REPUBLIC OF KENYA

COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF LAIKIPIA

THE HANSARD

Tuesday, 6th July, 2021

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

[The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Daniel Nyausi) in the Chair]

PRAYERS

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

LEADERS MEETING ON SECURITY

Deputy Speaker: Hon. Members, I have got some communication to pass regarding a letter the office of the Speaker has shared inviting you Members of the House to a leaders meeting in Laikipia County on Wednesday, 7th July at ASTU, Naibor, Segera Ward. The Ministry of Interior and Coordination of the National Government has scheduled a leaders meeting for Laikipia County to be held jointly by the Cabinet Secretary for Ministry of Interior and Coordination of the National Government, the Governor of Laikipia County, security team and all sub-county security teams are asked to meet at Naibor, Laikipia east sub-County commencing at 9.00 a.m. You are kindly invited to attend the same. Hon. Members this is the meeting we are being invited for tomorrow at 9.00 a.m.

We will decide whether we will be able to have the Whole House going there or probably we can as well decide to send the Committee on Cohesion. That will be subject to discussion. Just making Members to be aware of the same. Thank you.

PAPERS LAID

LAIKIPIA COUNTY GOVERNMENT QUARTERLY REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS BY THE EDUCATION AND ICT SERVICES COMMITTEE

Hon. Catherine Kibue: Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir. I wish to lay the following papers;

Report by Education and ICT Services Committee on County Government of Laikipia (Executive) quarterly report and financial statement for a period ended September, 2019 dated 1st July, 2021.

(Hon. Catherine Kibue laid the report on the table)

LAIKIPIA COUNTY GOVERNMENT QUARTERLY REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS BY THE TRADE, TOURISM AND COOPERATIVES COMMITTEE

Hon. Mary Samken: Thank you Mr. Speaker. On behalf of the Chair, Hon. Judy Lukio, I wish to lay this paper;

Report of Trade, Tourism and Cooperatives committee on the County Government of Laikipia (Executive) quarterly report and financial statement for a period ended December, 2019 dated July, 2021.

(Hon. Mary Samken laid the paper on the table)

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LAIKIPIA COUNTY GOVERNMENT QUARTERLY REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS BY THE LABOUR, SOCIAL AND WELFARE SERVICES COMMITTEE

Hon. Patricia Muthoni: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I beg to lay the report by the Labour, Social and Welfare Services Committee on the County Government of Laikipia (Executive) quarterly report and financial statement for a period ended September, 2019 dated 6th July, 2021.

(Hon. Patricia Muthoni laid the paper on the table)

NOTICES OF MOTIONS

LAIKIPIA COUNTY GOVERNMENT QUARTERLY REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS BY THE EDUCATION AND ICT SERVICES COMMITTEE

Hon. Catherine Kibue: Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir. I beg to give notice of the following motion;

THAT, this Assembly adopts the Report by the Education and ICT Services Committee on County Government of Laikipia (Executive) quarterly report and financial statement for a period ended September, 2019 dated 1st July, 2021.

LAIKIPIA COUNTY GOVERNMENT QUARTERLY REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS BY THE TRADE, TOURISM AND COOPERATIVES COMMITTEE

Hon. Mary Samken: Thank you Mr. Speaker. On behalf of the Chair, Hon. Judy Lukio, I beg to give notice of the following motion;

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

LAIKIPIA COUNTY GOVERNMENT QUARTERLY REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS BY THE LABOUR, SOCIAL AND WELFARE SERVICES COMMITTEE

Hon. Patricia Muthoni: Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir. I beg to give notice of the following motion;

THAT, this House adopts the report of Labour, Social and Welfare Services Committee on the County Government of Laikipia (Executive) quarterly report and financial statement for a period ended September, 2019 dated 6th July, 2021.

MOTION

LAIKIPIA COUNTY GOVERNMENT QUARTERLY REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS BY THE TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Hon. Stephen Nderitu: Thank you Mr. Speaker. On behalf of Chair, Transport and Public Works Committee I beg to move the following motion;

THAT, this House adopts the report of Transport and Public Works Committee on the County Government of Laikipia (Executive) quarterly report and financial statement for a period ended 30th September, 2019 dated 15th June, 2021.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, on behalf of the members of the Committee on Transport and Public Works 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 Quarterly Report and Financial statements for the period ended 30th September 2019.

