REPUBLIC OF KENYA

COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF LAIKIPIA

THE HANSARD

Wednesday, 4th September, 2024

The House met at the Assembly Chambers at 10.00 a.m.

[The Speaker (Hon. Lantano Nabaala) in the Chair]

PRAYERS

QUORUM CALL

Speaker: Thank you. Clerk, confirm if we have quorum.

(Lack of quorum confirmed)

Speaker: Without quorum, I direct that the bell ring for ten minutes.

(Quorum bell rung for ten minutes)

Hon. Paul Leshuel: Mr. Speaker, we have a quorum in the House.

Speaker: Clerk, kindly confirm if we do have quorum.

(Clerk confirmed achievement of Quorum)

Speaker: Thank you very much, now that we have quorum, I direct that the bell stops ringing and we commence the business of the House.

PAPERS LAID

CADP PUBLIC PARTICIPATION REPORT & ADP FOR FINANCIAL YEAR 2025/2026

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I was waiting for your permission.

Speaker: Permission granted.

Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I beg to lay the following papers;

a. Public Participation Report on 2025/2026 County Annual Development Plan (CADP).

b. Laikipia County Annual Development Plan FY 2025/2026.

I am doing this on behalf of Hon. John Gichuki (Leader of Majority Party)

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

Speaker: Thank you very much, the two papers shall stay committed to the finance and County Planning Committee. Thank you very much.

NOTICES OF MOTION

FASTTRACK TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS TO MUNICIPALITIES

Hon. Anthony Theuri: Good morning, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Good morning, Honourable Member.

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Hon. Anthony Theuri: Thank you. I want to give the notice of motion to FastTrack the transfer of functions of municipalities.

Honourable Speaker, I beg to move the following motion. Sorry, to give the notice that I'm reading as it is here but I am giving notice;

THAT**,** NOTING THAT Urban and Cities Act, 2012 is an Act of Parliament to give effect to Article 184 of the Constitution in order to provide for the classification, governance and management of urban areas and cities; to provide for the criteria of establishing urban areas, to provide for the principle of governance and participation of residents;

FURTHER NOTING THAT in furtherance of the principles of giving powers of self-governance to the people and recognizing the right of communities to manage their own affairs, County Governments are mandated to decentralize their functions and the provision of their services to the extent that it is efficient and practicable to do so;

ACKNOWLEDGING THAT urban areas and cities including municipalities are further decentralized units of County Governments;

CONCERNED THAT the Laikipia County has established Nanyuki, Nyahururu and Municipal Boards which are not fully operational; this House

URGES the County Government to fast track the transfer of functions for Municipalities. Thank you, Hon Speaker.

MOTION

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Bwana Spika nashukuru kwa hii nafasi kwa kuwa hapa asubuhi njema nikiwakilisha watu watukufu wa Wadi ya Nanyuki. Bwana Spika, sijui ni kitu gani leo katika ile nyumba kuu ya huko huwa inaitwa… hii nyumba ambayo mnaenda asubuhi mkiwa na Mheshimiwa Stephen Ndiritu, Mheshimiwa Nicholas Mwaniki. Huwa tunaita namna gani hii ya asubuhi? Unajua,

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sasa HBC sijui ni habari gani njema umepatia Mheshimiwa Stephen Ndiritu hapa anacheka kama farasi ikiwa imeona karoti ama mfanyikazi mwisho wa mwezi.

Anaathiri mpangilio wangu wa kazi lakini nitajikaza kabisa. Najua Kiswahili yangu sio sanifu lakini heri punda ife na mzigo ifike. Nashukuru Mungu kwa nafasi njema asubuhi nimepata ya kuwakilisha watu wangu ya Wadi ya Nanyuki. Pia najivunia hili Jumba la Bunge la Kaunti ya Laikipia ilipitisha mswada wa kufanya Nanyuki iwe Manispaa na vile vile haikuchoka. Ikatoka hapo ikaenda Nyahururu na ikafanya Manispaa pia.

