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

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

PRAYERS

Speaker: Clerk kindly confirm if we have quorum.

(Clerk confirmed lack of quorum)

Speaker: I direct the bell be rung for ten minutes.

(The quorum bell was rung for 2 minutes)

Speaker: Confirm whether we have quorum?

(Clerk confirmed achievement of quorum)

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

RESUMPTION OF HOUSE FROM SHORT RECESS

Speaker: Hon. Members I want to take this opportunity to welcome you back from the short recess. I am sure you have all enjoyed as we took part in our self-evaluation. I want to thank you all for participating in it. I welcome you back.

PAPERS LAID

AUDITOR GENERALS REPORTS, CIDP & ADP

Hon. Stephen Nderitu: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I want to welcome all the Members back. I have the following papers to lay on behalf of Hon. John Gichuki.

a) Report of the Auditor-General on County Executive of Laikipia for the Year ended 30th June, 2022.

b) Report of the Auditor-General on County Assembly of Laikipia for the Year ended 30th June, 2022.

c) Report of the Auditor-General on Laikipia County Development Authority for the Year ended 30th June, 2022.

d) Report of the Auditor-General on Laikipia County Cooperative Development Fund for the Year ended 30th June, 2022.

e) The report on the Laikipia County Integrated Development Plan for the Financial Year 2023-2027 by the Finance and County Planning Committee dated 4th April, 2023.

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f) The report on the Laikipia County Annual Development Plan for the Financial Year 2023/2024 by the Finance and County Planning Committee dated 4th April, 2023.

(Hon. Stephen Nderitu laid the reports on the Table)

Speaker: Hon. Members;

a) Report of the Auditor-General on County Executive of Laikipia for the Year ended 30th June, 2022.

b) Report of the Auditor-General on County Assembly of Laikipia for the Year ended 30th June, 2022.

c) Report of the Auditor-General on Laikipia County Development Authority for the Year ended 30th June, 2022, and;

d) Report of the Auditor-General on Laikipia County Cooperative Development Fund for the Year ended 30th June, 2022 are all committed to CPAIC – County Public Accounts and Investment Committee.

Hon. Samuel Gatati: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I want to lay a report on an oversight visit to Laikipia County Headquarters project in Rumuruti by the Sectoral Committee on County Cohesion, Justice and Legal Matters dated 28th February, 2023.

(Hon. Samuel Gatati laid the report on the table)

NOTICE OF MOTIONS

OVERSIGHT VISIT TO LAIKIPIA COUNTY HEADQUARTERS PROJECT IN RUMURUTI

Hon. Samuel Gatati: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I beg to give notice of the following motion;

THAT, this Assembly adopts the report on an oversight visit to Laikipia County Headquarters project in Rumuruti by the Sectoral Committee on County Cohesion, Justice and Legal Matters dated 28th February, 2023.

ANNUAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2023/2024

Hon. Stephen Nderitu: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I beg to give notice of the following motion;

THAT, this Assembly adopts the report on the Laikipia County Annual Development Plan for the Financial Year 2023/2024 by the Finance and County Planning Committee dated 4th April, 2023.

LAIKIPIA COUNTY INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2023-2027

Hon. Stephen Nderitu: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I beg to give notice of the following motion;

THAT, this Assembly adopts the report on the Laikipia County Integrated Development Plan for the Financial Year 2023-2027 by the Finance and County Planning Committee dated 4th April, 2023.

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MOTION

OVERSIGHT VISIT TO LAIKIPIA COUNTY HEADQUARTERS PROJECT IN RUMURUTI

Hon. Samuel Mugambi: Hon. Speaker, I beg to move the following motion;-

THAT this Assembly adopts the report on an oversight visit to Laikipia County Headquarters Project in Rumuruti by the sectoral Committee on County Cohesion, Justice and Legal Matters dated 28th February 2023.