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1.1 Committee Membership

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

1. Hon. Daniel Mugweru - Chairperson
2. Hon. Mary Samken - Member
3. Hon. Catherine Nyawira - Member
4. Hon. Stephen Ndiritu - Vice Chair person
5. Hon. Wilson Wakahiu - Member

Deputy Speaker: Hon. Member, Hon. Mary Samken is the Vice Chair. Not a Member.

Hon. Stephen Nderitu: Mr. Speaker, I am a Member of that Committee and we have made those changes only that it's not written here.

Deputy Speaker: As much as the changes are there, I tend to believe you are reading from what we have.

Hon. Stephen Nderitu: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I heard. That is what is written. Thank you Mr. Speaker. On 0.2 Committee Mandate; The Committee is established under the Standing Order No. 191 which provides that the committee shall investigate, inquire into, and report on all matters relating to the mandate, management, activities, administration, operation and estimates of the assigned departments among other functions.

Committee Meetings.

Mr. Speaker, the Committee has held a meeting to scrutinize the document as required prior to tabling it in the house. On behalf of the Transport and Public Works 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. On the Committee's establishment, I think Members have this report and there is no need to go through it because they know the establishment of the committee.

Background Information.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, the financial statements play a critical role in the decision making, management and accountability of public resources. Section 166 of the Public Finance Management Act, 2012 requires that an Accounting officer for a County Government entity prepares a report for each quarter of the financial year in respect of that year in accordance with the standards and formats as described by the Public Sector Accounting Standards Board. This report gives a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the County Government for and as at the end of the quarter ended on September 2019.

4.0 Financial Operations Performance

i. During this period of July 2019 to September 2019, no actual payments were made within the department.

ii. The County own generated revenue performance in this department was as follows;

RECEIPT	Final Budget FY 2019/20 (Kshs.)	Budget for Q1 FY 2019/20 (Kshs.)	Actual for Q1 FY 2019/20 (Kshs.)	% Realized

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Land Rates	96,000,000	19,200,000	7,959,537	41.46
Vehicle Parking Fees	95,000,000	19,000,000	17,382,971	91.49

In that table, there is a receipt, FY 2019/20, and budget for the quarter of FY 2019/20. You can see it there. In land rates, FY 2019/20 it was Kshs.96 million, in the FY 2019; 19,200,000. Actual for 2019 was Kshs. 7,959,537 million. Vehicle parking fees in the FY 2019/20 was Kshs.95 million, in the FY 2019/20 it was Kshs.19 million, and actual first quarter in the FY 2019/20 was Kshs. 17,382,971 million. Realized was 91.49%.

i. The County own generated revenue for the land rates for Q1 FY 2019 was Kshs. 7,957,537 compared to revenue collection in Q1 FY 2018/19 which was Kshs. 17,351,281.

ii. Revenue for vehicle parking fees for Q1 of the FY 2019/20 it was Kshs. 17,382,971 compared to revenue collected in Q1 of the FY 2018/19 which was Kshs. 19,056,802 million.

iii. At the close of this quarter, the Laikipia County Roads Maintenance Levy Fund account closed with a balance of Kshs. 59,879,295 million.

Committee Observations

The Committee observed the following;

1. During the first quarter, no expenditure was incurred on the road works.
2. At the close of this year, the Rural Maintenance Levy Fund (RMLF) had a balance of Kshs. 59,879,295 million.
3. At the end of this quarter there was a notable pending bill of Kshs.197 million.

I think this is the department that probably has the highest pending bill. As a House, we have to sit and consider all these pending bills in this FY, which is Kshs. 197,197,003 million.

Committee Recommendations

The Committee recommended the following;

1. The Department should fast-track the procurement process for all the projects that are intended to be done so as to ensure that the payment can be made timely.
2. The Department should ensure that all the projects committed are within the actual budget allocation so as to prevent the occurrence of pending bills.

Committee Conclusion

That this House adopts the Committee's report on the County Government of Laikipia (Executive) quarterly report and financial statements for the period ended 2019.

Mr. Speaker, with those few remarks on this report, I would like to call upon Hon. Samken to second this report. Thank you.

(Hon. Mary Samken seconded)

(Question proposed)

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Hon. Catherine Kibue: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir. I rise in support of this report by the Transport and Public Works Committee. First, I congratulate the Mover of this motion as well as the Committee of Transport and Public Works. Thank you.

Hon. Joseph Suge: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I also stand in support of this report. First, I congratulate the Mover who is the Chair of the Transport and Public Works Committee, Hon. Stephen Ndiritu. Indeed, the Chair has read the report and we have also gone through it and indeed the Committee has done their work in regards to the report from the Executive department.