Ni vizuri watu wajue kwamba Manispaa ilikuja kusaidia watu wa Wadi ya Nanyuki na watu wa Nyahururu. Lakini kwa sasa, wacha ikatalie watu wa Nanyuki sababu ndio nawakilisha zaidi ya wote na pia wamenipa nafasi mzuri ya kuwa hapa. Bwana Spika, wewe sio mgeni katika Nanyuki. Wakati niliangalia hili Jumba sisi wote hapa, naona Mheshimiwa wa Umande. Naona Mheshimiwa mteule kutoka Sosian rafiki yangu Mwangi. Naona Mheshimiwa Eunice Moile kutoka Mukogodo Mashariki.

Naona Mheshimiwa Catherine Umija na pia naona Mheshimiwa Mwaniki. Vile vile Mheshimiwa mrembo zaidi hapa kwa hili Nyumba Mheshimiwa Mary Gathoni. Naona rafiki yangu hapa ambaye ni Mheshimiwa wa kuchaguliwa wa Mukogodo Mashariki. Ikifika masaa ya jioni Mheshimiwa, isipokuwa wewe na nashukuru Mungu nyumba yako hatukuhamisha tukapeleka Rumuruti. Hawa wote wataenda watawacha mimi na Mheshimiwa Catherine Umija hapa. Waache mimi na Mheshimiwa Mary Gathoni.

Waache mimi na Mheshimiwa anacheka cheka hapa anaitwa Mheshimiwa Stephen Ndiritu. Swali ni je, akikaa kidogo umeona, utaona wameenda na hapo nyuma watumie choo yetu. Watakunywa maji yetu wameegesha kwetu, wanatumia barabara zetu. Lakini wakati tunagawana hapa pesa, hauwezi kumbusha Mheshimiwa Daniel Mugweru ya kwamba anakunywa maji ya Mji na watu wake. Nimesahau kusema, hakukuja pekee yake. Ukimuangalia akitoka upande wa Umande asubuhi, nyuma yake kuna magari utadhani wanaenda Sherehe fulani. Wanakuja Mji.

Vilevile, ukiangalia Mheshimiwa wa Mukogodo Mashariki na Mheshimiwa Eunice Moile, wanakuja na watu wao jioni wanaenda. Lakini ikifika kugawana pesa hapa hawataki kusikia Wadi ya Nanyuki imeongezwa hata ile hela ilikuwa na ka shimo katikati. Wanataka pesa igawe katikati. Lakini ukiangalia Nanyuki, bila hata kuangalia wapiga kura, sitaki kuongea kwa mlengo wa Mheshimiwa fulani, kila wakati anatukumbusha wako wengi lakini ukweli ni ya kwamba Wadi ya Nanyuki iko na watu wengi sana na zaidi.

Miundo msingi iliyo katika wadi ya Nanyuki ni ya wakati wa Korona. Juzi tu ndio nilisikia NAWASCO - na Mungu awabariki wasiwe watu wa kusema tu bali kutenda pia - wameleta mjadala wa kutuongezea maji. Mifereji ilikuwa ya wakati wa ukoloni wakati kulikuweko choo kimoja pekee katikati ya stendi, na idadi ya watu katika Nanyuki na Likii haikuwa zaidi ya elfu tano. Tukiendelea hivyo, wadi ya Nanyuki itasambaratika na itaonekana hatufanyi kazi. Nashukuru serikali ya Mheshimiwa Joshua Irungu kwa sababu walisikia ombi letu la kuifanya iwe manispaa.

Ujio wa manispaa ndio unaitwa ujanja. Ni kama vile mama anapogawa chakula anakumbuka kuna mtoto mmoja aliye shuleni na anambakishia, kwa sababu akiwekelea chakula chote mezani, watoto wote watamaliza. Zamani mama, kumaanisha Kaunti, alikuwa anawekelea simia ya mchele mezani na kila mtu anamaliza ilhali sisi tunabaki bila kula. Hiyo inamaanisha kuwa wakati tunagawanya pesa ya mataa, mimi kama Kawambui wa wadi ya Nanyuki najua manispaa imeniwekea pale. Tunapoongea kuhusu barabara unaona barabara zimeanza kuwekwa *cabro* na mchanga haitamwagwa kwenye steji.

