REPUBLIC OF KENYA

COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF LAIKIPIA

THE HANSARD

Thursday, 9th March, 2022

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

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

PRAYERS

QUORUM CALL

Speaker: Clerk, confirm whether we have quorum.

(Lack of quorum confirmed)

Speaker: Serjeant at Arms to ring the bell for ten minutes.

(The quorum bell was rang for ten minutes)

Speaker: Clerk, confirm whether we have achieved quorum.

(Quorum confirmed)

Speaker: Serjeant at Arms you may stop the bell.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

ELECTION PREPAREDNESS TRAINING

Hon. Members, I wish to bring to your attention that I have received an email that is inviting us to a training. This is a letter from the County Assembly Forum who are working with the office of the Registrar of political parties. This is an invitation to training Members of County Assembly on election preparedness.

We are being invited, we are clustered together with South Rift Cluster and our meeting will be in Kisumu on 23rd and 24th of this month. Therefore, we are required to travel on 22nd and come back on 25th. It is important for us to diarise that and kindly make sure we do attend. It is important to go and learn on the deadlines that we have to meet on elections preparedness and fact needed on the table.

It is important because it will be discussed in the forum. It is for all of us to attend. Also we have received the supplementary budget. It is important for Members to know because I know your interests in that, let us participate so that before we go to recess we shall have worked on the supplementary budget. Thank you, Hon. Members.

PAPERS

QUARTERLY REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF TRADE, TOURISM, COOPERATIVES AND INDUSTRIALISATION

Speaker: Hon. Judy Lukio, you have a paper to lay.

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Hon. Judy Lukio: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir. I have the following paper to lay on quarterly report and financial statements for the period ended 30th September, 2020 for the department of Trade, Tourism, Cooperatives and Industrialization dated 8th March, 2022.

(Hon. Judy Lukio laid the paper on the table)

COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF LAIKIPIA SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES FOR YEAR ENDING 30TH JUNE 2022

Hon. Mutahi Muritu: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir. I beg on behalf of the Party Majority Leader, to lay the following paper. On County Government of Laikipia Programme Based Supplementary estimates of Recurrent and Development Expenditure of the year ending 30th June, 2022.

(Hon. Mutahi Muritu laid the paper on the table)

Speaker: That paper is committed to the Budget and Appropriations committee and as I said, we need to work on this supplementary. Therefore, the Chair for budget committee kindly try and fast track the process.

NOTICES OF MOTION

QUARTERLY REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF TRADE, TOURISM, COOPERATIVES AND INDUSTRIALISATION

Hon. Judy Lukio: Mr. Speaker, Sir, I beg to give notice of the following motion;

THAT, this Assembly adopts the quarterly report and financial statements for the period ended 30th September, 2022 for the department of Trade, Tourism, Cooperatives and Industrialization dated 8th March, 2022.

Speaker: Who is moving that one on behalf of the Chair? Agriculture

MOTION

QUARTERLY REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Asante Sana, Mheshimiwa Spika. Nilikuwa nasema kwa sababu Mheshimiwa Karuiru ndiye jirani wa Mheshimiwa Kanyutu, angesikia huruma aafiki huu Mswada nikaona hayuko tayari.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the Chair for Agriculture Hon. Simon Kanyutu, we have a report on quarterly report at financial statements for the period ended 30th September, 2020 ended 2020/21 financial year for the department of agriculture. I will start with the Membership.

The Agriculture, Environment and Natural Resources Committee was re-constituted for the first time by the House on 21st September, 2021 pursuant to Standing Order No. 191 (1). The committee's membership according to Studying Order No. 157 comprised of the following five Honourable Members: -

1. Hon. Simon Kanyutu - Chairperson
2. Hon. Patricia Muthoni - Vice Chairperson
3. Hon. Robert Maina - Member
4. Hon. Mutahi Muritu - Member
5. Hon. Wilson Wakahiu - Member

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Mr. Speaker, because I believe the Members have this report, I will not go through page by page, but I will touch on the important issue. On page 3, on behalf of Agriculture Environment and Natural Resources, I wish to extend my gratefulness to the Members of this House for the support they have, always accorded to the Committee.

Secondly, I wish to acknowledge the Members of Agriculture, Environment and Natural Resources Committee for their continued commitment. Lastly, I wish to recognize your Office and that of the Clerk of the County Assembly of Laikipia for the support accorded to the committee which enabled performance of its oversight mandate through the report received through the County Executive.

Mr. Speaker it is therefore my pleasure and duty privilege on behalf of the committee to table this report and recommend it to the House for adoption. On page 4 there is financial performance and the following table shows the financial performance on the approved budget and expenditures for the 1st quarter of 2020/2021 of the Department of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries for the period under review.

On that table the Members will see how the money and expenditure of the department was. There are columns of program, original budget, 1st Quarter Expenditure (B), Budget Utilization Difference (C) and lastly we have that column of percentage of absorption.

