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OFFICIAL REPORT

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The Assembly met at the Assembly Chambers at 9: 00 A.M

The Speaker, Hon Ndegwa Wahome, in the Chair.

Prayer.

QUORUM CALL AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE SITTING

The clerk-at-the-table confirms that there is no quorum

Speaker: Pursuant to standing order number 34, I direct that the division bell be rung for an initial 10 minutes or until such a time that quorum will have been achieved.

The division bell rings for 10 minutes and quorum is not achieved as confirmed by the clerk-at-the-table.

Speaker: Hon. Members, I invoke the provisions of standing order number 34(2) and, direct that the bell be rung for an additional five minutes or, until such a time that quorum will have been achieved.

The division bell is rung for 5 minutes and quorum is achieved as confirmed by the clerk-at-the-table.

Speaker: Hon. Members, quorum having been achieved, we can proceed with the business for the morning session.

First order.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

TRAINING AND INTERACTIVE FOR MEMBERS.

Speaker: Hon. Members, this is to inform you that the County Assembly Service Board (CASB) has organized a training and interactive session between 12th and 14th November

2015, both days inclusive. The venue will be Yellow-Green Hotel in Naivasha which is habitable, and suitable, to all our members. This training has been organized in conjunction with several of our key partners in various sectors who will be shedding more light on various matters of concern for your personal welfare and well-being.

The stake holders who will be joining us and offering training are: One, Lap Fund and NSSF, these are our key partners in offering pension schemes or provident funds services; they will give us details on individual member contributions and updated statements of accounts on the same. Two, the National Hospital Insurance Fund, a major player in the medical insurance industry, being a statutory requirement.

They will train us on the benefits of the cover and all matters incidental to this cover. Three; the Kenya Revenue Authority who will train you on how to file tax returns and Tax obligations. Four, Chase bank who will provide up to date statements on account of every member's car and mortgage repayment and finally; EACC who will give insight on matters of wealth declaration and the leadership and integrity code. All members should attend the training and commit to the course as the same is critical as it will define our future standing in the face of the law.

Next.

MOTIONS

Hon. Daniel Kibebbo rises on a point of order

Speaker: What is it member for Gathaara?

Hon. Daniel Kibebbo: Mr. Speaker sir, I have noted that one Hon. Member is not appropriately dressed.

Hon. Wahome Kamoche hurriedly puts on a tie.

Speaker: And who is that, member for Gathaara?

Hon. Daniel Kibebbo: He is okay now, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Let's proceed then

MOTION

REPORT OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON ICT AND E-GOVERNMENT AND EDUCATION
ON KENYA YOUTH SPORTS, FIRST EDITION.

Speaker: Yes member for Karau and chairman of the Joint Committee.

Hon Kamau Ngotho: I would like to move the following motion:

That this House does adopt the report of the joint committees on ICT and e-government and Education on ‘Kenya Inter-County Youth Sports First Edition’ as a report of this house and the recommendations therein as resolutions of this House.

Everyone knows that the report had been tabled here previously and several issues arose. Therefore, I will not tire you by going through the entire document but I will try to contain myself to the pertinent issues and more specifically, the issues of finance. The teams that went to Nanyuki hired a bus and a pickup for 160,000, and 40,000 respectively. On the issue of remuneration of players, they were paid 300 shillings but on the intervention of the Speaker, they were added 200 shillings.

The committee also investigated the issue of per diems for the following staff: David Kanyoni, Earnest Macharia, Evelyne Amolo, Mary Sogo and John G, the then acting Chief Officer Sports. The sports uniforms were bought at kshs. 35, 000.

The financial issues were thoroughly investigated and the committee concluded that the money was spent prudently. Allow me to go through the recommendations:

1. There is need to have a Constitution governing the Kenya Youth Inter counties sports. This year’s KISA will be taking place in Kwale but we do not have a constitution yet.
2. To address the issue of funding, sufficient funds be allocated to the sports department to enable them carry out their duty thoroughly. Also, partnerships and input of the private sector, development partners and other stakeholders should be sought to support the venture. We require more funds for sports within the county.
3. County sports should be an ongoing exercise conducted throughout the county all year long. This will create a pool of talented sportsmen in the county who stand a better chance of winning at National Championships Tournaments. We have said this over and over again. Our men’s football team almost won the tournament but the team was disbanded immediately after the games. Consequently, we will need to go back to the drawing board.
4. Sportsmen and women should be well remunerated to avoid exploitation by agents purporting to recruit talent for international teams. This will also deal with the problem of inter county poaching where Nyandarua players were playing for other counties because they were better remunerated away from home.

