REPUBLIC OF KENYA

COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF LAIKIPIA

THE HANSARD

Tuesday, 19th December, 2023

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

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

PRAYERS

QUORUM CALL

Speaker: Clerk, confirm whether we have quorum?

(Lack of quorum confirmed)

Speaker: I direct the bell to be rang for 10 minutes.

(The bell was rang for 5 minutes)

Hon. Mary Gathoni: Mr. Speaker, I think we have a quorum at the moment.

Speaker: Clerk, confirm.

(Clerk confirmed achievement of quorum)

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

RESUMPTION FROM SHORT RECESS

Speaker: Hon. Members, allow me to take this opportunity to welcome the Hon. Members from the one - week recess in accordance with the Assembly calendar for the regular sittings and the County Assembly Standing Orders. We are set to begin the long recess break before long and we are here to conclude the pending businesses for the second session. I wish to take this opportunity to encourage all the committees to continue undertaking their roles as prescribed in our Standing Orders during the break.

TRAINING DURING SHORT RECESS

I also to wish to reiterate and urge the Liaison Committee to ensure that the committees deliver in their roles. I also take this opportunity to thank all the Members for holding a successful training during the short recess. We shall endeavor to conduct more trainings to keep members a brisk on matters that pertains to their area of service. May I also take this opportunity to wish Members of the County Assembly, Staff and all Laikipians a Merry Christmas and a prosperous 2024. I request the Members that at the end of the session, we may hold a five or so minute *Kamukunji* session. Thank you.

PROCEDURAL MOTION

REDUCTION OF NUMBER OF DAYS AFTER PUBLICATION OF A BILL

Hon. John Gichuki: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I wish to move the following motion.

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THAT, this Assembly approves the exemption of Standing Order No. 116 to reduce the number of days required after publication of the Laikipia County Supplementary Appropriation Bill, 2023 (Laikipia County Bills No. 4) from seven days to five days.

Hon. Speaker I request Hon. Anthony to second.

(Hon. Anthony Theuri seconded the Motion)

(Question proposed)

Hon. Daniel Mugweru: Hon. Speaker, well supported. Thank you.

Hon. Simon Kanyutu: Hon. Speaker, I thought rather than from seven to five why not seven to two? If we are in a hurry, we do it in a hurry and move as fast as a cheetah. That is my proposal.

Speaker: Okay. Hon. Member, the Hon. Kanyutu has contributed.

Hon. Anthony Theuri: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I also support and agree with Hon. Kanyutu from Marmanet. The earlier the better. Since we are conversant with whatever we are doing here, if possible, we do it in hours and it will be better for everyone. At the end of the day, this is *Mwananchi's* money and we are their servants and they want services as fast as now. I am looking at Nelson here consulting if it's possible to do it in hours. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Members. Just for clarification to Hon. Kanyutu, the Bill was published on 15th and so if you count from that, we actually have less than 5 days which we are within time and we will move as fast as a cheater, as you had indicated. Therefore, allow me to take this opportunity to invite the mover of the motion to reply.

Hon. John Gichuki: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I take this opportunity to thank the Members for supporting this motion.

(Question put and agreed to)

BILL

First Reading

THE LAIKIPIA COUNTY SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION BILL, 2023

Speaker: This bill is committed to the Budget and Appropriation Committee from now. Thank you.

Second reading

THE LAIKIPIA COUNTY SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION BILL, 2023

Speaker: I understand people are from recess. They could have forgotten how to press but proceed Hon. Nicholas.

Hon. Nicholas Mwaniki: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have just forgotten but the Hon. Member here has assisted me. Hon. Speaker, I beg to move;

THAT, the Laikipia County Supplementary Appropriation Bill, 2023 be now read a second time.

Hon. Speaker, the purpose of this bill is to supplement some funds for government purposes and projects. There was unrelation funds from the donations that needed to be

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purposed for the projects of this Financial Year. That is why we had this Supplementary Budget. I request Hon. Kanyutu to second. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Simon Kanyutu: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I second though I don't know whether our fingers are heavy but these buttons seem to be hesitant when pressed. They are not responding immediately once pressed. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I second.