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Mheshimiwa Spika, ni vizuri nikuambie manispaa imefika hapa kwenye lami ya Equator, na hapo ndipo tumeshikana kidogo na Kagondu. Kisha inateremka hadi Zion City, mto wa Likii, BATUK na hatimaye kuishia kwenye kambi ya jeshi. Hiyo ndiyo manispaa kwa sasa, na tunashukuru Mungu kwa hayo yote. Shida ni kwamba wakati tulifanya haya yote, imekuwa kama vile tukipewa shamba na jembe. Mungu akatupa mvua bali hatuna mbegu. Naeleza serikali tukufu ya Mheshimiwa Joshua Irungu kuwa haikumaliza kazi. Irudi kwenye shamba la wadi ya Nanyuki na Thingithu zenye ziko katika manispaa. Haikumaliza kazi kwa sababu haikutupa wafanyikazi. Hata hivyo, nashukuru gazeti ya jana kwa vile ilitoa matangazo ya nafasi za kazi.

Hata hivyo, huo sio mwisho. Ukiangalia huo mpangilio, kuna majukumu ya Serikali ya Utendaji iliyohamishwa hadi kwenye manispaa, kwa mfano mazingira, uokotaji wa taka, uwanja wa michezo, mataa, baadhi ya shughuli za hospitali na mambo mengine. Sasa, wakati umefika wa Serikali ya Utendaji kuachilia kabisa. Mtoto wa wadi ya Nanyuki sasa anaweza kutafuna githeri, shida ni kuwa mzazi bado hajakubali kwa sababu hajapeana majukumu yote.

Ukitazama, hawana magari. Juzi karibu tuchomwe, na najua huu mswada utaletwa hapa. Majuzi wakati wa vurugu za Gen-Z kuna nyumba zilizochomwa hapa, zilichomeka usiku mzima. Nashukuru Gavana kwa sababu tulishirikiana naye tukaitisha garimoshi; la, Kiswahili ni kigumu. Naam, zimamoto, asante sana. Unaona watu wa mtaani ni werevu sana. Tuliitisha zimamoto kutoka Nyeri. Shida ni kwamba mwananchi alikuwa anataka moto uzimwe tujaribu kuokoa mali. Shida ilikuwa kwamba ukimpigia Waziri wa Mazingira, anakuambia hilo ni jukumu la manispaa. Ukipigia manispaa wanasema bado hawajapewa. Basi, mambo yakiharibika hatujui tuulize Serikali ya Utendaji ama Waziri wa Mazingira.

Bwana Spika, imefika wakati wa kuweka majukumu yawe bayana. Namwuliza Gavana akubali kuachilia manispaa kwa sababu akifanya hivyo ndipo tutapata pesa. Pesa ya manispaa inatoka kwenye serikali kuu na Benki ya Dunia. Wakija hapa wanapata kuwa tuna jina kubwa pasipo chochote kingine. Tunawapa kazi pasipo pesa. Juzi walitupa milioni mbili, sasa sijui kama ni ya kuweka magari mafuta, kununua viti ama nini. Nashukuru hili Bunge kwa kuongeza milioni tano ikafika saba.

Ni vizuri ieleweke kwamba Benki ya Dunia ikija wanakagua kile kinachoendelea. Wanaangalia kama mko na meneja wa mtaa, msimamizi, mhasibu na wafanyikazi wengine. Sasa hivi, watu wote wa mazingira hawajulikani wako upande gani. Hatujui iwapo wako upande wa afisa mkuu Abraham ambako waliajiriwa; mambo ya uajiri tutaongea baadaye. Hatujui iwapo wameajiriwa na kaimu meneja wa manispaa, hajui tuko na magari mangapi ya taka, hatujui askari wetu ni wangapi. Hatujui majukumu yetu vizuri, imeandikwa kwenye vitabu bali haijawafikia watu, na hilo limetuharibia jina.

Mimi ni mwanasiasa na kiongozi. Ninaposimama na kuwaambia watu wa wadi ya Nanyuki, naye Mheshimiwa Kamau anawaambia watu wa wadi ya Thingithu; anawaambia katika serikali ijayo tutakuwa na milioni mia mbili. Ila ikifika wakati huo hatuna la kuonyesha. Watu wanaotamani hivi viti vyetu wanaanza propaganda kuwa hii pesa inaenda kwenye mifuko yetu. Ni aibu kwa sababu hio pesa haijafika kwa sababu hatujaweka ofisi na mipangilio yetu katika njia ambayo itafanya manispaa ianze kufanya kazi.

