REPUBLIC OF KENYA

COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF LAIKIPIA

THE HANSARD

Tuesday, 28th June, 2022

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

[Temporary Speaker (Mutahi Muritu) in the Chair]

PRAYERS

PAPERS LAID

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Hon. Speaker I want to lay the following papers but before that, I want to congratulate you for being our Speaker today. I can see you are equal to the task. Free and comfortable. I want to lay it on behalf of the Majority leader.

a) Report of the Auditor General on County Assembly of Laikipia for year ended 30th June, 2021.

b) Report of the Auditor General report on County Executive of Laikipia for the year ended 30th June, 2021.

(Hon. Stephen laid the Papers on the Table)

Temporary Speaker (Hon. Mutahi Muritu): That report is committed to the Committee of Public accounts Committee.

MOTIONS

[Resumption of the previous debate dated 23/6/2022]

QUARTERLY REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND SOCIAL SERVICES

THAT, this Assembly adopts the quarterly report and financial statements for the period ended 31st March, 2021 for the Department of Education and Social Services by the Sectoral Committee on Education and ICT dated 16th June, 2022.

(Question put and agreed to)

QUARTERLY REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS BY THE COMMITTEE ON LABOUR AND SOCIAL SERVICES

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. On behalf of the Chairperson for Labour, Social Welfare and Community Services Committee, Hon. Patricia Muthoni, I beg to move the following motion;

THAT this House adopts the quarterly report and financial statements for the period ended 31st March, 2021 by the Sectoral Committee on Labour, Social Welfare and Community Services Committee dated 10th June, 2022.

As I have said, I am moving this report on behalf of the Chairperson for the Labour Committee because she has already given me that mandate on her behalf. Hon. Speaker, the report has been on this House and the Member have the report, they have gone through the

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report and I will only highlight the key area where I think it is necessary to touch. Hon. Speaker, the membership of the committee as currently constituted comprises of the following Members:

1. Hon. Patricia Muthoni - Chairperson
2. Hon. Chris Mark - Vice Chairperson
3. Hon. Irene Wachuka - Member
4. Hon. Joseph Suge - Member
5. Hon. Lochimidi J. Esokon - Member
6. Hon. Robert Maina - Member
7. Hon. Simon Kanyutu - Member

Those are the Members of the said committee

Mr. Speaker, as you can see, the Members are very comfortable because they know that they have been with this report for a period of one week. They have gone through the same and I think they understand the contents of this motion. Therefore, I will go directly to the observations, where the committee has put them.

Committee Observations

1. The department has a notable pending bill of Kshs. 570,722,779. This amount is related to construction of buildings at Kshs. 51,332,639, construction of civil works at Kshs. 3,601,364, supply of goods at Kshs. 91,724,714, supply of services at Kshs. 17,374,409 and January – March salary payable of Kshs. 406,689,653.
2. There is an increase in the compensation of employee vote. This vote encompasses the basic salary of permanent employees, basic wage of temporary employees, personal allowance paid as part of salary, and pension and other social security contributions.
3. There were no payments done under the program of talent development services and the headquarter administration services.

Committee Recommendations

I will then touch on the part of recommendations, where the committee recommended the following:

1. The department should ensure that optimal staffing levels are maintained so as to keep the current wage bill at a notable level.
2. The department should strive to minimize the increasing pending bill.

Conclusion

In conclusion, may this House adopt the committee report on the County Government of Laikipia (County Executive) quarterly report and financial statements for the period ended 31st March, 2021.

As I had said earlier, the Members who are in this House are well aware of this report. I think the Members are very comfortable and you can see their faces, they are smiling because they know this is a report from the committee. The Members have already agreed with this

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report. I will call upon Hon. Joseph Suge, who is the Member representing Rumuruti and as well as the former Rumuruti Township Chairman, to second this Motion.

Hon. Joseph Suge: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As I second this report, may I take this opportunity to congratulate the committee and more so the Chair who has read the report. He has taken us through. I also agree and I concur with the report because it has been read widely and even explained to the Members. I want to second the report for adoption. Thank you.

(Question proposed)

Hon. Daniel Mugweru: Thank you, Hon. Speaker, for this opportunity. I wish to thank the committee Members for doing a commendable job. Secondly, I wish to thank all the Members, because I can see 70% of the Members are in the House and they are excited. I do not know if it is the finishing power because they know the day after tomorrow they are going for *Sine Die.*

Maybe that is why they are excited and maybe they are using the energy that they have reserved for all those years and today that energy is being portrayed in the House. Hon. Members, let us keep the Spirit. What I have noted Hon. Speaker, with a lot of concern is that this issue of pending bills in this County, we need to work seriously on it and especially coming from the labour committee.

If you look at the observation number two, you will note that the pending bill I have noted is of that of January to March salaries, which was payable to people who have worked for this county, which was amounting to Kshs. 406,689,653. It has really surprised me because from January to March, it means there are some people who working for this County, yet they got nothing in return of the work done.

Therefore, it is important for this county to work very hard to ensure that we minimize these pending bills especially in salaries.

We should also work hard because we will not be able to manage the wage bill if at all we are having pending bills in relation to salaries. I like the committee's recommendation and I feel that they have done the right job. They have given the true picture of the county and I commend them so much. I call upon all the Hon. Members to support this report to ensure that in future the Executive shall be guided by this report. Thank you.

Temporary Speaker (Hon. Mutahi Muritu): I now wish to call upon the mover to give a reply.

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Asante, Bwana Spika. Kama vile nilivyokuwa nimesema na vile Wajumbe ambao wamechangia wamesema, ni ya kwamba hii ripoti imeweza kuangalia. Kama vile Mheshimiwa Mugweru ametaja mambo ya madeni yaliyosalia, haya ni mambo ambayo serikali inafaa kuangalia na kuhakikisha ya kwamba mtu yeyote anapofanya kazi analipwa. Tukifanya hivyo tutakuwa tumepunguzia makandarasi mizigo ya kutolipwa. Vile unaona Wajumbe wakiwa pamoja katika hii ripoti, ni kwa sababu wanaelewa. Ningeomba Wajumbe wote tupitishe hii ripoti ilivyo ili tuweze kuendelea na kazi iliyoko mbele yetu.

(Question put and agreed to)

ADJOURNMENT

Temporary Speaker (Hon. Mutahi Muritu): This House now stands adjourned until tomorrow Wednesday 29th June, 2022 at 9.00 a.m.

The House rose at 2.50 p.m.

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