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COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF LAIKIPIA

THE HANSARD

Thursday, 3rd June, 2021

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

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

PRAYERS

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

COMMISSIONING OF THE NEW MACE

Speaker: Hon. Members, we do have a very important ceremony today and this is about commissioning our new mace. As you know, we did purchase a new mace because we have been using a dummy but it now it is good that we have a new mace and it must be commissioned. Therefore Hon. Members, it is in this regard that I ask you to stand and remain standing as the Serjeant at Arms leads the ceremony. Serjeant at Arms, kindly carry on.

I wish to read this for Members before I sign so that you can also understand what we are signing. This is a warrant of authority. I Patrick Waigwa Bilha Speaker of the Laikipia County Assembly do hereby commission and issue Mace Serial No. CAL/031/Y20 as a symbol of authority of the Laikipia County Assembly with the conformity of rules and practises and precedence of Parliament as established in the common wealth.

With this warrant, only this mace is to be used for any official business of the County Assembly of Laikipia. The first transitional mace used hitherto is hereby decommissioned and its authority revoked and it is hereby reserved for use in educational drill or any other purpose not associated with the official proceedings of this House. I hereby direct that the first transitional mace of the Assembly be withdrawn forthwith issued on this 3rd day of June, 2021 at the Laikipia County Assembly Chambers in Nanyuki. Serjeant at Arms, carry on. Thank you, Hon. Members you may be seated.

(The new mace was commissioned)

Hon. Members, I wish to give a short communication in regards to the mace. Today marks another milestone in the growth of a young Parliament (Laikipia County Assembly) and through the continued support of the County Assembly Service Board, the House today has commissioned a new mace away from the transitional wooden one. A Parliamentary mace is a symbol of authority of the House as it has been stated that the authority of the Speaker and of the House are indivisible. It also symbolizes the authority of the Speaker.

History in mediaeval times, the royal Serjeant at Arms carried a mace termed with the royal arms. This was a weapon used to assert the authority of the Monarch. By 1415, the House of Commons had appointed its own Serjeant at Arms to serve the Members of the House. The tradition of the mace in the House of Representatives is taken from this practise in the House of Commons.

Use of the mace in the present times, before the election of a Speaker the mace is placed on (the lower pedestals of the table of the House) and as soon as the Speaker takes his/her seat after being elected by the House, it is placed on the dispatch table. Therefore, today it is placed

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at the dispatch table. When we have a new table, the first brackets will be lowered so that it will be on the lower table.

When the Speaker is in the Chair, the mace lies on the table with the crown amounting it pointing to the Majority or the government side i.e. to the Speakers right hand. The only time that the mace is not removed from the table when the Speaker leaves the Chair is when he/she has temporarily suspended a sitting of the House perhaps for consultation and the mace remains covered on the table during the period of the suspension.

The Serjeant at Arms is the custodian of the mace bearing the mace upon the right shoulder. The Serjeant at Arms precedes the Speaker when he enters and when he leaves the chambers (at the beginning and at the end of a session sitting). The mace carried by the Serjeant at Arms has become an important symbol of the authority of the authority of the Speaker and of the House itself. Thank you, Hon. Members and I wish to thank the Serjeant at Arms for their role and help they have given us to carry out this commissioning. I would really like to request that after I have finally completed the communication, then I will give Members a chance to indulge.

There is a line which was not clear before that read; the mace carried by the Serjeant at Arms have become an important symbol of the authority of the Speaker and of the House itself. There is a view that the House is not properly constituted and cannot pass laws unless the mace is present on pedestals in the chamber. Thank you. I wish to allow Hon. Members to comment or give an observation that is relevant to the commissioning that we are doing today.

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Asante, Bwana Spika. Ningetaka kwanza kuchukua hii nafasi kushukuru Mungu kwa sababu ya hiki kikao ambacho kimefanyika leo ya kuwa na *mace* mpya. Ningetaka pia kushukuru maofisa ambao wamefanya hiyo kazi kwa sababu hii ni hafla ya kipekee ambayo mimi kama Mheshimiwa Stephen Ndiritu Kamau aka Kagondu nimeshuhudia. Nafikiri hili ni jambo ambalo litaingia kwenye kumbukumbu hata wakati maisha yatafika mwisho, itakuwa ikikumbukwa waliokuwa wakati kulikuweko *mace* mpya.