(Question proposed)

Speaker: Hon. Mwaniki has moved so we open the floor for the rest of the Members to contribute. So, Members the floor is yours. You are free to contribute to the bill. It is a normal motion session and I still want to give you time.

Hon. Daniel Mugweru: Hon. Speaker, you know we are in the Christmas mood. When you try to task us with a lot of heavy duties then it will be unfortunate. Hon. Speaker, even the buttons are now resisting. They also confirm that Christ will be born very soon. Hon. Speaker, I support the Second Reading of the bill. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Members. Allow me to invite the mover to reply.

Hon. Nicholas Mwaniki: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As the Members have stated, having such kind of a bill in the House is in order. We still need development in our wards and we have money available from grants, donors and other funds. We have pending bills that need to be sorted. Having a Supplementary Budget, we will supplement this so that we can allocate and move funds. We will have a budget that is aligned to our roles and our performance in this county.

Having additional money to spend on our projects is a plus to the development of this county. I thank the Members who have contributed towards this and the Budget Committee. Though it has been hectic having a tight schedule, I thank every Member for the consideration and support. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

(Question put and agreed to)

(The Bill was read a Second Time and committed to a Committee of the Whole today by leave of the House)

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Third Reading

LAIKIPIA COUNTY SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATIONS BILL 2023

[Speaker (Hon. Lantano Nabaala) left the Chair]

IN THE COMMITTEE

[The Chairperson (Hon. Anthony Theuri) took the Chair]

LAIKIPIA COUNTY SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATIONS BILL, 2023

Chairperson: Good afternoon, Members. We are considering the Laikipia County Appropriation Bill, 2023. Remember that the rules are relaxed and the clerk will guide us.

[Clauses without Amendments]

Clause 2, 3 and 4

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(Question proposed)

(Clause 2, 3, and 4 agreed to)

[Schedule]

(Question of the Schedule proposed)

(Schedule agreed to)

[Long Title]

(Question proposed)

(Long title agreed to)

[Short Title]

(Question proposed)

(Short title agreed to)

Hon. Nicholas Mwaniki: Hon. Chair, I beg to move;

THAT, the Committee of the Whole House do report to the Assembly its consideration of Laikipia County Supplementary Appropriation Bill, 2023 (Laikipia County Bills No. 4) and its approval thereof without amendments.

(Question put and agreed to)

[The Chairperson (Hon. Anthony Theuri) left the Chair]

[The House resumed]

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

REPORT

Speaker: Now I take this opportunity to invite the Chairperson of the Whole House to report to the House.

Hon. Anthony Theuri: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, I beg to report;

THAT, the Committee of the Whole House has considered the Laikipia County Supplementary Appropriations Bill, 2023 (Laikipia County Bills No. 4) and its approval thereof without amendments.

Speaker: I invite the mover, Hon. Mwaniki.

Hon. Nicholas Mwaniki: Hon. Speaker, I beg to move;

THAT, the House do agree with the committee on the said report.

(Question proposed)

(Question put and agreed to)

Third Reading

LAIKIPIA COUNTY SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATIONS BILL, 2023

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Hon. Nicholas Mwaniki: Mr. Speaker, Pursuant to Standing Order No. 131 (2), I beg to move;

THAT, the Laikipia County Supplementary Appropriations Bill, 2023 (Laikipia County Bills No. 4) be now read a third time.

I request Hon. Kanyutu to second.

Hon. Simon Kanyutu: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I second the bill for Third Reading.

(Question proposed)

(Question put and agreed to)

(The Bill was accordingly read the third time and passed)

ADJOURNMENT

Speaker: The sittings of this House stands adjourned until tomorrow Wednesday, 20th December, 2023 at 9.00 a.m.

The House rose at 2.56 p.m.

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