REPUBLIC OF KENYA

COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF LAIKIPIA

THE HANSARD

Thursday, 8th April, 2021

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

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

PRAYERS

STATEMENTS

Hon. Daniel Nyausi: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to give out 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) April, 13th 2021.

A. **PAPERS LAID-** Report on the Laikipia County Bursary Fund Annual Report and financial statements for the quarter ended 30th September, 2019 by the Education and ICT Committee laid on 6th November, 2019.

B. **NOTICES OF MOTION-** Report on the Laikipia County Bursary Fund Annual Report and financial statements for the quarter ended 30th September, 2019 by the Education and ICT Committee laid on 6th November, 2019.

C. **RESPONSES TO STATEMENTS**- Response Statement No. 001/2021 to the Chairperson for Health Services Committee (Hon. Veronica Ikunyua) raised by Hon. Joseph Kiguru (MCA Igwamiti ward) on 9th March, 2021 pertaining to construction of Kiandege dispensary in Igwamiti ward.

It is notified that the House Business Committee has approved the following tentative business to appear in the Order paper for Wednesday (Morning) April 14th, 2021

A. **PAPERS**- Report on the Laikipia County Enterprise Fund Report by the Trade Tourism and Cooperatives Committee laid on 6th November, 2019.

B. **NOTICES OF MOTIONS**- Report on the Laikipia County Enterprise Fund Report by the Trade Tourism and Cooperatives Committee laid on 6th November, 2019.

C. **MOTION**- Report on the Laikipia County Bursary Fund Annual Report and financial statements for the quarter ended 30th September, 2019 by the Education and ICT Committee laid on 6th November, 2019.

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A. **RESPONSES TO STATEMENTS**- Response Statement No. 002/2021 to the Chairperson for Labour Social Welfare and Community Services Committee (Hon. George Karuiru, MCA) raised by Hon. Joseph Kiguru (MCA Igwamiti ward) on 17th March, 2021 pertaining to County Government Workers laid off in February, 2020.

B. **MOTION**- Report on the Laikipia County Enterprise Fund Report by the Trade Tourism and Cooperatives Committee laid on 6th November, 2019.

Hon. Daniel Nyausi: Thank you, and I will emphasize that…

Speaker: Have you done for Thursday?

Hon. Daniel Nyausi: It is notified that the House Business Committee has approved the following tentative business to appear in the Order paper for Thursday (Afternoon) April, 15th 2021

A. **RESPONSES TO STATEMENTS**- Response Statement No. 018/2020 to the Chairperson Finance and County Planning Committee (Hon. Joseph Kiguru, MCA) raised by Hon. Simon Kanyutu (MCA Marmanet ward) on 17th June, 2020 pertaining to grabbed public land in Maili Saba area, Thiru Trading centre.

Hon. Speaker, thank you for this chance. I will request the concerned Committee Members if there is any in particular to ensure that this business will go through as planned by the House Business Committee. There are so many other businesses that were never scheduled and these ones were given the priority so that we can ensure that these businesses are attended as has been planned. Thank you.

MOTION

EUROPEAN UNION INSTRUMENTS FOR DEVOLUTION (MAIZE STORAGE PROJECT)

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

THAT this Assembly adopts the report on the European Union Instruments for Devolution Advice and Support (Laikipia Maize Storage Facilities Project by the department of Agriculture) a report by the Agriculture, Environment and Natural Resources Committee dated 6th April, 2021.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the Agriculture Committee, I wish to extend my gratefulness to the Members of this House for the support they have always accorded to the Committee. Secondly, I wish to acknowledge the Members of the Agriculture, Environment and Natural Resources Committee for their continued commitment.

[Speaker (Hon. Patrick Waigwa) left the Chair]

[Deputy Speaker (Hon. Daniel Nyausi) took the Chair]

Lastly, Mr. Speaker, I wish to recognize your office and that of the Clerk of the County Assembly of Laikipia for the support accorded to the Committee which has enabled this Committee to perform its oversight.

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Mr. Speaker, Sir, it is therefore my pleasant duty and privilege on behalf of the Agriculture, Environment and Natural Resources Committee to table this Report and recommend it to the House for adoption.

