REPUBLIC OF KENYA

COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF LAIKIPIA

THE HANSARD

Tuesday, 7th June, 2020

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

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

PRAYERS

PAPER LAID

Hon. Mutahi Muritu: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. On behalf of the Majority Leader, I beg to lay the following paper.

The Laikipia County Public Finance Management COVID-19 Emergency Response Fund (Amendment) Regulations, 2020.

(Hon. Mutahi Muritu laid the paper on the Table)

Speaker: The paper stands committed to the Committee on Delegated County Legislation.

MOTION

AGRICULTURE, ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE REPORT ON NAWASCO

Hon. Simon Kanyutu: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Sir, I beg to move the following motion.

> THAT this House adopts the report by the Committee on Agriculture, Environment and Natural Resources on NAWASCO operations and maintenance costs, administrative expenses vis-a-vis the revenue, donations and funds appropriated by the County Assembly for the Financial Year 2018/2019 dated 25th June, 2020.

Mr. Speaker, we tabled a report from NAWASCO on the floor of this House. This report is as a result of the statement read on the floor of this House by Hon. Joseph Kiguru. This report will respond to the issues raised concerning NAWASCO operations and maintenance costs, administrative expenses vis-a-vis the revenue, donations and funds appropriated by the County Assembly for the Financial Year 2018/2019, question two in the statement.

Question one, three and four in the statement will be answered in the response to the statement. The Agriculture, Environment and Natural Resources Committee was constituted by the house on 28th September 2020 pursuant to the Standing Order No. 191 (a) 1. The committee

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membership comprises of the following. I as the Chairperson, Hon. Patricia Muthoni the vice chair, Hon. Wilson Wakahiu, Hon. Peter Matunge and Hon. Robert Maina as members.

The committee held a meeting with the NAWASCO Board on 16th June, 2020 in the company's compound to discuss the concerns raised on 11th June, 2020. Operations and maintenance costs, administrative expenses vis-a-vis the revenue, donations and funds appropriated by the County Assembly for the Financial Year 2018/2019. Maintenance and administrative costs are as attached in annex 2. It is attached at the back. The statement is there and the Members can go through it.

The county collected revenue as shown in annex 2. Received donations and funds as appropriated by the County Assembly. The company did not receive any fund in the Financial Year 2018/2019 from the County Government. Annex 4 is the budget approved by the County Assembly. According to records with the committee, the company received only Kshs. 45,252,436 in the Financial Year 2017/2018 from the water service transferred as a grant to construct the Solio water project. The County Government disbursed Kshs 23,800,000 to the company on 28th June, 2018. In total the company received Kshs 69, 052,436 as in the following table in annex 3.

The County Government of Laikipia on 28th June, 2018 gave Kshs. 23,800,000 and water sector trust fund gave Kshs. 45,252,436. The total donation was Kshs. 69,052,436. The committee made the following observation. That the company did not receive any funds from the county Government in the Financial Year 2018/2019. The committee recommends that the County Government allocates some funds in part payment to projects implementation.

The committee wishes to appreciate the Office of the Speaker and the Office of the Clerk of the County Assembly for continued support towards the committee in discharging its mandate on oversight. It is therefore my pleasant duty and privilege on behalf of the Agriculture, Environment and Natural Resources Committee to table this report and recommend it to the House for adoption. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This is a report that we were able to visit. I would wish that the Members adopt the report. I propose the Hon. Member for Rumuruti to second this report.

Hon. Joseph Suge: Asante, Mheshimiwa Spika. Namshukuru Mwenyekiti na Kamati yote ya Maji kwa ajili ya kazi nzuri. Wamefanya utafiti na kutengeneza ripoti ambayo imewasilishwa kwenye Bunge hili. Utata umekuwa kwa ajili ya kupandishwa kwa ulipishaji ushuru katika kampuni ya maji. Ikiwemo ni kampuni ya maji ya Nyahururu na Nanyuki. Imekuwa ni kilio kikubwa kwa wananchi wote wa Laikipia ambao wamekuwa wakipata maji kutoka kwa kampuni hizo mbili.

Mwenyekiti alisema kuwa kuna wale kamati waliitwa mahali pale na kukaweza kupewa maombi kama tulivyoarifiwa hapo awali. Kulingana na uchunguzi na utafiti ni kwamba zile mapendekezo hazikuweza kuzingatiwa. Ni jambo nzuri kwa kamati ambao wameweza kufuatilia na kuona ya kuwa uwazi utatendeka na wananchi waweze kupata maji. Nashukuru kwa sababu

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kamati wamependekeza ya kwamba Serikali ya Kaunti iweze kupea kipaumbele. Ili kampuni hizi ziweze kupata nguvu ya kuwezesha kuwapatia wananchi wetu maji.