Establishment and Membership of the County Cohesion, Justice and Legal Matters Committee

Mr. Speaker, Sir, the Sectoral Committee on County Cohesion, Justice and Legal Matters Committee, was constituted by the House on 26th October 2022 during the First Session of the Third Assembly in Laikipia County. The Committee comprises of the following seven members:

1. Hon. Samuel Mugambi - Chairperson
2. Hon. Benson Kamara - Vice Chairperson
3. Hon. Leila Hussein - Member
4. Hon. Salim Edung - Member
5. Hon. George Karuiru - Member
6. Hon. Catherine Kihika - Member
7. Hon. Joseph Gitahi - Member

The Committee is mandated to look into all matters related to ensuring and coordinating the participation of communities and locations in governance, at the local level and assisting communities and locations to develop administrative capacity for the effective exercise of the functions and powers and participation in governance at the local level; administration of law and justice including, working and collaborating with National Government on security matters.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, on behalf of the County Cohesion, Justice and Legal Matters Committee, I wish to extend my gratitude to the Members of the Committee for their dedication and commitment to their work. The committee also extends its appreciation to the Office of the Speaker and Office of the Clerk of the County Assembly of Laikipia for their support that has enabled the committee to participate in this duty and steer it on the path to accomplish its mandate.

Introduction

Mr. Speaker, Sir, the Committee on Cohesion, Justice and Legal Matters, during its deliberations in a meeting held on 14th February 2023 unanimously agreed to visiting the County Headquarters building in Rumuruti Ward. The construction project is domiciled in the Department of County Administration and Public Service.

The committee had overheard on several occasions that plans were underway to relocate the County Executive (Finance Department) to Rumuruti headquarter offices soon. Among matters of utmost concern, was the status of the said offices to be occupied. Mr. Speaker, Sir, the committee had earlier perused though documents that had been submitted to the Committee by the

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Infrastructure Department on the breakdown of the amount of the money spent on the project since inception which had clearly been documented as follows:

The initial budget for inception of the project for the ground floor and first floor was Kshs. 53 million whereby this was completed on 30/6/20. Partitioning of the two floors into right wing and left wing was at a budget of Kshs. 3.9 million and was completed on 1/11/21. A proposal for additional floor (2nd floor) was made at a budget of Kshs. 44.8 million with some pending works up to date. A total of work worth Kshs.34.6 million has been certified with pending work worth Kshs.10.3 million.

County Headquarters Building in Rumuruti

Mr. Speaker, Sir, the committee on 20/2/23 embarked on a visit to the building project in Rumuruti Town to assess its progress. The building is manned during the day by two (2) enforcement officers from the County Administration docket and has three (3) cleaners. The committee were met at the site by the Secretary from the Sub-County Administrator's office, Madam Rose Wairimu, who took members through the building.

Committee's Observations

Mr. Speaker, Sir, the committee during the fact-finding mission at the County Headquarters visit made some observations;

Mr. Speaker, Sir, the building that will house the county headquarters is a two storeyed building with quarter of it housing the KCB Bank Rumuruti branch. The committee noted that KCB Bank is the face of the building on the newly re-carpeted Rumuruti Maralal road. The banking Hall is occupied, activities are ongoing but it has not opened doors to the public though the ATM machine services are ongoing.

The revenue board CEO via teleconferencing informed the committee that there is a contract between the County Executive and the KCB Bank Management that was signed during the last regime. The renting of a section of the building serves as a revenue stream for the County.

The space in the building occupied by the KCB Bank is 2260 square feet and it was previously charged as per contract Kshs fifty-five (55) per square foot as Kshs. 124,300 per month. The County Executive during the third Government sat down and found the charges of Kshs.55 to be too little and reviewed it upwards after discussions with the bank to Kshs.88 per square foot Kshs. 198,880 per month.

The committee observed that the side part of the building was beautifully painted. The grounds are well manicured but the flowers and grass were dry due to the harsh weather condition being experienced across the County.

The sidewalks and car parks had well-fitted cabro. The main office's entrance is on the other side of the building with the reception which is well done though a bit squeezed being the main entry point.

The committee noted that the concrete ceiling on the second floor had some chipped off painting indicating that there was a leakage either from rain water or from the water storage which is in the roof top. This is quite dangerous and poses as a health hazard. There was leakage on the walls which clearly indicated that piping on the wall had some damages.

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Mr. Speaker, Sir, the committee noted that the required amenities had already been put in place. Water and electricity is already installed at the Headquarters. NYAHUWASCO is providing water. There were internet wires hanging in all the two rooms but the committee was informed that an internet provider WIRE MOJA COMPANY was on site working on the connections.

