that has been put into the account to be provided with water services. It is unfortunate that these monies are diverted without consumer participation. It is unfortunate. Having been in the committee, we tried to look at whether the money was returned back but unfortunately, there was no clear evidence that the Kshs. 20,000,000 was returned. Hopefully the We will do further investigations and make sure people's money is returned back to their pockets.

Hon. Salim Edung: Asante sana, Bwana Spika. Kwanza nimpongeze Mwenyeketi wa Kamati ambayo imeleta hii ripoti ya siku ya Leo. Najua ya kwamba hii ripoti imeonyesha kuna upungufu wa kazi mahali. Ukiangalia hii Kampuni ya NAWASCO, inaonyesha ya kwamba wanapata pesa mingi lakini hawajaweka njia mwafaka ya kutengeneza hii kampuni upande wa maji. Hawa watu wanafaa kuangalia pahali ambapo wanafanyia kazi.

Nikiangalia kwa makini ripoti ambayo imesomwa na Mheshimiwa Mugweru kuhusu zile mifereji ambayo ilikuwa imewekwa pale ya miaka mingi sana, inamaanisha kwamba pesa zinapatikana katika kampuni lakini hawaangalii zile vifaa wanatumia pale. Nashukuru ripoti ambayo imeletwa na ukiangalia kwa ufasaha, sio pesa kidogo imepotea ila ni nyingi.

Kama ni kampuni moja imepoteza pesa kiasi hiyo, katika hii Laikipia yetu imepoteza pesa nyingi sana. Kabla kampuni yoyote ama idara yoyote ya serikali kufanya mradi katika eneo lolote, inafaa watu wajulishwe na waongee ni miradi gani tunafanya. Nikiangalia kwa sehemu yetu katika Wadi ya Segera, kuna kisima kilijengwa Endana. Inatoa maji wakati wa macheo, kwa sababu inaonyesha kwamba wakati jua iko ndio maji inapatikana.

Wale watu ambao walichimba kisima, waliweka kila kitu hadi solar, lakini hiyo ni njia moja kuonyesha zile mashine ziliwekwa chini haikukuwa zimetosha labda kuna vitu zilirudishwa ndiposa ile eneo isipate maji ya kusaidia watu. Sisi tunasema ya kwamba katika hii ripoti, sisi tutapea mwenyekiti nguvu ndiyo ulete ripoti nyingine zaidi.

Mimi ninaangalia katika hii Bunge, ile kazi sisi tulipewa na wananchi. Bwana Spika ukiwa unatuongoza lazima tukague ripoti tofauti za kampuni katika Laikipia. Sisi tukiwa tunaangalia ile miradi inafanyika katika Wadi zetu, ili mwananchi aweze kusaidika.

Hon. Parleto Lekopien: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. On behalf of the Committee of Public Accounts, I want to take this opportunity to say thank you, for all the support. Before I go there, I have few notes to make, One, in the Standing Order 47(5) (B), as long as we make a notice of the motion of any report, I will want to urge that before we table the report, the report is still with the committee. I have observed that before we tabled the report, some interested parties started asking for the report to know what is in it.

Secondly, as the Committee I want to categorically say thank you. We have heard individuals calling us names, there was one day someone called us a toothless dog. Sometimes as much as we think we are a toothless dog, we can still bite. Secondly, at some point we heard

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some people calling us Chihuahuas. A Chihuahua is a small dog that cannot bite but makes a lot of noise.

I will give a story of a friend of mine who had three dogs. One was a Chihuahua, called *Ruger,* second one was a German Shepherd called *Tuk,* and third was a large back called *Saida*. the owner would have Ruger in a small pouch under the armpits, *Saida* and *Tuk* were so big that every time the Chihuahua would bark in the small pouch. *Saida* and *Tuk* would take over the barking. As much as we were called Chihuahuas, I know we have Tuk and Saida who can bite on our behalf.

Lastly, we are Chairs of different committees and to my surprise we have had other Chairs interested on what the Committee is doing. This is Laikipia County Assembly and we need to support each other rather than bringing each other down. We all know our mandate, and I will urge every Member to give support to the committees, so that they can deliver to their mandate. I would like to say thank you on behalf the committee and the County Assembly of Laikipia and the Members, I am grateful and kindly urge you to adopt the report.

(Question put and agreed to)

ADJOURNMENT

Speaker: The Sittings of this House now stand adjourned until Tuesday, 3rd October 2023 at 2:30 p.m.

The House rose at 3.30 p.m.

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