REPUBLIC OF KENYA

COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF LAIKIPIA

THE HANSARD

Thursday, 30th September, 2021

The House met at the Assembly Chambers at 2.30 p.m.

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

PRAYERS

STATEMENT

NOTICE PAPER

Hon. Joseph Kiguru: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It is notified that the House Business Committee has approved the following tentative business to appear in the Order paper for Tuesday (Afternoon) October 26th, 2021

A. **NOTICE OF MOTION**- Motion on drought mitigation measures by Hon. Salma Zamzam.

B. **RESPONSES TO STATEMENTS**- Response Statement No 002/2021 by the Labour Social Welfare and Community Services Committee raised on 17th March 2021 by Hon. Joseph Kiguru pertaining to County Government Workers laid off.

C. **RESPONSES TO STATEMENTS-** Response Statement No 003/2021 by the Finance and County Planning Committee raised on 21st April, 2021 by Hon. Chris Mark pertaining to County Government Assets.

D. **MOTION-** Report of the Transport and Public Works Committee on the County Government of Laikipia (County Executive) quarterly report and financial statements for the quarter ended 31st March, 2020 dated 27th September, 2021.

It is notified that the House Business Committee has approved the following tentative business to appear in the Order paper for Wednesday (Morning) October 27th, 2021.

A. **PAPERS**- Report of the Labour, Social Welfare and Community Services Committee on County Government of Laikipia (Executive) quarterly report and financial statements for the period ended 31st March, 2020 for the department of Sports and Social Services.

B. **PAPERS**- Report of the Education and ICT Committee on County Government of Laikipia (Executive) quarterly report and financial statements for the period ended 31st March, 2020 for the department of Education and ICT.

C. **PAPERS**- Report of the County Cohesion, Justice and Legal Matters Committee on County Government of Laikipia (Executive) quarterly report and financial statements for the period ended 31st March, 2020 for the department of County Administration and Public Service.

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D. **NOTICES OF MOTION**- Report of the labour, Social Welfare and Community Services Committee on County Government of Laikipia (Executive) quarterly report and financial statements for the period ended 31st March, 2020 for the department of Sports and Social Services.

E. **NOTICES OF MOTION**- Report of the Education and ICT Committee on County Government of Laikipia (Executive) quarterly report and financial statements for the period ended 31st March, 2020 for the department of Education and ICT.

F. **NOTICES OF MOTION**- Report of the County Cohesion, Justice and Legal Matters Committee on County Government of Laikipia (Executive) quarterly report and financial statements for the period ended 31st March, 2020 for the department of County Administration and Public Service.

E. **MOTION**- Motion on drought mitigation measures by Hon. Salma Zamzam.

On Wednesday (Afternoon) October 27th, 2021;

A. **MOTION**- Report of the Labour, Social Welfare and Community Services Committee on County Government of Laikipia (Executive) quarterly report and financial statements for the period ended 31st March, 2020 for the department of Sports and Social Services.

On Thursday (Afternoon) October 28th, 2021;

A. **MOTION-** Report of the Education and ICT Committee on County Government of Laikipia (Executive) quarterly report and financial statements for the period ended 31st March, 2020 for the department of Education and ICT.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The relevant Chairs and committee membership should ensure that we follow the programme as we have put it.

MOTIONS

[Resumption of previous debate dated Wednesday, 29th September, 2021 (P.M)]

QUARTERLY REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR DEPARTMENT OF TRADE, TOURISM AND COOPERATIVES FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31ST MARCH 2020

THAT, this Assembly adopts the Report of the Trade, Tourism and Cooperatives Committee on County Government of Laikipia (Executive) quarterly report and financial statements for the period ended 31st March, 2020 for the department of Trade, Tourism, Creative Economy and Cooperatives dated 21st September, 2021.

Speaker: Who was to second this motion? The Mover moved. Hon. Judy?

Hon. Judy Lukio: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This motion will be seconded by Hon. Mutahi Muritu.

Hon. Mutahi Muritu: Asante sana, Mheshimiwa Spika. Nasimama kuunga mkono hii ripoti inayoisha tarehe 31 Machi, 2020. Asante.

Speaker: You do second?

Hon. Mutahi Muritu: Yes, Sir.

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(Question proposed)

Hon. Daniel Mugweru: Mr. Speaker, I rise to support the report brought by Trade, Tourism and Cooperatives Committee which has done a good report on the quarterly report ended 31st March, 2020. Why I have been insisting that these reports are very important to this House, they help us understand how the money was used in the previous years and quarters and that gives us the wisdom to face the future. For example, if today we are reading a report saying that there was low expenditure in almost all the programmes, that simple statement is a wake up to this House and the Members who represents different grounds in this House to wake up and ensure that when the budget is passed, we start from there to push the County Executive to implement the projects as early as possible.

Therefore, these reports are very important because they are giving us a true picture of how the departments operate. When you see how the department operated last year, it helps you understand and push them to operate better than how they operated previously. So I really support this committee because there before, we had stayed for three years without getting such a report. If we got such reports in the 1st year, they could have helped us to improve in the 2nd, 3rd and 4th year. So when the committee brings such a report, it shows us a true picture of how the departments are performing.

Now that we have a budget that we passed recently, we should start opening up our eyes and start pushing the Trade Department to implement their projects and do the services they are supposed to do as early as possible so that when we are in the first quarter, we are able to implement at least a quarter of the budget allocated to that department. When we go to the Second quarter, we should be discussing about the second quarter and how it has been utilised. It is so unfortunate when we hear there was low absorption and in other departments you hear there was zero absorptions. Maybe we are in the third quarter, the first quarter, second and the third quarter, you find that a whole department in a whole year has not performed.

