REPUBLIC OF KENYA

COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF LAIKIPIA

THE HANSARD

Wednesday, 9th March 2022

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

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

PRAYERS

QUORUM CALL

Speaker: Clerk, kindly confirm whether we have quorum.

(Lack of quorum confirmed)

Speaker: Serjeant at Arms to ring the bell for ten minutes or until when we achieve quorum.

(The quorum bell rang for five minutes)

Speaker: Clerk, confirm whether we have achieved quorum.

(Quorum confirmed)

Speaker: Order of business.

PROCEDURAL MOTION

REDUCTION OF DAYS AFTER BILL PUBLICATION

Hon. Daniel Nyausi: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. On behalf of the Leader of Majority Party and the Deputy Majority Leader who are absent, I beg to move the following motion;

> THAT this Assembly approves the exemption of Standing Order No. 116 to reduce the number of days required after publication of the Laikipia County Community Engagement and Resilience Bill, 2022 (Laikipia County Bills No.3) from fourteen days to nine days.

Hon. Speaker, Hon. Members will agree with me with the days we are in. Indeed we want this bill in place to help brighten the lives of the Laikipians. That is why the Honourable leaders of this House have come up with this opinion to reduce the number of days. We need this bill so that our people can get better services than the way it is today. That is why they are requesting for the reduction of days.

This is not the first time such a request is coming into this House. I beg Honourable Members of this House to allow this reduction. In any case it is not many days. Only about three days or four because of the need of this bill. With these few remarks, I call upon Hon. Stephen Ndiritu to second this motion. Thank you.

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Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Asante, Bwana Spika. Nasimama kuunga mkono mjadala wa kupunguza siku za uchapishaji wa sheria kutoka siku kumi na nne hadi siku tisa. Tukifanya hivyo tutakuwa tunapatia wahusika wakuu nafasi ili waweze kushiriki umma katika Laikipia kuhusu hii sheria. Hizo siku zinaambatana na wakati ambao tuko nao kwa sababu tunafaa kupeleka mambo kwa haraka tukiwa ndani ya sheria.

Kupunguza siku kumi na nne hadi tisa ni kumaanisha tumeokoa muda wa wiki moja. Siku hizi siku moja ina umuhimu hasa wakati huu viongozi wanafanya kampeni mashinani. Pia itakuwa ni nafasi mwafaka wakati hii sheria itakuwa ikipelekwa kushirikisha umma, wananchi wataweza kukutana na Waheshimiwa. Kama itawezekana wakutane mapema kwa sababu wataweza kuongea na wananchi na mtu ambaye hajaelewa kama atamuunga Mheshimiwa mkono, ataweza kuwa na nafasi ya kushawishi wananchi wawe pamoja. Kwa hayo machache naunga mkono na naafiki pia. Asante.

(Question proposed)

Hon. Judy Lukio: I support.

Speaker: The mover to give a reply.

Hon. Daniel Nyausi: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. By the look of Hon. Members and by the views of those who have contributed, we seem to be on the same page because of the necessity of this particular bill. I have no doubt that this House will give 100% support of this particular request today. I also ask the authority of this Assembly, of course your office being the head of it to ensure that such will be implemented in few remaining days. Thank you, Hon. Speaker and the Members for the support.

(Question put and agreed to)

BILL

First Reading

LAIKIPIA COUNTY COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND RESILIENCE BILL

Speaker: The bill is committed to County Cohesion and Legal Matters Committee.

MOTION

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

Hon. Judy Lukio: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I beg to move this particular motion.

THAT, this Assembly adopts the 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.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the Members of the Committee on Trade, Tourism and Cooperatives in 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 Laikipia County Executive quarterly Report and financial statements for the quarter ended 30th September, 2020.

The Committee has a composition of 7 Hon. Members:

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

Committee Meetings

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 Committees report. May I take this opportunity to thank all the Members of the committee for their valuable contributions during the entire process.

On page five there is back ground information, Fiduciary management and on page six there is budget execution by programs and sub programmes. It is well outlined Members can see the absorption Rate, programs, sub-programs. Description, Approved Budget (A), Actual Payments, Variance and Program absorption rate.

It is actually cleary indicated and if I may go straight to the observations, the Committee of Trade, Tourism and Cooperatives noted the following: -

1. During the period under review the committee observed that, the department absorption rate was very low. The highest program having the absorption rate of 19.62%
2. During the period under review the sub-program industrialization development had budget allocation of Kshs. 83,000,000 of which none of the amount was utilized in the quarter under review, the sub-program is key in uplifting the small scale industries and cottages in Laikipia County.
3. During the period under review, budget allocation of Kshs. 3,500,000 for Tourism Infrastructural Development was not utilized.

Recommendations

The committee on Trade, Tourism and Co-operatives made the following recommendations;

1. The committee recommends that the department should have a well outlined work plan to facilitate on proper rolling out of programs.
2. Industrialization development should be implemented for it will boost the upcoming industries and the existing ones hence uplifting the living standards of the innovators.
3. Laikipia County has various tourist sites which form a revenue stream in our own source revenue, therefore tourism promotion and initiatives and tourism infrastructural

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developments are the sub-programmes that should be worked on at the onset of budget utilization.