Mr. Speaker, the Laikipia Maize Storage Facilities Project is a two year undertaking located at Sipili, Kinamba and Mutanga in Laikipia County. The project aims to improve the livelihoods of maize farmers and other maize value chain actors through increased outcomes, job creation and reduced poverty, thus contributing to local economic development.

On specific objectives Mr. Speaker, the following were the specific objectives of the Maize Storage Facilities;

- To construct two maize stores at Kinamba and Mutanga and upgrade one at Sipili, and install the driers and storage equipment.
- To reduce post-harvest losses of maize amongst the target groups.
- To improve maize producer prices and incomes by operationalizing a structured marketing system and developing the requisite documents.
- To build the capacity of farmers and other maize value chain characters.

The target group is 1,000 maize producers in the country, organized as co-operatives. The final beneficiaries will be about 5,000 farm-households plus maize traders, millers, financial intermediaries and transporters in Laikipia County. The county department of Agriculture reported that the estimated results include;

- 2 operational standard maize storage facilities
- 1 upgraded maize storage facility through installation of containers.
- 3 operational maize driers (2 for newly constructed stores and 1 for the upgraded store)
- 1,000 maize producers trained in post-harvest technologies.
- Strengthened maize marketing system.
- Effective and efficient management committees for the 3 storage facilities.

The project planned to have the following main activities undertaken;

- Project planning.
- Community mobilization.
- Procurement.
- Builder's works on the maize storage facilities.
- Purchase and installation of container-based facilities.
- Installation of driers and warehousing equipment.

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- Capacity building on post-harvest management.
- Operationalization of structured maize marketing.
- Monitoring, evaluation, learning and reporting.
- Status report in summary

The following is the summary for the status of the project as reported by the project coordinators;

- All contractors on site though time has expired. All contractors have been notified of this breach of contract and the need to renew their performance bond in conformity with an extension /activity schedule. Performance bond to cover defects liability period.
- Civil works have not started. The county Government is expected to look for funds to address civil works at all sites. Also the budget to be re-organized such that savings to go to civil works.
- Dryers not installed. Contractors to speed up the process of procurement and installation of dryers and provide proof of process.
- Generators not captured in the design and build contracts for Kinamba and Mutanga. County Government to provide priced BQ's for the two generators.
- ICT facilities for the warehouses not procured.
- Canopies at entry and exit for the warehouses not provided and contractors to provide.

Site-Specific Observation and Recommendations

The following are the specific observations done by the project coordinators on the status of the storage facility at Kinamba, THAT;

- The builder's works progressing well at about 95% contractor on site.
- No mechanical and electrical design /drawings provided. Project manager to provide through instructions.
- Fence not captured in the design and build contract. County Government to look for funds to complete the chain link fence originally intended.
- Locking mechanism for the warehouse is weak/not burglar proof; contractor to provide.
- Vents require covers during fumigation; contractors to provide with no variation.
- Roof catchment water harvesting was captured in the BQ; contractors to provide.

SIPILI

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Mr. Speaker, the following are the specific observations done by the project coordinators on the status of the storage facility at Sipili, that;

- Builders' works stalled at 70%; Quality of works is low; contractor not on site. County Government to write to contractor demanding resumption and rescheduling of activities targeting full completion by the 30th day of September, 2020.
- No mechanical and electrical designs/drawings provided; Project Manager to provide through instructions
- No structural designs for the concrete slabs on which the containers are fabricated; Project Manager to provide
- No provision for dryer shed/housing; contractor to provide with proof of dryer procurement process.
- Civil works budget no longer applicable; County Government to provide funds.
- Roof catchment water harvesting was captured in the BQ. Contractor to provide.
- Generator cost underestimated at 650,000; top-up to be provided by the County Government

MUTANGA

Mr. Speaker, the following are the specific observations done by the project coordinators on the status of the storage facility at Mutanga, that;

- Builder's works progressing well at about 98%; contractor on site.
- No mechanical and electrical designs/drawings provided; Project Manager to provide through instructions
- Fence not captured in the design and build contract; County Government to look for funds to complete the chain link fence as originally intended
- Warehouse doors not aligned properly; contractor to provide
- Reinforcement of the warehouse roof wanting; contractor to provide
- Roof finishes for the office block and ablution not appropriate; Works Team to visit and provide remedial instructions.
- Roof catchment water harvesting was captured in the BQ. Contractor to provide.
- Seepage observed below the office block; contractor to provide cut-off drains to re-direct run-off away from the construction site.