Mheshimiwa Spika, iwapo una uwezo, tengeneza jopo ambalo litachunguza mambo haya haraka kwa sababu tunapoteza pesa nyingi na mambo mengi tunayostahili kuwa tunafanya wakati huu. Steji ingekuwa imetengenezwa, uwanja wa michezo ungekuwa na usimamizi mpya. Naomba haya mambo tuyafanye kwa upesi na kumaliza ili watu wa wadi ya Nanyuki waanze kufurahia faida zao. Sisi watu wa Nanyuki tumekuwa watu wa kutumiwa. Hawa watu wote wakiwemo hawa Waheshimiwa wataondoka jioni na waache taka yote hapa

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na asubuhi wanatarajia kila kitu kiwe kisafi. Wanaingia kwenye hoteli zetu na kutuwachia uchafu wote. Wanatumia vifaa vyetu bali hatupati faida yoyote.

Ni vizuri ieleweke kuwa sisi ndio tunatoa ushuru kwa wingi zaidi katika Laikipia nzima. Mapato mengi zaidi katika Laikipia yanatoka hapa. Vilevile, hapa sio kama Nyahururu inayopiganiwa kati ya Laikipia na Nyandarua. Naomba hawa Waheshimiwa tushikane mikono kwa sababu wote wanapenda wadi ya Nanyuki. Wote wamewekeza hapa na ambao hawajawekeza wako kwenye utaratibu wa kufanya hivyo. Benki zao na mipango yao yote ziko hapa. Watoto wao pia wanasoma hapa. Kwa hivyo, huu mtaa ni wetu sisi sote ila wanauita tu wangu.

Naomba tuharakishe haya maneno ili tupate hio pesa. Hio pesa haitaleta manufaa kwa watu wa Nanyuki pekee bali Laikipia nzima. Nina mambo mengi sana ya kupendekeza kwa manispaa ambayo italeta pesa nyingi, na najua hayo mambo yatakuwa mazuri. Kwa sababu Kiswahili kinanipiga chenga na nasikia kama napiga kelele, mniruhusu nifikishe hapo. Namwuliza rafiki yangu hapa kuunga huu mswada mkono kwa sababu ni wangu na yeye.

Yeye ni mtu wa Nanyuki tangu kitambo. Amekuwa kwenye mtumba, ameuza viatu, ameuza nyama kwenye kichinjio na huu mtaa umemsaidia sana. Yeye ni Mwanalaikipia hasa na najua ataupigania huu mswada kwa jasho na damu, na si mwoga. Tukishikana naye tutahakikisha kuwa tumebadilisha mambo. Namwomba Mheshimiwa Stephen Ndiritu maarufu Kagondu, asimame na kuwaambia watu wa Laikipia iwapo ataunga huu mswada mkono. Nina uhakika kwamba hataniangusha. Asante.

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Asante, Mheshimiwa Spika. Nasimama kuunga mkono mswada ambao umeletwa na Mheshimiwa Anthony. Mheshimiwa Anthony ni mjanja sana. Ananikaribisha kwa mbwembwe, vigelegele na kadhalika niweze kuunga mkono na ninakubaliana naye. Alipouleta huu mswada, alianza kwa kusema ninachekacheka. Nilifanya hivyo kwa sababu wewe ukiwa Spika, lazima nikufahamishe kuhusu yanayoendelea humu. Nilipofika hapa, Mheshimiwa Anthony aliniambia ana fununu kwamba anaenda likizoni, bali akasema haendi. Mimi nilicheka tu kwa sababu ikifika wakati wa likizo, nenda. Usikatalie hapa. Aliniambia kuhusu mafuta na mambo mengine mengi ambayo amenieleza hapa hadi nikaona sitavumilia.