The committee noted that the security lights on the outside were on during the day and the officer who was taking the committee through the offices informed them that there was an issue with wiring since they never go off unless there is power outage.

Overall, the committee noted that the milestones and progress was great since the previous oversite visit by the committee during the second Assembly. However, Members of the Committee felt that it was time that the County Executive comes up with a plan on relocation.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, during the fact-finding mission the committee was informed that the Finance and County Planning Department was not relocating to the building pending finishing off and furnishing as speculated earlier but they would occupy the Rumuruti Social Hall, which was previously occupied by the Rumuruti Municipal Board.

Committee's Recommendations

Mr. Speaker, Sir, the County Cohesion, Justice and Legal Matters Committee recommends that;

1. The House adopts the Committee's Report on visit to Laikipia County headquarters Project in Rumuruti.
2. The Laikipia County Executive ensures repairs on the leaking walls and the chipped ceilings is undertaken soonest to prevent further damages.
3. The County Executive should consider modifying the washrooms, lift or ramp to cater for the persons enabled differently before putting the public offices to use.
4. The County Executive ensure proper uses of resources as in the case of the security lights which never go off as they are paid for using taxpayers' money.
5. The County Executive budgets for a social hall in Rumuruti Town as the existing one is soon being converted to offices for the Finance Department.

Mr. Speaker, as you have heard from the report, this county want sto relocate the Governor and the Finance Department to Rumuruti. That is the reason the Committee on Cohesion, Justice and Legal Matters went to visit the headquarters. Since, a good county must have a working headquarter therefore the committee begs this House to adopt the report so that we facilitate the Executive headed by the Governor and the Finance Department relocate to Rumuruti.

Mr. Speaker, the relocation of the Executive by the Finance Department will give a good start, growth and development of our headquarters in Rumuruti considering Rumuruti is a Municipal Town. I would like all the members to support the motion. I request Hon. Kamara to second this report. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Benson Kuria: Asante, Mheshimiwa Spika kwa nafasi ambayo umeweza kunipatia. Nikiunga huu mswada mkono, ni kweli kwamba hii ripoti ni ya kweli na ninaiunga mkono na nauliza Wabunge wenzangu kuweza kuunga mkono ili iweze kupitishwa. Naunga mkono.

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Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Mugambi Gatati and Benson Kuria.

(Question proposed)

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Asante, Mheshimiwa Spika. Nasimama hapa kuunga mkono ripoti ambayo imeletwa na Kamati ya Mshikamano na Haki ambayo inaongozwa na Mheshimiwa Gatati. Mheshimiwa Spika, nampongeza Mheshimiwa Gatati kwa kuleta mswada ambao ameweza kuupeleka kwa njia ambayo inafaa na kuweza kutuonyesha maana ya hii ripoti. Pia nampongeza Mheshimiwa Kamara kwa kuafiki huu mswada kwa sababu muswada ukisomwa kisha ukose Mheshimiwa wa kuafiki, mswada unakufa. Kwa hivyo, nampigia saluti kwa kuunga mkono huu mswada.

Bwana Spika, nikiangalia hii ripoti ambayo Mheshimiwa Gatati ameweza kuleta katika Bunge hili, imeweza kunakili kila kitu ambacho kilifaa kunakiliwa hapa. Bwana Spika, nimesikia Mheshimiwa Gatati akisema maana ya kutembelea makao makuu. Sababu ni kwamba makao makuu yananuiwa kuhamia Rumuruti. Hii kamati imefanya jambo la busara kuweza kufika mbele na kuangalia ni wapi maofisa wa serikali wanaenda kukaa.

Tunaweza kusema tunahama kutoka Nanyuki kwenda Rumuruti kisha tupate hizo ofisi zikiwa duni. Nimeridhika na hii ripoti. Hata kama kaunti itahamisha sehemu zingine, wafanyikazi ambao wataenda huko na wananchi ambao watakuja hapo ili kupata huduma, watakuwa wanakaa mahali ambapo kuna mazingara ya maana. Bwana Spika, jambo ambalo nimeona hapa na ni vizuri kamati imeweza kueleza ni kwamba katika hayo makao makuu kuna benki ambayo imekodishwa sehemu ambayo ni KCB.