5. County recreation facilities should be established. The county should also improve and facilitate the youth's access to recreation and sporting facilities within the country. The sporting facilities should have trained personnel to assist in identifying and developing young people's talent. These facilities should also be disability friendly. We have a stadium, Olkalou Stadium, that has been under construction for three years now. Right now it is inaccessible. When I was talking to the CEC member for finance, he said that the Olkalou Stadium requires not less than 100 million shillings to be completed. I know every county ought to have a stadium of national outlook; I wonder which one that is in our county. Hon. Kirumba's ward has a better stadium. The other day when we had dignitaries visiting us, we had to host them in a primary school. That is probably the reason why the president never comes to our county.
6. Sporting facilities should be gazetted as a way of protecting them from being acquired by individuals. We know there are people who are always looking for land to grab.
7. The sports grounds should be of required standards and adequate to host inter-sub county sports and other tournaments and this can earn the County Revenue.
8. County government should ensure that youths living with disability are actively engaged in sporting activities.
9. Every ward should have a team and sub county teams and players should be given sports identity cards. The MP for Nakuru town, Hon. Gikaria who rose from a mere councillor. He was able to bring the young men and women together and they could train together in the afternoon. This will reduce crime and alcoholism
10. The county should consider absorbing members of the county team into its workforce and, at the same time, attach them to the already established institutions that can help them earn a living.
11. The county team should be facilitated to join the football Kenya league (FKL) in order to expose the talents.
12. Coaches and referees should be competitively sourced through the department of Youth, Sports, Tourism and Wildlife.
13. Uniform and shoes, for every ward's team, should be budgeted for and subsequently supplied to the players.

There was an issue on hiring of boots. When the teams were going to Nanyuki, they had no soccer boots and they were forced to hire from one Alita Buhari for a sum of kshs. 40,000 but the county never paid. Consequently, Alita, who was also the coach, confiscated seven pairs of uniforms and 22 pairs of track suits until such a time that he will be paid his money.

We gave the officers concerned the benefit of doubt when they promised they will take care of the issue before this report comes out but they are yet to do that. Our question is: How did they decide they were going to engage an individual and how are we going to recover our uniforms? The officers are not careful with the sports equipment. Last time volleyball nets were stolen and they did not seem to care. They could not even account for the balls and I wonder how a person who has been put in charge of a team is paid so much money, can afford to be so carefree. We cannot afford to be buying these equipment year in year out, Mr. Speaker. It is too costly. I beg to move and call the vice chair of ICT to second.

Speaker: Chairman, just an interjection, I remember there are two issues you were to deal with on the budget; One for Nanyuki and the other for Embu. I can only see for Nanyuki in your report...

Hon. Kamau Ngoto: Thank you Mr. Speaker, the one on Embu will be coming soon because it had too many issues.

Speaker: Very well. Yes vice chairperson, committee on ICT and E-government.

Hon. Rebecca Nyangati: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I rise to support this report. It is clear that not much has been done in sports. Three years down the line we still do not have a county team. There is not a single youth that we can claim to have nurtured. On the issue of budget, I am glad that the committee was able to carry out thorough investigations which included calling in the officers in charge to make clarifications.

We noted some irregularities like the issue of hiring boots and bibs yet they had others. There was also the issue of uniforms being confiscated by an individual. As a committee, we requested for the Embu budget but at the time of writing this report, it had not been availed yet we were well aware that it was riddled with irregularities. It was noted, for instance, that an imprest of kshs. 1 million had not been accounted for.

I would like to urge the House to ensure that the sports department has adequate resources especially in the supplementary budget. We would also like to know the circumstances that led to one Mrs. Sogo accompanying them yet she is not in the sports

department. This officer received a lot of money yet the allowances given to the actual players was barely sufficient for their subsistence and to make matters worse, they were living in deplorable conditions.

Thank you. I second.

Question Proposed

Speaker: Yes deputy leader of majority, Hon. Michael Kirumba.

Hon. Michael Kirumba: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I rise to support this report because once implemented, it will make a significant change to sports in this county. Sports are especially instrumental to the politicians because they give the best audiences and politicians can disseminate their manifesto effectively. Try traversing through the major trading centres in Kenya on Sundays and you will find people gathered to spectate. Sports bring people together. However, we do not accord sports the seriousness they deserve. A lot of sportspersons have at times been to Nyandarua because of its favourable climate and altitude.

Thompsons Falls is a favourite and it is ironic because we have this facility right in our backyard but we do not utilize it and promote it. For the last two years, we have been treating these games like a perpetual emergency and I think this is intended for someone to reap major benefits. We cannot have all these games take place in only a week. Last time the process was seriously short circuited and it almost led to brawls. These youth know that there is a process that ought to be followed all the way to the semi-finals and the finals and when officers bulldoze them into playing all these in a week, they question our integrity. Let these timetables, at both ward and sub-county levels, be well stipulated to show what we shall be doing every month.

Mr. Speaker, we spent a lot of money in the efforts to construct stadia but shoddy work was done. If for example, you consider the amount of money that was used to level Wakirogo stadium in Kipipiri vis-à-vis the work that was done, you will find that, surely, there was no value for money realised. A very prominent sign board stands at the stadium quoting CDF as the fund that was used to level the stadium. It pains me to remember that millions of money were spent to gravel the stadium yet there was somebody issuing LSOs on the same.

We never go to tell *Wanjiku* what we do and some people take advantage of what we do to advance their personal interests. A day is coming when we will account for mistakes of omissions and commissions. I am not ashamed of saying that some of these mistakes are done intentionally. I do not see the reason why, for instance, one can say that it is Hon. Kamau

who moved this bottle of water (*points at a bottle of water on the table*) instead of saying that it is was Hon. Kirumba who did it and in the actual sense, it is the latter who did it and it is known.

We do not really need to use a lot of money to upgrade playgrounds. We can use primary schools playgrounds. I am ashamed that Ol' Kalou ACK Primary School playground is full of gulleys. Can we not allocate some money to upgrade this playground and be paying a small fee when we wish to use it? This will even provide the school's children platform for playing. How much can we spend to do this job? We were there the other day and even ladies with high-heeled shoe would trip over.

