COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF LAIKIPIA

OFFICIAL REPORT

Thursday, 31st July, 2013

House met at 9.00 a.m.

[The Speaker, Mr. Mariru is the chair]

PRAYERS

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

Deputy Speaker: Hon. Members, I just want to inform you that the Hon. Speaker is attending a conference from today up to Friday. Therefore, he will not be with us as he is attending a conference in Mombasa with the Speakers and the Governors plus the Governors from South Africa and Nigeria. It will be beneficial to the whole country and again I will request that after this morning session, we are going to have the engineer of roads for the welfare of mileage. Therefore, we will accord him and will be having a short meeting with him, thank you. Next order

MOTIONS

Hon. Michael: Mr. Speaker sir, I beg to give notice of the following motion... to move the following the motion:

> ***THAT**, aware that Schedule four of the Constitution clearly outlines the functions to be devolved from the National to County Government; noting that the Transition to Devolved Government Act contemplates a process of transferring these functions from the National Government to County Government and recognizing that this transfer shall be guided by a statutory process; appreciating that the Executive has or is going to apply for devolution of this transfer;*
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> *Noting that the County Assembly has already budgeted for these functions and that there are already ongoing discussions between the various government organs and agencies and more specifically the Transition Authority, Council of Governors, Senate, National Assembly, Commission for Implementation of the Constitution (CIC) among others on the process of transferring these functions;*
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> *Noting further that trade development and regulation is one of the functions to be devolved and that the County Government has budgeted for this function for the financial year 2013/2014; appreciating further that trade is the key area for poverty eradication and generation of revenue for our County; appreciating that self employment is the guaranteed route to find meaningful livelihood for our unemployed youth; noting that tourism remains highly untapped in*

our County yet the potential is unparalleled and considering that trade development and regulation includes markets, trade licenses, fair trading practices, local tourism, and cooperative services;

Noting that the County Assembly will finally make a decision on the transfer of this function as per the law; this Assembly urges the County Government to speed up its preparedness to receive and execute this function and takes all measures to ensure that the function is finally devolved in the immediate term and as per the law.

Mr. Speaker sir, ningeomba niweze kuchangia kwa lugha ya Kiswahili. Hili jambo la biashara I jambo lina upana na I la ukubwa katika kaunti hii yetu kwa sababu jambo la biashara na mambo ya utalii ndio uti wa mgongo katika kaunti hii yetu. Ukiangalia, mambo I mengi yanayotaka kutekelezwa katika biashara katika hali ya kutengeneza masoko yetu ili tuweze kuwavutia kaunti zile zingine ili waweze kuleta biashara hapa na wakati wanapoingia na masoko I mazuri, wataingia hapa kuuza ama kununua kazi itapatikana.

Kwa sababu kuna ukosefu wa kazi na hili jambo la biashara ndio itakuwa imebeba watu wengi zaidi. Tukiangalia pande la utalii, utaangalia kwamba jambo la utalii I jambo linalo stahili kufikiriwa zaidi. Ukiangalia wale watalii wanaoingia katika kaunti yetu, ukiangalia kama kaunti yetu northern corridor inapitia Laikipia na tunaweza fikiria habari ya hawa watalii ambao wanapita kutoka sehemu za central wakienda sehemu za kaskazini tunaweza kuwashika na wawe wakija kupumzika hapa kabla waendelee na safari.

Kwa hivyo I jambo la umuhimu sana katika kilimo na mambo ya utalii tukishika vizuri na tukifikiria vizuri I jambo ambalo linaweza kuandika watu wengi na itakuwa na manufaa zaidi katika kaunti yetu na kutuletea pesa mingi. Kwa hivyo I jambo tunalolifikiria zaidi na ningeomba iweze kutekelezwa haraka sana na hii mswada ningeomba bwana spika Mhsw. Wakahiu aweze kuiunga mkono.

Deputy Speaker: Hon. Mwangi, are you on a point of order?

Hon. Mwangi: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, there is a Hon. Member who has entered the House with a strange luggage. I am scared for my life and for the life of this House and that of the Hon. Members.

Deputy Speaker: Who is the Hon. Member? Mshw. John, wacha Mhsw. Mwangi aseme ni mjumbe mgani.

Hon. Mwangi: Okay, it will be unfair to disclose her name but it is she and she is carrying big luggages in the House, which is not allowed by the Standing Orders.

Deputy Speaker: The Hon. Catherine. It is imperative that though you are new, you even never bowed to the chair as you entered and it is always good and make it a routine. Are you on a point of order?

Hon. Maitai: Yes Mr. Speaker sir.

Deputy Speaker: But you cannot overrule the chair. Nevertheless, let me allow you, what is the point of order?

Hon. Maitai: Thank you. Mr. Speaker, it is not only she who did not bow, but several Members are walking in without bowing. Thank you Mr. Speaker sir.

Deputy Speaker: It is very good that you are noticing that and...Well what do you have to say Hon. Catherine?

Hon. Catherine: Thank you Mr. Speaker sir, yes I am new to the House and I wish to take this chance to apologise if I did not bow to the chair but I think I remember the rules. I was supposed to bow and he caught me before I got there but am on track. Thank you for your correction.

Deputy Speaker: Apology accepted, let us continue.

Hon. Wakahiu: Thank you.

Deputy Speaker: I hope the Hon. Wakahiu you are the seconder. Thank you, continue.

Hon. Wakahiu: Thank you Mr. Speaker sir, I beg to second the motion that was moved by Hon. Kinyua on trade, tourism and trade licences as per the trade Committee. I rise to second this motion noting that tourism and trade are some of the core areas that can thrive our County to move forward and noting specifically tourism. It remains one of the major foreign exchange earner and Laikipia as a County has all the potential as far as wildlife and tourism are concerned.

I just came to realise as they say that Laikipia harbours most of the wildlife in this country and is a destination to foreign tourists who visit Laikipia and noting how it is, this can make one of the areas that can raise the revenue of this County and can make our County to grow. So having and taking some of the measures, tourism will be one of the major earners of the County's revenue and as per the devolved function of this government.