Mr. Speaker, infrastructure is broad in this County and it is like the engine of development because it is the department that prepares the BQ's before going to the procurement department to ensure that the work given is done to the required standards. The Chair has explained before this Assembly the achievement by the department, including the revenue collection by the department, that is, the collection of parking fees and land rates. I know that in this Assembly we have approved the waiver several times in order to motivate our people and encourage them in paying their land rates. This has increased the revenues in this County for the work to progress well.

My concern is on the Committee observations. The report seems to be a bit shallow because in point number one, the Committee has said that during the first quarter no expenditure was incurred on road works. We know in this Assembly that road maintenance has been going on, including leasing programs. We know the fuel expenses are there and the allowances of the operators are there. So the Committee reporting to this Assembly that there was no road works is a big lie. I would urge the Chair to pull up his socks and find out the concrete report. Otherwise he has made an effort and I congratulate them. With those few remarks, I support the report.

Hon. Veronica Ikunyua: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I also rise in support of this report by the Transport and Public Works Committee. First of all is to congratulate the Committee for the good work and actually almost every Committee nowadays is very active, and it is good to bring these reports so that we can know what is what.

Without going through all this report, I will also comment on their observations and recommendations. In their observations, I have seen that at the end of this quarterly report there was a notable pending bill of Kshs.197 million, which is a very huge pending bill. This tells you that our contractors are in trouble. Our contractors who have done work in that department have not been paid.

When we started this Government in 2017 we said that we are going to promote our people, and we have really promoted our people by giving them work. But after doing all that and giving them work, we are unable to pay them. We need to fast-track this as we have said, so that when we are doing these BQs, let the department be faster and give them those BQs at the right time so that when the year is ending we can be able to pay these pending bills to the contractors so that the money does not go to pending bills.

They have done well because the work of the Committee is oversight, and they have really done their work. We need the Executive to follow up on this issue of pending bills because it is becoming too much in almost every department. I remember when we sat here in the last session last week we said that we would like to have all those pending bills listed somewhere so that we can be able to know what each department has.

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I am sure that we are going to do that so that we can know which direction we are going on. I want to support this Committee for the good work, and may they keep the spirit on. At the close of the quarterly report, the Rural Maintenance Levy Fund (RMLF) had a balance of Kshs.59 million. There is also a question mark there but I am sure the Committee is alert and are going to follow up what is happening in those departments. I support the report.

Deputy Speaker: Hon. Patricia then Hon. Meshami.

Hon. Patricia Muthoni: Thank you Hon. Speaker, I am rising in support of this motion and to congratulate the Vice Chair of Transport, Hon. Kagondu and the Committee and the mover of this motion for a job well done. Mr. Speaker as you can see the recommendation of the Committee, the department should fast-track the procurement process for all the projects that intend to be done. Mr. Speaker as you can see the recommendations of the committee, they have done a very good job and I want to urge the Hon. Members to support the motion. I support.

Deputy Speaker: Member representing people of Mukogodo West.

Hon. George Meshami: Asante sana Mheshimiwa Spika, nami pia nasimama nikiunga ripoti hii mkono na ningependa nikiendelea kuunga mkono, Kamati wafuatilie kabisa maneno ya *Pending Bills.* Mheshimiwa Spika ukiangalia katika hizi idara, unapata idara ya barabara ndiyo inabeba *Pending Bills* kubwa sana katika Kaunti hii.

Mheshimiwa Spika ni muhimu kuleta ripoti kama hii na ningependa kusema makandarasi wale wameshafanya kazi kutoka 2017, mpaka siku hii ya leo kuna wengine wanalia sana kwa sababu pesa zao wameenda kukopa pesa katika mabenki na hadi wa leo hawajalipwa hizo pesa.

Ningependa kuomba kamati husika wapate kufuatilia kabisa na tujue ni sababu gani kutoka 2017, hadi siku ya leo hawa watu ambao ni wa Laikipia, wazaliwa wa hapa, wafanyikazi wa Laikipia hawajalipwa pesa yao hadi siku ya leo. Nasimama nikiunga ripoti mkono asante sana.

Deputy Speaker: May I call the mover to give a reply.

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Asante Mheshimiwa Spika, kwanza nataka kushukuru wale wote ambao wametoa mchango wao kuhusu hii ripoti, na wale wote ambayo wameweza kuyasema nimeweza kuinakiri. Sisi kama Kamati tutakaa chini na tuhakikishe ya kwamba zile wasiwasi zote ambazo zimeletwa tutahakikisha ya kwamba tumefanya.