Mr. Speaker, you can imagine what I am trying to say. We should identify at least three public schools near the sub-counties' headquarters whose playgrounds we should be using for holding events. That is the way it is done in the United Kingdom. In Ol' Kalou, for example, we can identify ACK Primary School's, St. Joseph Primary School's and Catholic's playground. In the event of sports, these three playgrounds could be used and then the teams playing the finals converge at Ol' Kalou stadium.

This would reduce logistical problems. Ihiga Primary School's playground is so rocky that schoolboys find themselves hitting rocks instead of the ball. This injures the boys to the extent that most of them go home limping. Apart from being on a rocky ground, the school is situated in a hilly terrain. These are some of the things that we should address. We should upgrade ECDE schools' playgrounds since management of primary schools belong to the national government.

Remember co-curricular activities should be introduced to children who are as young as five years. Children in ECDE schools need to play. Failure to make young people use their energy to constructively perform co-curricular activities is what makes them go into pubs and drink like we watched the other day on television, a large bunch of young people being arrested for drinking in a bar at Eldoret.

This has become a national problem since we have also seen it in Nairobi and other places. Engaging the young people in sports, as it was done to us when we were young, will stop them from engaging in vicious behaviours. Levelling of a playground just needs a few lorries of soil. How can we promote sports if we do not start from the ground?

We make some very fantastic resolutions in this House yet, for me, their implementation has been so poor.

Very soon tournaments in our villages will kick off and you may come to find that most playgrounds will not have been levelled thus putting the players at a high risk of injuring themselves. In future history will judge us harshly if we do not do what we are expected to do.

Mr. Speaker, we should take what this committee has recommended in this report seriously. We should do our part of adopting this report and taking it to the Executive. Consequently, we should compel the Executive to implement the resolutions of this House concerning this report. Anybody who will forget that the youth will soon engage in tournaments will be in for a rude shock when that time comes. For the tournaments we will purchase nets, footballs and other sport equipment though in the past they have been stolen after being bought. Those who wish to be elected in 2017 will have to buy the sports equipment with their own money. Therefore it is high time the would-be political candidates bought the sports equipment like nets and balls.

Quite surely, sports bring people together. In fact, politicians use sporting events to sell their manifesto and marshal votes. We should agree how many footballs, volleyballs, nets, e.t.c, each ward requires for the tournaments. Our personal assistants should then be made the custodians of the equipment to avoid them disappearing. For Kipipiri, for example, I will decide how many pieces of equipment to be distributed to various parts of the ward. An inventory should be drafted for sports equipment so that they can be accounted for. Even Citizen TV last night dealt so much on the importance of inventories. If a ball disappears, what would prevent a million from disappearing? One cannot be trusted with a hundred thousand shillings if they cannot be trusted with a hundred shillings.

With those remarks, I support this motion.

Speaker: Yes county member from Githioro, Hon. Dorcas Kihara

Hon. Dorcas Kihara: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I rise to support this motion.

Sports should be a continuous event. They should not be engaged in as an emergency or an afterthought. Teams composed of the youth from our villages should be formed.

This committee has done a good job. Recommendation no. 3 should be taken very seriously. Mr. Speaker, a plan without a policy is not abiding. Recommendation no. 1 states that;

“they need a constitution governing the youth inter-county sports.”

In addition, our county should have a policy on the carrying out of the sports in question within the county. All the youth should be involved in the sports. We should also engage people with disability in the sports Mr. Speaker.

A county recreation centre needs to be established in our county. We should take the advantage of the climate of our county that is convenient for sporting. I really support recommendation no. 10 which says;

That the county should consider absorbing members of the county team into the workforce.

Costs will reduce by having our youth in the county sports team absorbed in our workforce. In Kipipiri, during Mashujaa day, there was held a volleyball tournament. A team from Turasha won the trophy. Members of that winning team are employees of Nakuru County. Nakuru County capitalised on the sportsmanship of this team in ELASCA and KICOSCA games.

Absorbing the youth in sports team into the workforce will promote them and in turn, they will help in developing the county. Accountability is key. Each cent used should be accounted for. It is so unfortunate, as the mover said, that sports uniforms for the youth have been retained by an individual just because he was not paid money for the boots. That is so unfair to our youths. Every player should have boots to play. Since there will soon be tournaments, what will the players put on now that their uniforms have been retained and boots hired out?

The CECM for Sports need to take sporting very seriously. Planning and management of sports in our county should be assigned to people who have interests in sports and who have the interests of our youths at heart. This will go a long way in nurturing the leaders of tomorrow.

If the energy of our youths is not exploited in sports, they will use it in doing other bad things and this will promote immorality and insecurity. That is why I have said sporting should be a continuous process engaged in right at the village, ward, sub-county, county and inter-county levels. This will make our youth busy. It is so unfair to make our youth active only during the electioneering time and when we get the seats we forget that we used the youth to garner votes by engaging them in sports during the electioneering period.

I therefore urge the CECM for Sports to ensure that sporting in our county is a continuous engagement. A January to December programme for the same should be drafted.

I am in support of having good playgrounds in our county. This would reduce the risk of the players being injured.