I will request the authorities that are concerned and even the agencies and even the County Government comes up with measures to speed up and prepare themselves for these functions; because if we happen to capture it at this particular time of the devolved government, we can raise a lot of revenue and even a lot of finances to boost our County development specifically the economy. The other thing is Laikipia has some of the rare wildlife that other counties do not have, as they say the zebras and white rhinos are many in this County and the foreign investors are the ones who have conserved them so if we happen to encourage even local investors in this area,

Mr. Speaker sir I believe this will eradicate and even will improve the livelihood of laikipians. The other thing is we happened to realise that trade is also taking shape in this County particularly with the foreign investors. I know and have seen many people having investments in the interior parts of this County for instance Olpejeta where you happen to see people like Usain Bolt and others who are popular in the world have come to buy plots in this place.

Therefore, if we encourage this, our County will thrive economical for the betterment of the people. So I will second this motion believing that whatever will be discussed as per trade will make our County grow in a way that the lives of our people will be improved. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Deputy Speaker: I now wish to put the question:

> ***THAT**, aware that Schedule four of the Constitution clearly outlines the functions to be devolved from the National to County Government; noting that the Transition to Devolved Government Act contemplates a process of transferring these functions from the National Government to County Government and recognizing that this transfer shall be guided by a statutory process;*

Appreciating that the Executive has or is going to apply for devolution of this transfer; noting that the County Assembly has already budgeted for these functions and that there are already ongoing discussions between the various government organs and agencies and more specifically the Transition Authority, Council of Governors, Senate, National Assembly, Commission for Implementation of the Constitution (CIC) among others on the process of transferring these functions;

Noting further that trade development and regulation is one of the functions to be devolved and that the County Government has budgeted for this function for the financial year 2013/2014; appreciating further that trade is the key area for poverty eradication and generation of revenue for our County; appreciating that self employment is the guaranteed route to find meaningful livelihood for our unemployed youth; noting that tourism remains highly untapped in our County yet the potential is unparalleled and considering that trade development and regulation includes markets, trade licenses, fair trading practices, local tourism, and cooperative services;

Noting that the County Assembly will finally make a decision on the transfer of this function as per the law; this Assembly urges the County Government to speed up its preparedness to receive and execute this function and takes all measures to ensure that the function is finally devolved in the immediate term and as per the law.

The motion is now in front of the House for discussion, yes Hon. Maitai.

Hon. Maitai: Thank you Mr. Speaker sir, I am happy that this House is being moved when am in the House. I want to outline a few issues in support of the motion, Mr. Speaker sir I want to approach this issue from the employment point of view. Especially among the young people because employment among the young people is key, it's very pivotal and there are only two employers in this world, maybe three if you look at it. The government can employ you, you can be employed by the private sector or you can employ yourself in one way or another.

The government is usually a major employer but with the population that we have in this country and more specifically in the County, the government can never absorb all the people who wish to be employed. For that reason; we as the County or we as the leaders of this County must seriously think of how to create employment for our young people, the women of this nation and for the children that are just about to start looking for employment.

It therefore fundamental that we seriously think of promoting trade in this County, trade in all areas and all aspects. It has been mentioned earlier that Laikipia is a County with very high potential and for that reason; we have no shortage when it comes to ideas and ways of which to promote trade. I get worried when some of us leaders and the young people as well are craving for employment from the government thinking that you must get employed by the government for you to survive and I keep wondering how many

of us can really get employed by the government?

Very few and at the end of the day those opportunities are very limited so I think that's a mentality that we must get out of our young peoples' minds. That being employed by the government or the private sector is a very important thing. I look forward to a point where we facilitate young people and motivate them to thinking how do I get to start my own business, how do I start trading, how do I make money out of my own business?

Its only at that point that this country will be able to move on that our young people will really appreciate the fruits of this country and appreciate being Members of the County of Laikipia. Trade, being entrepreneurs, being facilitated by the government and the County owning that function will be a very strong milestone toward achieving economic and social stability for that reason Mr. Speaker sir I support the motion.

Deputy Speaker: Hon. Mukuria.

Hon. Mukuria: Thank you Mr. Speaker sir, I rise to support the motion noting that trade is a very important section in this County. In my own investigation, I have realised that for us to get self-employment for our youth we need to know how these people will be able to tap into the blessings of our government. I have realised there's a gap that has been created during this devolution and this County should believe that. When we hear about the CDA, there's a person called the CDA in our sub-location.

When it comes to the registration of these companies, I have realised a big problem for those CDA's who are being used by the County Government to collect revenue. Instead of being able to come and join the groups of the youth, so now the County Government should up with a formula to know that if the CDA people that are employed by the County Government are being diverted from their role then our young people will not be able to be registered . As you know for our young people to be registered to get the blessing from the national government and the County Government, they have to be registered therefore I request the County Government not to transfer the function of the CDA people who collect the revenue.

I also came to realise the CDA people are very few in this County and you see these people have no means of transport from one area to another so that we are able to catch up with the youth who don't know how to come out and write a proposal for their companies. Because these youth need to be guided, we need to come up with a formula on how to educate these young men and women to come and be able to write a proposal so that when the national government releases the 6 billion that was promised by his Excellency the president of this country, we are able to tap into those blessings.

We can also be able to tap into the blessings from the CDF I therefore urge this County Government to come up with a formula to assist these young people to come together and work as one because if they do not know that, then we are going to lose a lot of money in this County. I therefore rise to support the motion knowing that trade is also a very important issue. I have come to realise that this County Government should come up with a formula on how to give licences to these businesses in this County. I have also realised that many people in this County do not have licences; they just work by themselves and do not give this County any revenue.

Therefore, for us to able to collect revenue for this County, we have to come up with a better way of using licences so that our trade will benefit the people of this County. If we come up with that kind of a formula, we are able to guide the way to collect this revenue. Mr. Speaker sir, I have also come to realise that this County gets very little money from our tourism, due to the transfer of functions the County Government should come up with a way to collect revenue from tourists in this County because I have come to realise that those tourists who go to the north and the east, that money only benefits outside this County. Therefore, let us put laws that will harness the collection of money from tourism. Mr. Speaker sirs, because this County has a lot of potential, let us come up with a way of having good cooperatives in this County. This because I have come to realise that cooperatives that used to be there before have died because the people in the ground have lost faith in those cooperatives.

Like now we have the milk processing plant in Marmanet has many problems with management, we should also come up with a formula on how to guide them on how to come up with these cooperatives so that they may come and generate income for this County. Mr. Speaker sir, therefore I urge this government to run steadfast because they have a role to play in this County, thank you Mr. Speaker sir and I rise to support this motion.

Deputy Speaker: The Majority Leader, the Hon. Ephraim.