Ningetaka pia bunge hii iweze kuelewa ya kwamba hii ripoti ambayo tunazungumzia saa hii ni ripoti ya 2019, si ripoti ya wakati huu. Nimesikia Mheshimiwa Suge akisema ya kwamba kuna pesa imetumiwa na akaagiza Kamati ya kwamba haikutumia pesa na akasema labda ilikuwa uwongo. Ningetaka kumwambia hii ilikuwa robo mwaka ya 2019 na tunajua robo mwaka inaanza mwezi wa Julai mpaka mwezi wa Septemba na kwa kweli hakuna idara inakuwa imefanya kazi.

Yale ambayo tumeweza kunakiri hapa ni ukweli mtupu na mungu atusaidie kwa sababu hivi ndivyo mambo ilivyo. Mheshimiwa Spika hii kamati imeweza kufanya kazi na kufuatilia maana hii ni kauli inayotoka kwa idara. Kauli inapokuja kutoka Idara wakueleze ya kwamba tumetumia hii pesa na wanaonyesha ya kwamba wametumia huu ndio inakuwa ukweli. Kwa hivyo wakati tunapotoa ripoti kama hizi huwa tunaelezewa vile mambo ilivyo.

Sisi wakati tunapoenda kufanya bajeti tutaweza kujua ni wapi tutaweza kutengeza, mambo ya *Pending Bills* ambayo imekuwa inatisha sana serikali zote zile hata za nje. Kama

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Kaunti zingine zote, mambo ya *Pending Bills* ni jambo ambalo limeumiza makandarasi, limeumiza Kaunti nyingi na ningetaka kusema ya kwamba hii ambayo tumesoma 197 ambayo tumesema leo ni ile ilikuwa 2019.

Leo tunapozungumza hapa ni zaidi ya Milioni mia tatu, hio ni changamoto ambayo iko na haiko tu kwa idara ya barabara iko katika hizi idara zote. Sisi kama kamati tutaweza kukaa chini na kufuatilia kama vile Wajumbe wamesema tuweze kufuatilia hizo *Pending Bills* na wale ambao walifanya kazi, na ni kazi ambayo inaonekana na ni kazi ambayo saa hii ni kama ya barabara.

Ni barabara ambazo zinaendelea kutumiwa, tuhakikishe ya kwamba hao watu wamelipwa, kwa mfano mahali ambapo mimi nawakilisha Thingithu, najua barabara ambazo zimetumika kama ya *PEFA Road* mpaka wa leo haijawahi kulipwa. Hio barabara imetumika kiwango ya kwamba ikipita mwaka ingine itakuwa hio barabara ni kama imeisha kwa sababu barabara ya changarawe ni barabara ya muda.

Tungeomba serikali na sisi kama Wabunge tunapopitisha bajeti tuweze kwanza kupatia hizo miradi ambazo zimefanyiwa kitambo kipaumbele ziweze kulipwa. Kama juzi vile tulisema ya kwamba ikibidi tuone ya kwamba hatuna pesa ya kutosha, tunafaa kwanza kuweka pesa *Pending Bill*s ndio wale ambao wamefanyia kazi serikali waweze kulipwa.

Wakati ambapo hawa watu hawalipwi, wewe mwenyewe ama Mjumbe yeyote anayewakilisha katika Wadi yake huwa anasumbuliwa na wale ambao walifanya kazi. Wanauliza tutalipwa lini, na hio ni changamoto ambayo tumeona kama kamati na ni changamoto ambayo iko katika idara zote.

Mheshimiwa Spika sisi kama kamati tumeweza kueleza ukweli, nafikiria tukileta sasa hii ya 2020/ 2021 najua ripoti zitakuwa tofauti na vile watu wanavyofikiria na vile wahenga husema na kwa sababu siku hizi tuko na wahenga wengi ambao wanasema vile tuko hapa, mambo kwa "*ground* " ni tofauti.

Vile tunavyozungumza hapa, *Pending Bills* kule mambo ni tofauti, tunafikiria hiyo mambo itakuwa sawa. Kwa hayo machache nashukuru Wabunge kwa kuangalia hio ripoti na kuweza kuipitisha na naomba pia tuipitishe kwa kauli moja ndio tuweze kuleta zile zingine na tuweze kujua idara inaendelea namna gani.