Ni jambo la busara kama hili jumba limekuwepo kwa miaka hii yote na haitumiki kwa wale ambao waliweza kupatia KCB sehemu moja ili waweze kulipa kodi. Wanapokaa hapo kuna pesa ambayo wanalipa na hiyo pesa inaingia kwa kodi ya kaunti. Pesa itaweza kupatikana na maendeleo iweze kufanyika katika sehemu yetu ya Laikipia. Raisi wetu Daktari William Samoei Ruto alisema ni vizuri tulipe ushuru. Alisema kulipa ushuru ni kujitegemea.

Kwa hivyo, tunapowapatia nafasi ya kulipa ushuru, inaonyesha bado Serikali ya Kaunti inasukuma na kuhakikisha ya kwamba kodi inalipwa na kwamba wanatafuta pesa ya maendeleo ya Kaunti ya Laikipia. Bwana Spika, hiyo ni dhibitisho ya kwamba tunafuata maagizo ya Rais ya *Bottom-up* ambayo ni ya kutafuta pesa.

Bwana Spika, ninaona kwamba tunaenda vizuri kwa njia ambayo inafaa. Bwana Spika, Nimeona katika hii ripoti Mwenyekiti ameweza kusema ya kwamba kuna sehemu zingine ambazo ni mbaya. Kwingineko rangi imetoka na ningeomba serikali kupitia idara ambayo inafaa kufanya hiyo kazi ihakikishe ya kwamba hizo ofisi zimetengenezwa kwa njia ambayo inafaa. Hizo ofisi zipakwe rangi ili yule ambaye atakaa hapo ili kuwafanyia wananchi kazi akae mahali ambapo kuna mazingara sawa ambayo inaambatana na haki ya binadamu.

Hii ripoti imeleta uwazi na imeelezea vile hizo nyumba ziko huko. Pia wamesema ya kwamba vioo si nzuri. Kabla ya kuwapeleka maofisa wa serikali huko, kwanza tuhakikishe ya kwamba hizo vioo zimetengenezwa. Itakuwa ni aibu mfanyikazi kukaa katika ofisi na yule ambaye anataka kuhudumiwa kuingia lakini mfanyikazi anasafiri mita mia mbili ili kujisaidia.

Bwana Spika, wakati mwingine binadamu hawezi kuwa sawa na anataka kusaidika kwa haraka. Itakuwa ni aibu kama hatufanyi kazi vile inastahili kwa sababu atakuwa akitoka nje

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kujisaidia. Bwana Spika, ofisi ya serikali inafaa kupambwa vilivyo. Kama ni nyasi inafaa kutengezwa na milango ya ofisi inafaa kutengenezwa. Vioo na maua pia zinafaa kutengenezwa. Hata kama kuna kiangazi, ni vizuri tutafute namna ya kupata maji ili ofisi ionekane kuwa nzuri kama ya serikali.

Bwana Spika, ninaposema Serikali ninasema serikali yote kwa jumla hata kama Bwana Spika juzi tumetembelewa na rafiki yule wetu ambaye pia ameingia kwa serikali.

Tunaunga mkono maana tunataka amani, hatutaki watu waende wakalale barabarani, hatutaki watu waandamane, tunataka uchumi wetu uweze kuinuka na wananchi wetu wasaidike. Kwa hivyo, Baba tunamkaribisha kwa mazungumzo tumskize na yeye aweze kusikiza wale ambao amekuta. Isije kuwa Bwana Spika ataenda mahali pale akaanza kugawa. Alishindwa akikubali, aweze kukubali na apewe kile ambacho ataweza kupewa Bwana Spika. Naomba hiyo roho ambayo ni ya kuungana na kuunganisha Kenya iendelee hivyo. Na iweze kuendelea mpaka kwetu sisi wananchi wa hapa. Kwa hayo, nataka kufika kikomo kwa sababu nimeona ya kwamba hii ni ripoti ambayo ni ukweli na ukweli mtupu.

Speaker: Hold on Hon. Stephen. What is it Hon. Lekopien? You have an issue.