Table 1: approved Budget and Expenditures for 1st Quarter of 2020/2021 FY

Program	**Original Budget (A)**	**1st Quarter Expenditure (B)**	**Budget Utilization Difference (C)**	**Absorption Rate (D)**
			(A)-(B)	
General Administration Services & County Affaires Management				
Use of goods and services	56,616,027.00	1,555,291.00	55,060,736.00	2.7470861
Finance Services	2,790,000.00	998,700.00	1,791,300.00	35.795699
Agriculture Sector Extension Management	47,546,600.00	1,872,000.00	45,674,600.00	3.93719
Livestock Productivity Improvement Program				
Livestock production and Management	4,273,872.00	-	4,273,872.00	0

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Animal Health and Disease Management and Control	414,148,713.00	11,456,794.00	402,691,919.00	2.7663478
Fisheries Productivity Program			-	
Fish Pond Farming	11,175,863.00	-	11,175,863.00	0
Crop Development and Management				
Land and Crop Productivity Enhancement and Management	11,997,561.00	-	11,997,561.00	0
Irrigation Development and Management	705,287.00	-	705,287.00	0
Strategic Food Security Service	92,457,157.00	44,250.00	92,412,907.00	0.04786
Renewable/Green Energy Services			-	
County Renewable/Green energy services	1,036,268.00	-	1,036,268.00	0
TOTALS	**642,747,348.00**	**15,927,035.00**	**626,820,313.00**	**2.477962**

On page 5 there is Grants from International Organizations for the 1st quarter of 2020/2021. The following table 2 represents the grants received by the department of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries for 1st quarter of the year.

Mr. Speaker, on the same page we have Grants Received by the Department from International Organisations for 1st Quarter of 2020/2021 FY. In the first column is the donor, for example Kenya Climate Smart Agriculture Project (KCSAP). There is the Amount carried forward from 2019/2020 FY, they can see the figure. They can see the column of Received during the 1st quarter, the Total and lastly the Expenditure.

Table 2: Grants Received by the Department from International Organizations for 1st Quarter of 2020/2021 FY

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Door	Amount carried forward from 2019/2020 FY	Received during the 1st quarter	Total	Expenditure
Kenya Climate Smart Agriculture Project (KCSAP)	61,229,861.00	-	61,229,861.00	0
Agriculture Sector Development Support Project (ASDSP)	21,939,554.00	-	21,939,554.00	0
European Union (EU Ideas Led	38,512,939.00	-	38,512,939.00	0
TOTAL	**121,682,354**	**-**	**121,682,354**	**0**

On the same page we have the pending bills. There is Table 3 of Pending Bills which contains Category and Pending Bill by 30th September, 2020.

Table 3: Pending Bills

Category	Pending Bill by 30th September, 2020
Construction of Buildings	7,555,362.00
Construction of civil works	68,038,691.00
Supply of goods	26,740,182.00
Supply of Services	4,595,729.00
TOTAL BILLS	106,929,964.00

Observations

The committee observed the following: -

1. The department was allocated an annual budget of Kshs. 642,747,348.00 for the financial year 2020/2021 out of which the expenditure for the 1st quarter was Kshs. 15,927,035.00 representing an absorption rate of 2.47%; (Table 1);
2. Animal Health and Disease Management and Control Program has an allocated budget of 414,148,713.00 out of which only 11,456,794.00 was spent in the 1st quarter representing 2.77% absorption rate (Table 1)
3. The department did not spend on the following programs:- Livestock production and Management, Fish Pond Farming, Land and Crop Productivity Enhancement and Management; Irrigation Development and Management; and County Renewable/Green energy services; (Table 1)
4. The department had an opening balance of grants totaling to Kshs. 121,682,354.00 carried forward from 2019/2020 and did not spend any amount during the quarter under review;
5. The report does not explain why the department did not received any grants and why the carried forward balance from 2019/2020 was not spent; and

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6. By the end of 1st quarter of 2020/2021 FY, the total pending bills amounted to 106,929,964.00.

Recommendations

The committee recommends that: -

1. The department should explain why and how the pending bills amounted to Kshs. 106,929,964.00;
2. The House adopts the committee's report for the period ending 30th September, 2020.

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Bwana Spika, hii ripoti ilikaliwa na kamati na sisi tukaikalia na kuiona. Wajumbe wote waliweza kuipitia na hasa Mheshimiwa Nyausi. Tumeona wizara haikuweza kutimia pesa upande wa wanyama na afya ya wanyama na pia kwa mambo ya unyunyizi wa maji katika upande wa kilimo. Kwa hayo machache, kwa sababu najua Waheshimiwa wameelewa hii ripoti na watachangia wakiongozwa na Mheshimiwa Karuiru ambaye ametoka Laikipia Magharibi najua atatoa hisia zake.