Sasa nikafikiria nitafika wakati wa mwisho wa kwenda *'Sine die'*. Anthony ameleta shida akasema hatoki. Wacha nimfahamishe ya kwamba ikifika *sine die*, hakuna kisema huendi. Usipoenda kuna *Serjeant* watakutoa uende utafute idhini tena kwa mwananchi. Namtahadharisha ikifika ni huo wakati, wacha aende aongee na wanjiku. Ajue ile shida ile wanjiku yuko nayo arudi akiwa amechangamka na nguvu mpya. Na hata kama hakuna pesa, aende akope kwa sababu mambo imekuwa ngumu. Kila mtu amezoea. Tunavumilia kuwa Wakenya na Waheshimiwa. Jina kubwa bila pesa.

Naunga mkono huu mswada ambao Mheshimiwa Anthony ameleta wa kusema ni vyema manispaa ipewe nguvu na mamlaka ambayo inastahili. Itakuwa sio jambo la busara kuunda manispaa bila mamlaka ama kazi ya kufanya. Ni kama wewe tukuchague Spika na ukose kuingia Bunge ama ukiingia, unakosa hawa wajumbe. Haitakuwa na maana ya wewe kuwa Spika. Naunga mkono tuweze kuteremsha yale majukumu ambayo yanafaa kupelekwa kwa manispaa.

Jambo lingine kulingana na Manispaa, Mheshimiwa Anthony anaitetea kama ni yake. Nimweleze ni yetu sisi wote. Hii manispaa kutoka Mukogodo East hadi Olmoran hadi Sosian, tunahitaji manispaa. Tunaihitaji kama jana. Tutaungana sisi wote tuhakikishe kwamba zile taasisi zote ziko tunazipatia majukumu ya kufanya.

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Nimesikia akilalamika kuhusiana na mambo ya wafanyakazi ambao wako upande wa mazingira na wanafaa kuwa katika manispaa. Huo ni ukweli kabisa. Nimkumbushe kwamba hata kama analalamika ni wadi ya Nanyuki, pia Thingithu wako pale. Kama manispaa itaingia itasaidia wananchi wa Likii. Naelewa kijiji cha Likii maana nimeishi hapo. Mheshimiwa Anthony amesema nimeuza nyama hapo na ni ukweli kwa sababu nimetoka chini kama mchanga wa choo hadi nikafika hapa. Naelewa shida ya manispaa.

Tukienda manispaa kuna zile pesa zitapokelewa. Juzi tuliweza kupokea kama Kaunti ya Laikipia mabilioni ya kutengeneza mifereji ya taka. Kuanzia upande wa Airstrip hadi Naibor. Haya maeneo yote yatakuwa na mifereji ya taka ambayo itapeleka hadi huko. Hilo ni moja ya maendeleo ambayo itaingia katika Nanyuki na manispaa yake.

Nawaomba wajumbe ambao wametoka mashinani tuwahimize wananchi wetu wanunua ploti hizi eneo za Baraka, Sweet Waters, Thingithu na Teachers maana inaingia kuwa mtaa. Watu wajitayarishe kununua ploti huko mbele ndio zile ziko hapa tuanze kujenga maghorofa. Tukaribie huu mji.

Bwana Spika, leo asubuhi tulikuwa tunaongea kuhusu kupanuka kwa Laikipia. Kuna miji ambazo tunataka zipanuke. Nampongeza Gavana wa Kitambo ambaye alienda nyumbani alikuwa na mradi wa *Smart Towns*. Zilikusudia kuleta maendeleo katika Kaunti yetu ya Laikipia. Tukiwa na mansipaa, tuzipatie nguvu na pesa ya kutosha.

Bwana Spika, manispaa inahitaji pesa mingi. Nakubaliana na Mheshimiwa Anthony. Lakini, pia ajue pia zile wadi ziko mashinani zinahitaji pesa. Manispaa inakuja na pesa yake. Wakati huu tukiipitisha na ipokee pesa, inaweza kuwa zaidi ya shilingi 100,000,000. Lakini kwa sasa hawajapokea. Naunga mkono tuhakikishe kwamba manispaa imepewa majukumu yake na imefanya kazi ndio tuinue maisha ya wakaazi wa Nanyuki. Naunga mkono vile vile kwamba wale wanakuja hapa mtaa wa Nanyuki wametoka katika sehemu mbalimbali.