Conclusion

That this House adopts report of the Committee on Trade, Tourism, Cooperatives and Industrialization on the County Government of Laikipia (County Executive) quarterly report and financial statements for the period ended 30th September, 2020.

Without much saying, I wish to invite one of the Committee Members to second the motion.

Hon. Mary Samken: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise in support of the committee's report and I thank the Hon. Chair for taking us through the report. From the report, we can see that the first quarter of the financial year 2020/21 the department of Trade had budget Kshs. 271,478,450

Mr. Speaker, from the analysis of the table above, the department used Kshs. 5,932,280 only which is a very low expenditure. This is a very important department in this County because from some programmes we can see important sub-programmes which can up lift the Standards of the people of Laikipia. From the table above, we have 3 very important sub-programmes which are Tourism Development, Tourism Promotion Initiative and Tourism Infrastructural Development.

As we know, our county has very many tourism sites and having been allocated this big amount of money and we find none of this amount of money has been used, for example Tourism Infrastructure Development, it is worrying because these are the things that make the County get revenue.

It is important that the department should do something because if we can promote Tourism in this County, we are very sure we will be able to sustain our own. This department has the enterprise funds and from that allocation they were allocated an amount of Kshs. 75,000,000 and as you can see from the above table, during that quarter none was used. This is the money that will help our hustlers from this County to get their daily bread.

They can get small amounts of Loans that will help them to do small businesses and to earn a living. We also have Co-operatives development funds from the same department and this is a very crucial fund that will help many co-operatives movement in this County. Laikipia is the leading County with Co-operatives because we have more than 150 Co-operatives movement in this county.

Mr. Speaker, having been allocated an amount of around Kshs. 23 million they have used only 3% which is very small and I know many of these co-operatives go to banks so that they can get loans to be able to offer these loans to their Members. Getting a loan from the bank is with a very high rate and we know from the policy that we passed in this House, if they can get it from the Co-operatives development funds they are only charged about 3% which is a very low rate and they can also offer there Members the loans with reasonable rates.

This is something we have to look into to make sure that our people benefit to make sure that this money is put into use so that our people get help. Mr. Speaker, I thank you and I also second the report.

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(Question proposed)

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Asante, Bwana Spika. Nasimama kuunga mkono ripoti ambayo imeletwa kutoka kwenye Idara ya Biashara, Utalii na Mashirika. Hii ni *financial statement* katika hiyo idara na nafikiri kwa sababu tulikuwa na hii ripoti tangu asubuhi, tumeipitia na kuiangalia. Ningetaka pia kushukuru kamati kwa sababu wameipitia vizuri na kuita wale maofisa pengine kujibu maswali tuliyokuwa tunaongea asubuhi kuhusu hii idara.

Nimeweza kuangalia maoni yao na kuona ya kwamba katika huo muda hii idara ni kama haikuwa inatumia pesa jinsi inavyostahili. Ni kama hawakuwa wanapokea pesa kwa wakati ufaao kwa sababu nimeona kuna programu zingine ambazo hazijafanya jambo lolote. Naona kwenye hiyo idara walikuwa wametumia 19.6% tu katika idara nzima.

Kwenye maoni tumeona kuna mipango ambayo haikuweza kutumika kama wa viwanda ilhali tunajua ya kwamba katika hiyo sekta ndipo tunaweza kuinua vijana wengi ambao wangetaka kufanya kazi kwenye hivyo viwanda. Tusipowapa nafasi na usaidizi kupitia kwa hii idara inamaanisha kuwa sisi katika Laikipia tutarudi chini sana kwa upande wa viwanda.

Mimi naungana na hii kamati na kuunga mkono mapendekezo yao kuwa pesa zinastahili kutumika kwa wakati ufaao na kwenye programu zifaazo hasa zinazosaidia mwananchi wa kawaida. Nashukuru na kumshukuru Mwenyekiti kwa kazi njema ambayo wamefanya kama kamati, na hilo linaonyesha kuwa kamati inafanya kazi jinsi inavyostahili.

Bwana Spika, nimeona kamati imeweza kushukuru Ofisi yako kwa sababu umeipa usaidizi ipasavyo. Nimeona pia inashukuru Ofisi ya Karani Mkuu. Hilo laonyesha kuwa Ofisi yako pamoja na ya Karani Mkuu zinafanya kazi jinsi inavyostahili. Nataka kuwapongeza kwa hilo kwa sababu nyinyi mko hapo kuwawezesha Wajumbe kufanya kazi yao. Kama wamesema hivyo kwenye hii ripoti basi mimi sina shaka kwa sababu nimeweza kuona na kushuhudia ya kwamba Ofisi zenu zimekuwa zikisaidia hawa Wajumbe kwa njia ifaayo. Kwa hayo machache, naunga mkono.

Speaker: If there are no other contributions, then may the Mover give a reply.

Hon. Judy Lukio: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This department is very wide because it has Trade, Tourism, Cooperatives, Enterprises and Industries at the same time. If the program has utilized the funds well and executed all the funds the way it should, the end result will be more job creation and life will be a bit easier for Laikipians. Thank you.

(Question put and agreed to)

ADJOURNMENT

Speaker: This House now stands adjourned until tomorrow, Thursday 10th March, 2022 at 9.00 a.m.

The House rose at 3.02 p.m.

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