I think of a case where Nyandarua County, being a member of KICOSCA, is nominated to host the KICOSCA games. Do we have facilities for this? We should take the initiative of gravelling the playgrounds the same way we do for other sectors like medical, education, etc. This is one way of ensuring that we have reliable sporting facilities.

During the era of the county councils, Nyandarua hosted the ELASCA games in Nyahururu. There were no enough facilities for this. To avoid a repeat of this, we should ensure that good sports facilities are in place even for the benefit of our people. All people, including those with disabilities, should be involved in both indoor and outdoor games in our county.

I urge the CECM for Sports to charge people with a passion for sports with the responsibility of planning and managing sports in our county.

I beg to support.

Speaker: Yes county member from Weru Hon. David Ndirangu

Hon. David Ndirangu (Nominated): Thank you Mr Speaker. Sports are very crucial to our youth and they need the seriousness that they deserve.

Recommendation four talks of sportsmen and sportswomen migrating from our county to counties with greener pastures and those that take sports very seriously. In view of the foregoing, it is our duty to ensure sports are taken very seriously. We should not take advantage of our youth only during the electioneering period. I once fell victim of circumstance because I was once a player and we could be engaged in tournaments for political reasons. Immediately elections were over we would be abandoned.

Recommendation no. 6 worries me so much in view of the fact that my friend Hon. Moses Kimani pleaded with the management of Oljoro Orok Primary School to cede the Oljoro Orok stadium after the area MP, Hon. Waiganjo, convinced the public that stadium belongs to the primary school. This could have occasioned conflict in the area. Since I used to play in that stadium from the age of ten, I can confirm that it belongs to the defunct local authorities.

Hon. Moses Kimani convinced the parents whose children attend the primary school that the stadium belongs to the public. In relation to this, a clear boundary should be erected between the school and the stadium since today there is no fence showing the boundary between the school and the stadium. In addition, a prominent sign board bearing the name of

the stadium should be installed there. The area MP wanted to gain a political score by telling the people that the stadium had been grabbed by the county government. Nonetheless, the county government did a lot of work in levelling the stadium and also constructing a standard dais.

I urge the CECM for Sports to make sure that the levelling of the stadium is done in a standard manner. Teams need to be formed in our wards. Mr Speaker, you remember we were with you at Kianjata and spectated the ongoing games. On this note, I congratulate the area member, Hon. Kieru Wambui, for inviting national team players to award presents to the winning teams. We need to make sure that our county wins trophies in games. This will encourage our players to aim at exploiting their talents at the national level. Even national coaches will consequently tap the talents in our players.

The mover talked of an individual by the name Mr Marita who has retained the sports uniforms since he has not been paid for them. Nobody is supposed to hold the county at ransom just because they have not been paid. I was told that the uniforms have been kept in a store and I wondered whether that store is a litter bin. The uniforms should be taken care of by the county government. We need to know where the uniforms and other sports equipment since we will need them in the future. Remember we will participate in sports in Embu as we did in Uasin Gishu. With those remarks I stand to support. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Yes member for Weru, Hon. Kimani Gachuhi.

Hon. Kimani Gachuhi: Thank you Mr Speaker. I request the county member from Weru not to go out because I will revisit a thing he mentioned. I however rise to support the motion brought by the ICT and e-Government Committee.

I acknowledge the recommendations of the report, although I would wish to raise some few issues concerning the report. I have one year before I cease being a youth; that means I will celebrate one birthday as a youth. I would wish to ask one question: What is the purpose of having the Department of Sports in our county government? I believe there are goals that need to be accomplished by this department.

Basically, sports involve the youth. The county government is a replica of the national government. We should run our county government in the same way the national government is run. We should run our county government based on structures. Though I have liked the way our county government has been running and how the defunct county councils were run, I expect the former to be managing the sports docket better. Management of sports by our

county government has been politicised. We have been ‘misusing’ the youth for our political advantage.

We need to nurture talents in our youth. Should we engage in sports yet the talented sportsmen and sportswomen do not benefit from the same? I will not emphasise that because I have many issues to raise. Miscommunication and mischiefs typify the management of sports in our county. Mr Speaker, through your office, I urge the Department of Sports to have aims and goals in the sports. The department should nurture the talents of sportsmen and sportswomen and link them with national clubs.

I have linked many talented sportspeople from my ward with seasoned clubs. They have even won international awards. A neighbour of mine, for example, emerged second in sports held in Europe. I am proud of this person, who earns about five million shillings per month. We should be proud of such achievements.

The other issue I would like to raise is about Mary Sogo. The annexure shows that by 25th April 2015 she had not countersigned against Ksh 84,000. The committee should clarify the job group under which Mary Sogo’s position falls. I would wish to know whether the money she is paid has been dictated by SRC or a committee of the county government; that is, whether a committee of the county government sat down and recommended that she be paid eighty four thousand shillings.

Applause

I am one of the people holding senior positions in our county government and I would be concerned to hear someone like Mary Sogo is paid more than I am paid in allowances. Importantly, who are the beneficiaries of sports? Are the organisers the beneficiaries or the people, mostly the youth, who participate in the sports? For the last two years, the organisers of the sports have been the beneficiaries. You would find that, if Ksh 2 million was allocated to organise the sports, only half a million went to the participants while the rest of the money, the Ksh 1.5 million, was taken by the organisers. At the end of the day, you find that the money for sports benefit the organisers and not the participants.

