# REPUBLIC OF KENYA

## COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF LAIKIPIA

### THE HANSARD

**Thursday, 9th June, 2022**

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

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

PRAYERS

**STATEMENT**

NOTICE PAPER

**Deputy Speaker:** Hon. Veronica, there is a notice paper that the HBC is supposed to present to the House. Kindly on behalf of the HBC you can read out the statement.

**Hon. Judy Lukio:** Thank you, Hon. Speaker. This is tentative business for Tuesday (Afternoon) June 21st, 2022

A. **PAPERS**- Quarterly reports and financial statements for period ending 31st March, 2021 by the Labour Social Welfare and Community Services Committee.

B. **PAPERS**- Quarterly reports and financial statements for period ending 31st March, 2021 by the Agriculture, Environment and Natural Resources Committee (Water, Environment and Natural Resources).

C. **PAPERS**- Quarterly reports and financial statements for the period ending 31st March, 2021 by the Education and ICT Committee.

D. **PAPERS- 2022/2023** Budget report by the Budget and Appropriations Committee.

E. **NOTICES OF MOTIONS**- Quarterly reports and financial statements for period ending 31st March, 2021 by the Labour, Social Welfare and Community Services Committee.

F. **NOTICES OF MOTIONS**- Quarterly reports and financial statements for period ending 31st March, 2021 by the Agriculture, Environment and Natural Resources Committee (Water, Environment and Natural Resources).

G. **NOTICES OF MOTIONS**- Quarterly reports and financial statements for the period ending 31st March, 2021 by the Education and ICT Committee.

H. **NOTICES OF MOTIONS- 2022/2023** Budget report by the Budget and Appropriations Committee.

I. **MOTIONS**- Quarterly reports and financial statements for period ending 31st March, 2021 by the Labour Social Welfare and Community Services Committee.

It is notified that the House Business Committee has approved the following tentative business to appear in the Order paper for Wednesday (Morning) June 22nd, 2022.

A. **MOTION- 2022/2023** Budget report by the Budget and Appropriations Committee.

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**A. MOTION-** Quarterly reports and financial statements for period ending 31st March, 2021 by the Agriculture, Environment and Natural Resources Committee (Water, Environment and Natural Resources).

It is notified that the House Business Committee has approved the following tentative business to appear in the Order paper for Thursday (Morning) June 23rd, 2022.

**A. PAPERS**- Quarterly reports and financial statements for the period ending 31st March, 2021 by the County Cohesion, Justice and Legal Matters Committee.

**B. NOTICES OF MOTIONS**- Quarterly reports and financial statements for the period ending 31st March, 2021 by the County Cohesion, Justice and Legal Matters Committee.

**C. MOTION**- Quarterly reports and financial statements for the period ending 31st March, 2021 by the Education and ICT Committee.

**Deputy Speaker:** Thank you, Hon. Judy and thank you for being a friend to the committee. I would call upon the committees which have been scheduled these businesses by the HBC to appear as soon as this House approves those dates. They should ensure that those businesses will be flowing in this House as it appears in the order paper because we are at the very last days of our Term. Thank you.

## MOTION

QUARTERLY REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF MEDICAL SERVICES AND PUBLIC HEALTH

**Hon. Veronica Ikunyua through Hon. Joseph Suge:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir. On behalf of the Hon. Veronica Ikunyua who is the Chairperson Health Committee, I beg to move the following motion;

THAT, this House adopts the quarterly report and financial statements for the period ended 31st March, 2021 for the department of Medical Services and Public Health by the sectorial Committee on Health Services dated 2nd June, 2022.

**Preface.**

Mr, Speaker, Sir, the Health Services Committee deals with all matters related to County Health Services including in particular County health facilities and pharmacies, ambulance services, promotion of primary healthcare, licensing and control of undertakings that sell food to the public, veterinary services (excluding regulation of the profession), cemeteries, funeral parlours and crematoria and refuse removal, refuse dumps and solid waste disposal.

The Membership of the Committee is derived from Standing Order 191(1) and it comprises of the following Hon. Members:

1. Hon. Veronica Ikunyua - Chairperson.
2. Hon. Catherine Nyawira - Vice Chairperson.
3. Hon. Daniel Nyausi - Member.
4. Hon. George Meshami - Member

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5. Hon. Peter Thomi - Member

**Committee Mandate**

The Committee is established under the Standing Order No. 191 which provides that it shall consider, for approval of the House appointments under Article 179 (2) of the Constitution of Kenya.

**Committee Establishment**

The Committee on Health Services was constituted by the House on 28th September 2017 during the First Session of the Second Assembly in Laikipia County.

**Statement of Management Responsibilities.**

Mr. Speaker Sir, the County Executive Member for Finance and County Planning is responsible for preparation and presentation of the County Governments Financial Statements, which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the County Government at the end of this quarter ended March 2021. This responsibility includes:

1. Maintaining adequate financial management arrangements and ensuring that these continue to be effective throughout the reporting period.
2. Maintaining proper accounting records, which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the County government.
3. Designing, implementing and maintaining internal controls relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements, and ensuring that they are free from material misstatements, whether due to error or fraud.
4. Safeguarding the assets of the County government.
5. Selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies.
6. Making accounting estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances.