Hon. Lekopien: Well, the issue is just that the Hon. Member is supporting the motion and towards the end of the motion, he is talking about the opposition leader, which is not involved in any way with the moving of Nanyuki to Rumuruti in any way. Thank you.

Speaker: Noted, Hon. Parleto Lekopien. Hon. Stephen Ndiritu have you wound up?

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Asante, Bwana Spika. Nilikuwa namalizia hata kama nimetembelewa na mwenzangu pia hapa. Bwana Spika, mimi nilikuwa nasema hata kama tutahama Rumuruti, tusikimbie sana tuende kwa mwendo wa kinyonga. Bwana Spika, hatuwezi kuhamisha Kaunti yote wakati mmoja. Ni vizuri wale ambao wako sehemu ya Rumuruti watungojee polepole. Wasikuje na ile haraka maana huko hatuwezi hamisha kila kitu. Nilisikia Mheshimiwa Gavana, akisema ya kwamba tutahamisha idara moja ambayo ni ya Fedha.

Pia, mimi nasimamia kamati ya fedha na uchumi. Kwa hivyo, kama watahama huenda tukahama pamoja. Lakini sitahama Bunge, nitakuwa nikija ili tuweze kufanya kazi yetu pamoja. Kwa hayo machache, naunga mkono ripoti na kuwapongeza wale ambao wameleta ripoti. Nakuambia kuwa zile kamati zingine ambazo ziko na biashara ya kufanya waamke na wafanye kazi na walete ripoti kama hii ambayo tumeona.

Juzi tumeona Kamati zingine zikiketi na ningetaka pia kuipongeza kamati ya CPAIC ambayo inaongozwa na Lekopien maana sasa wamepewa ripoti nyingi. Najua ni kijana barubaru, kijana ambaye atafanya kazi. Nataka uketi chini upitie hiyo ripoti yote ulete ripoti na ulete kulingana na inavyofaa. Kama mwizi ametajwa, umtaje hapa; hakuna kuficha. Mambo ni wazi, tunataka kuenda tukiwa tunaonana. Kwa hayo machache, asante Bwana Spika.

Speaker: Thank you Hon. Stephen Ndiritu. I will take this opportunity to give to Hon. Irene Wachuka. As she stands, I want to urge our Members to adhere to the standing orders. Let us use one language continuously; if you are using Swahili you are free to do it to the end, don't interject in others. Mr. Speaker in Swahili is *Mheshimiwa Spika.* I also want to refer you to our standing order number two hundred and thirty which states that the office holders must sit on their

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identified sits marked. I therefore request the Hon. Nicholas Mwaniki, as a Member of the Speakers panel to kindly sit at the Speakers panel. Welcome Hon. Irene Wachuka.

Hon. Irene Wachuka: Asante sana Mheshimiwa Spika. Kwanza nakuomba kidogo tu kabla sijaingilia kuunga mkono mjadala. Kitu cha muhimu sana ni kumshukuru Mungu kwa kuona nchi yetu ya Kenya imerudi mahali tulikuwa tunaomba. Tunarudishia watu wa kanisa wote ambao walisimama na nchi hii kuhusu yale mashida ya maandamano. Tunataka kumrudishia Rais na naibu wake shukurani kwa kubali kukaa chini waweze kuongea na kiongozi wa upinzani. Waongee kuhusu nchi ya Kenya. Nchi ya Kenya ni ya umuhimu kushinda sisi wanasiasa. Nataka kusema hayo na asante Bwana Spika kwa kubali niweze kurudisha shukurani kwanza. Asante sana.

Sasa nitaingilia upande wa mshikamano wa mwenyekiti na kamati yake ambaye ni Mheshimiwa Samuel Gatati na kamati yake. Tunasema asante kwa kamati kutoka hapa na kuenda kuangalia juu sisi kazi yetu ni uangalizi wa mambo ya hiyo ofisi. Gavana wa kwanza, Joshua Irungu ndiye aliyeanza kujenga ile ofisi ya makao makuu. Nilikuwa mmoja wakati ilikuwa inateuliwa na kanisa ya ACK akaenda miaka yake tano na alikuwa amemaliza kila kitu wakati alikuwa anaondoka. Kwenye kiti ile kitu ambacho kilikuwa kimabaki ni kuweka samani kwenye ofisi.