Nimeona Mheshimiwa Anthony akilalamika ya kwamba tunawacha uchafu yote hapa. Kumaanisha uchafu wa aina yote na nakubaliana na yeye. Ni jambo la busara tupitishe manispaa na iweze kupokea pesa ndio iweze kuiletea eneo hili maendeleo. Tunataka lami Baraka, ama kichinjio, Likii na huko kwa Jeshi. Tunaomba Waheshimiwa walioko hapa hata Mheshimiwa kutoka Tigithi aunge mkono maana watu wake wengi wanafanyia biashara hapa. Watu wa Daiga pia wamejaa hapa. Wanafanya biashara hapa na wanapeleka maendeleo mashinani. Yeye mwenyewe anashinda hapa. Jioni anachelewa hapa. Tunaomba tuunge mkono maana hii manispaa siyo ya Nanyuki pekee.

Bwana Spika, tuko na Rumuruti, Nyahururu na vilevile ikiwa kutawezekana tuwe na manispaa kidogo ya Matanya, Kalalu, Ethi, Doldol na ingine yote. Naunga mkono na nimpongeze Mheshimiwa Anthony kwa kuleta mjadala ambao unasaidia watu wa Nanyuki na pia Thingithu. Namwombea anapoendelea na hii vita, Mungu ampe neema na nguvu ndio maadui wakimuona wanatetemeka na kuanguka na anaamka akiwa na mwenge na ushindi. Naunga mkono.

(Question proposed)

Hon: Daniel Mugweru: Hon. Speaker, you know I know why Hon. Stephen Ndiritu is laughing. Hon. Stephen is laughing because he expected me to be forgotten but luckily enough, I am the one who is starting to contribute. Mr. Speaker, I wish to thank you for giving me this opportunity. Before I make my contribution, firstly, I am having laughter like Hon. Ndiritu because he has told us that Hon. Antony is like *mwenge* and you know mwenge is a bird with long beak and legs. I don't know where Hon. Anthony got that from. Maybe he wanted to talk

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about *mwanga* meaning something shinny but unfortunately, he called him a bird. Hon. Speaker, I know that he wants to defend himself.

Speaker: What is it Hon. Stephen? I hope that it is a point of order.

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: It is a point of clarification Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: You need to give clarification or you need to get a clarification?

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: I want to get a clarification from Hon. Mugweru. When I said mwenge, I meant the mwenge that was used by the former NARC Party. The one that removed Moi from power. That light was being called mwenge and not the bird he is referring to. Thank you.

Speaker: Are you asking for clarification or you are giving clarification?

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: I was giving clarification Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you. Hon. Mugweru, continue.

Hon. Daniel Mugweru: Hon. Speaker, I may not dwell much on that because he should get to google to find out what mwenge is. By that time, that is why that bird is drawn there. When Hon. Anthony was moving the motion, he said that Hon. Ndiritu looks like *mitumba*. Maybe that could be the cause of this thing.

I want to make my contribution on the same and I wish to support the motion on the transfer of functions because it is important to separate issues. The transfer of functions as indicated in the motion is so important so that the municipality may manage itself. As the motion states clearly, that transfer of functions is very necessary because we are the ones who created that institution.

So, we need to make it functional. For example, yesterday they advertised the position of municipality manager. We need to make the office functional and the office is people. If you do not employ the manager and the other people, then the office is not functional. Transferring those functions to the municipality is one of the best things that will help this town. Mr. Speaker, do not forget that this town is not for Nanyuki Ward but it is our town. This is our city.

When we are discussing about municipalities, we should not be discussing about Nanyuki Ward because municipality is a town for us all. As we transfer functions, it is also important for the Hon. Member from Nanyuki Ward not to be so much excited because we are transferring functions which we all own as the people of Laikipia. We don't own Nanyuki Ward but we own Nanyuki Municipality. So, when we make contribution towards the same, we are making contributions because it is our own town.

Secondly, as we talk about the services which we get in this town including the waste which was talked about here by Hon. Stephen, it is also important to note that we are the major contributors of the economy of this town. If we say that for example tomorrow, the municipality does not want our waste and decide that we are not going to come to this town, it will be shut down. So as much as talk about waste, we are the greatest contributors of this town. We are the ones who give revenue to this town.

