REPUBLIC OF KENYA

COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF LAIKIPIA

THE HANSARD

Wednesday, 20th March, 2024

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

[The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Anthony Theuri) in the Chair]

PRAYERS

PAPERS LAID

AUDITOR GENERALS' REPORTS FOR 2023

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Thank you, Hon. Speaker for your wisdom. First of all, I have papers to lay;

a) Report of the Auditor-General on Rumuruti Municipality for the year ended 30th June, 2023.

b) Report of the Auditor-General on Nanyuki Water and Sanitation Company Limited for the year ended 30th June, 2023.

c) Report of the Auditor-General on Nyahururu Water and Sanitation Company Limited for the year ended 30th June, 2023.

Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

(Hon. Stephen Ndiritu laid the papers on the Table)

Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Stephen. I commit the papers to CPAIC Committee.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS

FENCING OF WATER RESERVOIRS IN THE COUNTY

Hon. Salim Edung Thro' Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. On behalf of Hon. Salim Edung, I beg to give notice of the following motion;

THAT AWARE THAT water and sanitation services is a function of the County Government as stipulated in part 2 of the Fourth Schedule of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010;

FURTHER AWARE THAT water is life;

COGNIZANT OF THE FACT THAT Laikipia County is among the Counties that are regarded as Arid;

FURTHER COGNIZANT THAT the amount of annual rainfall the County receives cannot sustain the water demand in the County;

APPRECIATING THAT County Government of Laikipia has dug seral water pans, dams and drilled several boreholes;

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CONCERNED THAT all these water conservation and storage sites are within residential areas thus exposing the residents and their animals to danger;

FURTHER CONCERNED THAT this water is being used for domestic purposes even though the water is contaminated;

ACKNOWLEDGING THAT fencing helps prevent accidental falls into the reservoir, reducing the risk of drowning for people and animals, help keep out debris, trash, and pollutants, maintaining the water quality and reducing the need for costly clean-up efforts, prevent animals from accessing the reservoir, reducing the risk of contamination from human or animal wastes or other sources;

This House URGES the County Government;

1. To fence all the dams and water pans within the County.
2. To have a controlled access through gates or designated entry points.

Thank you, Hon. Speaker. That is on behalf of Salim Edung.

MANUFACTURE AND PROVISION OF ORGANIC FERTILIZERS

Hon. Catherine Umija thro' Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Hon. Speaker, I have another notice of motion on behalf of Hon. Catherine Umija. Hon. Speaker, I beg to give notice of the following motion;

THAT, AWARE THAT implementation Agriculture, including crop and animal husbandry is a function of the County Government as stipulated in part 2 of the fourth schedule of the Constitution of Kenya 2010;

FURTHER AWARE THAT Organic fertilizers are natural products used by farmers to provide food (plant nutrients) for the crop plants;

NOTING THAT Organic fertilizer application improves crop growth by supplying plant nutrients, including micronutrients, as well as improving the physical, chemical, and biological properties of the soil, thereby providing a better environment for root development by improving the soil structure;

FURTHER NOTING THAT High cost of fertilizers is a major concern among farmers in Kenya as it is one of the reasons why most food commodities are expensive;

This House URGES the County Government to manufacture and distribute organic fertilizers.

Hon. Parleto Lekopien: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I want to first welcome the Members of Samburu County Assembly to Laikipia. They came for benchmarking mission. At some point, I was thinking maybe we should give them a chance to come and sit and chair with us in the chambers.

Now that they are seated in the gallery, I want to welcome them to the County Assembly of Laikipia and appreciate that at least we have an Assembly that even our friends from Samburu, Isiolo and Baringo would want to come and learn from us. Welcome, feel at home and every time you feel there is something you want to know, you are welcome. Next time, we would want through the privileges of the Speaker, give them a special treat or at least a one-night stay in Nanyuki on our bill. Thank you.

TREE PLANTING THROUGH SEED BROADCASTING

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Hon. Parleto Lekopien: Hon. Speaker, Hon. I now beg to give notice of the following motion;

THAT, AWARE THAT implementation of specific National Government Policies on natural resources and environmental conservation, including soil and water conservation; and forestry is a function of the County Government as stipulated in part 2 of the fourth schedule of the Constitution of Kenya 2010;

FURTHER AWARE THAT forest resources in our country are valuable natural endowment that must be sustainably managed for present and future generations;

NOTING THAT Forest resources offer a range of benefits and opportunities for local and national economic development, improved livelihoods and provision of environmental goods and services such as watershed protection and carbon sequestration;

APPRECIATING THAT aerial seeding is a technique of sowing seeds by spraying them through aerial mechanical means;

ACKNOWLEDGING THAT application of aerial seeding technology in restoration of degraded forestlands is significantly cheaper compared to manual planting of seedlings and the technology is also faster and effective in rehabilitating inaccessible and difficult terrain;

This House URGES the County Government to liaise with relevant agencies and plant trees in the County through aerial seed broadcasting.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MOTION

FENCING OF WATER RESERVOIRS IN THE COUNTY

Hon. Salim Edung Thro' Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Thank you Mr. Speaker. On behalf of Salim Edung who is not in this House, I beg you move that motion perhaps tomorrow or another day by your leave.

