REPUBLIC OF KENYA

COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF LAIKIPIA

THE HANSARD

Wednesday, 9th June, 2021

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

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

PRAYERS

MOTION

LAIKIPIA COUNTY GOVERNMENT QUARTERLY REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS BY TRADE COMMITTEE

Hon. Judy Lukio: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I beg to move the following motion;

THAT this Assembly adopts the report by the Trade, Tourism and Cooperatives Committee on County Government of Laikipia (Executive) quarterly report and financial statement for the period ended 31st March, 2019 dated 8th May, 2021.

Mr. Speaker, may I go through this report and on behalf of the Members of the Committee on Trade Tourism and Cooperatives pursuant to the provision of standing order No. 191/5 (f), It is my pleasure and duty to present to the House, the Committee's report on the County Government of Laikipia (County Executive) quarterly report and financial statements for the quarter ended March, 2019.

Committee Membership

The Committee as currently constituted, comprises of the following members:

1. Hon. Judy Lukio - Chairperson
2. Hon. George Meshami - Vice Chairperson
3. Hon. Irene Wacuka - Member
4. Hon. Mary Samken - Member
5. Hon. Simon Kanyutu - Member
6. Hon. John Mutahi - Member
7. Hon. Chris Mark - Member

Committee Meetings

Mr. Speaker, 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 Trade Tourism and Cooperatives Committee, I have the honour and pleasure to present the Committee's report. Mr. Speaker, May I take this opportunity to thank all the members of the Committee for their valuable contributions during the entire process. Thank you.

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Committee Establishment.

Mr. Speaker, the Committee on Trade Tourism and Cooperatives was constituted by the House on 28th September, 2017 during the First Session of the Second Assembly in Laikipia County.

Background information

Mr. Speaker Sir, pursuant to the Public Finance Management Act,2012 Section 166 not later than one month after end of each quarter the County Treasury shall-

i. Consolidate the quarterly reports and submit to the County Assembly.

ii. Deliver copies to the controller of Budget, National Treasury and Commission on Revenue Allocation and

iii. Publish and publicize them.

In compliance with the above regulation, the County Government of Laikipia submitted the quarterly Report and Financial Statement for the Quarter ended March, 2019 to the County Assembly.

Fiduciary Management of the funds

The key management personnel who held office during the financial period F/Y 2018/2019 and who had direct fiduciary responsibility was the County Executive Committee Member for Trade, Tourism and Cooperatives.

The funds financial statements

Mr. Speaker Sir, the County Government Financial Statement present the recent actual fiscal performance for the Quarter of F/Y 2018/2019 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 2018/2019.The statements provide overview of how the actual performance of third Quarter of 2018/2019 affected the compliance with the fiscal responsibility principles and financial objectives as detailed in the 2018/2019 County Fiscal Strategy Paper.

Mr. Speaker, we have the programmes of how money was utilized. I am hoping we are all there and see how they allocated money.

BUDGET EXECUTION BY PROGRAMMES AND SUB-PROGRAMMES

DEPARTMENT	TRADE, TOURISM, ENTERPRISE, DEVELOPMENT AND CO-OPERATIVES				
4517000101	Headquarters	106,000,000	26,500,000	10,127,574	16,372,426
4517000201	Co-operatives	39,000,000	9,750,000	1,706,545	8,043,455
4517000301	Home craft Industrialization &Enterprise	5,000,000	1,250,000	1,905,494	(655,494)

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	Development Trade &Investment				
4517000401	Trade & Investments	1,500,000	375,000	1,066,683	(691,683)
TOTAL		**151,500,000**	**37,875,000**	**14,806,296**	**23,068,704**

Mr. Speaker sir the Department had an absorption rate of 39.09%.ksh 14,806,296 was spent against the budget of Kshs. 37,875,000. This under expenditure is explained by the slow release of funds by the National Treasury.

Some votes spent more than their budget as follows;

i. Home craft Industrialisation &Enterprise Development Trade &Investment with absorption rate of 152.44%.

ii. Trade & Investments with absorption rate of 284.45%.

COMMITTEE OBSERVATIONS.

Mr. Speaker, the Trade, Tourism, Enterprise, Development and Co-operatives Committee made the following observation.

1. There was very low absorption rate of 17.50% in cooperative votes where Kshs.1, 706,545 was spent against a budget of Kshs. 9,750,000. This is a reflection of poor monitoring and tracking system and weak reporting on the cooperative funds.
2. There was over-absorption of the estimated expenses. Some votes went beyond their allocation which can lead to depletion at the end of the year.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, the Trade, Tourism, Enterprise, Development and Co-operatives Committee made the following recommendation.

1. The department should strengthen monitoring and tracking system as it ensure timely and proper reporting is done for efficiency on fund disbursement.
2. The County Government should plan for expenditures before use. Cash plans can be used for planning purposes to control use of cash in the Department.

COMMITTEE CONCLUSION

That this House adopts on the Committee report on Trade, Tourism and Co-operatives on County Government of Laikipia (County Executive) quarterly report and financial statements for the quarter ended March, 2019.

Since it is self-explanatory I would request Hon. Kanyutu to second the motion.

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Hon. Simon Kanyutu: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I second the motion by Hon. Lukio. Mr. Speaker, as a committee we made a follow up and as it is in the recommendations, we need to strengthen monitoring and tracking systems as it ensures timely and proper reporting is done for efficiency on fund disbursement.

Mr. Speaker, though we have challenges from the National Treasury on disbursement of funds we should have a system where the department will give their quarterly reports on time. I second, thank you. Mr. Speaker.

(Question proposed)

Speaker: Hon. Members, It is your time to make contributions. I hope that as the Mover said, the report is self-explanatory. I want to believe there is the reason why we are not making contributions on it. Unless those who have come in right now want to make contribution before the mover replies. I wish to call upon the mover to give a reply.

Hon. Judy Lukio: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As the Chair of the above committee, I still wish to stress and emphasize on the recommendations made by the committee. The Department should strengthen monitoring and tracking systems as it ensures timely and proper reporting.

Proper reporting is done for efficiency of the funds disbursed. The County Government should plan for expenditures before use. Cash plans should be used for planning for proper purposes to control use of cash in the Department. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

(Question put and agreed to)

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

DEBATING IN THE HOUSE

Speaker: I wish to request that you have to make the debates of this House vibrant. When people come to any parliament whether the National Parliament or the Assembly they are expected to watch seated debates. The representatives of the people make the debates vibrant. I know you fully agree with the report but there are debates that brings their own vibrancy. This is important we become a vibrant House.

ADJOURNMENT

Speaker: Hon. Members, this House now stands adjourned until tomorrow Thursday, 10th June, 2021 at 2.30 p.m.

The House rose at 2.50 p.m.

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