Hon. Wachira: Mr. Speaker sir I rise to support the motion on the devolution of trade from the national government to the County Government. Due to this Mr. Speaker sir, for instance if trade is not devolved there is no employment that is going to take place in this County and with no employment, we are going to have a population explosion of our own youth. When the youth are not employed or self employed, they become wasted material and we do not want our own youth to be wasted.

By so doing that Mr. Speaker, our own infrastructure is so badly off, without our own roads being passable in all season's trade cannot go on. By so saying, I mean this County arranges to buy machines so that at least one or two wards have one grader on the roads or one truck to collect murram so that our own roads become passable throughout the year. Mr. Speaker sir, on tourism there so many large areas of farms here. Their owners are collecting money from tourism and not limiting it to our own County. They just collect money and keep it for themselves, we want this County to pass strong bylaws so that when these tourists come they are followed to these farms and we make our own revenue collectors and make our own bylaws that will enable our own revenue collectors to go into these farms and collect our money.

We cannot make money when our own people who are in the County are hiding revenue. Mr. Speaker sir, there are these farms which are strange, a County cannot do trade with its own people but we have to pass laws whereby rates are collected from these farms because the rates collected from these farms are at a very low percentage. We want these farms to be evaluated so that the rates can go higher and our County will get money. We cannot trade in any other way so that our youth can get employment.

Mr. Speaker, want livestock development to be improved, our own system here is farming which is livestock development and planting. When people from the north don't have good roads and cannot even reach their markets to buy these animals,

that means that they are not doing any trade and when they have animals and the dry spell comes, these animals will die. So let us make these roads passable and make markets in their own area so that we collect taxes. We should also organise trade fairs in our own County to educate our own farmers.

When we have these trade fairs and people take their own animals and crops to that market, people will start learning that Kamakia is growing this and that and I can also grow it in my own area, Kamakia is rearing such breed of cattle, I can also rear it in my own area. When we are doing this, we are educating our own people and our youth will start these income-generating activities and when we do so, we shall have very educated youth in our own society. Thank you Mr. Speaker, I rise to support this motion.

Deputy Speaker: Hon. Wangu, continue.

Hon. Wangu: Thank you Mr. Speaker sir, I rise to support the motion of devolving trade and tourism to the County Government. In my view when I was going Laikipia, I was seeing and wondering how our Laikipia people are blessed with resources they never realised they are blessed with. I went out there and heard people complain about elephants and I would think of how our Laikipia people would come to own these assets, get to own the wildlife like something that can generate income to our people and create employment if only the Laikipia people are allowed to own them and get to realise it is an income generating employment.

I would like to support the motion whereby I would urge the County Government to open up a national park whereby our people will be coming to see the animals and also bring income back and then the young people will be given licences to operate curio shops in those parts so as to get employment. Locals will also be encouraged to engage in local tourism and to generate income to the County Government to help in development project.

Therefore, I rise to support the motion and urge the County Government to come up with a way whereby the youth can be able to start a business, which will be pocket friendly and not tedious to them. I have also realised that the people who get to benefit from the resources of the County are not from here. Some other time I went to this Brookside Breeders show, I was shocked to realise that most of the ranchers own the beef and milk cattle are foreigners and we don't get to benefit from the resources that we have. So is stand to support the motion of devolving trade, thank you.

Deputy Speaker: Hon. Jennifer.

Hon. Jennifer: Thank you Mr. Speaker sir, I rise to support the motion and I want to take over from what my colleague has just said on the resources that are available and are being utilised by a few people and most of them are maybe cattle ranchers and they are carrying a lot of bug businesses like tourism. Some of their activities are secret and they are doing it in their own farms, which they say are visitors. Mr. Speaker we need to do some bit of research on what happens in tourism in this County because it is known that Laikipia is ranked second in Kenya in counties with potential after Narok.

I think it is the initiative of this House to come up and maybe formulate a Committee to find out what happens in the group ranches knowing that a big chunk of land in Laikipia is occupied by ranchers and they are doing a lot of good businesses and its the work of this House

to find out what goes there so that it can benefit the County and even the poor in an effort to alleviate poverty in the County. I also think in the trade issue, the issue of flowers grown in Laikipia is also a big business within the County. I think it also among the leading counties in horticulture, so this is also another potential, which is also occupied by the people who are still foreigners.

I think it is the work of this House to know what is being imported, what is being used, what they are doing and whether we are benefitting as a County from the work they are doing there. If there is a lot of money coming to this County, something should be done so that the people of this County can benefit.

Deputy Speaker: Hon. Catherine.

Hon. Catherine: Thank you Mr. Speaker sir, I wish to concur with what my Hon. Colleagues have just said and I am going to base on five facts why Laikipia County should be empowered to run its own trade.

1. On the issue of employment which has been expounded by the rest of the Members and don't need to get into it. When I talk of employment, I also wish to highlight that yes, there could be many ranchers around, many flower farms and other business activities running in the County but at the end of the day do they benefit the local person?

2. On the investors, for us to be in a position to exactly know the kind of people we need to attract in the County we first need to be in a position to realise what is our potential; what are our strengths and in that way we can be in a position to know the right people for us to approach so that we can encourage them to come and invest in our County.

3. On the growth of the County, the County cannot grow if in the real sense traders are not empowered to do business and do it with the minimum interference maybe with the governance and the rules that they are bound to.

   When I say that I mean if for instance somebody comes and wishes to establish a business in this town what are the procedures that they need to go through? What are the charges that are attractive for them to acquire their licences and by that, I mean if for instance we need to see the growth of the County and we are encouraged in trade and we are talking of devolution of trade. We must also be in a position to know that our people must be given the easiest way. They must be given maximum support for them to establish businesses.

4. The boost of revenue, which is obvious. I look forward to a point where maybe we will introduce the cess and the rates that my colleague here was talking about concerning the flower farms, the ranchers; at least we want to see them pay their rates just like any other normal person who is doing business out there.

5. It will be a boost for us to major on areas where we are based, when I say this I know Laikipia is known for tourism and horticulture as my

colleague has said and other activities. I know that Maasai and the diverse cultures are here in Laikipia and I would love to highlight that I feel we have not done our best when it comes to tourism. I know we have an able lady in the tourism department and I wish we would major on that because as we do the tourism we are marketing our trade, we are marketing our businesses.

We are even marketing the investors who are together with us and at the end of it is the expansion of trade. Once we do the devolution of trade am sure at the end of the day we will be in a position to know if we can be in a position to do exchange programmes with the counties surrounding us and that way I know we will grow. I beg to support the motion and strongly say that this is the way to go.

