REPUBLIC OF KENYA

COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF LAIKIPIA

THE HANSARD

Wednesday, 23rd September, 2020

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

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

PRAYERS

STATEMENT

ANNUAL REPORT BY THE LAIKIPIA COUNTY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY BOARD

Hon. Joseph Kiguru: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir. I want to respond to the statement on annual report by the Laikipia County Development Authority Board. The statement was tabled in the Assembly by Hon. Chris Mark Said on 2nd June, 2020, requesting for a response regarding the statement on annual report by the Laikipa County Development Authority Board. The statement was committed to the Committee on Finance and County Planning with a directive to table a response to the House.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, the committee did a letter to the County Executive Committee Member Finance Planning and County Development vide Ref: CGL/CA/CM/007/02/ VOL 01/008 dated 9th June, 2020, requesting for a submission of the response to the statement. The response was received on 14th July, 2020 as follows;

On why there have been no annual reports submitted to the County Assembly as stipulated in Section 16 of the Laikipia County Development Authority Act.

I wish to respond as follows. That until the Financial Year 2019/2020, Laikipia County Development Authority has been working under the umbrella of the Finance Department. The affairs of the authority were being managed as an internal Department of Finance. This explains why an annual report had been submitted separately from the Finance Department. This is because it was being managed and audited under the Finance Department. The authority is now semi-autonomous. Therefore, the Finance Department shall be submitting the annual report for the authority as stipulated by the law.

On development programs that the Development Authority Board has undertaken so far.

I wish to respond as follows. That the report from the CEO on the development programs that the authority had undertaken so far are as attached in annex 1. The authority strategies, priorities and objectives 2018-2021 are as attached in annex 2. The Memorandum of Understanding (MOUs) between Laikipia County Government and other corporations are in annex 3.

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a) The Kenya Institute for Public Policy Research and Analysts (KIPPRA).

b) Centre for Training and Integrated Research in ASAL Development (CETRAD).

c) Dedan Kimathi University of Technology.

d) Kenya Forestry Research Institute (KEFRI).

e) MOU between Laikipa County Government Authority and Kenya Climate Innovation Centre.

f) MOU between Laikipia County Development Authority and Centum Investment Company Plc.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, I think that every Member has the same document. The attached annex 2, annex 3, and the MOU between Kenya Institute for Public Policy Research and Analysts. All the MOUs are in this document. I think that it will take the whole day to read this document. The Members can peruse since they have the same document.

Aliyeitisha hii taarifa kwa niaba ya Bunge yuko pamoja nasi. Hivyo basi ni vizuri nikomee hapo. Tunajua ya kwamba hii taarifa imekaa kwa muda na nimezipata nakala zote nilizotaka kuhakikisha ziko pamoja nasi. Nataka kukomea hapo kwa sababu naelewa kilichokuwa kimeitishwa na nimeleta nakala zote zilizokuwa zinahitajika. Asante, Mheshimiwa Spika.

(The Speaker left the Chair)

(Deputy Speaker (Hon. Daniel Nyausi) took the Chair)

Hon. Chris Mark: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I commend the committee and give them at least 30%. This response has been delayed. As you are aware we do not have the luxury of time. I am looking at my update here and seeing that it is 1 year, 10 months, 2 weeks, 2 days, 19 hours, 15 minutes and 23 seconds to the next election.

When a document like this stays for a whole year, what does that tell you? I appreciate that it has at least gotten here. Just like the Chairperson for the Finance Committee has said, it would take a whole day if we would go through it. I would beg that you as the person who had raised the statement on behalf of this House, to be accorded a few days to go through it. I can then either register my satisfaction or my dissatisfaction here, kindly. Thank you.

Deputy speaker: Hon. Chris Mark how long would you ask for?

Hon. Chris Mark: Mr. Speaker, Sir, on this one, I shall be ready by next week on any day that will be allocated.

Deputy Speaker: We will of cause grant you plus other Members of this House time to go through. It is quite a bulky document; it is good as it is necessary for Laikipians. You will then register your satisfaction on Tuesday next week at 2.30 p.m.

Hon. Chris Mark: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It is good that you have allowed me that time. We had said that some documents come here but they are erroneous. It will also give me

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time to verify whether it is the truth. In fact, we had said that in the future we would want the relevant department to sign each and every page of this document. We have had fictitious documents sneaking in, being read in this House and seeming like it is the truth. It will give me time to sit with the Chair and the relevant people to verify everything that has been written here is factual and happening. Mr. Speaker, I am grateful. Thank you.

Deputy Speaker: You will register your satisfaction and by that time you will be able to prove that what has been responded to and attached is true or not true. You will confirm it during your time when that day comes. I do not think that we have any other Member who would want to air his/her views on the same. Probably, we will grant more Members on that day. We will then close this business for now until Tuesday next week.

Before we adjourn the House, I have got a communication that the Chairpersons or rather the Liaison Members to remain behind for one or two reasons.

ADJOURNMENT

Deputy Speaker: The sittings of this House stands adjourned until later today Wednesday, 23rd September, 2020 at 2.30 p.m.

The House rose at 9.10 a.m.

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