(Question put and agreed to)

MOTION

LAIKIPIA COUNTY GOVERNMENT CAR AND MORTGAGE FUND REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Deputy Speaker: The Chairperson for Finance and County Planning

Hon. Mary Samken: Thank you Hon. Speaker, Sir. I beg to move the following motion;

> THAT, this Assembly adopts the report of the Finance and County Planning Committee on County Government of Laikipia (County Executive) Car and Mortgage Fund report and Financial statements for the quarter ended 31st March, 2019 dated 30th June, 2021.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, the Committee has held a number of meetings to scrutinize the document as required by tabling in this House. On behalf of the Finance and County Planning Committee I have the honor and pleasure to present the committee report and also may I take

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this opportunity to thank all the Members of the committee for their valuable contributions during the entire process.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, on key entity information and technology, the Laikipia County Car and Mortgage Fund was established pursuant to provisions of Public Finance Management Act, 2014 through enactment of the Public Finance Management (County Executive Member Mortgage Scheme Fund) Regulations 2014.

Under Public Finance Management (County Executive Member Mortgage (Members) Scheme Fund) Regulations 2014, the County Government of Laikipia intended to grant financial accommodation to the County Executive Committee Members for purposes of purchase, development, renovation or repair of residential property or any connected purpose as prescribed under the regulations.

Mr. Speaker on Principal activities under public finance management (county executive car scheme fund) regulation, 2014 the County intends to grant a loan to the County Executive Committee. Members to utilize for purposes of acquisition/renovation of a house and purchase of, Motor Vehicles for personal and official use.

The Car and Mortgage Fund was therefore to;

1) Purchase an existing house for residential purposes within Kenya
2) Improve, renovate or repair a residential property owned by the applicant.
3) Construct a house for residential purposes within Kenya
4) Purchase vacant plots for the purpose of developing a residential property for
5) the applicant.
6) Purchase a motor vehicle for personal or official use by the applicant
7) Offset a loan or the balance thereof which the applicant may have borrowed

from any Financial institution obtained for any purpose stipulated above.

The management of the fund is vested in the Loans Management Committee consisting of:

a) County Executive Committee –Finance who shall be the Chairperson.
b) The Chairperson of the Members' Welfare Committee of the Executive

Committee.

Two other members appointed by the County Executive Committee-Finance

The officer administering the Car and Mortgage Loan shall be the County Secretary. The County Government of Laikipia contracted the UNISON Sacco to administer the loan fund and provide all the requisite management services for purposes of disbursements and recovery of facilities granted to the County Executive Committee Members pursuant to the terms and conditions as set out in the regulations.

Fiduciary Oversight Arrangements

County Assembly of Laikipia (County Assembly budget committee and the County Assembly Public Account Committee and Public Investment Committee)

a) Senate Budget Committee in Public Finance

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b) The Controller of Budget

c) Auditor General

In compliance to the above regulation, the County Government of Laikipia submitted the Laikipia County Executive Car and Mortgage Fund reports and financial statements for the quarter ended 31st March 2019 to the County Assembly.

The Funds Financial Statements.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, the County Government of Laikipia Car and Mortgage reports and Financial Statements is prepared in accordance with the Public Financial Management Act, 2012. Sections 167 & 168 of the Act provides for the preparation of the Public Funds Reports and Financial statement respectively, the Administrator of Public Fund. The County Government of Laikipia Car and Mortgage Reports and Financial Statement presents the recent economic developments and actual fiscal performance of the third quarter of FY 2018/019.

Performance of the Funds

Since inception, the fund has disbursed Kshs. 27 million as mortgage loans and Kshs. 18 million as car loan to the nine executive members of the previous County Government. The loans were all cleared by November 2017.

Other Grants and Transfer

Withdrawal of unutilized funds	10,000,000
Transfer to New Mortgage Account	45, 000, 000
Total employee benefits obligation 55	55,000, 000

ITEM DESCRIPTION		MONEY IN	MONEY OUT	BALANCE
Total employee benefits obligation		55,000,000	-	-
Interest income	Interest income from loans	260,269	-	-
Fund expenses	Saving interest	11,500	-	-
	Fund administration expenses Unison Sacco			

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	Other expenses commission on saving Interest Bank charges	- -	2,312	-
Total		- 55,271,419	60 132,506	- 55,138,913

The fund Account has earned a total of Kshs. 260,269 from interest charged and Kshs. 11,150 as other incomes. During the quarter, Kshs. 130,134 has been expensed as fund administration cost. General expenses that is inclusive of other savings (commission on saving interest) stood at Kshs. 2,312. Fund administration expenses are payable towards Unison Sacco while other expenses are commission on the interest.