Applause

There are other disciplines apart from soccer like skidding, volleyball, athletics, etc. If, for example, in my ward there is a sports club and money from the county government is allocated to my ward for facilitation of sports, the money should be given to the club. The club, however, should be registered, have a bank account and be guided by a constitution. Another officer or person should not come up with their own plots of organising the sports.

Mr Speaker, I would keep the youth in my ward very active by engaging them in sports throughout the year. I may let them engage in soccer in January and February, volleyball in March and April, music in May and June and such. If bicycle racing event is held in June and July an award like a motorcycle could be awarded to the winner. That would encourage people to participate in the event. A Ksh 50,000 award could be given to the best in music. By doing this, even those who deem sports as useless would change their perception and develop interest in them.

Today a woman spectating soccer, for instance, is deemed to be idle. But with awards attached to sports, even mothers would volunteer to watch and cheer their sons and daughters as they participate. This would make the participants earn money through sports. But what happens in Nyandarua? The youth are engaged in sports for less financial benefit and at the end of the day they are misused by politicians who wish to gain political mileage through them. That habit should end.

Our county government should form ward clubs and county clubs for sports and draft a policy for this. There was a Sports Bill that was drafted and which was expected to be brought to this House. I do not know what happened with it. I expected that the Bill would help the CECM for Sports to run the Sports docket appropriately.

The youth should be allowed to benefit from sports. There should be awards like money, motorcycles or even cars to reward the winners. This would make sports competitive and help in nurturing the talents in our youths.

What is the age of those who manage and plan for sports in our county and who we expect to take sports to another level? Are they not fifty years and above yet we expect them to be passionate about sports? These are the questions we should ask ourselves? If Hon. Kamau Ngotho was the CECM for Sports, we would be very disappointed if the Sports docket failed. But I would not get surprised if the docket failed under the leadership of a CECM who is aged fifty or above. I am not demeaning those who are currently running the docket. Rightful machines are assigned rightful jobs.

Mr Speaker I request your office to let the Governor know that he is letting us down by putting the wrong 'machines' in the ministries, that do not befit them, it cannot work.

Applause

He needs to reconsider this. I wondered that the acting could assign other people to do some work on my behalf. I confronted him and told him that he can do it in his ministry but not my

ward. I even told him, his interests notwithstanding, that he should understand that I am a politician.

Vote heads to be allocated money in the Departments of Sports should be specified. I have observed that the CECMs and COs cannot be trusted with budgets that are not broken down into vote heads. I have heard complaints from my fellow Members that the Department of Agriculture, Livestock Development and Fisheries has been receiving a lot of money yet it has done very little. This is because the department has been having budgets without vote heads. Even the budgets for the Department of Sports should be broken down into vote heads. So, when passing budgets in this House we should specifically recommend, for example, that Ksh 50,000 is for purchase of footballs, Ksh 20,000 for purchase of netballs, Ksh 150,000 for organising games, Ksh 200,000 for rewarding the participants, etc.

The county member from Weru has mentioned the issue of Oljoro Orok stadium. It led me to saying that we are like lions running in the daytime doing nothing and that we need to wake up.

I was disappointed to find that the heads of the Department of Sports could not come to support and back me up when I was addressing the issues of the stadium in question. I expected them to come and make an accurate and reliable decision. When the CECM for Sports, Hon. Gathimba, and the CECM for Lands, who is currently also the acting CECM for Roads, Public Works and Transport, Hon. Thabanja came, I was shocked to see them being compromised. Speculatively, I thought they had political ambitions for 2017. They side-lined the person that initiated the project of construction of the dais in the stadium and agreed with the Oljoro-Orok Primary School management on where the dais was to be built. I was left without a say in the matter.

The heat was coming from the school's management that convinced parents and the public that the county government was grabbing the school's land. Upon scrutiny of the county map, the CEC for Lands found out that between the school and the stadium there is supposed to be a road of nine metres wide and that the stadium is registered under the Nyandarua County Government. The area MP, Hon. Waiganjo, is pushing for the county government to surrender the land in question to the school and that it be registered under the school's name. This process is in the second stage. I hear clearance on the same has been given, I do not know by which officer.

This House needs to come out clearly on this issue because my conscience is telling me that something fishy is happening and I will speak about it openly. I want to leave that

subject at this point hoping that the House will take action because the aforesaid example is just one instance among many.

Mr. Speaker, there is need for accountability because a lot of money is being lost. If we allow an officer to go without answering some of the issues raised, we will not be doing anything. The reason is that the vice will continue to plague our organizations and institutions. For us, the title we hold of 'honorable members' comes with respect and dignity and we need to possess integrity in the execution of our mandate.

We should ensure that the people responsible for some of the improprieties we are seeing in some offices are held accountable. We should let people know that we have goals and a vision for this county by setting standards and ensuring that the officers working are held accountable. For instance, if I fail to get re-elected in 2017, I might as well be nominated to become a CEC Member in the Executive. However, I would not wish to work in a context where everything is done awkwardly and without rules, vision, goals and standards.

Mr. Speaker, there is an example that I want our committee to investigate. I understand that the Ministry of Finance implements almost every county government's project including such projects as Oljoro-Orok Field that is in crisis, *boda boda* sheds and market sheds. How on earth is this possible? I suppose that the Ministry should transfer some of its functions to other departments because all ministries ought to be independent and have distinct procurement departments.