Deputy Speaker: Hon. Kabaci, member for Igwamiti.

Hon. Kabaci: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I also rise in support of the functions devolved to the County putting in mind that it will help our people very much. My concern Mr. Speaker lies in how the docket can establish industries; I would urge this House to think of how we can have industries in this County. Otherwise, it is very much astonishing; you can be astonished if you think that the whole County we do not have any industry that we can be proud of.

Mr. Speaker it is high time the government of this House thinks of how to construct a factory, I suggest we can establish an industry of hides and meat putting in mind that we are very rich in livestock farming in our County and it can be very important if we can have an industry in Laikipia north where we have livestock in large numbers. This will create employment from the youth and this will create revenue for our County. I also suggest that the minister concerned or the House to think of how to establish an industry of tomatoes where we have the horticultural farming in Laikipia west. Those farmers have been exploited for a long time and it is high time the government comes with clear measures or formula to construct those factories where we can be branding our tomatoes and possibly sell them outside the country and locally as well.

I would also suggest that the House comes with clear measures of how farmers will not be exploited putting in mind that the units which measures something like tomatoes, for instance the box which was initially carrying tomatoes was supposed to be 65 kilograms. Mr. Speaker, imagine the box has gone up to 200 kilograms, this one has exploited the farmers and they are almost in a point of despair Mr. Speaker. This has exploited the farmers and they are almost in a point of despair Mr. Speaker, putting in mind a piece of land where we had been growing tomato and getting a yield of one lorry you can only get one pickup Mr. Speaker.

We must also keep in mind that the price of inputs is going higher, it will be good if this House comes up with units of how the clear units of those boxes. The same case applies to those growing potatoes as well. Mr. Speaker, the law is also clear otherwise a bag of potatoes was supposed to be carrying 110 kilograms and now it goes up to 150 or 180 kilograms Mr. Speaker. I would kindly request this House to come up with clear measure or units of how these goods will be carried Mr.

Speaker. This is what will encourage farmers and am sure they will continue farming on a larger scale Mr. Speaker. I rise to support the motion, thank you very much.

Deputy Speaker: Hon. Mwangi.

Hon. Mwangi: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I rise to support the motion and as I support this motion, I remember on day Hon. Wakahiu telling us that we are making the budget and we might put some items there and by the end of the day, we have a paper budget but not a budget that can be implemented. As I support the motion, I am also scared that we are getting 2.1 billion from the national budget and our budget is 6.7 billion, there is a very huge deficit. How are we going to cover the deficit?

Currently, cess collection or revenue collection is very low, very low and it's a challenge to the executive County Government to come out or to go out and try to correct every revenue as well as stimulating some development that can earn more income to our County. For instance, when you are in Umande, there is a shortcut where you can go up to Olpolei within 15 minutes but there is an obstacle, there are ranchers. They have not provided the road to go to Olpolei. From Olpolei to DolDol, if they can just open up, it's just around 45 minutes from DolDol to Umande and from Umande to Nanyuki is less than 30 minutes, which means if they can just open that road, they will stimulate development in our areas and open up new markets in this areas.

Again, preparedness of our County, we need to asses and reassess ourselves and see whether we are really ready to take these devolved functions. This is because if we have poor management of funds I don't think we will be successful in this issue. Currently we have over 150 illegal employees and with that, some are not even assigned somewhere. Some are just working from their homes and they are being paid. Again, who will come out and harmonise their pay? Out of 570, legally employed by the Laikipia County Government there is an addition of over 150 who are taking money illegally. How are we going to do this? Therefore, as I urge the House to support the motion, I will also put a challenge to the County Government to make sure that they maximise revenue collection and opening up avenues for business. Thank you Mr. Speaker and I beg to support the motion.

Deputy Speaker: Thank you Hon. Members for your deliberations. I can see this function is quite critical and now I wish to refer this matter to the Committee of Trade, Tourism and..... to give us a report in the last week of September..

MOTION

Hon. Kabaci: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I beg to move the following motion:

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already ongoing discussions between the various government organs and agencies and more specifically the Transition Authority, Council of Governors, Senate, National Assembly, Commission for Implementation of the Constitution (CIC) among others on the process of transferring these functions;

Noting *further that County planning and development is one of the functions to be devolved and that the County Government has budgeted for this function alone for the financial year 2013/2014; appreciating that County planning and development will ensure that any County development is systematic and not ad hoc; noting that County planning as per the constitution includes statistics, land survey and mapping, boundaries and fencing, housing and electricity and gas reticulation as well as energy regulation;*

Noting further that the County Assembly will finally make a decision on the transfer of this function as per the law; this Assembly urges the County Government to speed up its preparedness to receive and execute this function and takes all measures to ensure that the function is finally devolved in the immediate term and as per the law.

Mr. Speaker, am happy to move this motion otherwise it has come at a time when we as the County Government would wish. Mr. Speaker, it is very clear that the docket of planning and development carries all matters pertaining money, revenue and all that matters Mr. Speaker and it is high time that this House comes with clear measures and methods of how the revenue will be collected as well as how the land should be mapped among others.

Concerning money Mr. Speaker, I kindly urge this House to deliberate exhaustively concerning these functions and how the money will be monitored or how the collection will be done in our County Mr. Speaker. My colleague has said that we have a deficit in our budget Mr. Speaker and clear measures should be put on how to collect the revenue. It is my concern that there are sectors that do not pay anything in terms of revenue.

When it comes to motorbikes Mr. Speaker, measures must be put or charges must be harmonised for them to start paying the revenue otherwise I have an idea of areas where those motorbikes don't pay only because there are no clear measures or no clear policies to collect those charges Mr. Speaker. Therefore, it is high time that this House think of how those measures can be put to that issue for them to pay. Mr. Speaker, I would also like this House to think of how the charges can be revived of harmonised when it comes to land. Mr. Speaker sir, wanjiku in the constitution pays a land rate of a plot 50/100 at Kshs. 1,500 and you cannot imagine a rancher paying Kshs. 3.50 cents per acre Mr. Speaker and I fail to understand where the fairness is.

It is high time that this House and the Laikipia government comes with policies of how to harmonise those charges otherwise we have been there for too long when it comes to those charges paid by the ranchers. 3 shillings is too little Mr. Speaker and it would be very nice if this House came with measures of how too increase those charges. I understand that the previous councils intended to charge those ranchers, they had been going to

court Mr. Speaker and it is high time this House which is just like the high court Mr... Speaker and it should come clearly with measure on how to deal with the issue of ranchers.