Pia, kuliingia Gavana wa pili wa Laikipia ambaye ni Ndiritu Muriithi. Mimi wakati Mheshimiwa Mwenyekiti alikuwa anasoma kuna kitu ambacho hakuna siku nitakubaliana na yeye. Hata nilikuwa nimeng'ang'ana naye huhusu yale maofisi ya makao makuu kukondeshwa mabenki au mtu. Hiyo ofisi haikujengwa ya kukondesha benki ama mtu binafsi.

Wakati ile ofisi ilikodishwa kwa watu wa Benki ya KCB, mimi nilipiga nduru na nikaenda kwa vyombo vya habari. Naye Gavana wa pili unajua hapendi kuambiwa kitu. Ningependa kusema hivi, yale maofisi yako Rumuruti makao makuu hayatatoshea watu wote. Nilikuwa naongea na Gavana na kumwambia kama hawatatosheka, kuna ofisi ambazo nilifukuza watu wa Nyandarua. Maofisi yamejaa Nyahururu ambayo hayana watu ambao wanakaa.

Kwa hivyo, ningeuliza baada ya kukondesha wale watu wa KCB mshikamano wa mwenyekiti mimi kama Mheshimiwa ningewatuma muende muangalie mara ya pili. Wakati mnaandika ripoti yenu tungetaka Benki ipewe hata kama ni mwaka mmoja waondoke kwenye maofisi yale. Yalipojengwa hayakujengwa ya kukondesha ilhali yalijengwa ya kusaidia wananchi wa Kaunti ya Laikipia.

Kwa hivyo, mimi nataka kusema asante na pia kusema wakati tunafanya kazi katika Kaunti ya Laikipia. Nashukuru Mungu vile siku hizi tunafanya kazi kama timu, ukiniona mimi kama Mheshimiwa Irene Wachuka kutoka *Igwamiti's Finest* nimekosea, tafadhali kuja uniambie tufanye kazi pamoja. kila mmoja alitoka kona yake na tuko na waliochaguliwa maalum, tunafanya kazi kama timu moja ya kusaidia Bunge hili.

Speaker: Just a minute Hon. Irene. What is it Hon. Lekopien?

Hon. Parleto Lekopien: Hon. Speaker, on a point of order. I thought you just read the Standing Order that says you become consistent in the language you're using. From the look of things, actually before Hon. Irene Wachuka Spoke, you read the Standing Order and I thought we should all follow the Standing Order as it is. Thank you.

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Speaker: The Standing Order that you are referring to is the Standing Order on the consistent of one language when giving a speech in a debate. Thank you very much. The Hon. Irene Wachuka is well informed kindly proceed.

Hon. Irene Wachuka: Asante Kwa kunisaidia Mheshimiwa Spika, hasa hata kama nimeongea pengine nimeteleza na unajua mdomo huteleza. Kwa hivyo, Mheshimiwa kutoka Sosian ungoje. Mimi ningetaka kusema hivi, katika kazi ile imefanywa leo kuhusu makao makuu mambo mengi sana yanafanyiwa hapa Nanyuki.

Ukiangalia pahali makao makuu yako Rumuruti, ukitoka Olmoran utakimbilia Rumuruti. Ukitoka upande wa Sosian ni Rumuruti ukitoka Nyahururu ni Rumuruti. Ukitoka hapa Nanyuki makao makuu ambapo kila mtu anaona yuko katikati ni Rumuruti. Mimi nataka kusema asante sana na naunga mkono kamati ya mwenyekiti. Nimeshukuru sana, na kwa hayo machache Mungu ambariki. Asante, Mheshimiwa Spika.

Speaker: Thank you the Hon. Irene Wachuka. I want to give the floor to the Hon. Simon Kanyutu.

Hon. Simon Kanyutu: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I stand to support the report by the cohesion Committee. I am glad though there are some issues I feel that they should be really considered. Mr. Speaker, on my point the issues raised by the committee should be the reasons to why the County Headquarters should not relocate to Rumuruti.

On my part, those are just minimal issues that can be sorted when the officers are in the office. There is need to modify the washrooms. If they mean modifications, that means washrooms are there but they need to be modified. That cannot prohibit the executive from relocating to the Headquarters. Except, there is that issue of erecting a lift. Mr. Speaker, even in the Assembly we are in, there is no lift. In addition, we have two storeys with us. I am sure relocating should not be prohibited by missing the lift.