The departments should be answerable to the Finance docket. Inside the Finance Ministry, we should have a Public Procurement department that should look into cases of improprieties such as failure to follow the laid down procedures during procurement among others. Therefore, even before a committee of the House grills a person, he or she should have answered some questions at the Finance docket. In Nyandarua County, however, the Ministry of Finance is the one that decides which other ministry should be given funds to undertake various projects.

The Minister of Finance in most instances does this without the approval of the House and you wonder whether we are in the same government. We need to put the government to task over those issues.

Mr. Speaker, the County Government Act article 64 (2) says;

Acting appointments shall be made only by the lawful appointing authority and for a specified period.

The Governor has an acting Chief Officer in the ministry of roads and Mr. Kanyoni who is acting Chief Officer for Youth and Sports. Did the Governor consider specifying the length, which the two officers will perform their duties in acting capacities? Are we doing things in a 'kiundutho' style?

Hon. Kimani Njiraini rises on a point of order.

Speaker: What is it Member for Kaimbaga?

Hon. Kimani Njiraini: I do not intend to interrupt the Hon. Member but I find it not quite in order for him to continue contributing on a very important issue without the necessary quorum in the House. This is a matter of county importance. Thank you.

QUORUM CALL

The clerk-at-the-table confirms that there is no quorum

Speaker: I invoke the provisions of standing order no. 35 (2) and direct that the division bell be rung for eight minutes or until such time within the eight minutes that the quorum will have been achieved.

The Speaker (Hon Ndegwa Wahome) leaves the chair and the Temporary Speaker, Hon.

Rahab Wanjihia, assumes the chair.

The bell is rung for six minutes and quorum is achieved.

Speaker: Proceed Member for Weru.

Hon. Kimani Gachuhi: I was finalizing on the issue of autonomy of Ministries so that we can easily hold them accountable for all the projects they undertake. I want to go back to the issue I raised on Oljoro-Orok Stadium. I would like to add that we ought to have a large billboard indicating that the county government is undertaking the project. Although Oljoro-Orok primary school is the custodian of the playfield, the field belongs to the County Government, going by the registration.

On the issue of accountability, I wish to request the House to make it known to the officers in charge of sporting equipment and funds that their accountability is essential. Madam Speaker, we cannot allow that every time we make a budget to improve the welfare of Nyandarua's young people, some people think of making money instead.

Madam Speaker, we need our young people who are talented to get platforms where they can nurture their talents and become professionals. I would urge the House to ensure that ministers do their work especially implementing the resolutions of the House. From now henceforth, I will be writing all the resolutions of the House so that we can follow up on their

progress notwithstanding my political affiliations. If I do not articulate the real issues that are impeding development in this House, I would not be fit to be in this House in the first place.

Temporary speaker Hon. Rahab Wanjihia leaves the chair and the Speaker, Hon. Ndegwa Wahome, assumes the chair.

Mr. Speaker, accountability is very important if we have to meet our objectives and the expectations of the people who elected us. We will not compromise on this because it is derailing the development agenda of the County, which is the constitutional right of our people. Our work does not involve talking and worrying about the next election but instead, focusing on delivering services to the people who elected us. I restate that I will be writing all the motions, statements, bills and resolutions of the House so that we can be up-to-date with the progress of the implementation. This will ensure that the respective officers are put to the task. This way, His Excellency the Governor will be able to appraise and evaluate the performance of his officers and take the corrective measures accordingly.

I believe that if the Governor fails, I also fail as a representative of the people at the ward level. With those many remarks, I urge the County Government to ensure that the CEC Members implement all the resolutions that we make in this House for the progress of this County. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Yes, Majority Whip, Member for Shamata, Hon. Kinyanjui Gachari.

Hon. Kinyanjui Gachari: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I rise to support this document presented in this House by the Chairman of the committee in charge of sports. Since we entered this House, almost three years ago, we have been passing resolutions many of which have not been implemented.

This is worrying because we go to the electorate and promise them that certain infrastructural projects will be undertaken but everything has always come to naught. On the sports department, we passed almost Ksh. 3 million for the repair of various playfields across the county sometimes back. However, gravelling and levelling were not done in majority of these stadia and I wonder what happened to the money.

Mr. Speaker, you should also understand that many of our competitors are using the platform of sports to campaign for 2017. They go out across various wards distributing sports equipment to the youth as well as giving out money in the pretext of prizes.

Mr. Speaker, we ought to view sports as a major profession because we all know that it is a key source of employment for a myriad of youths across the country. In my area, I know of some young people who have travelled to Japan to nurture their skills and earn a

living. Despite these long term gains that young people stand to gain by engaging in the sports on full time basis, the politicians are just enticing them for a short time for their own (politicians') interests.

Mr. Speaker, the County Government should take the initiative and ensure that the sporting activities in our county continue. It would be very disgraceful if it does not happen. Seriousness is also important for this department because I understand that the CEC Member and other senior officers in the department have not even had time to visit some of these stadiums and evaluate their status in order to do some levelling at the very least.