Hon. Speaker, when we talk about resources, we may not necessarily talk about the budget which we have in this county because the total collection of this county is less than one billion in every year. When we say less than Kshs.1 billion, Hon. Mwaniki brings us a budget of over Kshs.7 billion. So Kshs.800 million is peanuts. It is just but a drop in an ocean of seven

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billion. So, when we sit down and say that we are distributing equally the Kshs.7 billion yet the entire county only contributed the Kshs.800 million, it would be so unfair to the entire county.

What we are saying is that we transfer functions to the municipality so that it may get conditional grants and get the billions that Hon. Stephen is talking about in sewerage. When we get that sewerage, Hon. Shuel cannot claim to get part of it because it will not help the people of Chumvi. I cannot claim to have the same sewerage even if it is 80 billion. It must remain in the municipality and extension of Juakali. Not because Juakali is a municipality but because municipality doesa not have enough land for a dumping site and that is why we are including Juakali.

The entire sewerage for Ichuga, Thingithu, Nanyuki and the entire municipality will dump the waste to Juakali. We need to take things seriously and also understand that when we have a functional municipality, automatically we attract a lot of money. There will be a lot of money not even counting the little budget we have in this county because when we make it functional, we expect millions of monies.

Development in this county will be around Kshs.600 million. Therefore, by making it functional, we might get ourselves getting around Kshs.200 million specifically for municipality where I cannot even claim a coin. We will be having conditional grants for municipality and we will get the Kenya urban working only for the town when our municipality is functional.

Mr. Speaker, I also support the same. I agree that we transfer the functions and make the municipality functional so that we may attract other monies from international communities and not just looking at the budget of the County Government of Laikipia. It is good to be honest that the little budget of Laikipia, we distribute it equally and there is no shortcut about it but when we have the municipality, we are going to attract a lot of money in this town which I am a part of.

I may not be not an investor in this town at this time but every day we report and work in this town. Most of our functions we do them from this town. So, when we empower this municipality, the better for us all. It will help Hon. Shuel all the way from Chumvi because he also comes to this town every day and he is a beneficiary. We want to be associated with a good town because when you go to Nairobi, you cannot tell the people there that you come from Umande or Chumvi.

You can only say that you come from Laikipia and in particular Nanyuki but not Chumvi because you want to be associated with a better town. Even the people from Rumuruti don't associate themselves with Rumuruti but from Laikipia and the next question will be Nanyuki. We want to make this town better than ever and so when we transfer functions to the municipality and make it functional, it is for the benefit of all of us.

When we come into this House, will work very hard to make sure that we attract a lot of money from investors, from international communities to come to the municipality as the municipality allows the other little money go to the other village wards like Umande and Tigithi. Hon. Speaker, I support and I believe that it will be for the benefit of all of us. Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

Hon. Paul Leshuel: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I stand to support the motion. I am supporting this motion because of two reasons. Mr. Speaker, when you transfer functions without resources, it does not work. That is why we realised counties are suffering and that is

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because the functions were transferred from the National Government but they do not transfer enough resources.

In Health and Agriculture, they have transferred 100% but they never consider the resources. The same case applies to the municipalities. The moment we make our county have municipals for example Nyahururu, Nanyuki and Rumuruti without resources, they will never function. We need to ask ourselves what makes the World Bank not to give the amount they have promised?

Remember when we passed the motion of municipalities in this Assembly, we passed urgently so that we receive money. What happened? These are the hard questions that we need to understand. Is it that we do not have staff or we do not have good structures? What is making the World Bank not to give us the funds they promised?

Mr. Speaker, I agree that today we need to have staff and the secretariat. That is the first thing that we need to have in the municipalities. From there, we will now understand what is making the World Bank to hesitate to release money. Municipalities depend on the World Bank Money. We do not have enough money to make the municipalities work the way we want. That is why we rely on the World Bank Money which is never released. What is happening?

Is it because we do not have a manager? If that is the reason, then we should have a manager immediately so that money can be released. Mr. Speaker, we need to make sure that the committee concerned is following everything to the letter so that we can be able to give a report to this House on what is making the municipalities not to work well. Mr. Speaker, without a report, we should pass the motion that Nanyuki, Nyahururu and Rumuruti should be municipalities.

