REPUBLIC OF KENYA

COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF LAIKIPIA

THE HANSARD

Wednesday, 14th April, 2021

The House met at the Assembly Chambers at 9.00 a.m.

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

PRAYERS

QUORUM CALL

Speaker: Clerk kindly confirm if there is quorum.

(Lack of quorum confirmed)

Speaker: Clerk, you can confirm whether we have quorum

(Quorum confirmed)

PAPERS

LAIKIPIA COUNTY ENTERPRISE FUND ANNUAL REPORT & FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Hon. Speaker: There is a paper to be laid by Hon. Nderitu.

Hon. Stephen Nderitu: Mr. Speaker, I have a paper to lay report on the Laikipia County Enterprise Fund annual report and financial statements for the 2nd Quarter ended 31st December, 2019 by Trade Tourism and cooperatives Committee dated 12th April,2021.

NOTICE OF MOTION

LAIKIPIA COUNTY BURSARY FUND ANNUAL REPORT

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

THAT this assembly adopts the report on the Laikipia County Enterprise Fund annual report and financial statements for the 2nd quarter ended 31st December, 2019 by the Trade, Tourism and Cooperatives Committee dated 12th April, 2021. Thank you.

MOTION

LAIKIPIA COUNTY BURSARY FUND ANNUAL REPORT

Speaker: Is there any Member of the Education Committee present? Then Hon. Members in the House to move on behalf of the Chairperson for Education and ICT Committee, Hon. John Mutahi Muritu.

Hon. Chris Mark: Thank you Mr. Speaker. On behalf of Chairperson for Education and ICT Committee, I beg to move the following motion;

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THAT this Assembly adopts the report on the Laikipia County Bursary Fund annual report and Financial statements for the quarter ended 30th September, 2019 by the Education and ICT Committee dated 12th April, 2021.

Mr. Speaker Sir, I will just highlight a bit on this report. It is something that Members are always given prior to this sitting and it is put in their pigeon-holes and also a brief by the Speaker panel or the House Business on what is the next weeks' agenda. Therefore, Members knew this was coming. The following are the Members of the committee;

1. Hon. John Mutahi - Chairperson
2. Hon. Catherine Kibue - Vice chairperson
3. Hon. Jacob Endom - Member
4. Hon. Chalumbo Ole Kaparo - Member
5. Hon. Daniel Mugweru - Member

This committees mandate is stipulated there in 1.2. so I will not go through it because Members know the mandate of this committee. But we can just say a bit of what the 3.3 talks about Fiduciary and Oversight Arrangement.

3.3 Fiduciary oversight arrangements

1. County Assembly of Laikipia,
2. County Assembly Education and ICT Committee.
3. County Assembly Budget and appropriation Committee.
4. County Executive Audit Committee.
5. County Assembly Public Accounts and Public Investments Committee.
6. Senate Budget Committee in Public Finance. What I am reading are the key management personnel who held office during the financial period of the year 2019/20 and gave their inputs and reports and have the responsibility of it.
7. The Controller of Budget.
8. Auditor-General.
9. County Executive Committee
10. Bankers for County Government of Laikipia (bursary Fund A/C) Family Bank Nanyuki (Kenya).
11. Independent Auditors (Office of the Auditor General.
12. Principal Legal adviser (The County Attorney Office of the Governor Laikipia County)

Mr. Speaker, the County Government reports and financial statement is prepared in accordance with the Public Finance Management Act, 2012 Section 164 of the Act which provides for their preparation by the County treasury.

The statements present the recent economic developments and actual fiscal performance of the Financial Year 2019/2020 and makes comparison to the budget appropriations for the same year. It further provides a comprehensive and financial review with sufficient information to show changes from the projections outlined in the latest County Fiscal Strategy Paper.

If you go to table 5.0 you will see the changes in net assets as at 31st December, 2019, total and balance as at 30th September, 2019 which was Kshs.7, 310,156.

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On observations;

- The surplus has increased at a reducing rate which is a good indicator from Kshs.1, 072,156 in 2017 to Kshs. 327,888 in 2019. However, the total surplus for the period ending 30th September stands at Kshs.7, 310,150.