I understand that the county sports have all began at the sub-county level. During a joint committee session, we questioned the Chief Officer, Rev. Kanyoni as to why they decided to start the games at the sub-county levels instead of the ward level. Although they claim to have included at least two teams from every ward, they failed right from the start. Rev. Kanyoni said that the department of sports had no money to start the sports at the ward level. It is therefore important that we always take sports as a serious department and allocate sufficient amount of funds during the budgetary process to ensure that we go a long way in helping our young and talented people to nurture their skills.

Mr. Speaker, I do support the recommendations made by the joint committee. In fact, we need to employ some of these sportsmen. I remember when we were in Nyahururu, the Municipality used to identify the best sportsmen and employ them. Similarly, we need to spot some of these budding talents and give them jobs. I really support this recommendation because some Counties like Kericho and other counties in the larger Rift Valley are investing heavily in these sports. Their sportsmen have actually achieved international recognition and won accolades. Equally, we have good sportsmen in Nyandarua whose talent needs to be tapped through motivation. Even if they did not perform well in academics, they ought to know that they can join sports as professions and earn a living. To that end, I support. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Yes Member for Githabai, Hon. Peter Kairu.

Hon. Peter Kairu: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I rise to support the motion. As the members have just highlighted, the County Government has let the people down especially the young people, in terms of sports.

They do not organize these games in a systematic manner. They just wake up one day and announce that there will be games in your ward tomorrow. You just wonder whether it

had been revealed to them that very day that the games will be held. They are sleeping on their jobs.

Mr. Speaker, they should have a very good organizational structure starting right from the ward level. Again, the sports only run for two weeks and we forget about sports for a whole year. This is shameful! I participated in the marathon and finished at position seven because I was told about it late. I used to be an athlete Mr. Speaker.

Laughter

Instead of the games starting right from the ward level, they start giving excuses and justifications such as lack of time and money just to mention but two. Do we have planners in the docket of sports? I think not. This has cost the County its youth who have now be left at the mercy of drugs and illicit brews because they have nothing to do. We need to engage the young people who have now done away with alcohol in sports to avert the risk of them relapsing to the same old habits.

Mr. Speaker, we have always complained that implementation of the resolutions of this House is still wanting. If we were to oversight, we need to have many projects on the ground so that we can be seen playing our oversight role in a more effective manner. Otherwise, we just come to this House to complain that the County Executive has not implemented various resolutions yet we have not taken one officer responsible for implementation to the task. I urge the Hon. Members to wake up and demand results from this officers instead of complaining without taking actions. I also think that we need not to keep a person in office for partisan interests if he or she is not performing. At the end of the day, it is our county that is losing on matters of development.

We have reduced our role to perennial and perpetual complaints always saying that we are going down the hill or the ‘plane is landing’ without any concrete action, yet we know who is not working. If someone has been given a mandate, let us do the honourable thing and put him or her to task because if we don’t, we will be behaving like the people who cry over a burning house instead of taking action of putting out the fire. I even tend to think that it is not the CEC Members and Chief Officers who are not working for *wanjiku* because it is we who are not taking any action regarding their performance.

Mr. Speaker, I want to reiterate my earlier call that the Hon. Members ought to wake up. If someone is unable to handle the work of his or her department, let them go home. We have had this story once and again that sport equipment has been ‘lost’. This is very sad because if you look into the issue keenly, you will realize that conflicting interests have

always led to this mess. Therefore, let the Hon. Members play their role effectively for the prosperity of this county particularly in matters of sports.

Without much ado, I support the motion. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Yes Member for Wanjohi Hon. Mumba Gichini.

Hon. Mumba Gichini: Thank you Mr. Speaker sir. I rise to support the motion on the report tabled by the Chairperson the Committee on Education, Hon. Josphat Kamau. In my opinion, it is imperative that we take the issues of sports more seriously because most of our deliberations in this House revolve around roads, lands and other seemingly 'important' issues.

We must think about the young people because they are the foundation of our county. Specifically, we should support their talents and ensure that we nurture them so that the youth can benefit.

Mr. Speaker, I was surprised to learn about the sports in the sub-counties yet they were supposed to begin at the wards level. The young people were not given ample time to prepare for this sporting event and again, there was no facilitation. A case example is in my ward whereby there are around nine volleyball and football teams and they needed a lot of time to come up with one team in both disciplines. However, time was not available and therefore they just made up a team hurriedly, which definitely did not capture all the talents we have in the ward.

To be honest, this did not make any sense to the youth.

Mr. Speaker, facilitation of these sports should always begin right from the ward level because we have match officials who include the referees who need to be paid for the event to be a success. Without taking much time, I support and urge the County government to take sports seriously by facilitating and supporting our young people. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Yes Member for Kaimbaga Hon. Kimani Njiraini.

Hon. Kimani Njiraini: Thank you Mr. Speaker. First, I wish to commend the committee for this report. As we all know, sports make people healthy.

That said, I want to highlight the issue of sports stadia in our county. Like other counties, we need to have a stadium that will take care of the needs of the young people. Before devolution, we had a stadium in Nyahururu, which is now in Laikipia County implying that we do not have any standard stadium. Nevertheless, this disadvantage should not hinder us from doing a good and modern stadium in our county.

I have been following up on the stadium that is being worked on in this town and I can say that they are doing a good job although they have only managed to level the ground. I am only concerned with the pace at which the work is being undertaken. They ought to hasten the construction so that our young people can start utilizing the facilities as soon possible.