Mr. Speaker, another issue that is disturbing, it is a concern. If constructing a Headquarter can take that long now it's already eleven years. I don't know the timeframe that the contractor had been issued. It has really taken long. Even before it is occupied, the chair of the committee stated that there is leakage on the wall. I think that one needs to be properly clarified so that we may be able to understand where the leakages are coming from. If it is a shoddy work that has been done and if the offices are okay, let our executive relocate to the offices and we work from that end.

The County Headquarters was gazetted to be Rumuruti over ten years ago. Others Continue, an Example, Nyandarua was gazetted at the same time and they have already built their Assembly there. They have built executive offices and all of them have relocated. It is not must that we first have those offices that are already being built there. That is when we can relocate. Mr, Speaker, I am happy that even Nyandarua relocated under a tent. They were operating under the tent. I am sure we need to plan on how to relocate and then other issues to follow later.

On my part, I support the report from the committee and I am sure even the minimum issues that raised the concerns cannot prohibit the county from relocating. I support and on my recommendation, as per the committee I would state that the executive to relocate to those offices and renovate when they are inside. Thank you Mr. Speaker, I support the report.

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Hon. Parleto Lekopien: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I stand to support the motion. Before I do that, I would like to congratulate all the Members for turning up today. It is actually a very commendable work to have a quorum. I think the last time we had a good number was when we started the session on the 14th of February. So it also feels warm today being in a close of full House because it gives us hope.

Even today in the HBC, we were discussing about quorum and thank God because it just happened automatically without any one being pushed. Therefore, I would urge all of us to please think about it and let us all be Members of this House and participate in all the debates.

Mr. Speaker, as we move this motion of cohesion, I would want to congratulate the Chairperson and all the committee Members who have really done the Nitty gritties of all offices and checked everything including the wires. Most of us would not notice hanging wires in the offices and the leaking taps. I would want to say thank you the Chairperson and the committee who have rally participated in that. From the look of things, I think it is time that the County Government offices relocated because it is now ten years down the line.

For example, the Samburu County had no proper Assembly for five years but now they have moved to the new Assembly and it looks brilliant. Sometimes you wonder what is happening here. Is it the contractors or the laxity of the County Government that they are not putting pressure that is needed? From the report, I think that as the Hon. Wachuka has just mentioned and also being a Member who frequently visits Rumuruti, as I drive through that road, the biggest thing that is seen there is the KCB Bank sign. In a way, it doesn't really make sense that that is the county headquarters because you should first see the sign of the county headquarters.

So I would want to support the motion and tell the committee that they have done a good job but we can even do better if the Finance Department moves there and all the little pieces which need to be fixed be done while they are in the office.

As the Hon. Wachuka said about the KCB Bank, as much as we want to get the revenue from the bank, we also want to get the face and our name as the County Government of Laikipia, so that as you drive there, you see that County Government of Laikipia sign and not the KCB. Therefore, I support the motion and say that it is a good work done by the Cohesion Committee.

Hon. Salim Edung: Bwana Spika, nashukuru kwa kunipatia hii nafasi na pia pongezi kwa Mwenyekiti wa maadili, Mheshimiwa Mugambi Gatati. Ile ripoti ambayo imesomwa katika hili Bunge siku ya leo tarehe 04/04/23, ni ripoti nzuri ambayo inatupeleka mbele. Yale mambo ambayo imetajwa katika hiyo ripoti imetuhangaisha sisi wengine kwa sababu nikijaribu kudurusu katika chombo ambacho natumia hapa mbele yangu, ninaangalia ya kwamba *headquarter* ya hili Bunge ilikuwa imependekezwa kuwa Rumuruti na imemaliza miaka mingi sana.

Hiyo miaka ambayo imemaliza ni zaidi ambapo Mbunge mwenzangu alitaja hapa. Niliona ya kwamba kuna Wabunge ambao waliangalia kwa makini kwamba hii ni raslimali ya wananchi ambayo imetumika pale. Hizi ni zile fedha ambazo tunaita ushuru ambazo zinatolewa mashinani kwa sababu ya kazi ambayo inafanyika. Mimi nikiangalia kwa makini sana, wenzangu wamesema ya kamba kuna mali ambayo imeharibika katika lile jengo kwa sababu kuna mahali kunaingisha maji na sheria iko.