They should increase that money from Ksh.3 to Kshs.100 per acre and it will increase our revenue to fight the deficit we have in the budget Mr. Speaker. I would also like this House to come up with ways of how to form board when it comes to land issues. Otherwise, I was surprised when I was in the land registry the other day and I found a very huge file of a transaction that had been made and those issues had not been dealt with by anybody. I inquired about what the issue was and I was told that there was no board to deal with the cases. So it is high time this House comes clearly and constitutes a board if possible even if it means the Assembly will do that or the executive, it is high time this House urges the government or the House to constitute that board to deal with the land issues.

There are very many transfers pending there and I think those files being dealt with it will encourage the people concerned to acquire their title deeds, which will help them uplift their businesses. Mr. Speaker, it is very clear that you cannot access a loan even if your business is so big or large, if at all you are operating that business on a temporary premises Mr. Speaker and to develop those premises on a permanent basis you must have a title deed and a lease in this case and it is high time this House comes with a board for those people to be able to construct those Houses on a permanent basis. Mr. Speaker I would also like this House to think of how boundaries will be put concerning some trading centres. I was at Muthengera Mr. Speaker and I was surprised to see that at the entire trading centre, there is no one who has a title deed or a lease in this case.

Mr. Speaker and it is high time this House clarifies the measures to put or pressure be put on the surveyors to go and map those trading centres for those people to have the title deeds or lease on this case for them to build permanent structures Mr. Speaker. I would also like this House to be clear on how the electricity can be supplied throughout the entire County Mr. Speaker. I was surprised to hear that DolDol which is the headquarter of the north sub County has no electricity knowing very well that the current regime must work with IT. It is high time this House becomes clear and thinks of how electricity can be spread to every town centre, which will boost the economy of this County otherwise, IT carries the day.

I therefore would also request this House to think of how we can generate our power; the power we are getting from the electricity body is too minimal. We can think of how to we can construct or have a generating power of our own especially in Nyahururu where we have a waterfall which can be modernised and we can at least have some power there to supply to those who are around that area. Mr. Speaker, I therefore wish this House would deliberate exhaustively and come up with all those measures which will require our County to get moving, I therefore Mr. Speaker request Hon. Mukuria to second the motion. Thank you very much.

Deputy Speaker: Hon. Mukuria.

Hon. Mukuria: Thank you Mr. Speaker sir, I beg to second this motion. I have come to realise that without planning anything we will have challenges in this County. Hon. Members, for this County to succeed, we need to plan and develop in our areas. Mr. Speaker sir, I want to come

up or put a clause on the issue of land and surveying. I have come to realise like where I come from in Marmanet, there is a lot of government land survey. Land that should be the governments land, we have about 800 acres that we don't know whether it's the governments. The government should come up with a plan to see how that land is being utilised by this County. In the 80's that land was used to keep cattle, they were put there and after that they were being transport4ed to Nairobi through the railway lines.

I have come to realise that we don't know who manages that land and if we don't plan well it might go to the wrong hands. Therefore, Mr. Speaker would like this County to come up with a formula to make sure that all the government land in this County has the title deeds so that the land can be utilised in a better way to earn resources in this County. It can be used to as a training ground, it can be used to build modern schools so that the big tracts of land from the people from the previous regime can be utilised in a better way. I have also come to realise that most of the land in this County has no title deeds and that has made this County not to develop, developers come to this County and feel they are not secure when to comes to planning.

We should come up with a formula to see that the upcoming towns should have a plan, if we go to Karandi they are fighting because of land allocation. If we go to Kinamba there is double allocation of plots of different people, people are fighting. I urge this County to come up with a formula and to make sure that these title deeds are well issue and people come up with a way to solve the fighting. The other thing is about Houses, I have come to realise this County has to have better planning. Most of the council Houses have no importance in this County; we should go there and come up with a formula of how to make this House modernized.

Some of those Houses are very old, should be demolished, and built a fresh so that this County can be earning a lot of money from those Houses. Others need to be renovated so that we can be earning because you can realise in Nyahururu, in Nanyuki there are other plots that can earn just about Kshs. 500 per month. Therefore, it has no importance in this County, for us to raise funds we should come up with a better formula on how to make these Houses better for people to live in. I therefore urge this government to realise they have a big role to play in a making sure that these Houses are being utilised to bring revenue to this County.

I have also come to realise that we also need to have better roads to be able to have better plan for this County, there are those roads connecting counties like now connecting Nyeri with Nyandarua or other areas like Isiolo. For us to be able to bring business to this County, we should come up with a formula to open up those major roads to bring revenue to this County. Therefore, Mr. Speaker sir, I would like to urge the government that we have a big role to play to come up with a better plan on how to make sure this County is accessible from the market place to where the farmers are.

Mr. Speaker sir, I also realise that for us to be able to move in modern way we need power. This power in the rural areas, in our schools, very many schools have no power and it is the job of this County to ensure that all secondary and primary schools are connected with power because of this regime of laptops. If the government provides laptops in this County, then we realise that very few villages will be able to access that service, therefore Mr.

Speaker sir urge this County to come up with a way of utilising that land. We also have a lot of water resources that are lying idle and this government should come up with a formula to revive all our boreholes in this County.

There are very many dormant boreholes in this County, for instance in Marmanet ward we have seven boreholes that have no use and people have no water, there are many dams that remain idle. We need to have many dams that are idle, we need to have a formula on how to make these dams useful to the people of this County, therefore Mr. Speaker as I second this motion, we need to realise that we need to come up with laws that will help us to make sure that we have a better plan for this County for the next five year. Mr. Speaker, I rise to second this motion.