Bwana Spika, ningetaka pia siku ya leo, kwa sababu ni siku muhimu, wale wote ambao wamekuwa katika kikao hiki cha *mace* mpya waandikwe mahali fulani ili watakaokuja baadaye waweze kuona ni akina nani walikuwa hapo, ni akina nani walikuwa na hili wazo, na ni akina nani walishuhudia hilo jambo likitendeka. Hili ni jambo ambalo ningetaka lifanywe na liwekwe hata pamoja na picha iwe kama kumbukumbu.

Nikishukuru hawa maofisa, nashukuru kwa sababu nimeona maofisa tulio nao hapa wako na ujuzi wa kutosha. Nimeona saluti ambayo imepigwa hapa, karibu niondoke kwa sababu imepigwa mara mbili hata nikasikia moyo unadunda. Hilo ni jambo la kufurahia kwa sababu nimeona ile hoteli tuliyojenga pale inasaidia hawa maofisa pia kwa sababu inaonekana wako na afya na wanaendelea vizuri. Ningeomba tuweze kuhimiza hilo jambo liweze kuendelea kwa vile hatuwezi kuwa na maofisa ambao hawana nguvu. Namshukuru Serjeant at Arms kwa sababu amewafundisha na sisi kama Waheshimiwa tumesikia likiwa jambo nzuri.

Bwana Spika, kuna jambo ambalo umesoma hapo. Ni vizuri niliseme kwa sababu nisiposema leo inaweza kusemekana ni mambo yangu. Umesema vizuri kwamba kichwa cha *mace* kinaangalia upande wa Walio Wengi, upande wa serikali. Hilo linadhibitisha ya kwamba upande ule ni wa Walio Wachache. Hilo ni jambo ambalo umeweza kulipiga muhuri leo kwamba upande huu ni wa wale walio kwenye serikali na ni upande wa Walio Wengi. Kwa hivyo mimi najivunia kuwa upande huu na Mungu alituonyesha vizuri tulipoingia tukae upande huu kwa sababu ina maana.

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Pia, kuwa katika upande wa kulia, hata kwa Mungu huo ndio upande mzuri. Sisemi wale walio upande ule mwingine... tuko pamoja kwa sababu ni Nyumba. Ni vile tu iko hivyo, lakini *mace* inaonyesha vizuri mamlaka yako upande gani. Kwa hayo machache ningetaka kushukuru na kusema hili ni jambo la busara na wakati wowote tunapofanya jambo kama hili ni vizuri sote tuwe pamoja kwa umoja wa Bunge hili. Nashukuru kwa kunipa nafasi. Asante sana.

Hon. Chalumbo Kaparo: Asante...

Speaker: Endelea, Mheshimiwa.

Hon. Chalumbo Kaparo: Asante, Mheshimiwa Spika. Kwanza, nashukuru Mwenyezi Mungu. Pili, nakushukuru wewe, Mheshimiwa Spika na Mheshimiwa Karani wa Bunge kwa sababu ya kazi ambayo imeonekana leo, ni kazi ya maana na ukweli. Mimi nilikuwa kwenye Bunge la kwanza, mwaka wa 2013 hadi mwaka wa 2017 na sikuweza kuona kazi ambayo imefurahisha roho yangu kama leo.

Mheshimiwa Spika, kazi ya leo ndiyo imetukumbusha sisi, hasa mimi, kwamba Bunge la Laikipia ni pahali pa sheria na ambapo sisi kama Wanalaikipia tunasimama na kutetea Wanalaikipia kwa njia ya ukweli na haki. Siku ya leo, kama ambavyo Mheshimiwa kutoka Thingithu amesema, tumeona tuko na maofisa ambao wanajua kazi yao na wanaielewa na kuifanya kwa utaratibu unaostahili.

Siku ya leo *mace* ambayo imewekwa kwenye Bunge la Laikipia ni sawa kabisa. Kwa yeyote anayeona, ni *mace* ya ukweli na ambayo inastahili kuheshimiwa. Nimesikia Mheshimiwa aliyeongea mbele yangu akisema ni kweli waliokuwa kwenye Bunge wakati huu, hasa leo, wawekwe mahali ambapo wengine, baada ya sisi kuzeeka, sio kutolewa bali kuzeeka, watakuja kusoma kwamba Mheshimiwa Kaparo alikuwa hapa na ameona *mace* kwa macho yake mwenyewe.