The table on page seven 6.0, statement of cash flow for the quarter ended 31st Dec, 2019. You can see the projections, the contributions and donations which were nil, the transfers to the county and interests. You can see the Financial Year of 2018 is 7.3 billion but the Financial Year 2018/19 is at 6.9M. So that is where the variation in the previous page is talking about.

The observations are;

- The cost incurred for banking/ financing activities is high.

On table 7.0 that is the statement for budget and actual amounts for the quarter ended 31st December, 2019, we can see different variations and surplus period at the end of the table with the actual comparable basis and performances.

The observation here is;

- That the administration and training expenses were well managed. They did not unnecessarily spend the entire amount budgeted for.
- That the uptake of the bursary budget and scholarship awards was very low and far below the needs within the county.

The committee's recommendations are;

- That the County Government needs to exercise good budgeting measures to ensure the cash budgeted for is fully utilized.
- That the County Government should ensure the uptake of the budget is at 100%
- That the County Government should renegotiate banking rates for the financial transaction being carried out.
- The conclusion being that this House should adopt the committee on Education and ICT repot on Laikipia Bursary Fund Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year quarter ended 31st December, 2019.

Mr. Speaker that Report speaks for itself, so I will not even take more time to add. I might bedevil what has already been put. Issues of bursary are key as education is the anchor to which good life can be achieved in Laikipia. So if we anchor this good life in terms of education, and not just education, but quality education at a subsidised rate, our kids will have good education. It is with this that I call upon Hon. Mary Samken to second this Report of the Committee of Education on their behalf. Thank you.

(Hon. Mary Samken seconded the Report)

(Question proposed)

Hon. Chris Mark: Maybe, Mr. Speaker, with your wisdom and guidance… Members may debate and raise some questions that they may need answered and I am not seeing a Member of the Education Committee here. I am the only amicus, and you know an amicus is

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just an amicus. I do not know whether, with your wisdom and direction, it can be slated for another time for debate. Thank you.

Speaker: I want us to indulge on that. The Hon. Member is raising an issue which is very important, that we may find more helpful and useful information from the Members of the Education Committee. I do not know what the feeling of the Members is on that.

Hon. Stephen Nderitu: Asante Bwana Spika. Nakubaliana na naunga mkono Mheshimiwa Chris Mark. Hii ripoti inahusu mambo ya ufadhili na ni ripoti ambayo inaongea kuhusu mambo ya pesa. Wakati mwingine tukiangalia hii ripoti utaona kuna mahali pesa imetumiwa. Benki pia inatoza pesa mingi na hayo ni maswala ambayo ni nyeti. Tungehitaji wakati tunajadili hii ripoti kuwe kuna mwakilishi wa kamati ambaye anaweza tupatia ujumbe kama Mbunge. Naungana na Chris Mark. Tujadili hii ripoti wakati mwakilishi yuko hapa na pia mwenyekiti ambaye pia yuko na jukumu kubwa katika ile kamati. Asante.

Hon. Wilson Wakahiu: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I wish to concur with the guidance you are giving. There are fundamental issues concerning the bursary. As per the report I am seeing only the quarterly report for the financial year ending 31st December, 2019. For the other issues of the Bursary Fund Annual report in my report maybe they have touched the most important people were supposed to contribute towards it including the Committee on Budget, Controller of Budget, County Treasury, department of education and others.

It is my wish that if the committee Members are here, they are supposed to explain to us how every department that is concerned with bursary go. At the same time there is no financial report on the implementation of the bursary fund on that Financial Year. I concur with Hon. Chris Mark.

Speaker: With those concerns, I then wish to concur with the Members. The Members of Implementation Committee who were here have just left and therefore they will be here in the afternoon. We do not want to delay this any longer. We are slating it as business today in the afternoon today at 2.30 p.m. That motion is postponed to that time. We will be handling it at 2.30 p.m.

(Motion Deferred)

ADJOURNMENT

Speaker: The sittings of this House now stands adjourned until later today Wednesday, 14th April, 2021 at 2.30 p.m.

The House rose at 2.50 p.m.

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