REPUBLIC OF KENYA

COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF LAIKIPIA

THE HANSARD

Wednesday, 18th May, 2022.

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

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

PRAYERS

MOTION

QUARTERLY REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND PLANNING

Hon. Mary Samken: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I beg to move the following motion;

THAT, this Assembly adopts the quarterly report and financial statement for the period that ended 31st December, 2020 for the department of Finance, Planning and County Development by the Sectoral Committee on Finance and County Planning dated 20th May, 2022.

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

[The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Veronica Ikunyua) took the Chair]

On behalf of the Members of the committee on Finance and County Planning pursuant to the provision of Standing Order No.191/5 (f), it is my pleasure and duty to present to the House, the Committees report on the County Government of Laikipia (Executive) 2nd Quarter report and Financial statements for the period ended 31st December, 2020.

The Committee as currently constituted, comprises of the following Members;

1. Hon. Mary Samken - Chairperson
2. Hon. George Karuiru - Vice Chairperson
3. Hon. Joseph Kiguru - Member
4. Hon. Joseph Suge - Member
5. Hon. Chalumbo Kaparo - Member
6. Hon. Lochimidi Esokon - Member
7. Hon. Wilson Wakahiu - Member

The committee has held a number of meetings to scrutinize the document as required prior to tabling it in the House. On behalf of the Finance and County Planning Committee, I have the honour and pleasure to present the Committees report. May I take this opportunity to thank all the Members of the Committee for their valuable contributions during the entire process. Madam Speaker, I wish to thank your Honourable Office and that of the Clerk for the support you have accorded.

I also thank key management personnel who held office during the Financial Year 2020/2021 and who had direct fiduciary responsibility were the County Executive Committee

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Member for Finance, Planning and County Development as well as the Chief Officer, Finance, Planning and County Development.

The County Government financial statement presents the recent actual fiscal performance for the Second Quarter of FY 2020/2021 and makes comparison to the Budget Appropriation 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 2020/2021.

The statements provide an overview of how the actual performance of the 2nd Quarter of 2020/2021 affected the compliance with the fiscal responsibility principles and the financial objectives as detailed in the 2020/2021 County Fiscal strategy paper. On page 5, 4.1 there is a table showing budget execution by programmes and sub-programmes.

Example of one programme is departmental administrative services/centralized services. There was an approved budget of Kshs. 32, 268,300 and in the second quarter, what was spent was Kshs. 12,768,300 which gives us a variance of Kshs. 19,500,000 which is 39.56%. I hope that the Hon. Members are going through the report and therefore I will not go through the whole table.

On page six, the department had an absorption rate of 36.33% which is Kshs. 325,559,680 was spent against a budget of Kshs. 896,096,455.25. During the period under review, the department planning services programme had the highest absorption rate of 82.64% where the public service management services programme had the lowest absorption rate of 7.6%.

Committee observations;

1. According to the analysis in the table above, the revenue management services sub-programme exceeded their budgetary allocation as they utilized Kshs. 252,719,309.55 against a budget of Kshs. 25,759,542.
2. That the period under review being the 2nd quarter of the financial year 200/2021, staff welfare as well as car and mortgage, public officers did not utilize any of the allocated funds. The two sub-programmes had not utilized their funds during the previous 1st Quarter period.

Committee recommendations;

1. That the Finance, Planning and County Development Department should ensure that the budgeted funds are utilized for their intended programmes.
2. That the County Government should ensure that those programmes that are budgeted for are utilized accordingly.
3. That this House adopts this report of the Committee of Finance and County Planning on the County Government of Laikipia (County Executive) 2nd quarter reports and financial statements for the period ended 31st December, 2020 F/Y 2020/2021.

I would like to call upon the Hon. Member from Olmoran, Hon. George Karuiru to second the report.

Hon. George Karuiru: Thank you, Madam Speaker for calling me George because I love that name so much. I rise to second the motion. Thank you.

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(Question proposed)

Temporary Speaker (Hon. Veronica Ikunyua): Members, please consult silently because we are still in session.