Mheshimiwa Spika, kazi ya leo imefurahisha wenye Bunge ambao ni hawa Waheshimiwa walioketi hapa. Pengine Bunge la Laikipia ndilo la kwanza kuona kitu cha maana kama hiki. Kama pesa ya serikali imetumika kununua *mace* kama hii, sio kwamba pesa imepotea ama imeelekezwa pasipostahili. Ni pesa ambayo imefanya kazi inayoonekana na ambayo ni ya ukweli na haki.

Ninashukuru, Mheshimiwa Spika, kupitia ofisi yako kwa sababu ni wewe Mwenyewe umesoma. Namshukuru pia Bwana *Clerk* kwa sababu amechukua hicho kiapo ulichoweka sahihi tukiona na ataweka kwa niaba ya watu elfu mia tano wa Kaunti ya Laikipia. Asante na Mungu awabariki.

Hon. Irene Wachuka: Asante sana, Bwana Spika kwa kunipa hii nafasi. Kwanza nashukuru ofisi yako pamoja na ya Karani wa Bunge kwa ajili ya kazi mliyofanya leo kinagaubaga tukiona. Nashukuru pia Kiongozi wa Walio Wengi ambaye ameshikilia serikali katika upande ule mwingine, na Waheshimiwa kwa kazi ambayo tumeona leo. Nikipeana historia kidogo tu, na Bwana Karani wa Bunge atakubaliana nami, hiki ni kitu muhimu sana. Bila *mace* Bunge haliwezi kuendelea.

Wakati tulikuwa kwenye manispaa hatukuwa na *mace.* Meya alikuwa na shanga yake nami kama mdogo wake nilikuwa na shanga yangu. Sasa inaonekana kazi inayofanyika katika hili Bunge ni muhimu sana na nzuri. Kitu kizuri kikifanyika tuseme ni kizuri. Pili, nataka kumshukuru *Serjeant-at-Arms.* Tumewakuta hapa... Tumekaa takriban lisali moja hapa tukiwa na Mheshimiwa Patricia na Mheshimiwa Cate Nyokabi, wakifanya mazoezi. Tunaona tuko na askari ambao hata wakiambiwa waende kwenye vita wataenda.

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Bwana Clerk, tunashukuru. *Serjeant-at-arms,* tunasema asante kwa kutuonyesha kweli tuko na watu wanaoweza kusimamia Bunge la Laikipia. Kabla sijaketi chini, na hili nalielekeza kwenye upande wa Karani wa Bunge na Spika, naomba hawa askari wetu wanunuliwe sare nyingine. Zingine unaona zimezeeka kwenye upande wa miguu, juu ya viatu. Vile unaona afisa mmoja anayeitwa Mokorino akipiga hatua unasikia kama roho itapasuka. Sijui kama hawa watu wataandikiwa kila wiki wale nyama mara mbili; wako na nguvu na wanafanya kazi muhimu. Wakiwa hohehahe kama Mheshimiwa Wachuka hawawezi kupiga hatua jinsi ambavyo nimeona wakipiga.

Mimi nataka kusema asante sana, na pia, Bwana Karani wa Bunge, Spika na Kiongozi wa Walio Wengi, mnaona Rais wa Jamhuri ya Kenya pale akituangalia. Nyinyi ndio serikali. Sikubaliani na Mheshimiwa Ndiritu eti kwamba kwa sababu kichwa cha *mace* kinaangalia upande ule... Sisi sote tuko kwenye serikali na ni watu wa serikali. Serikali inaangalia Kiongozi wa Walio Wengi pamoja na Karani wa Bunge na Spika. Nataka tushikane jinsi tulivyo na tukiona mtu akikosea, turekebishe.

Kwa wale wengine, hebu tuje Bungeni. Uliletwa hapa na Wanjiku kwa hivyo tuje tukae chini, tusemezane na tufanye kazi pamoja. Hilo tu ndilo ombi ambalo ningeomba. Ningetaka kusema kwamba hili Bunge si letu, sio la Kiongozi wa Walio Wengi, Spika, Karani wa Bunge wala Mheshimiwa Wachuka, ni letu sisi sote. Ni kweli ama si kweli? Hata kama sikuchaguliwa kutoka kwenye wadi, nimechaguliwa na serikali ya Uhuru Muigai Kenyatta, ambayo ni Jubilee na inatawala katika Kenya nzima. Lazima tuheshimu viongozi tulio nao.