Deputy Speaker: Thank you Hon. Member, I now wish to propose the question:

> ***THAT**, aware that Schedule four of the Constitution clearly outlines the functions to be devolved from the National to County Government; noting that the Transition to Devolved Government Act contemplates a process of transferring these functions from the National Government to County Government and recognizing that this transfer shall be guided by a statutory process;*
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> ***Appreciating** that the Executive has or is going to apply for devolution of this transfer; noting that the County Assembly has already budgeted for these functions and that there are already ongoing discussions between the various government organs and agencies and more specifically the Transition Authority, Council of Governors, Senate, National Assembly, Commission for Implementation of the Constitution (CIC) among others on the process of transferring these functions;*
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> ***Noting** further that County planning and development is one of the functions to be devolved and that the County Government has budgeted for this function alone for the financial year 2013/2014; appreciating that County planning and development will ensure that any County development is systematic and not ad hoc; noting that County planning as per the constitution includes statistics, land survey and mapping, boundaries and fencing, housing and electricity and gas reticulation as well as energy regulation; noting further that the County Assembly will finally make a decision on the transfer of this function as per the law;*
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> *This Assembly urges the County Government to speed up its preparedness to receive and execute this function and takes all measures to ensure that the function is finally devolved in the immediate term and as per the law.*

Now the motion is before the House for deliberation. Member for Tigithi

Hon. Beth: Thank you Mr. Speaker sir, the land issue is something critical in our County because Mr. Speaker sir as we look at the wards, which we represent, for instance my ward of Tigithi you can get double title deed allocation.

Therefore, it is high chance for our people to enjoy the devolved government and I would therefore urge the County Government and the executive concerned to take measures on that land issue on double allocation of lands. The other thing Mr. Speaker sir is housing, it is high time for us as Hon. Members and the County Government to encourage our people to build permanent Houses so that we can minimise fire issues. Therefore, Mr. Speaker sir, I urge the County Government to come up with something called bricks. This is because stones are now expensive, it is good to introduce bricks in our County so that they van have permanent Houses.

Mr. Speaker sir, it is also good for our people to know the importance of involving physical planners when building premises because we have already seen many buildings being demolished therefore Mr. Speaker sir it is a good time to use the physical planners that we have in our County. We also have public land and also it is good to mark the road reserves that we have because we get people building near the road for instance, we have heard that Matanya, Tharwa on the way to Ngobit is going to have tarmac roads.

Therefore, our people should know it is good to open the road reserves that we have. We also have the graders which is good for those people that we represent to know that it is high chance to open the road reserves that we have to open up the feeder roads. On the other hand, on electricity, we said it is good to have electricity in our health centres and the schools. It is good for the County Government to speed up and take measures to have the function being devolved to our people in the County. Thank you Mr. Speaker sir and with those few remarks is support the motion.

Deputy Speaker: Yes the Hon. Maitai.

Hon. Maitai: Thank you Mr. Speaker sir, I again rise to support the motion but with caution. There is a common cliché that says when you fail to plan you are planning to fail. When it comes to planning in my view, there is usually no option because even if you fail to plan you are still planning to fail. It is also very difficult to have somebody else plan for you and then maybe you are expected to implement because you may not agree with the plan or even not understand the plan and it's for that reason that I think it is critical that this function comes to the County Government so that we are in charge of our own activities, we are in charge of our own work plan.

One that we can own and for sure move ahead, Hon. Mukuria has already exhausted many of the important issues but I am keener on planning our town, when I talk of towns I also mean the small towns. They are many and I may not mention them one by one, earlier we were talking of trade and promoting trade and these small towns, call them Kinamba, Karandi and Matanya. If they are well planned as Hon. My friend here has just mentioned facilitated to that when the infrastructure is well put in those small towns, trade can easily grow.

We had earlier spoken of employment, these are hubs that can really promote trade, and people can even go there and do business with the involvement of the physical planner so that we can have something concrete. When we talk of planning, there is what we put as short term, medium term and long term. I keep on refereeing back on the three previous governments that have been there. First headed by Mzee Jomo Kenyatta, the second by His Excellency the retired

President Moi and then His Excellency the retired Kibaki came in.

In my view, the many problems that we are experiencing today as country is because the first two governments failed to plan and they never foresaw that a time would come when population would grow and the young people of this nation would be so many. I think the first president with his cabinet and government were only looking at a few thousand people and were only living for that particular a day and time. The same was in the second government and they never looked at what would happen 50 years later in Kenya and where will the country be, how many people will we plan for.

They never foresaw that land will be an issue, they never foresaw those things, they never planned and now we are in a mess as a country. In my thinking and in my opinion, I think the retired president Hon. Kibaki tried to put a few planning issues in place and for sure it is evident of how much he has achieved in planning. Mr. Speaker sir, I mentioned earlier that I wanted to put some caution in this planning issue because I heard my colleagues raising issues of a few thing that have not been going on well with the previous government.

Misallocation of land, double allocation of land, poor infrastructure, the Hon. from Umande mentioned it but a bit shallowly and maybe, I will get a bit into the details. Mr. Speaker I reside in Rumuruti township ward, the former Rumuruti town council that is now under the County Government is right outside my door. Mr. Speaker I have evidence of this if required, everyday not less than five people walk into that town council for employment.

Mr. Speaker sir, less than a week ago I walked into the CDF offices looking for their services and met about five ladies seated in that office and doing absolutely nothing and I remember in their conversation, of course by then I had not been sworn in and some of them were not aware of that so they were able to misbehave but I heard them say I quote " hii chai ya saa nne is ikuje tukunywe twende tufue nguo" and those are people who are underpaid by this County Government. Mr. Speaker if you walk to that council gate you will find not less than five watchmen, I do not know whether they are watchmen or askaris seated at the gate and chatting the whole day while doing nothing.

Those are the people who are underpaid by this County Government. Mr. Speaker if you go to the stage where the drivers pay their rate or cess, there are five of them. Young men and women seated there collecting 50 bob from the drivers the whole day, until the drivers asked me at some point " hii 50 yetu ndio inalipa hawa watu wote". There is a place where charcoal is sold at Rumuruti behind one kiosk there, I do not think 20 bags are traded in a day. You find the last time I did a count there were four people collecting the 20 bob.

Those are the people under the pay of this County Government; I am sure most of you know how small Rumuruti town is. There are over 20 people walking in yellow coats moving around businesses looking at the certificates, permits and all that the whole day and doing nothing. I am told none of those people earn less than Kshs. 20,000 per month and am thinking what type of planning is this? Mr. Speaker sir, I repeat again, planning is fundamental and if we fail to plan we are definitely planning to fail and I am not ready to be part of this County Assembly for five

years and then after five years this County is in a mess.

Nobody knows where to pick from because there was no planning, there was no forecasting, and there was no objecting. You know, we want to say that we want to move from this point to that point and I mentioned earlier that everybody wants some income and money in their pocket. I don't know but I heard , maybe the leader for majority as born and I wasn't that a while ago the name Jirongo when there was the youth for Kanu when retired president Moi would be told there was no money in the country and the much he could do was to order central bank to print more money and print more money so that there can be money in the country, I don't know how true it was.