Deputy Speaker: I am going allow that but not tomorrow, but probably next week.

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Thank you.

(Motion deferred)

PROCEDURAL MOTION

CHANGE OF HOUSE SITTINGS

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Kwanza ningetaka kuwakaribisha wale Wajumbe ambao wametoka pande za Samburu. Ningetaka kuwaambia wajiskie wakiwa mahali ambapo wanastahili kwa sababu wamekuja hapa kuona vile ambavyo sisi hufanya na vile huwa tunavyoendeleza kazi yetu. Tunajiamini, tunajitambua na huwa tunapanga kazi yetu inavyostahili ili wakirudi pale kwao, wajue ya kwamba kazi ni kujipanga. Sheria ni yetu na sisi ndio sheria na kwa hivyo, nataka kuwakaribisha, mujionee na mkitoka hapa mujiburudishe. Katika Laikipia kuna kila kitu ambacho mnataka na mtapata nafasi ya kujiburudisha.

Hon. John Gichuki thro' Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: On behalf of the Majority Leader, Hon. John Gichuki Maina, Hon. Speaker, I beg to move the following motion;

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THAT this Assembly approves the application of Standing Order No. 31(3) to allow it change it's sitting for Thursday, 21st March, 2024 from 2:30 p.m. to 9:00 a.m.

Asante sana, Bwana Spika. Kama nilivyoeleza kuhusiana na huu mswada, tunataka kubadilisha masaa ya kuingia Bunge kutoka saa nane na kuiweka saa tatu asubuhi ili tuweze kupeana nafasi ya mambo mengine ambayo yatakuweko. Tukifanya hivyo, pia Wabunge watakuwa na nafasi ya kushirikiana na wananchi ambao waliwachagua na kujipanga vizuri kwa wiki mpya inayo kuja.

Wakati tulikuwa kwa Kamati ya Shughuli za Bunge, tuliona ni vizuri tuweze kuahirisha hiki kikao. Pia, ni vizuri kuelezea Wabunge kuwa kuna mmoja wa wafanyikazi hapa ambaye amepata msiba wa mama yake na mazishi ni kesho. Hivyo basi, kutakuwa na nafasi mwafaka ya kuweza kuelekea huko na kushirikiana na hiyo familia pamoja na huyo mfanyikazi ambaye anafanya kazi katika Bunge hili la Laikipia. Kwa hayo machache bila kuongeza mengine, namuomba Mheshimiwa Kanyutu aweze kuniunga mkono katika hoja hii.

Hon. Samuel Kanyutu: Asante sana, Bwana Spika. Ninasimama kuunga mkono vile Mwakilishi wa walio wengi amesema tuahirishe Bunge ya kesho isiwe saa nane unusu ila saa tatu asubuhi. Ninaiunga mkono.

Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Simon Kanyutu. I know that when it comes to Kiswahili, it is usually difficult for you to communicate *karibu useme naiunga na miguu.*

(Question proposed)

Deputy Speaker: Floor is open for debate.

Hon. George Karuiru: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I wanted to congratulate the Samburu County representatives and tell them that I have seen they have more ladies than us.

On benchmarking, that is what I wanted to urge; we need to benchmark on everything. I must join hands with Hon. Ndiritu in the thought of the adjournment of the Assembly tomorrow because it is a key factor. As I said in this House in the morning, we must take care of each other. I lost my dad just two or three weeks ago and one of our staff has lost her parent. It is good to be in unity and bid farewell to a loved mom whom we have known in a particular group that has been formed where we have also given out money.

I must appreciate again that I saw the Honourable members of staff in my dad's burial as well as the Hon. Members that were present. I must say that you feel more condoled with when you see people that you work together with. Sometimes I think, because in the lawmaking process or amendment of Standing Orders, there is the idea of conducting this Assembly for two days. It is becoming very tricky to spend a whole afternoon of Thursday yet some of us like myself travel for over a hundred kilometres from the Assembly. In spite of it being because of the burial that we will be attending tomorrow, I think it should be looked at. I join hands with my fellow Hon. Members that we put it at tomorrow morning.

Deputy Speaker: I now call upon the Mover to reply.

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Asante, Mheshimiwa Spika. Nataka kushukuru kwa vile Wabunge wamechangia ili tuweke kikao cha Bunge kiwe kesho asubuhi. Asante.

(Question put and agreed to)

ADJOURNMENT

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Deputy Speaker: This House stands adjourned until tomorrow, Thursday 21st March, 2024 at 9.00 a.m.

The House rose at 3.20 p.m.

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