Sitaongea mengi sana bali nimefurahi, Bwana Karani wa Bunge pamoja na Spika, kwa kuketi na kufikiria kuhusu hii *mace.* Si unaona ni dhahabu? Lakini muwe makini kwa sababu wezi wanajua... ni kweli, hata wakati wa manispaa tulikuwa tunaibiwa ile shanga. Hata yangu siku ile nilikula kiapo hii ya chini iliyokuwa na rembo ya manispaa ya Nyahururu iliibwa. Ndiyo ambayo inatumika hata wa leo katika Laikipia nzima. Mimi ninashukuru kwa kazi ambayo mmefanya na kuomba Mwenyezi Mungu anayesikia maombi, hebu tushikane. Sisi ni ndugu. Tuwapende wafanyikazi wetu. Tufanye kazi kama timu.

Serjeant at Arms, askari wako wametufurahisha, waambie tumeshukuru na wale hawajapelekwa mafunzo ngoja waende mafunzo, wawe wakipiga saluti kama vile Mukurino anapiga. Msisahau wapatiwe sare ingine Bwana Karani wa Bunge, tafadhali unajua ninasema hivyo kwa nini? ninaona wengi inamalizika huku kwa miguu. Na kwa hayo machache Mungu awabariki wote, asanteni sana.

Hon. Mutahi Muritu: Asante sana, Mheshimiwa Spika. Kwanza mimi nikushukuru Mungu kwa kutupa uhai. Mbele besi imekuja mbele ya Bunge hili lakini ni vizuri sana umesoma taarifa hiyo sababu sio kusema ya kwamba baada ya miaka minane iliyopita eti haikuwa na hadhi hiyo.

Naamini iko na hadhi hiyo kwa sababu ndio ukaweza kutoa hiyo taarifa. Kidogo nimesikia Mjumbe aliyemaliza akisema ya kwamba ni dhahabu, na kwa sababu kitu chenye dhamana zaidi huwa na dhahabu, kwa hivyo mimi naamini ni dhahabu na hakuna mtu ataiba, lakini ni vizuri sana imekuja.

Nimefurahi sana kwa sababu kunapotokea mgogoro, kumbe nilikuwa nichukue mbao lakini siku ya leo nimejua sasa pengine kama ni kweli ni dhahabu, tutakuwa tunanyakua dhahabu. Mheshimiwa Spika, mamlaka yoyote duniani lazima iwe na chapa, iwe na hadhi yake. Ni vizuri sana nimshukuru Gavana, Mheshimiwa Ndiritu, kwamba nimeingia kwenye kumbukumbu nimeshuhudia kwamba kumekuja kitu cha dhamana zaidi.

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Na pengine tunaweza kuwa tusiwe tumefanya kitu cha maana sana katika Bunge la pili la Laikipia, lakini siku ya leo pamepatikana kitu muhimu sana, ambayo ni nyara ya serikali. Mheshimiwa Spika, mimi nashukuru na nifahamishe Mjumbe ambaye ni Naibu wa Diwani wa zamani kwamba hakuna mtu anakataa kuja Bunge.

Tunakuja kila siku, tunawajibika kwa wajibu wetu labda tuwe na majukumu mengine. Sidhani kuna mtu ambaye hajui kilichomleta hapa, kilichotuleta hapa ni kutunga sheria, kuwa waangalizi na kufuata kanuni za Bunge. Kwa hivyo tunapoongelea kufuata Kanuni na sheria, pia sisi wenyewe kwenye roho zetu tusiwe tu tunalisemea hili, pia kwa nyoyo zetu tunachokitekeleza tuwe tunakitekeleza kweli. Sio kusema tu kwa maneno hata kwa vitendo iwe inatekelezwa.