The committee itself recommended Cleary; that the department should ensure that the budget funds are utilised for the intended programmes. If I add there timely, at the right time so that the people of Laikipia may benefit from the budget and at the right time so that the people of Laikipia may benefit from the budget that has been set from the funds or the taxes they have been taxed, at the right time, so that they may enjoy the product of their sweat.

This is an important report, and it will help us Members and also help the committee in this department to continue pushing, putting their eyes on this department, so that they make sure that they implement or utilise the budget allocated to them at the right time and with the right speed. I support and am sure that the Honourable Members will support the report. Thank you.

Speaker: May the mover give a reply.

Hon. Judy Lukio: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, I thank all the Honourable Members for their collective responsibility over this report, the report has given us the true picture of the utilization of funds by the departments. Thank you.

(Question put and agreed to)

ALTERATION OF THE ASSEMBLY CALENDAR

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

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THAT this Assembly approves the application of Standing Order number 29(4) to allow it alter its calendar by adjourning its sittings from Friday 1st October, 2021 to Monday 25th October 2021

Mr. Speaker, when we are outside this House, we are the same people and we have the mandate like oversight and also meeting our people. This time round I would like to urge Members to approve this procedural motion to allow us to also move outside and do other businesses outside this House. I call upon Hon. Patricia to second this Motion.

Hon. Patricia Muthoni: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, I second.

(Question proposed)

Hon. Catherine Nyawira: Honourable speaker, I rise to support this motion to allow this House to adjourn for the duration of 3 weeks, so that we can be able to move out of this House and be able to go for training and capacity building. I also support this motion, because if you look at the calendar we have been having there before, there is a time we stayed in this Assembly for very long trying to reorganise the budget. Hon. Speaker, it was exhausting and however we appreciate that this work was done, completed and today we have a budget. However, we need to go. I want to urge Hon. Members to see the need and quickly approve this.

Hon. Salma Zamzam: Asante sana, Mheshimiwa Spika kwa kunipea nafasi ili niweze kuchangia mswada ulioletwa mbele ya Bunge lako na Kiongozi wa Walio Wengi Bunge wa kuweza kuahirisha Bunge kwa wiki tatu. Mheshimiwa Spika, tunaelewa tuko hapa na kazi yetu kubwa ni kwenda kuangalia miradi mashinani. Tunajua siasa zimeanza kufunguka na lazima twende tujumuike na wapigaji kura ili tuwaelezee mbivu na mbichi.

Bwana Spika, kama vile dadangu Mheshimiwa Nyawira ameweza kusema ni vizuri tupatiwe mafunzo ya ziada na ya kutosha kwa muda wa wiki tatu. Saa zingine tutakuwa mashinani kuangalia mambo na wakati mwingine mbali tukipatiwa mafunzo ya ziada. Naungana na ndugu zangu kwa kuahirisha Bunge kwa muda wa wiki tatu. Asante.

Hon. Daniel Mugweru: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise in support of the same having in mind that this House does not have time to rest because we are representative of people and the people we represent; we are supposed to represent their interest. For us to get their interest, it is upon us to have time to go there, get their interests, bring them to the Assembly and we will feel that we have represented them in the best way.

Mr. Speaker, it is our time to go on the ground, make our oversight well the projects that were implemented. It is our term to go there and make sure that every Hon. Member who is here sees that the budget that was set last year has been implemented to finality. Mr. Speaker, when we come back here, we will be coming with a flow of reports following each other saying what we found on the ground.

We will be able to come back here after three weeks and we shall report exactly what is on the ground. Mr. Speaker, also we are going to bring here the interests of the people we represent in this House. I support that we go and make sure we come with reports in this House that relates to what the people who sent us here wants. Thank you.

Speaker: May the mover give the reply.

Hon. Joseph Kiguru: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir. I will start with appreciating the contribution of the Members and also urge them to approve the same. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir.

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(Question put and agreed to)

PROCEDURAL MOTION

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

THAT this Assembly approves the application of Standing Order 29(3) to allow it to adjourn its sitting from Friday, 1st October, 2021 to Monday, 25th October, 2021 and resume on Tuesday, 26th October, 2021.

Mr. Speaker, as we know, this House is a House of order as we close, it is also good to have a procedure to open. I would urge the Members to approve this procedural motion to ensure that as we go out for oversight and meet our people, we shall come and report the same. So I will urge Hon. Mugweru to second this motion.

Hon. Daniel Mugweru: Hon. Speaker, I second. Thank you.

(Question proposed)

Hon. Catherine Nyawira: Hon. Speaker, I support this motion. It is important to realize that we have a Standing Order which has procedures. I believe that by approving this motion, we will have followed the procedures of this Assembly. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Catherine for supporting that motion and I think that brings us to the end of that business. I think that Clerk will communicate on his official page and he will post the programmes for timing. We have said that we must engage ourselves on the three weeks and therefore that programme will be posted there on activities which we are going to have during the recess. So we can interact on that page.

There was a little confusion on a meeting that was supposed to be in South Rift in Naivasha but it was rescheduled and took take place on Monday in Kisumu. It was reported there before that it was supposed to happen in Naivasha tomorrow but it already happened on Monday in Kisumu.

ADJOURNMENT

Speaker: The sittings of this House now stands adjourned until Tuesday, 26th October, 2021 at 2.30 p.m.

The House rose at 2.53 p.m.

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