Bwana Spika, kama vile nilisema sisi wote tuko hapa kufanya kazi. Hakuna kazi ya Karuiru, Samken na wengine. Ripoti ikiiingia kwa Bunge hili tuko na jukumu la kutekeleza, kukagua, kuamua na kupitisha kwa manufaa ya Mwananchi ambaye anatungoja pale nje. Kwa hayo machache nataka nimuite Mheshimiwa Nyausi aunge mkono.

(Hon. Nyausi Seconded the motion)

(Question proposed)

Hon. George Karuiru: Thank you Mr. Speaker and the mover of the motion, Hon. Ndiritu. It seems he recognizes my area of Olmoran. It is one of the drought hit areas in terms of the department in front of us. I want to support the report but with reservations. I have seen as observed and recommended by the Committee, there is a pending bill.

Mr. Speaker, this one affects me and my ward. The same year 2019/2020 financial year I had a drip kit and I think some Hon. Members will agree with me that there was no installation done especially for those who pushed for it. I wonder how pending bills are adding to Kshs. 100 million. I know it has accumulated to this, and I think categorizing this department for agriculture and join this with education seems doomed.

I understand our CECM for Agriculture is on sick leave. There has been an exchange and there are substantive chief officers in the Department of Agriculture. Mr. Speaker, this is a failure of their plan and they should do better. They should give us reasons why these pending bills have accumulated to this whereas we have other undone projects that were allocated the same money.

As it is put clearly in this report, Agriculture is one of the key areas for Laikipia as a county as well as livestock. This report should be done better but it is good because it brings across what we expected of the same as a department and the amendments that ought to be done. Mr. Speaker, because I know I will have to question, last time I followed there was no supplementary budget to remove drip kits from my ward.

At the same time, I can see pending bills and I am wondering if drip kits for my people in Olmoran Ward were incorporated in this and they were scrapped off from the budget yet it was not done on the ground, the Governor's report always comes that a particular project is done. This is one of the most corrupt department. It is good we have this report and we must

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adopt it because without it we cannot have a substantive argument on pending work. We can base our questions in the report that was brought. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: May the mover give a reply.

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Asante, Mheshimiwa Spika. Nafikiri Mheshimiwa aliyekuwa nyuma yangu alikuwa anataka kuchagia lakini umeniita mbele kwa sababu unajua alikuwa anataka kusema mambo ya idara. Ingekuwa jambo la busara lakini kwa sababu umeniita na wewe ndiye kiongozi wa Bunge…

Speaker: Hon. Ndiritu, we do not work here by what you think but by the rules that we have in the House. If Hon. Mary wants to talk, she is free to raise an alarm. Do not keep on urging, so, give a reply so that we can finish.

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Asante, Mheshimiwa Spika. Nashukuru Waheshimiwa kwa kutoa mchango wao. Pia wameweza kuona mambo ambayo yanaendelea katika hiyo idara. Kama vile nimemsikia Mheshimiwa Karuiru akisema ni kuwa ameshtuka vile kamati ilishtuka. Idara moja iko na deni ya zaidi ya milioni 100. Bwana Spika, pesa ambazo tunapokea kama Kaunti za maendeleo hazijafika bilioni moja.

Bwana Spika ukizidisha milioni 100 kwa idara nane, pesa zote ambazo tumepatiwa zitaenda kulipa madeni tukiendelea na vile hii idara inaendelea. Ni idara ambayo inafaa kuangaliwa kwa undani kwa sababu tumekuwa na shida katika hiyo idara. Hii idara haiwezeshi wakulima mashinani ambao wanataka kupewa nguvu ya kuwa wakulima hodari. Bwana Spika, nashukuru na nampongeza Mheshimiwa Karuiru kwa kueleza na hisia zake kuhusiana na hii ripoti. Anasema kuna *drip kits* ambazo zilikuwa zipelekwe kwake.

Nimeona anachukulia kama anamiliki hiyo wadi kwa hivyo anasikia uchungu kama watu wake hawakupata. Ningetaka kumweleza hiyo wadi ni ya watu wa Olmoran na kesho huenda ikawa ni yeye na mwingine. Vile amemiliki hiyo wadi ni kuonyesha ya kwamba ana uhusiano zaidi na watu wake. Wakikosa ni kama yeye amekosa. Tukiweza kuwa na Waheshimiwa kama Karuiru, Laikipia itaendelea kwa sababu anatetea watu wake kama yeye binafsi.

Kwa hayo machache nashukuru na najua Waheshimiwa wameweza kuangalia hii ripoti na tutaipitisha kwa sababu hiyo ndivyo ilivyo katika hiyo idara. Asante, Bwana Spika.

(Question put and agreed to)

ADJOURNMENT

Speaker: This House now stands adjourned until later today Wednesday, 9th March, 2022 at 2.30 p.m.

The House rose at 9:31 a.m.

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