Mheshimiwa Spika, mimi nashukuru sana na nikubaliane na Naibu wa Diwani kwamba hao maafisa ikiwezekana kama hiki kitu kimepatikana na nafikiri iko na dhamana sana, pia wao ikiwezekana tubadilishe hizo nguo za zamani. Ikibidi tupate sare mpya ambayo inaidhinisha kabisa kwamba tumepigwa hatua. Katika ulaji ni haki ya kila mtu na naamini hoteli iko pale na watakuwa wanapata. Na kwa hayo mengi ama machache, nashukuru kwa nafasi hiyo na naamini itahifadhiwa vizuri sana. Kama Nyandarua juzi nilisikia baada ya mgogoro zaidi hiki kitu sasa hakipatikani, kama ni dhahabu itayeyushwa na inaweza potea. Kwa hivyo mimi nashukuru na naamini itatunzwa inavyostahili, asante sana.

Speaker: If there are no more contributions then we continue, Hon. Leader Majority.

Hon. Joseph Kiguru: Thank you, Hon. Speaker, I just wanted to add two or three words. First I want to thank the leadership of this Assembly, led by the CEO of this County Assembly Hon. Clerk, and yourself as the Chair of this House. My comment is just two things that we have a new mace. Mr. Speaker, Sir, as you have put it in your communication that this is a symbol of authority and a symbol of unity. I urge my colleagues in this House though we have been in this House for almost four years, I agree with Members that though we have used the imitation, I do not know what to call it, maybe the wooden mace.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, I urge my colleagues now that we have a new mace, I pray that we be renewed in power to support the unity of this House. As a leader in this House, I know through this mace we are going to be renewed in our spirit to work towards the unity of this House. So the unity of power is also a unity of purpose. So Mr. Speaker, Sir, I want to take this opportunity just to congratulate the whole team and also to feel good to be part of this renewed system and also to have a new mace. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir.

Speaker: Thank you, I think we stop the comments and observations at that, thank you to the Members who have made their remarks.

STATEMENTS

NOTICE PAPER

Hon. Mary Samken: Thank you, Hon. Speaker, on behalf of the Deputy Speaker I wish to give the Statement of 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) June 8, 2021

A. PETITION- Report on a petition by residents of Mouwarak area in Sosian Ward pertaining to allocation of plots in Mouwarak Centre laid in the Assembly on 26th November, 2019; a report by the Finance and County Planning Committee.

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Mr. Speaker, it is also notified that the House Business Committee has approved the following tentative business to appear in the Order paper for Wednesday (Morning) June 9th, 2021.

A. PAPERS- 2017/2018 FY annual report and financial statements by the County Executive. A report by the Trade Tourism and Cooperatives Committee.

B. PAPERS- 2017/2018 FY annual report and financial statements by the County Executive. A report by the Finance and County Planning Committee.

C. NOTICES OF MOTIONS- 2017/2018 FY annual report and financial statements by the County Executive. A report by the Trade Tourism and Cooperatives Committee.

D. NOTICES OF MOTIONS- 2017/2018 FY annual report and financial statements by the County Executive. A report by the Finance and County Planning Committee.

E. MOTION- Status report on Implementation of extension service, producer organizations, micro projects and sub projects for the 2019/2020 Financial year; a report by the Agriculture, Environment and Natural Resources Committee dated 27th May, 2021.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, on Wednesday (Afternoon) June 9th, 2021 we will have;

A. MOTION- 2017/2018 FY annual report and financial statements by the County Executive. A report by the Trade Tourism and Cooperatives Committee.

Mr. Speaker on Thursday (Afternoon) June 10th, 2021 we will be having;

B. PAPERS- 2017/2018 FY annual report and financial statements by the County Executive. A report by the Education and ICT Committee.

C. PAPERS- 2017/2018 FY annual report and financial statements by the County Executive. A report by the Labour and Social Welfare Committee.

D. NOTICES OF MOTION- 2017/2018 FY annual report and financial statements by the County Executive. A report by the Education and ICT Committee.

E. NOTICES OF MOTION- 2017/2018 FY annual report and financial statements by the County Executive. A report by the Labor and Social Welfare Committee.

F. MOTION- 2017/2018 FY annual report and financial statements by the County Executive. A report by the Finance and County Planning Committee.

Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir.