Observations

Mr. Speaker, the committee draws the following observations from the report

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1. The rate of completion of the Sipili Maize Storage Facility is very slow. The completion stands at 70% over a period of 2 years. This has caused unexplainable damages to the hope of the maize farmer in Sipili and its environs. The funding had not considered the provision for the drier in Sipili.
2. The facility at Mutanga and Kinamba have not been provided with the fencing for security of the facility.
3. There is need for installation of roof catchment water harvesting in the storage facilities to facilitate collection of rain water to be used within the facility and cut the running costs.

Recommendations

1. The County Government to intervene and push the contractor at Sipili to either handover the site and allow for another procurement of another contractor to complete the remaining works. The funding had not considered the provision for the drier in Sipili which the County Government can add into the BQ and budget for the procurement and installation.
2. The County Government to consider installation of a fence which will enhance security of the facility and protect from vandalism of the installations.
3. An allocation for the Roof catchment be created to ensure that the cost of buying water in the facilities go down

Mr. Speaker, that is the report from the committee and I beg Hon. Matunge to second.

[The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Daniel Nyausi) left the Chair]

[The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Catherine Nyawira) took the Chair]

Hon. Peter Matunge: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I second the report of the Agriculture, Environment and Natural Resources Committee. The report is clear and I second the report as a Member of the Agriculture Committee. This is an activity we are undertaking as a committee and we have seen your work is going on very well. Where there are challenges, we have recommended what was supposed to be done for the contractor to do it or the County Government to provide what is ought to be provided in the BQ's.

Madam Speaker, this is one of the projects that will support the agricultural production in that area. We normally have over 40 or 50% of what we harvest in our farms is lost through poor storage. That is why we can see from the report the project is providing training for farmers for post harvesting, storage and handling of produce. Madam Speaker, this is the direction to go so that we can be able to support our farmers. What they produce can be able to generate the value of the products they are producing. Madam Speaker, we need to add value to what our farmers are producing so that they can be able to see what they are getting.

Madam Speaker, I know the Hon. Deputy Speaker is communicating something and I don't know what he wants to say. Madam Speaker, we are just from a meeting and one of the things we have agreed is that Laikipia is a rural county and our bigger population are in the

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rural areas farming and as a government or partners we need to support them to grow. With those few remarks I second the report.

(Question proposed)

Temporary Speaker (Hon. Catherine Nyawira): Members, your input in this is now welcome.

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Asante, Bi. Spika. Nasimama hapa kuunga mkono mswada ulioko mbele ya Bunge letu ambao umeletwa na Mheshimiwa Kanyutu kuelezea vile mambo inavyoendelea katika upande wa ukulima. Nakubaliana na ripoti na naunga mkono.

Hon. Daniel Nyausi: Thank you, Madam Speaker for giving me this chance to air my views in this report brought by the committee headed by Hon. Simon Kanyutu. It has got a good recommendation and I concur with the committee for having done a good job. I also join them by expecting the Executive to implement what the committee has recommended as well as the public so that our people will be able to get better services and better yields for their products out of these projects that the government have intended to benefit its citizens with. So I totally support the report. Thank you.

Temporary Speaker (Hon. Catherine Nyawira): The mover may respond.

Hon. Simon Kanyutu: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I am happy because the Members have been able to follow the report. Now we have got nothing else but to pass the report and it be adopted by the Assembly. Madam Speaker, I am so grateful to the Members for having gone through it.

Temporary Speaker (Hon. Catherine Nyawira): I wish to rule that the question of this motion be put on next week Tuesday 13th April, 2021 in the afternoon.

(Motion deferred)

ADJOURNMENT

Temporary Speaker (Hon. Catherine Nyawira): This House now stands adjourned until next week Tuesday, 13th April, 2021 in the afternoon.

The House rose at 2.52 p.m.

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