However, Mr. Speaker if we don't have professionals running this County and planning economically and come up with things that are economically viable, economically they can be sustained and the much you can think of. You know, this person wants a job get into the County Government...this person wants a job get into the County Government. Hon.estly, I think we are losing it, I think we will be losing it and I think we will not have a name in this County and it will be a shame that we were the first County Government and that was the way we were thinking.

With those many remarks Mr. Speaker sir, I support the motion but as I said with caution; we need to be very genuine when it comes to planning. When it comes to our objectives, we need to be very genuine and committed when it comes to putting measures in place so that we plan and develop this County to the next level. Thank you Mr. Speaker sir.

Deputy Speaker: Hon. Jennifer.

Hon. Jennifer: Mr. Speaker sir, I rise to support the motion and Mr. Speaker sir the issue of land is a crucial issue. We all know that the land issue in the world is very crucial. Most of the conflicts in the world is due to land including our country and County. Therefore, I will start by suggesting that this House takes this issue as a critical undertaking and I suggest that this House establishes consultants.

We need experts on various issues that we shall supervise as they undertake a lot of activities that are related to land and the most important step to take is the issue of mapping. What I mean when I say mapping is mapping the boundaries. Mapping the boundaries is also in various categories because we have individual land, private land, ground ranches, towns, small centres, market places and plots. So all this is mapping and this should be done in conjunction with the office of the surveyor, the land office and a consultant which I suggest this House should look into.

On the same issue of mapping, it is also good to map and identify some categories of land. We have land that's very arable so we can plant there and we also have land that is completely arid. We have land with rocks like if you go to Mukongodo, we have a lot of rocks and stone that covers the soil. Therefore, everything that is in that land has potential so it is for us to categorize that land so that we may also rank the importance, the value of that resource that is in that land. We have different ecological area or zones in this County, I suggest Mr. Speaker that we establish and get to know these areas with the mapping of these important areas that are found in our County.

If you will help us also to rate this land because we need to know what is there and we have to help the people get the product

from that land and we may also task the same product to be able to help this County carry out their activities. I support that we establish this and rate it so that this County can also get some taxes, the taxing of those products. The other thing I want to talk about to support this motion is the road to public land through private land, I realise in this County you all know we have very big chunks of land that belong to private like what I said earlier like the group ranches.

We also have individual farms and I remember one time we had an activity in Narijijo School, I know some of you do not know where the primary school is but I hope one time we will get a chance to understand our County and you will know there. I was going to conduct an activity on anti-FGM, so were moving and I carried the senior magistrate of this County, she is Anne Ndung'u, she is not here now she is a big person in Nairobi. We went there but we went almost next to the school but there is a gate there and we spoke when we were entering through Borana farm.

Those from Laikipia especially the member for Laikipia north, Hon. Shuel, he know very well the place I am talking about. When we went there we were told to go back, so we were coming back again towards Timau so that we can go round almost to Isiolo so that we can come back again next to where we left. Therefore, I request this County to think about how we will access the public, our citizens. If I want to go to Narijijo primary, should I go up to Isiolo then come round. Therefore, I think those are things that we need to come up with and establish roads because this is our work so that we don't have such kind of retrogressive issues like those ones that you go and come back and become disappointed, they can also bring conflict as I said.

The other issue about land is that we must understand and identify all the natural resources within our land, our County is very rich as we have said and it's been said by many people. We must discover what is in our County, many resources are being discovered in many other parts of the country. In Isiolo, there is petroleum or minerals underground, in Laikipia we do not know whether there I something but it is the initiative of this House to think about that issue. We have a lot of rock, blocks, stones, we have sand, trees where we get charcoal, timber and edibles in terms of fruits and herbs.

So we need to have and inventory of all these things, we need to have an inventory of all the riches of our County. We can also be able to know how to alleviate the people from poverty and how we can also benefit by taxing those things and as one of my colleagues said, to also empower our people to maximise the output and maybe minimise the inputs. Therefore, I rise to support this motion, thank you.

Deputy Speaker: Hon. Thomi.

Hon. Thomi: Thank you Mr. Speaker sir, I would first and foremost to thank the mover of this motion because it is very meaningful. If we actually adhere to what the motion is leading to. Mr. Speaker, we as Hon. Members of this Assembly, if there was proper planning we could not be moving from this lodging to that other lodging everyday for five years. Mr. Speaker it is very painful that I personally have visited all the lodgings in this town. If there was proper planning Mr. Speaker, we should have our own Houses being rented by the Assembly itself other than for us Hon. Members to leave our beautiful homes and families to come here and engage with people who sometimes do not sleep overnight.

Therefore, Mr. Speaker, the issue of planning is very sensitive and might actually be a concern, Mr. Speaker on land and survey I feel that a lot has to be done on land. Every one of us is after owning land, every one of us needs to have a place to live or have his family set up but Mr. Speaker we have crooks in this land who are in a way knowledgeable than others. They can acquire all the land while the innocent are just waiting for the truth to come. Mr. Speaker if there was proper planning, a place where Hon. Dann comes from. I happen to know Olmoran, there is close to 43,000 acres of land, land that has been allocated to people and they have their title deeds but Mr. Speaker simply because the owners of the land are not living there because of insecurity there is not road that can lead you to anywhere. If you want to visit that place you have to make your way.

Mr. Speaker if there was proper planning we have some people who are interested in living there and they could be able to access their land so I believe and if there was proper planning then the roads should be done irrespective of whether people are living there or not. We have the machinery and now roads are going to be done where people are living but in Olmoran, maybe there will no roads to be done because there are no people living there but if the roads where there and the dams were there lives would change. So Mr. Speaker I feel something needs to be done because that is one of the things that is moving the people of Laikipia backwards. Mr. Speaker, when we talk of planning I come to my area where I represent, there is Kinamba town from my Githiga ward where a fleet of over 100 matatus ply that route and I want to assure this House that there is no stage. There is no stage and some people board matatus at a petrol station, others on the roadside, others a kilometre away from the town, people use boda boda to move them to a certain place where they can board a matatu.