MOTION

REVISED DEBT MANAGEMENT STRATEGY PAPER

Hon. Wilson Wakahiu through Hon. Veronica Ikunyua: Mr. Speaker, Sir, on behalf of Hon. Wakahiu, the Chair for Budget Committee, I beg to move the following motion;

> THAT this Assembly adopts the report on the revised Laikipia County Debt Management Strategy Paper 2020 by the Select Committee on County Budget and Appropriations dated 14th May, 2021.

Mr. Speaker, Members have this report and I will take them through but I will only go to preface, background and the recommendations. Mr. Speaker Sir, on behalf of the members

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of the Select Committee on County Budget and Appropriations, it is my pleasant duty and privilege to present to this Honourable Assembly the Report of the Committee on the Laikipia County Debt Management Paper 2020.

Hon. Mary Samken: Mr. Speaker, the preparation of county debt instruments is guided by article 212 of the Constitution of Kenya which stipulates that a County Government may borrow only if the National Government guarantees the loan; and with the approval of the County Assembly.

Section 123 of the Public Finance Management Act, 2012 provides for the preparation of the DMSP. Approval of the Debt Management Strategy Paper will give effect to budget estimates 2021/2022 by providing the necessary resources to implement the plans which are anchored on the second-generation County Integrated Development Plan (CIDP) for the year 2018-2022.

In coming up with the revised DMSP 2020, several factors had to be considered among them the strategic priorities of the county, the effects of the CIDP 2018-2022 which had detailed measures to raise revenues from external sources; that included mobilising funds through loans or other financing instruments for infrastructural development.

Laikipia County DMSP 2020 objectives

Mr. Speaker, the main objective of county debt management is to ensure that the governments financing needs and its payment obligations are met at lowest possible cost over the medium to long term consistent with prudent degree of risk. This strategy aims at ensuring county debt sustainability and minimizing the level of contingent liabilities through the adoption of robust strategies that mitigate further growth of the debt. The strategy also considers a range of other alternative debt management plans for adoption.

The 2020 County Debt Management Strategy aims at providing a general policy that will guide the county's access to financial markets as well as supporting future development of a well-functioning vibrant debt policy and debt management operations over the medium-term (2020/21-2022/23).

Mandate of the Committee

Mr. Speaker, Standing Order 186 establishes the Budget and Appropriations Committee with specific mandate to discharge the following responsibilities;

- Investigate enquire, into and report on all matters related to coordination, control and monitoring of the county budget.
- Discuss and revisit the estimate and make recommendations to the County Assembly
- Examine the County Fiscal Policy Statement presented to the County Assembly
- Examine Bills related to the county budget including Appropriations Bills
- Evaluate tax estimates, economic and budget policies and programs with direct budget outlays.

Mr. Speaker, because members have this report, I will only go to recommendations so that members can discuss.

Observations;

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Mr. Speaker, the committee makes the following observations;

1. That, the County Treasury has observed all the laws in preparing and presenting the Revised Debt Management Strategy Paper. The County Integrated Development Plan 2018-2022 had included this option of financing the county developments through borrowed capital.

2. That, the proposed public borrowing of Kshs. 1.16 Billion by the County Government is within the 20% limit spelt out the in the PFMA regulations 2015 no. 179 (1) which stipulates that a county public debt shall not exceed twenty percent (20%) of the County Government's most recent audited revenues.

3. That the cost of capital amounting to Kshs. **947,985,640** is relatively expensive. The interest payable is almost equal to the amount of capital to be obtained by borrowing. The redemption of the bond will be done in the seventh year which is FY 2027/2028. A total of Kshs. 1,295,426,520 will be paid in the final year. This amount is equivalent of the entire development budget the county has been utilizing annually, this in-turn would mean that there will be no development budget during the year when the bond will be redeemed.

4. The proposed projects are economically viable. The projects will create jobs through opening of new businesses in the newly developed urban areas, controlled irrigation in the areas surrounding the dams will create more jobs thereby raising disposable incomes for the residents. The net effect of this will be improved revenue streams for the county government. The developed infrastructure will also promote peaceful co-existence in the areas.

