REPUBLIC OF KENYA

COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF LAIKIPIA

THE HANSARD

Tuesday, 22nd August, 2020

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

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

PRAYERS

NOTICES OF MOTIONS

EXTENSION WORKERS POLICY

Hon. Peter Thomi: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I request that I read this notice of motion as my brother Hon. Peter Matunge has requested me. Mr. Speaker, Sir, I beg to give notice of the following motion;

THAT NOTING THAT the Fourth Schedule of the Constitution of Kenya 2010, stipulates that agriculture, including crop and animal husbandry is a function of the County Government;

FURTHER NOTING THAT the primary role of the Agricultural Extension Officer is to encourage the rural farmers to adopt best practice techniques by providing exposure to new knowledge, information, skills, inputs and processes;

AWARE THAT they often provide consultation with farmers and agricultural businesses;

FURTHER AWARE THAT a well-functioning agricultural extension service operated by the public and private sectors is one of the critical inputs required for increased agricultural productivity to transform subsistence farming into modern and commercial farming, attain food security, improve incomes and reduce poverty;

NOTING THAT agricultural technologies are rapidly changing and the knowledge base of farmers in Laikipia County needs to be consistently updated so that they can effectively use the resources that they have and maximize on yield production;

This House URGES the County Government to establish a policy of the extension officers that will seek to:

1. Disseminate new technologies towards agricultural development.
2. Manage pluralistic extension service for effective service delivery.
3. Develop private sector operated extension services to complement public extension services.

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4. Harmonize extension approaches and methods especially those promoting demand driven extension and capacity building for grassroots institutions.

5. Create functioning institutional frame works to coordinate and provide linkages among stakeholders, including those involved in providing extension facilitating factors.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: There were two notices of motions.

EXTENSION OF SUB COUNTY HOSPITALS

Hon. Peter Thomi: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. On behalf of my brother Hon. Peter Matunge, I want to once again give notice of the following motion. Mr. Speaker, Sir, I beg to give notice of the following motion;

THAT NOTING THAT the Fourth Schedule of the Constitution of Kenya 2010, stipulates that County Health Services is a function of the County Government;

FURTHER NOTING THAT Kenya has adopted the Universal Health Coverage as one of the Big Four Priority Agenda by His Excellency the President, with an aspiration that by 2022, all persons in Kenya will be able to use the essential services they need for their health and well-being through a single unified benefit package, without the risk of financial catastrophe;

AWARE THAT there exist a myriad of challenges facing the health sector in the county which include limited access to health care facilities, lack of adequate personnel and expertise to address the medical needs and poor infrastructure where most facilities do not have the proper facilities to handle the medical challenges;

This House URGES the County Government to:

1. Expand the capacity of sub-county hospitals.

2. Devolve sub-county management team to sub county levels.

3. Strengthen Community Health Workers by continuously training and facilitating them.

4. Help accredit public health facilities by the National Hospital Insurance Fund in relation to the awarding of rebates to health facilities which applies on a voluntary basis to facilities from the sub county level upwards.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

STATEMENT

ANNUAL REPORT BY THE LAIKIPIA COUNTY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

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Speaker: We have a response by the Chairperson of Finance and County Planning Committee, Hon. Joseph Kiguru, which was raised by Hon. Chris Mark Said on 3rd June, 2020 pertaining to annual report by the Laikipia County Development Authority. It is unfortunate that the Member who asked for this statement is absent. The Chairperson for Finance who is to respond is also absent. This means that this is a business that cannot be handled now that the two are not in.

Hon. Members as you remember, I had said that it will be very important for any Member who is responding to a statement or has any business that is to be undertaken in this House on a particular day, to make sure that you are here. It will put us in some awkward position that we are unable to address a business because of an absent Member. That statement cannot be read today. I will allocate time tomorrow morning at 9.00 a.m. as to when it will be read again.

ADJOURNMENT

Speaker: This House now stands adjourned until tomorrow, Wednesday 23rd September, 2020 at 9.00 a.m.

The House rose at 2.40 p.m.

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