Yule ambaye aliyepatiwa kazi ile, kama kazi yake haikuwa imefanyika vizuri, inabidi huyo mtu aangalie kazi yake ndio kama alilipwa au awe hajalipwa, ni lazima kazi iangaliwe kama

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imefanywa mwafaka. Kama kazi haijakuwa sawa, inabidi mwenye alipatiwa kazi aambiwe ya kwamba kuna mahali ambapo kunanyesha, kuna mahali haikupakwa rangi au kuna mahali ambapo hapakujengwa vizuri ili arekebishe ndio hao wahudumu wa hili Kaunti wanaofanya kazi katika ofisi mbali mbali waweze kukaa katika hizo ofisi.

Jambo lingine, hautatuma afisa kutoka hapa aende pale akafanye kazi akiwa ndani ya ofisi, hasa msimu kama huu wa mvua ili mvua isije kunyesha na aanze kutembea tembea ndani ya ofisi akitafuta mahali pazuri ili aondokee mvua. Hiyo inamaanisha ya kwamba hakuna kazi ambayo imefanyika katika hiyo ofisi. Katika hii ripoti, naunga Mheshimiwa Mugambi 100% na ningeomba Mwenyekiti wa Kamati ya Cohesion tuangalie kama tutatembea huko na kuangalia kama imerekebishwa au bado. Kwa hayo machache, ninaomba nikijua ya kwamba wenzangu Wabunge ambao wako hapa wataunga hii ripoti mkono ili isikawie tena kwa miaka ishirini au ishirini na tano. Mungu awabariki.

Hon. George Karuiru: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I also rise to support this very noble and important motion on the checking of the status of the new headquarters. I would first like to congratulate the team because it was a lot of devotion going round all this.

Mr. Speaker, I want to rush to the recommendations where we have seen that out of what we do as a County Government, as a County Assembly, our core mandate is about oversight. It is very uncouth that the ceiling of the building is not well done. I think that when it was done, there is incompetency. I think if the person who was doing it, if he/she was paid, there is a retention fee which should not be given out because we cannot shift the Executive or urge them to shift when it is incompetently done.

Mr. Speaker, through you in this same House, we had a motion about people with disability or people enabled differently. It would be very bad if we would shift not considering that the building at hand is not well equipped for those people. Therefore, it should be taken urgently and be done. Apart from the person who was given the mandate of electrification, it is bad that currently I know that we have a bulk bills with Kenya Power, right now as it is being said, it is very bad that we want to collect more revenue. Apart of the revenue which we are using is now being used to pay an incompetent work done where lights are on during the day.

Mr. Speaker, through you because the County Assembly does not have a field, I know that you are going to outsource the budget as well as start a building whereby we can make a County Assembly chamber so that when the whole system moves, we are also not left behind. If we are left behind, we are always advised by the finance department that whenever we need money, as an Assembly there is a maximum amount that is allocated by the Executive. Therefore, it would be a prudent push and I know that if they move the finance department in this first year, it will also speed the budget so that also the County Assembly can also shift. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Member. I will now take this opportunity to invite the mover of the motion to reply.

Hon. Samuel Mugambi: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to congratulate all the Members who have participated and supported the motion and they supported the motion in a very good way. Some of the Members like Hon. Kagondu with a lot of bravado and Hon. Wachuka in a swagger supported the motion. Therefore, this is a very important motion because we are talking

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about our headquarters as the county. Thank you, for giving this noble motion good time to discuss and support.

Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Member for replying to the motion. As we wind up, I just want to ask all Members that we adhere to the Standing Orders. When it comes to the official names, we use the official names for every Member. The Hon. Benson Kuria and Hon. Stephen Ndiritu, we know them officially and so not Kagondu and Kamala. Thank you.

(Question put and agreed to)

ADJOURNMNET

Speaker: The sittings of this House stands adjourned until tomorrow Wednesday, 5th April, 2023 at 9.00 a.m.

The House rose at 3.28 p.m.

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