Ni wakati mzuri kwa sababu tuko kwenye bajeti. Utayarishaji wa bajeti ya mwaka wa 2020-2021. Ni wajibu wetu kuona ya kwamba tumeweza kupea kipaumbele sekta ya maji ili watu waweze kupata maji. Kwa hayo machache, naunga mkono. Asante.

(Question Proposed)

Speaker: Hon. Members, I believe that you have had the report with you. It is time to make your contributions. If there are no contributions… Hon. Mutahi.

Hon. Mutahi Muritu: Mheshimiwa Spika, itakuwa ni kosa kama hatutaweza kutoa mchango wetu kwa ripoti hii. Suala lililojitokeza hapa wakati ukiahirisha huu mswada, ndio tunakuja kulijadili siku ya leo. Kwangu mimi, tofauti tu na kusoma ripoti hii kwanza niipongeze kampuni yenyewe, Nanyuki Water and Sanitation Company kwa sababu moja tu kwa niaba ya watu wa Tigithi na haswa vijiji saba vya Solio.

Kampuni hii kupitia Water Service Trust Fund (WSTF) iliweza kujukumiwa kuwa mtekelezaji katika mradi wa maji wa zaidi ya shilingi milioni mia moja arobaini na tatu. Tayari mradi umekamilika na tumeweza kupata maendeleo. Kwa upande wangu hata zaidi ya hiyo ripoti iliyowasilishwa ninaipongeza kampuni hiyo kwa utekelezaji huo na ilitekeleza mradi huo kwa wakati mwafaka zaidi. Tuliweza kwenda zaidi ya kilomita tisini na moja na Mwenyekiti wa kamati husika ni shahidi. Tulienda huko kwenye mikutano zaidi ya mitatu na sasa hivi tunavyoongea mimi nitakiri hapa Bungeni kwamba wao walikuwa watekelezaji na wametekeleza zaidi ya kilomita tisini na moja. Tumepata tanki na baada ya wiki mbili tutaweza kuanza kuwaunganishia maji zaidi ya wananchi elfu ishirini.

Kampuni hii ni mojawapo ya kampuni za serikali yetu ya kaunti ya Laikipia na katika hesabu zao waliweza kusimamia mradi ule. Ninaona pia wamepewa pesa zingine na WSTF, zaidi ya shilingi milioni arobaini na tano za kuwasambazia wananchi maji. Nitaunga mkono ripoti hii nikijua na kujiridhisha kwamba utekelezaji waliotekeleza katika wadi yangu ni hivyo ndivyo watakavyotekelezea wananchi wa Nanyuki.

Ninaunga ripoti mkono na pia nitaunga kampuni mkono na ikiwezekana kampuni zingine zilizoko chini ya usimamizi wa kaunti ziwe na mfano kama huu. Katika hizo fedha za utekelezaji walizopewa shilingi milioni ishirini na tatu zilikuwa mchango kutoka serikali ya kaunti ya Laikipia. Milioni mia moja ishirini na tatu zilikuwa ni ruzuku kutoka kwa serikali kupitia WSTF na wafadhili kutoka nchi ya Uswisi. Nitaunga mkono ripoti hii na kampuni pia na tuwape moyo wa kusonga mbele. Kwa hayo machache ninaunga mkono ripoti hii. Asante.

Speaker: May I now call the mover to give a reply.

Hon. Simon Kanyutu: Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker, Sir. I thank the Hon. Members for having seen how the report is very accurate. Being the Chair I am a witness and I was able to

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travel up to Aberdares where we even had to get escort from the KWS officers because we were mingling with wildlife there. Water has been brought to Tigithi and people are enjoying. In 2019/2020 we never allocated any funds to the company but they have been able to do very good work that I also enjoyed seeing. I am pleading with the Members that they get some funds for NYAHUWASCO also to do the same in Laikipia West.

I call upon the Members to endorse this report so that once these companies are given some funding they are able to implement their projects to the maximum. I also thank the Hon. Member for Rumuruti because I ambushed him to second and he was able. He is lucky to have gone through the report and he remembered vividly. I thank all the Members for having gone through the report and I beg them to pass the report as it is. Thank you.

(Question put and agreed to)

ADJOURNEMENT

Speaker: Hon Members you may rise. This House now stands adjourned until tomorrow Wednesday, 8th July, 2020, at 9.00 a.m.

The House rose at 2.48 p.m.

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