The fund had grown to Kshs. 55 million, this is out of the previous regimes repayments and continued allocations in the budget. By the end of the quarter ending 31st March 2019, Kshs. 54,861,028 had been issued to the beneficiaries. Currently…

Deputy Speaker: Hon. Chair, I am sure that the Members have got the same report and you really don't need to go through each and every line.

Hon. Mary Samken: Thank you, Speaker but let me go through it because I am almost through.

By the end of the quarter ending 31st March 2019, Kshs 54,861,028 had been issued to the beneficiaries. Currently, the account balance at Unison Sacco is Kshs. 1,360,809.

The account started its operations on 30th June 2015 with a total of Kshs. 55 million set aside in the budget for that year. By the end month of June 2015, a total of Kshs. 45 million had already been issued out to the members by Unison Sacco and repayments started in July 2015 by check off.

Members paid the mortgage at an interest rate of 4% to the Sacco and 2% as administrative cost. The report has captured eighteen beneficiaries whose loan was issued on 30th June 2015.

Committee Observations

Mr. Speaker, Sir, the Finance and County Planning Committee made the following observations;

1. The fund benefits the County Executive Members only. However, the members are only able to access a maximum of Kshs. 3 million for Mortgage and Kshs. 2 million for Car Loan.

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2. The report has captured nine beneficiaries who were Executive Committee Members of the Previous County Government whose Loan was issued on 30th June, 2015.
3. During the period under review there was efficiency of the loan as every person on the list was issued with their loan on the same date.
4. There was effective recovery of the funds through the check off system.
5. The current position of the fund is not certain based on the report. It's not possible to determine the extent to which the fund has grown after the budgetary allocation made in the Financial Year of 2018/19 towards the fund. Allocations to this fund has been growing every year.

Committee Recommendations

Mr. Speaker, Sir, the Finance and County Planning Committee made the recommendations that;

1. The County Government to draft a regulation which includes the members of staff from the Executive arm of the government to ensure that they also benefit from the car and mortgage scheme.
2. The County Government to submit to the County Assembly up to date list of the beneficiaries of the scheme and a breakdown of how much each individual received on the scheme.
3. The loans management committee that took over from Unison Sacco should emulate the aspect of efficiency in loan issuance.
4. The County Government should ensure that the check off system continues.
5. The County Government should ensure that proper up to date documentation of Laikipia County Executive Member car loan and mortgage fund is done.

Committee Conclusion.

That this House adopts on the Committee on Finance and County Planning Committees report on County Government of Laikipia County Government of Laikipia Car and Mortgage Fund Report and Financial Statements for the year quarter ended 31st March, 2019.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir and I call upon the Hon. Member representing the people of Rumuruti, Hon. Suge to second the report.

Hon. Joseph Suge: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I stand to second the report as proposed by the Chair for Finance, Hon. Mary Samken on the report concerning the car and mortgage, Laikipia County Executive Department. Indeed, the report is good and the Chair has tried to elaborate and explain the report from the Executive. This is a kitty that if well managed can be of great help to our staff from County Executive in their process of acquiring assets.

The committee has also made some recommendations as well as observations. We have seen that the funds have grown since the year 2014 when this Assembly appropriated the first kitty. We have also seen in this report that the money has grown to more than Kshs.55 million although the committee in the report said that there might be more than Kshs. 55 million because in each and every financial year, the County Assembly do allocate some money to support our staff.

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Mr. Speaker, as the committee we are going to seek more clarification from the Executive to ascertain the right figures to this car and mortgage report. My only concern is that it needs to be streamlined and well planned to ensure that those the senior and the rest of staff get equal access to these funds. As we have seen in the previous government, only the senior team benefitted from this kitty. We want to encourage that this process should give opportunities to every staff. We have also seen that the management of this fund previously it was being done by Unison but the county later pulled out for the reasons that we do not know. So these are some of the explanations that we need to get from the Executive. So I second the report.

(Question proposed)

Deputy Speaker: If there is no Member who wishes to contribute towards this motion, I wish to defer the putting of the question until tomorrow at 9.00 a.m. At the same note, when this House resumes tomorrow morning, the Member will give a reply and then the question will be put.

(Motion deferred)

ADJOURNMENT

Deputy Speaker: The sittings of House now stands adjourned until tomorrow Wednesday, 7th July, 2021 at 2.30 p.m.

The House rose at 3.30 p.m.

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