We are waiting for the reasons from where they are supposed to come from. So, when the resources are not coming yet we are not having any feedback, then that is why we are here discussing about municipalities. I am happy that the Deputy Speaker has mentioned that there is an advert on the issue of the manager. We need to have a manager and a strong committee. If you read the County Acts, it is very clear that the municipalities should have a manager and a committee with a Chair.

Those people must be there. Without them, there is no municipalities. Mr. Speaker, I agree that when the World Bank released an amount of money then we realise it is not enough, we have been mandated as a House to allocate a certain percentage of money to municipalities. The structures must be clear, the resources must be clearly shown where to go. What do we need to do in the municipality? Is it building roads? What are other things that we need to do to make the municipalities look better.

Mr. Speaker, I support the motion but I want to emphasise on the issue of committees concerned. The committee concerned must work out and give us a report on the issue of municipalities so that we can be able to know the challenges ahead of us. Mr. Speaker, this will give us the way forward. The trend I am seeing is that we are going the same direction as before.

Initially, we had municipals and County Councils. We are going the same direction because the moment we have counties, it is like the towns want to manage themselves yet they do not have enough resources to manage themselves. The towns are demanding a lot. Mr. Speaker, the other thing is that we are passing the planning. The moment we pass the planning of these towns, the investors will come.

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So, we are expecting a lot of investment. The moment you get more investment, you will be demanded to give services to those people. Mr. Speaker, a lot of resources are needed. Mr. Speaker, I agree but I want to say that we need the committee to work out and give us the report that is well analysed so that we understand what is happening in the municipalities. We should not sit here and pass things and eventually we do not get anything.

If the World Bank is not ready to give us funds, then we should come back and say what we can allocate for our municipals so that they can function instead of passing things here and wait for nothing. Mr. Speaker, I support but I would like to tell the committee concerned to work out, follow-up and give us the report so that we can be able to understand the challenges that are there before the next budget. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Leshuel. I want call upon the mover to reply. Hon. Anthony.

Hon. Anthony Theuri: Asante Sana, Mheshimiwa Spika. Nashukuru kwa sababu ya Bunge hili lote kwa kujaa na nimewaona mkiunga mjadala huu mkono. Wakati ninaongea, siongei kama Mheshimiwa na ieleweke hivyo kwamba pia mimi ni naibu wa Spika. Naibu wa Spika, ni wa kutoka Laikipia nzima. Wakati ninaongea, ninaongea kuhusu Laikipia nzima na Nanyuki ni yetu.

Nikienda nyumbani, Mheshimiwa wangu ni Leshuel. Wakati nimeenda kwa dada yangu, Mheshimiwa Mugweru ndiye Mheshimiwa wangu. Nikiongea kuhusu Nanyuki ni kwa sababu ninaipenda. Ninashukuru kwa kupitisha huu mswada. Ninajua ya kwamba mambo ya manispaa iko kwenye roho ya Gavana na Serikali yake. Itakuja kupita na tutafanya kazi na kazi itaendelea. Ninashukuru kwa sababu ninaona mwangaza mbele.

Mheshimiwa Spika, kabla sijaketi fununu ambazo unaambiwa na Mheshimiwa Ndiritu ni ya ukweli. Mimi niko na roho ya kazi. Ninajitahidi tusiende likizo ila tufanye kazi. Bwana Spika, ninaona unataka kututuma nyumbani ili tunapopiga simu zetu, hazitachukuliwa na ukija hapa unapata watu hawako ofisini. Sisi tunataka kufanya kazi ili nikienda nyumbani niwe na kitu cha kufanya.

Ninauliza wakati ninaenda nyumbani, wafanyikazi ambao wako hapa hawana pesa kama mimi, wataenda wapi. Ningetaka tukae hapa, tuvumilie shida pamoja na matunda yakija tule pamoja lakini hatufai kupotelea majukumu. Tutakaa hapa mpaka tupate suluhu. Asante, Bwana Spika.

(Question put and agreed to)

ADJOURNMENT

Speaker: The sittings of this House now stand adjourned until later today, Wednesday, 4th September, 2024 at 2.30 p.m.

The House rose at 11.00 a.m.

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