Mr. Speaker, Sir the County Government's financial statements were approved and signed by the Chief Officer for Finance and County Planning on 29th April, 2021.

On background information, I hope that because Members have the report they are also following.

**The Medical Services Department Fund Financial Statements.**

Mr. Speaker, Sir, Health is one of the key departments in the County Government as per the Fourth schedule of the Constitution of Kenya. It is a major contributor to the social pillar of vision 2030. The County Department of Medical Services is charged with domestication and development of health policies, laws and programs and coordinates their implementation.

The county experienced cashflow delays in disbursements of February and March equitable share and outstanding grants from the National Treasury but managed to run its operations, by prioritising payment of essential services.

Mr. Speaker, in that report there is a table that shows the transfers from the domestic grants. Column One is description, the total budget 2020/21 and the amount disbursed. In that column there is the medical leasing equipment, the amount which was allocated, the next one

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is the MOH Covid-19 funds which was allocated Kshs.91,344,000. The total was Kshs.233,333,485.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, the department did not receive any disbursements from domestic grants from the National Treasury due to cashflow challenges.

**PROCEEDS FROM FOREIGN GRANTS.**

| NAME OF DONOR | BUDGET FOR 2020/2021(KSHS) | QUARTER ENDED MARCH 2021 |
|---|---|---|
| **DANIDA-GRANT** | 11,880,000 | 0 |
| **UNICEF Primary Health care grant** | 11,362,004 | 659,400 |
| **Transforming Health Care systems** | 125,061,404 | 43,338,975 |
| **DANIDA Covid 19 Funds** | 4,585,000 | 0 |
| **TOTAL** | 152,888,408 | 43,998,375 |

**DEPARTMENT'S OWN GENERATED REVENUE PERFORMANCE STATEMENT.**

| RECEIPT | BUDGET –FY 2020-2021(KSHS) | ACTUAL OWN REVENUE GENERATED AS AT END OF QUARTER (KSHS) | % REALIZED AS AT END OF QUARTER |
|---|---|---|---|
| Hospital Revenue | **350,000,000** | **54,692,018** | **15.6** |

The next one is budget execution by programmes and I hope that the Members are following.

**BUDGET EXECUTION BY PROGRAMMES**

| PROGRAM | DESCRIPTION | APPROVED BUDGET FY 2020/2021 | ACTUAL PAYMENT AS AT END OF QUARTER | Budget utilization difference | % realization |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **401004510** | **Health Services improvement** | 384,588,997 | 100,225,251 | 284,363,746 | 26.0% |
| **402004510** | **General administrative and planning services** | 86,465,000 | 31,150,075 | 55,314,925 | 36% |

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| **405004510** | **Preventive health services** | 290,030,277 | 34,608,579 | 255,421,632 | 11.9% |
| **TOTAL** | | **761,084,274** | **165,983,905** | **595,100,303** | |

Mr. Speaker. Sir the departmental approved budget for financial year 2020/21 was Kshs.761,084,274 while total payments towards the programmes executed was Kshs. 165,983,905 which was 21.8% of the total approved budget

**Committee observations**

1. That despite the adverse effects of the Covid-19 pandemic, there was a cashflow challenge from the National treasury.
2. That no funds had been advanced by the County towards payment of NHIF subsidy for vulnerable families.
3. That there was very low uptake of funds appropriated for and payments made during that third quarter.

**Committee recommendation**

1. That the Medical services disbursements and payments of expenditures should be enhanced bearing in mind that the department's contribution to revenue collected is also high.
2. That payment of NHIF subsidy should be among the top priorities by the County and the Medical department.

Mr. Speaker, that was the Health Committees report and the Chairperson had requested me to read on her behalf because she is unwell. Maybe she can contribute towards it so that the Members can chip in and also give their views on the report. Thank you.

**Hon. Veronica Ikunyua:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise to second this motion. I wish to thank Hon. Suge for being the friend of the committee. You have heard about the constraints we have been having as a department and therefore we are requesting the Hon. Members to consider the Health Department because we do not get what we generate. We generate more and receive less. We would request this House to strongly support the department so that we can be able to meet all the requirements to enable us to serve the Laikipians as it is required. Thank you.

**Deputy Speaker:** Hon. Members, it is your time to contribute towards this report if there is any Member who is willing to give his or her voice in it.

*(Question proposed)*

**Hon. Mary Samken:** Mr. Speaker, I stand in support of the report. Thank you.

**Hon. Patricia Muthoni:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I support the report. We also have to look at the NHIF issue. The County Government has to put more effort on NHIF because most people do not have cards. When those with cards go to Nanyuki General Hospital, the cards are not working. Thank you.