Hon. Mutahi Muritu: Bi. Spika, nasimama kutoa mchango wangu kuhusu hii ripoti ya Kamati ya Fedha, Mipangilio na Mahesabu ya robo ya pili iliyoisha Desemba 2020. Nilipokuwa naangalia mapendekezo ya kamati ukurasa wa tano inasema; *According to the analysis in the table above, the revenue management services sub-programme exceeded their budgetary allocation as they utilized Kshs. 252,719,309.55 against a budget of Kshs. 25,759,252.*

Bi. Spika, kusema ukweli, wakati mwingine hata kama tumekuwa kwenye mtandao, kuna vitu vingine ambavyo huwa hatuangalii ambavyo ni nyeti sana. Hata kama kipindi chetu kinaisha, kuna vitu vingine ambavyo vinatia kero sana. Hata kama tuko upande upi, sidhani kwamba zaidi ya milioni mia mbili na maelezo haitolewi mahali hizi pesa zilitolewa.

Kama kamati yenyewe imeweza kudadisi na kugundua kwamba eti pesa walizotengewa ni shilingi milioni 25,759,252 ilhali wao wenyewe walitumia milioni mia mbili. Hata kama sisi ni bumbuazi kiasi kipi, tunataka maelezo kutoka kwa mwenyekiti atakapokuja kufanya majumuisho. Aweze kutueleza baada ya kuangalia hii na baadaye pale anasema tupitishe ripoti. Kuna vitu zingine hata kama tunaondoka, kuna vitu vingine ambavyo ninataka maelezo.

Wakati mwingine tuwache utani na maisha yetu kwa sababu milioni mia mbili, na ishirini na tano, zaidi ya asilimia mia mbili hatupati maelezo, hizi pesa zilitoka wapi ili zikaenda kutumika pale. Katika huo ukurasa pia, "*That the period under review being the 2nd Quarter of the financial year 2020/2021, staff welfare as well as car and mortgage, public officer did not utilize any of the allocated funds.*

Kamati imeona bajeti imepasuka lakini pia katika nambari mbili inasema ya kwamba; *That the period under review being the 2nd Quarter of the financial year 2020/2021, staff welfare as well as car and mortgage, public officers did not utilize any of the allocated funds.* Hata kama sisi ni wapumbavu namna gani, umetumia zaidi ya milioni ishirini na tano ya bajeti uliyopewa halafu pale unakuja kuniambia ya kwamba hizo pesa hazikutumika vizuri. Sasa ni kitu kipi tunachokijadili hapa?

Basi hii ripoti haifai kwenye hili Bunge. Kamati ya ukaguzi wa hesabu za serikali iko katika hili Bunge na kuna vitu vingine ambavyo vinataka maelezo zaidi hata kama tunatoka kwenye hili Bunge. Tusipofanya ukweli, siwadanganyi hii ripoti itakuja kutufuata baada ya kuondoka kwenye Bunge la pili. Tuwe makini sana tunapofanya vitu zingine.

Ukienda kwa mapendekezo; *the Finance, Planning and County Development Department should ensure that the budgeted funds are utilized.* Sasa ni kwa nini tunajikanyaga? Kwenye maoni yao, wameona ya kwamba zaidi ya shilingi milioni 252,719,309.55 zimetumika lisivyo na hatuelezwi zilitoka wapi au walichukua kutoka kwa bajeti ipi wakaweka kwa hii. Pili, hao maofisa ambao wamepewa jukumu la kusimamia, hawakufanya inavyostahili halafu huyu mwenyekiti anakuja kutueleza kwenye ripoti eti watekeleze. Watekeleze wapi na bajeti ilipasuka? Pesa zilikopwa na kutumika, labda wao wamepata mgawo.

Katika nambari mbili, wanasema ya kwamba; "*that the County Government should ensure that those programmes that are budgeted for are utilized accordingly".* Bi Spika, siwezi kubaliana nayo hata kama mimi ni mtu wa aina gani. Pesa iliyotengewa milioni ishirini na tano, umekuja kutumia shilingi 252,719,309.55 ambayo haina maelezo, halafu mwenyekiti anakuja

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na kusema ya kwamba; "*That this House adopts this report of the Committee of Finance and County Planning on the County Government of Laikipia (County Executive) 2nd Quarter"* halafu tupitishe. Basi hatutakuwa tumeharirisha chochote.

