REPUBLIC OF KENYA

COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF LAIKIPIA

THE HANSARD

Wednesday, 8th June, 2022.

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

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

PRAYERS

MOTIONS

QUARTERLY REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF ROADS, PUBLIC WORKS, LANDS AND ENERGY

(Resumption of previously held debate deferred on 8/6/2022)

THAT this Assembly adopts the Quarterly Report and Financial Statements for period ended 31st March, 2021 for the Department of Roads, Public works, Lands and Energy by the Sectoral committee on Transport and Public works dated 6th June 2022.

(Question put and agreed to)

QUARTERLY REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, LIVESTOCK AND FISHERIES

Temporary Speaker: (Veronica Ikunyua): Chair, Hon. Simon Kanyutu.

Hon. Simon Kanyutu: Madam Speaker, I beg you give me a minute I connect my gadget.

Temporary Speaker: (Veronica Ikunyua): Okay, go ahead.

Hon. Simon Kanyutu: Madam Speaker, I beg to move the following motion;

THAT this Assembly adopts the Quarterly Report and Financial Statements for the period ended 31st March, 2021 for the department on Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries by the Sectoral committee on Agriculture, Environment and Natural Resources dated 25th May, 2022.

The committee is as constituted of the following Members;

1) Hon. Simon Kanyutu - Chairman
2) Hon. Patricia Muthoni - Vice Chairperson
3) Hon. Robert Maina - Member
4) Hon. Mutahi Muritu - Member
5) Hon. Wilson Wakahiu - Member
6) Hon. Peter Thomi - Member
7) Hon. Esokon Lochimidi - Member

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Madam Speaker, we went through the report as we have provided. It is well stipulated and each and every Member can go through it. We made the following observations as a committee;

1. The department received a total allocation of Kshs. 642,747,348.00 in 2020/2021 Financial Year and an expenditure of Kshs. 85,554,888.00 was incurred in the third quarter representing 13.31%.
2. That the budget utilization difference by the end of the period ending 31st March, 2021 was Kshs. 557,192,460.00.
3. That the department owed the contractors and supplies of goods and services debt amounting to Kshs. 61,521,184.00 as at 31st March, 2021;
4. The department received Kshs. 12,241,489.00 as grants in the third quarter ending 31st March, 2021. However, it is not reported how the grants were used; and
5. The following programs did not spend during the third quarter of the year: - Livestock production and Management; Fish Pond Farming; Land and Crop Productivity Enhancement and Management; and Irrigation and Development.

Recommendations:

1. The department should not undertake any new project but clear the pending bills within the remaining period of the second term County Government.
2. The House adopts the committee's report

Madam Speaker, we were able to stipulate what the committee did during that period and I call upon Hon. Lochimidi to second.

Hon. Esokon Lochimidi: Madam Speaker, I fully support the report. Thank you.

(Question proposed)

Hon. Chris Mark: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I wish to commend the committee and the good work it has done. The only thing I wish to highlight is a recurring problem of pending bills. Here, they are saying that the department should not undertake new projects but clear the pending bills within the remaining period. You will find that that is still going to be the trend. I would wish that as the committee does its good work, it enforces and monitors this.

After these reports are passed and approved in this House, there is a committee that does the follow-up. I wish they can follow-up because I am afraid that by the time Hon. Mugweru is the Governor of Laikipia which can happen in a few years, he will not be able to do anything. He will just be entering the office in the morning to pay the bills and going home in the evening and yet we want him to deliver even express ways in Laikipia. Thank you.

Hon. Joseph Suge: Asante, Mheshimiwa Spika. Ninaunga mkono ripoti ambayo imewasilishwa na Mwenyekiti wa Kamati, Mwakilishi wa watu wa Marmanet. Ripoti ni nzuri na tumeona ya kwamba ameweza kufuatilia na kuangalia matumizi jinsi Wizara ya Kilimo waliweza kutumia fedha za wana Laikipia.

Bi. Spika, tumeona ya kwamba hii wizara iliweza kupata takribani karibu milioni mia saba na wakaweza kutumia milioni themanini na tano mara ya kwanza. Tunaona pia kuna sehemu ambapo kumeorodhesha madeni ambayo bado haijalipwa makandarasi. Ingekuwa vizuri kama hii ripoti ingekuwa imejumuisha zile miradi ambayo haijalipwa na pia sababu.

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Katika ripoti ya kamati, wameweza kuangazia mambo kadhaa ya kwamba sehemu ya pili ya matumizi, hii wizara iliweza kutumia milioni 500,507,192.

Hii pesa natumai ya kwamba ingeweza kutoa madeni ambazo zimekuwa kwenye hii wizara. Hata hivyo tunashukuru kwa sababu tunajua imeweza kufanya kazi nyingi. Najua kuna *driers* za mahindi na mambo mengi ambayo yamefanywa. Vilevile kupitia pesa za KDSP. Nimeangalia nikaona hii wizara iliweza kusaidika katika sehemu ya pesa za *conditional grants* kwa sababu naona katika nambari ya nne waliona ya kwamba; *the department received Kshs.12,241,489 as grants in the third quarter in the year ending 31st March, 2021. However it is not reported why the grants were used.*

Ukiangalia hili jambo nafikiri ilikuwa ni wajibu wa kamati kufuatilia na kuona ya kwamba hizi pesa za *grants* zimeweza kufanya jambo gani kabla ya kuwasilisha ripoti kwenye hili Bunge. Leo tunasema ni milioni kumi na mbili zimetumika lakini haijulikani ilitumika namna gani ilhali tunajua *grants* ni pesa ambazo zinafuatiliwa sana. Hizi pesa zinatumwa zikiwa zimeorodheshwa zifanye jambo fulani.

Mheshimiwa Spika, ingekuwa ni vizuri waorodheshe miradi zote ambazo zinafanywa na *grants*. Mheshimiwa Spika, nawashukuru na napongeza kamati kwa sababu ya jitihada ambayo wanafanya. Asante.

Temporary Speaker (Hon. Veronica Ikunyua): May I call upon the mover to give a reply.

Hon. Simon Kanyutu: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I thank the Members who were not able to go through the statement as we analysed. I am happy that all the concerns the committee witnessed in the report were the same. They also made observations and we shall make a follow up to ensure that all grants are properly utilised and we give an overall on all what has transpired. I call upon all the Hon. Members to approve this report as it is so that the committee will be able to push for more. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

(Question put and agreed to)

ADJOURNMENT

Temporary Speaker (Hon. Veronica Ikunyua): This House stands adjourned until this afternoon Wednesday, 8th June, 2022 at 2.30 p.m.

The House rose at 9.20 a.m.

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