**Hon. Judy Lukio:** Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I strongly support this motion. It is worth noting that our hospitals are in bad state. Something should be done to erase that condition. Thank you.

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**Deputy Speaker:** May I call upon the mover to give a reply.

**Hon. Joseph Suge:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Allow me to thank the Hon. Members who have contributed fairly to this report and recommended for the adoption of the same. An issue has been raised on the NHIF Subsidy. It is the mandate of this House as part of oversight to ensure that the people who are being supported by the subsidy kitty are the right people. It is true there are many complaints that the people who were shortlisted to benefit on this kitty, when they go to the facility to seek medication, they are being told the cards are not valid.

Mr. Speaker, this is an issue that needs to be looked into so that the beneficiary gets the required services at any time. Another issue is the leased medical equipment. It is true that every county was given the leased equipment by the National Government. There is need for it to be equipped and be in service because the real issue was to serve people. The committee should also ensure that these machines have been equipped so that Laikipians get proper services.

Mr. Speaker, with those few remarks I thank the Members and I beg them to approve the report. Thank you.

## QUORUM CALL

**Deputy Speaker:** What is it Hon. Veronica.

**Hon. Veronica Ikunyua:** Mr. Speaker, I am worried because there is no quorum.

**Deputy Speaker:** Hon. Members, it is worth realising that some of the businesses we are carrying are very critical and we are out of order if we do not have quorum. If there is no quorum, I call upon the Serjeant at Arms to ring the bell and ensure that we achieve quorum. Otherwise we might adjourn if there is no quorum.

*(Quorum bell rang for 30 seconds)*

**Deputy Speaker:** Clerk confirm whether we have achieved quorum.

*(Quorum confirmed)*

**Deputy Speaker:** Serjeant at Arms stop ringing the bell. Hon. Members, now that we have achieved quorum I wish to put the question.

*(Question put and agreed to)*

### ALTERATION OF ASSEMBLY CALENDAR

**Hon. Mary Samken:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. On behalf of the Leader of the Majority Party, I beg to move the following motion;

> THAT this Assembly approves the application of Standing Order Number 29(4) to allow it alter its calendar by extending its sittings from Thursday 9th June, 2022 to Thursday 30th June, 2022.

Mr. Speaker, we all know that we were supposed to proceed for sine die recess today but we also know that we have not approved the budget. Hon. Members, because of the busy schedule of the campaigns. We have requested to have a ten day recess to allow the Budget Committee to prepare the reports so that when we come back, the report will be ready and we shall proceed for the approval and also go for our sine die recess. I would like to call upon Hon. Patricia Muthoni to second the motion.

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

*(Question proposed)*

**Hon. Mutahi Muritu:** Mr. Speaker, I support.

**Deputy Speaker:** May I call upon the mover to give a reply?

**Hon. Mary Samken**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank the Hon. Members for supporting.

*(Question put and agreed to)*

## PROCEDURAL MOTION

ADJOURNMENT OF ASSEMBLY SITTINGS

**Hon. Joseph Kiguru through Hon. Mutahi Muritu:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. On behalf of the Majority Leader, I beg to move the following motion;

> THAT, this Assembly approves the application of Standing Order No. 29(4) to allow it adjourn its sittings from Friday 10th June to Monday 20th June, 2022 and to resume on Tuesday 21st June, 2022 at. 2.30 p.m.

I call upon Hon. Stephen Ndiritu to second the motion.

**Hon. Stephen Ndiritu:** Asante, Bwana Spika. Nasimama kuunga mkono kuahirisha Bunge kwa wakati huo Naibu Kiongozi wa Walio Wengi amesoma. Hii itatuwezesha kuwa na wakati mwema wa kujipanga kuangalia mambo ya bajeti itakavyokamilika. Tutaweza pia kupatia Wajumbe nafasi ya kuweza kuangalia hiyo ripoti kabla tuilete hapa kwa Bunge. Asante.

*(Question proposed)*

**Hon. Veronica Ikunyua:** I support.

**Hon. Patricia Muthoni:** I support.

**Hon George Karuiru:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. I support.

**Deputy Speaker:** May I call upon the mover to give a reply.

**Hon. Mutahi Muritu:** Asante, Mheshimiwa Spika. Najaribu kuazimu dadangu muda wangu hapa, Mheshimiwa Mary Samken kwa sababu kanuni zinaturuhusu lakini anaogopa. Nawashukuru Wajumbe kwa kuridhia kuona ni vizuri kuenda likizo ya ziada ili kuweza kujipanga kwa sababu tunaelekea wakati wa uchaguzi. Asante sana.

*(Question put and agreed to)*

**Deputy Speaker:** Hon. Members, I would like to wish you a fruitful short recess from now up to 21nd June, 2022. I wish to call upon the relevant committees that are having pending works especially Budget, to ensure that they speed up so that we finish the process on time.

## ADJOURNMENT

**Deputy Speaker:** The sittings of this House stands adjourned until Tuesday, 22nd June, 2022 at 2.30 p.m.

The House rose at 9.30 a.m.

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