REPUBLIC OF KENYA

COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF LAIKIPIA

THE HANSARD

Tuesday, 31st May, 2022

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

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

PRAYERS

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

TRANSITION PROCESS MEETING

Speaker: Hon. Members, I want to make a Communication this afternoon because you know we are heading to a transition period and we must also start preparing ourselves for the same. Having been here for the last five (5) years, our term is coming to an end. I will make a communication on Thursday but I also want to remind you that we have pending business which is the budget itself. Other Assemblies have already finalised with the budget and adjourned sine die. For us, we still have a long way to go as far as the budget is concerned.

We want our budget committee to be guided, we may find ourselves here in the next one or two months if we are not finalised with the budget. Therefore, let the reality dawn on us that we need to finalise on the budget so that we do not leave the next government without a budget to implement. We will do consultation and I will do that communication here on Thursday.

It is also important for the Committee Chairs with the help of the Technical staff, we should make our reports and make sure we compile the pending work. For us to transit, then it means the Members of the Assembly that will come after us will need to start somewhere even though we are not together. We can leave something that is very indicative of where we are as a County Assembly so that those who will come after us will have somewhere to start.

As we all know, the other thing I want is we meet as we consult, not only the leadership. We can all meet in an informal meeting either today or Thursday morning because tomorrow is a holiday. We can agree early Thursday. All of us especially those who are campaigning, you have given your campaign schedule to the IEBC. I don't want to assume that you do not want to go to campaign because we have different opinion. Today you might decide but the ground turns and you may feel you want to go to them.

We have to agree so that we finalise on every business so that we clear the businesses. If there is an issue that can make us remain here for long, we should not have pending business because tomorrow we will be having an Assembly which does not have a quorum because of campaigns. We cannot be able to transact that business. We can have a consultative meeting after this so that we see the way forward.

I have been told by the Chairperson and the Clerk of the Budget Committee that they have not done quite a number of things. I don't want us to use the budget as a tool that should keep us here. We can have other things to keep us here but first of all we should finalize with the budget. We can leave this county in a crisis if we shall not have completed the budget. Thank you, Hon. Members.

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MOTION

QUARTERLY REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF ROADS, PUBLIC WORKS, LAND AND ENERGY

Speaker: Who is doing this on behalf of the Chair? Any member from the Committee? Hon. Catherine, will you do it on behalf of the Chair. I am told you are a member of that committee.

Hon. Catherine Nyawira: Hon. Speaker, I am still trying to navigate my E-Parliament.

Speaker: Do you need some assistance?

Hon. Catherine Nyawira: Yes.

Speaker: Someone can help Hon. Catherine. I said we are supposed to have an ICT staff here anytime we are running the Assembly.

Speaker: I think if you have a problem with it you can still do it next time. I hope people need to be communicated to when they are coming to handle some business because I believe someone was ready and knew that there was a report that was coming to this House. Are you able to proceed?

Hon. Daniel Mugweru through Hon. Catherine Nyawira: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I beg to move the following motion;

> THAT, this Assembly adopts the quarterly report and financial statements for the period ended 31st December, 2020 for the Department of Roads, Public Works, Land and Energy, by the Sectoral Committee on Transport and Public Works dated 13th May, 2022.

I do this on behalf of the Chair.

Hon. Speaker and Hon. House, this report is for the period ended 31st December, 2020. The Members of the Committee are Daniel Mugweru who is the Chairperson, Stephen Ndiritu who is the Vice-Chairperson, I, a Member, Mary Samken who is also a Member and Wilson Wakahiu who is also a Member.

Hon. Speaker, these financial statements that we are presenting before this House play a very critical role in decision-making, management and accountability of public resources. This is in line with Section 166 of the PFM Act that requires an accounting officer of the County Government to prepare a report for each quarter of the financial year in respect to that year and in accordance with the standards and formats as described by the public sector.

If you move to Page 5 you will be able to see the financial statements that are presenting the recent actual fiscal performance of the 2nd quarter of 2020/2021. It also makes comparison to the budget that was appropriated for the same period of 2020/21. It also provides a very comprehensive financial review with sufficient information to indicate the changes from the projection outlined in the CFSP 2021.

We have the program, sub-program, description, approved budget, actual budget and the actual payments, the way the budget was utilized and how it was realized. The committee came up with this after scrutinizing three huge documents that were brought to us on the same. If you look at the County Spatial Plan preparation, the first one is the survey of equipment, Kshs.17, 696,000 million; you can see how much was paid, how much was utilized and how much was realized.

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We have an item called County Spatial preparation. Spatial plan preparation is a very important item in our budget. When I look at such an item, I think about Rumuruti, a town that is the headquarters of Laikipia and as well it was not developed and because of money allocated by this County Assembly to plan that town, today that town is accessible.

It has increased its residence from about 4,500 people from the time the municipality took over, to an amount of almost 20,000 people today residents living there. It is very important to plan our towns and it can only be realised because when you do not plan you end up with slums and other rural urban centres that do not mean standards.

That is just one of them. There is the housing policy development and then there is the County Building Construction standards. All these things that you are seeing here, you are able to follow on the approved budget for the year 2020/2021. The actual payments are how and the same was utilized.

The same continues to page six and page seven respectively. You realize that the County generated its own revenue for the land rates in 2020/2021 was an approximate of Kshs. 7,972,629 million as compared to the revenue collected which was Kshs. 2.528,478 million. Even the parking that has been done so beautifully by the Executive, the same was Kshs. 19, 536, 815 million that was realized and these indicate there was increased collection.

The committee observed that at the end of this quarter, there was a notable pending bill of Kshs. 266,435,284 million and these amounts were related to the construction of Civil Works at Kshs. 232, 543,176 million and also supply of goods at Kshs. 982,333 thousand and supply of services at Kshs. 32,909,775 million. This committee therefore recommends; that the department should ensure all the projects that are committed within the actual budget allocation source to prevent the occurrence of pending bills.

I want to urge Members to adopt this report, it is a very detailed report and also make your contributions and especially those who have directly or indirectly been involved in this department. Every man has a road in his area. I kindly urge the Members to adopt the report and also make their contributions, Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

Speaker: Who is seconding?

Hon. Catherine Nyawira: Hon. Speaker, I wish to call upon Hon. Judy Lukio to second this report.

Hon. Judy Lukio: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I stand to strongly second this motion.

(Question proposed)

Speaker: The Members seems to be satisfied by the report. May I now call upon the mover to give a reply?

Hon. Catherine Nyawira: Hon. Speaker, I wish to thank the House for their notable keen interest. I can also see that they are going through these figures and I believe that you are agreeing with them because most of these things are happening in your ward. So, I want to thank you for supporting this document and this analysis even in silence. I ask you to continue supporting the same by passing this report.

(Question put and agreed to)

Speaker: I wish to remind you of that consultative meeting. I believe that it is important so that it does not get too late. So, we call all consult in the boardroom immediately after this and be able to call the Members who have left the House so that we can decide on the way

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forward. Otherwise, if we will not be able to make that decision, then we will just go by the calendar which says that we close on 9th but that will be putting this county in crisis because of the budget process.

ADJOURNMENT

Speaker: This House now stands adjourned until Thursday, 2nd June, 2022 at 9.00 a.m.

The House rose at 2.40 p.m.

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