Mr. Speaker, if this House does not take this issue seriously, then I don't know where we will be heading to because you find there are different kind of matatu's, there is 4nt, there is nuclear, ngarua life Sacco and they all want to play in that same town. Mr. Speaker, if there is no set stage then we find a woman going to that vehicle and the child going to another matatu so I would like this House to take this as a matter of concern and ensure that there is proper planning for this County of Laikipia if we really want to see our County prosper. On the issue of boundaries Mr. Speaker, we also have to know the boundaries, not necessarily the boundaries of our County but for the areas we represent.

The other time I found my friend here, Hon. Mhsw from Marmanet purporting or he wanted to go and read the Governors speech on 1 June in my area and Mr. Speaker I was not happy with that, I felt he does not know his area. Therefore, Mr. Speaker even we have to know the areas we represent, so Mr. Speaker the issue of planning, land and others need to be taken seriously and with a matter of concern. Mr. Speaker we have the conservancy, we have the Laikipia nature conservancy and there are elephants there and as you all know the history of these animals, they migrate or they move from one place to another and there is a route they are used to.

If there is an elephant corridor connecting Laikipia nature conservancy and Mugie ranch, these elephants could use that route but today there is no elephant corridor so they are forced to go into people land where they feed on our maize and wheat so Mr. Speaker the issue of planning has to be taken seriously by this House in favour of

the people we represent. Therefore, I stand here to support this motion that it be supported by everybody and something is going to be done. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

Deputy Speaker: Member for Olmoran.

Hon. Dann: Thank you Mr. Speaker sir rise to support the motion on County planning Mr. Speaker. We have been talking about having a Model County Mr. Speaker and if we want to realise a Model County we should implement this motion on County planning Mr. Speaker for we have always been caught off guard by most events Mr., Speaker especially when it comes to land cases. Land is sensitive and most of the times it is elusive because it is high time this County took stock of what it has and what it does not have because if we visit most of our towns we realise that we do not know what we have as public utilities and what we do not have.

Mr. Speaker, this gives room to those who want to benefit themselves Mr. Speaker to steal public land from the community Mr. Speaker. It is rampant in Olmoran ward and they do openly Mr. Speaker and it is because we lack proper policies Mr. Speaker. I suggest that when we conclude this motion we come up with proposals Mr. Speaker that will govern land surveying and land demarcation Mr. Speaker. We should encourage our public to use government surveyors to avoid private ones. The private surveyors have brought a lot of problems especially in my ward because they demarcate what they dont know and this has caused us to lose a lot of public land Mr. Speaker.

The County Government should know whether what it has is benefitting the County or it is making the County to lose money Mr. Speaker especially for the last two years we had a public s(Laughter)House in Sipili town that has been run down my individuals who are self-centred. We have a cattle sale yard, which has been run down within the past one year, and this is not development. This is losing revenue and we should have proper ways and controlled ways of record keeping Mr. Speaker.

After the plots have been demarcated and given to individuals, we have some self-centred people who tamper with records Mr. Speaker. Right now, I have about three letters in my pocket trying to reclaim plots that were owned by individuals but have changed hands Mr. Speaker under suspicious ways. Therefore, we should know where we keep our records, how we keep them and how we safeguard them Mr. Speaker. In boundaries, I am an example, I represent the entire Sipili division and a chunk of Sosian has been put to Olmoran ward but it is an island inside Sosian ward therefore boundaries should be put in proper ways because you cannot represent a ward here then you are given an island inside another ward, that is what it is.

Olmoran town is inside Sosian but it is under Olmoran ward and I wonder how it came to be that way Mr. Speaker and it gives me a lot of stress because you travel for 20 kilometres across Sosian to get to Olmoran town. Therefore, these boundaries should be revisited because that will give us room to serve our people and with that, I stand to support the motion. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Deputy Speaker: Hon. Rose.

Hon. Wangu: Mr. Speaker sir, I stand to support the motion. In my mind, I am thinking about the motion that was brought here by Hon. Mukuria. It is very sad for Laikipia people, they don’t even know where Nyahururu is and it is very sad because it is a potential for disaster since any time there would be a fight between

the two counties claiming Nyahururu is on their side because of that poor planning.

That is the reason why I stand to support the motion and to keep it in mind very well. There is also the issue of towns, you get that to go to a town you cannot know where the commercial plots are and where the residential plots are. That alone is meant to scare our investors who go into a town because of the security. An investor would go into a town to invest and behind his business, there is an upcoming slum since the residents are just behind the commercial plot. Therefore, I stand to support the motion and I would like to urge the County Government and the County Assembly to keep in mind that those upcoming trading centres should be planned and how the people should own title so that they are able to develop those plots in a way which will attract investors.

There is no way a ward or town will attract investors with poor planning. There is no way a person will come to develop your town which doesn't even have titles where people can develop keeping in mind any time you may be developing a public plot which can be demolished like we see in other counties. That you develop a plot, either commercial or business and your are told whatever you have developed is not your land and is government owned. Therefore, it is a very sensitive issue that we should put in mind for those who are representing their wards when going around making it possible for their people to lose property in a very miscellaneous way that you cannot even be able to explain to the people because you kept quiet.

You did not know and saw the plots being developed and after sometime, you get the plots being demolished because they have been built in a road reserve. Therefore, I stand to support the motion and there is also the issue of marking of the boundaries. It was very sad for someone who was going around; these Hon. Members did not know their areas. It is very sad, you get people who would go round to the voters but they are in other peoples ward.

After maybe holding their meeting, you come to realise those people you are talking to are not from your ward. That was very sad and people need to know their areas and boundaries of their wards. In addition, the boundaries, we need to come up with a plan or something like a gate when we are entering Laikipia County from Nyeri we get something that will tell me that welcome to Laikipia County and automatically I will know I am in Laikipia County. Therefore, I stand to support the motion, thank you.

Deputy Speaker: So thank you Hon. Member I am impressed by the way, the new Members are really deliberating but I find this motion is very serious and Hon. Members, you actually know that it is from 1 July that these functions were supposed to be devolved to the County Government. We have teething problems here and there so according to Standing Order no. 50, we were supposed to finalise this motion.

I was supposed to put the question after deliberation but I now want to give it some other time so that I can refer this motion or this matter to the Committee of the finance and planning headed by the Hon. Kabaci to come up with a report on the last week of September so that we can finalise this matter. Hon. Members I am quite impressed and am very happy continue with the same spirit and I can now see Laikipia County being a Model County and the Assembly being a Model County Assembly. Thank you very much.

ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Members, the House stands adjourned until 2.30 in the afternoon.

House rose at 10.53 a.m.