REPUBLIC OF KENYA

COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF LAIKIPIA

THE HANSARD

Thursday, 2nd June, 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, kindly confirm whether there is 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 was rang for two minutes)

Speaker: Clerk, kindly confirm whether we have achieved quorum.

(Quorum confirmed)

STATEMENT

NOTICE PAPER

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. On behalf of the HBC, we have the following tentative business for next week.

It is notified that the House Business Committee has approved the following tentative business to appear in the Order paper for Tuesday (Afternoon) June 7th, 2022

A. **PAPERS**- Quarterly reports and financial statements for period ending 31st March, 2021 by the Transport and Public Works Committee.

B. **PAPERS**- Quarterly reports and financial statements for period ending 31st March, 2021 by the Agriculture, Environment and Natural Resources Committee (Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries).

C. **PAPERS**- Quarterly reports and financial statements for the period ending 31st March, 2021 by the Finance and County Planning Committee.

D. **NOTICES OF MOTIONS**- Quarterly reports and financial statements for period ending 31st March, 2021 by the Transport and Public Works Committee.

E. **NOTICES OF MOTIONS**- Quarterly reports and financial statements for period ending 31st March, 2021 by the Agriculture, Environment and Natural Resources Committee (Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries).

F. **NOTICES OF MOTIONS**- Quarterly reports and financial statements for the period ending 31st March, 2021 by the Finance and County Planning Committee.

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G. MOTION- Quarterly reports and financial statements for period ending 31st March, 2021 by the Transport and Public Works Committee.

It is notified that the House Business Committee has approved the following tentative business to appear in the Order paper for Wednesday (Morning) June 8th, 2022.

A. MOTION- Quarterly reports and financial statements for period ending 31st March, 2021 by the Agriculture, Environment and Natural Resources Committee (Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries).

It is notified that the House Business Committee has approved the following tentative business to appear in the Order paper for Wednesday (Afternoon) June 8th, 2022

A. PAPERS- Quarterly reports and financial statements for the period ending 31st March, 2021 by the Health Services Committee.

B. NOTICES OF MOTIONS- Quarterly reports and financial statements for the period ending 31st March, 2021 by the Health Services Committee.

C. MOTION- Quarterly reports and financial statements for the period ending 31st March, 2021 by the Finance and County Planning Committee.

It is notified that the House Business Committee has approved the following tentative business to appear in the Order paper for Thursday (Morning) June 9th, 2022.

A. MOTION- - Quarterly reports and financial statements for the period ending 31st March, 2021 by the Health Services Committee.

B. MOTION- Procedural motion for *Sine Die* Recess.

Those are the business for next week and I urge the Hon. Members to be present on those days and especially the chairpersons and the members of those committees to ensure that the business which I have read here will be in this House. I wish all the Members a good weekend. Thank you.

MOTION

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

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

THAT, this Assembly adopts the quarterly report and financial statement for the period ended 31st March, 2021 for the Department of Trade, Tourism, Cooperatives and Industrialization by the Sectoral Committee on Trade, Tourism and Cooperatives dated 23rd May, 2022.

I will go through this report very quickly. I will start with the Committee Membership. This committee has seven Honourable Members who are;

1) Hon. Judy Lukio – Chairperson
2) Hon. George Meshami – Vice Chairperson
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

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We have the mandate, which by this juncture we all know the mandates of the committees

The background information;

On page 5 on the first financial statements, the County Government report and financial statement is prepared in accordance with the Public Financial Management Act 2012, Section 164 of the Act provides for the preparation by the County Treasury. The statements present the recent economic development and actual physical performance of the financial year 20220/2021 and makes comparison to the budget appropriation for the same year. It further provides comprehensive and financial review with sufficient information to show changes from the projections outlined in the latest county Fiscal strategy paper.

On page six, we have the Execution by-programs and subprograms. We also have approved budget, Actual payments, Variance, Program and Absorption and it is the way it is. When you go to page seven, it is the continuation of the same. The above table is the analysis of the budget execution by programs and Sub programs for the third quarter of the financial year 2020/2021.

During the period under review, the departments had a budget of Kshs. 47,477,617M. The expenditure for the programs as per the report was Kshs. 11,531,483 leading to the department absorption rate of 24.19%. When you go to observations, the committee observed the following;

1. During the Period under review, the department has not been keenly following the work plan, this has negatively affected in the rolling of programmes.
2. During the Period Under review the subprograms; the stereo mapping and promotion initiative had a budget allocation of Kshs. 8 million of which none of the amount was utilized in the quarter under review. The program is key in uplifting the small scale industries and cottages in Laikipia.
3. During the period under review budget allocation of Kshs. 7,673,775M for tourism development was not utilized.

On the committee recommendations, the committee recommended the following;

1. That the department should diligently implement its work plan to enable efficiency on the rolling out of programs.
2. Industrial mapping and initiative should be rolled out to ensure the department has proper records on existing of the upcoming industries and cottages within the county. This will cease budgeting on boosting the upcoming industry and the existing ones, hence uplifting the living standard of the innovators.
3. Laikipia County has various touring sites which form a revenue stream in our source revenue. Therefore tourism promotion and initiative and tourism infrastructural development are the sub programs that should be worked on to onset the budget utilization.

In conclusion, I urge this House to adopt the report on the Committee on Trade, and Industrialization on the County Government of Laikipia (Executive) quarterly report and financial statement for the period ended 31st March, 2021. Since we do not have any Member of the committee, I kindly request a friend of the committee Hon. Stephen Ndiritu, to second the motion.

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Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I stand to second the motion because Hon. Judy Lukio, has called me the friend of the committee. I agree with her and I support the motion and as well to remind her that I was the Chair of that committee not only a friend of that committee. As the Chair has said and presented this motion, I have nothing to add on what she has said. In that course I stand to second this motion. Thank you.

(Question proposed)

Speaker: Hon. Members, do you have the copies of the report?

Hon. Daniel Nyausi: Thank you, I am in support of the report of the Trade, Tourism and Cooperatives report. It is a good report and definitely they need our support in this House because as it is indicated, that is what has been happening in that committee. It is a very fair report and I kindly ask the House to support it.

Speaker: May I call upon the mover to give a reply?

Hon. Judy Lukio: Hon. Speaker, I wish to say that this is one of the departments that can make Laikipia to be known countrywide and even internationally. If the funds are used in proper manner, it can even raise our revenue and also help to develop other areas. Thank you.

(Question put and agreed to)

ADJOURNMENT

Speaker: This House now stands adjourned until next week Tuesday, 7th June, 2022 at 2.30 p.m.

The House rose at 9.15 a.m.

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