Hata ripoti yenyewe Bi. Spika, kwani sisi kazi yetu ni ipi kwenye hili Bunge? Wakati mwingine tuwache utani. Mwenyekiti aje anieleze na sibanduki hapi, shilingi milioni mia mbili na zaidi ambayo haikutengewa kamati na imetumika na yeye amekuja na kufanya utafiti. Hao maofisa hawakuwajibika. Wakati mwingine tuweze kuangalia kwa sababu hatuwezi lala hivyo.

Ukienda nambari ya nne, eti *budget execution by programmes and sub- programmes and their vote heads.* Bi. Spika, sitaweza kuendelea zaidi lakini tusichukulie mzaha. Zaidi ya milioni 220,000,000 zimechukuliwa na hawana habari vile zilitumika. Kuna Kamati ya kukagua hesabu na fedha za umma na sijaona kwa ripoti yao kwa sababu sisi tutaondokea kisha tupitishe. Bi. Spika, napinga hii ripoti mpaka maelezo zaidi kwa sababu huwezi kupata hizi pesa, tuendelee kupitia. Tukipitisha hii ripoti, tutakuwa tumewahalalishia fedha milioni mbili na ishirini na tano.

Tusidanganyane hapa kwamba kila kitu kiko sawa ila ninasikia Mheshimiwa kutoka Thingithu anasema niko na uhusiano na hiyo serikali. Niko na uhusiano kweli nikikuja hapa kuiba mapambo? Kuna wajumbe wa Ol Moran na wa Rumuruti wameingia tu saa hii ambao wanafaa kutueleza kule wamepeleka milioni mia mbili na ishirini na tano kwa sababu wao ndio wanahusika wa hiyo kamati. Mheshimiwa mwenyekiti na Mheshimiwa Lochimidi wanafaa kutueleza hizo fedha zilienda wapi.

Mnaona milioni mia mbili na ishirini na tano ni kama utani. Katika Bunge letu tunapata fedha kidogo za *Car and Mortgage*. Wafanyikazi wetu wanahangaika ila tunapatia watu milioni za pesa. Wafanyikazi wetu hawana hata magari ila ni kuomba. Ni kama wanapiga magoti, kwa hivyo napinga mpaka maelezo zaidi iweze kutolewa.

Temporary Speaker (Hon. Veronica Ikunyua): I hope you are digesting what I would have said as I gave you more time. Hon. Mary give the reply.

Hon. Mary Samken: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I take this opportunity to thank the Hon. Members who have supported the report. I want to give a small explanation to Hon. Mutahi that this is just…

Temporary Speaker (Hon. Veronica Ikunyua): Do not direct it to Hon. Mutahi. Just reply to the whole House.

Hon. Mary Samken: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I would like to inform this House that this is just a fraction of what was allocated in the whole budget. Madam Speaker, we all know that there is the First, Second, Third and Fourth Quarter in every sub-programme. For the sub-programme of revenue management, we have seen in the second quarter that they have exceeded their allocated budget.

Madam Speaker, if we had the whole year budget, we could have seen that in the second budget they have utilised all their budget for the third and fourth quarter. Madam Speaker, we cannot come and explain because they have not reached there. When we come for the Third and Fourth Quarter, we shall have seen that probably this sub-programme will not have any fund to be used because already it has been used in the second quarter.

Madam Speaker, what the Hon. Member is saying, is about the car and mortgage. We have seen in the first quarter report we indicated that the Kshs.15 million that was budgeted for the car and mortgage for public officers was not utilised in the First and Second Quarter.

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Madam Speaker, we report what we observe because this report comes directly from the department. We just scrutinize what is brought then we call the CECM to explain the points that the committee may require to be explained. Hon. Speaker, I thank the Hon. Members and I urge them to pass the report. Thank you.

(Question put and agreed to)

ADJOURNMENT

Temporary Speaker (Hon. Veronica Ikunyua): This House stands adjourned until later today in the afternoon Wednesday, 18th May, 2022 at 2.30 p.m.

The House rose at 9.35 a.m.

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