Recommendations

Mr Speaker, the committee makes the following recommendations from the observations;

1. That, the county is within the required legislations and the bond should be included the CFSP 2020 as a source of income for the county.
2. That, the county income which is Kshs. 5.8 Billion for the FY 2018/19 should be used as the basis for making the decision on the amount of money the county qualifies to borrow, 20% of the income will be Kshs. 1.16 Billion.
3. That, the county treasury should set aside Kshs. 145 Million half yearly from FY 2023/2024 for retiring of the bond. The amount can be re-invested through financial market (purchase of bonds). This will earn the, county an interest income of Kshs. 275,132,846 over a period of 4 years. This interest income will be used to reduce the cost of borrowing and be used to pay the interest charged. This sinking fund will also ensure that the county does not commit huge amount towards the redemption of the bond in the final year. The plan will further ensure that development plans will go as planned during the final year 2027/2028. Table below shows the recommended sinking fund and the interest income the county will earn from the re-investment;

Period	**Re-invested amount**	Cumulative investment	Interest amount
30/12/2024	145,000,000.00	145,000,000.00	-
30/06/2025	145,000,000.00	298,700,000.00	8,700,000.00
30/12/2025	145,000,000.00	461,622,000.00	17,922,000.00

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30/06/2026	145,000,000.00	634,319,320.00	27,697,320.00
30/12/2026	145,000,000.00	817,378,479.20	38,059,159.20
30/06/2027	145,000,000.00	1,011,421,187.95	49,042,708.75
30/12/2027	145,000,000.00	1,217,106,459.23	60,685,271.28
30/06/2028	145,000,000.00	1,435,132,846.78	73,026,387.55
Total Payments	**1,160,000,000.00**		**275,132,846.78**

4. That, the projects proposed are viable and will attract some income streams for the county government as well as create employment opportunities for the residents. The committee recommends the revised Debt Management Strategy Paper 2020 for adoption and pave way for borrowing and subsequent investment by the county.

This is a very important report. You all know that the F/Y 2020/2021 is ending and we do not have enough time to scrutinize this report and understand it. It is a very important report but I don't know whether I will urge the Hon. Members to support but if they find that the time is not enough maybe we can reject it or support it. It is up to you members because this is our report and the money which we are borrowing is coming to our county. According to me, even if I am a member of that committee, the F/Y 2020/2021 is ending and we might not be able to plan. Hon. Members, if you think we have enough time then you can support it because it is a very important report. I wish to call upon Hon. Mugweru to support the report.

(Hon. Mugweru seconded)

Hon. Joseph Kiguru: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir. I stand to reject the committee's recommendation. I have two or three issues concerning the rejection of recommendations. One, I don't see any clear outline on how the funded projects will benefit our county directly. So we need time to have an elaborate timeline and also a clear outline on how the project will benefit Laikipians directly.

I am not sure how the public participation was done and that is if it was done. Another issue is that, are we are going to have the 1.6 Billion debt without Members having time to understand and details on how we are going to pay this debt? So somehow I can agree with the committee but lacking a clear outline on how we are going to find money to pay back the loan, I stand to reject the committee's report.

Hon. Joseph Suge: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir. I also stand to reject the report by the Committee on Budget and Appropriations Committee on the report of the County Debt Management Strategy Paper 2020. I have got about three reasons and one is that we are approaching the end of financial year and I believe that this House still needs time to scrutinize the report before approving this Debt Management Paper.

Another reason is that borrowing a billion plus in this county, I think that even the taxpayers need to be engaged and be well advised on clear strategies which the government have put in place to ensure that this burden will not fall on the Laikipians. We know that our people are still trying to survive from the effects of Covid-19 and putting an extra burden on them is really punishable to them. So I stand to reject this report by the Budget Committee.

We also need to understand the mode of payment. I have even seen the priorities that have been put that these funds will finance those projects. We as an Assembly need to look at the CIDP to see whether these are the right priorities and whether these projects will support

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the Laikipians to get economic impact to our people. So there are some few issues that I believe we need to look into. So I reject the report. Thank you.

Speaker: I now wish to call upon the mover to give a reply.

Hon. Veronica Ikunyua: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and thank you Hon. Members for your contributions towards this report. I am happy that you have seen the report is late though it is not our fault. We had to be taken through so that we could understand what is inside. As you all know that this report comes from the Executive and therefore let us give it time because 2021/2022 is just around the corner and we can go through it then. Thank you.

(Question put and negatived)

ADJOURNMENT

Speaker: This House now stands adjourned until next week on Tuesday, 8th June, 2021 at 2.30 p.m.

The House rose at 3.32 p.m.

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