Mr. Speaker, we have schools that have very big playgrounds and it is only important if we agreed to support the schools in levelling and making them better for the sake of the youth.

Through your guidance Mr. Speaker, we would like to know how much was used to fence the stadium in Ol'Kalou because I understand that the BQ has been changing overtime. They also need to openly tell us the type of stadiums they want to construct for Nyandarua County. We need the people responsible to be accountable so that the project does not end up being another white elephant project due to lack of funds. During the last financial year, there was a lot of confusion and misunderstanding because there were no clear-cut roles for everyone involved in the stadium.

The county government department was doing the same stadium while the CDF sports department was also involved. It led to misunderstanding and confusion. This is the same scenario we are facing with the sports that are being conducted in the sub-counties. We are the ones who passed the budget for the specific events but when you go to the ground, you find that incompetent people have been given the job. Some of these people are very old and should give young people a chance to exploit and harness their talents. As they say, you cannot teach old dog new tricks.

Mr. Speaker, the young people need to have people they can identify with as their mentors and therefore, we need to ensure that the sports department has people who are not 'excessively' old. We have young people who can perform some of these tasks. I remember when the Ministry of Devolution created NYS cohorts in Ol'Kalou, some people who were deployed to monitor their work were very old. In fact, some of them were the parents of the youth who were working yet the CS, Hon. Anne Waiguru, had put it categorically that the project was meant to support the young men and women. I suggest that these old people should be paid by the CDF because I doubt whether the Ministry of Devolution has allocated money for paying such people.

Mr. Speaker, it is important that we approach things from a different angle because I believe we still have time to correct some of the mistakes that have already been made. I

support sports in our county but I sincerely feel that we are not doing the right thing. When we hold sub-county games, we should have sports scouts to identify talents. This unfortunately is not the case. Now we have finished at the sub-county level and nobody was picked.

Mr. Speaker, a school in Rurii, Passenga Secondary School, did a marvellous job by becoming the national schools champions in football just the other day. However, you cannot find a single player from the school in the national team because no one is scouting for talent in our country. It is important therefore that when we are holding these games at the grassroots level, let us pick the best players for the sake of identifying and nurturing talents. With those few remarks, I call the mover to respond. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Yes, motion mover.

Hon. Kamau Ngotho: Thank you Mr. Speaker and the members who have contributed on this issue for the last two hours. Hon. Njiraini has remarked that you cannot teach old dog new tricks. Well, I don't want to run my imagination but I think the saying goes that 'you cannot teach an old dog new tricks.'

Mr. Speaker, let me start by going to an incident that was cited by Hon. Kirumba, which took place at Ol'Kalou. The issue of funding the BQs for stadia should be looked into keenly and I can't agree more with the Members who stated that the BQ'S for stadia are a bit exaggerated.

Mr Speaker, there is also an issue raised by Hon. Kimani Gachuhi from Weru on those holding positions in acting capacity. I believe it is for the interests of the people that we are furnished with the information regarding how long the persons are holding in acting capacity as described in section (64) of the County Government Act, 2012.

Mr. Speaker, we also need to know the fate of one Ernest Macharia who has been suspended because if you check Mr. Speaker, a whole department or rather, a ministry of sports has I think three employees namely Mr. Kanyoni as an acting chief officer, an officer seconded from the National Government and Ernest who is suspended. This makes me conclude that the Ministry has three employees. It has no directors nor does it have sub-county representatives.

Mr. Speaker, somebody asked about Mrs Mary Sogo. What is her designation? I think it is common knowledge that she is the Director of Women Affairs in the County, a position she was appointed in by the Governor. I do not know how she became part of the sports delegation. Maybe the Governor had sent her. When we were in Embu, she was the first to

call the Governor to inform him that we had proceeded to the finals. Therefore, I can't tell why she appeared. It could be because we have girls and she is there to be with them or represent women who play sports. However, only the Executive can explain the issue. The last issue is about Ol'Kalou Stadium. As a committee, we shall look into it. About Oljoro-Orok Mr. Speaker, article 30 (3) (f) of the county Government act outlines the duties of the Governor. It also explains that the Governor shall be accountable for the management and use of county resources.

Mr. Speaker, that stadium is the only resource we have because people imagine resources in terms of tangible material and property. Let me engage the members a bit and remind them that resources also include land as well as people who constitute labour resource.

Above said, I believe that the Governor should have a hand in the issue of Oljoro-Orok Stadium. He should enquire from his CEC Member whether the stadium belongs to the county Government. If so, we wonder then how the primary school claims ownership of the stadium.

Mr. Speaker, I believe it was an injustice when the area member was asking the CO to clarify the matter of the said stadium. This is because the CO said the contrary and yet the documents are very clear that the County Government owns the land.

Mr. Speaker, on the issue of teams at thw ward level, the two representatives from each ward agreed that the best two teams were to source other players from the participating teams and make one strong team. The team would then proceed to compete with the rest and therefore, when we take the team to Kwale, we will be taking the best players in our County. As I wind up, I believe the committee shall address all issues raised by the members. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

Question put and agreed to.

Speaker: Hon. Members, I would like to highlight a few issues. Being the representatives of the people, it is wise that the executive involves you in coming up with the structures for the county sports. This should not be taken to mean you are overshadowing their powers.

Thus, the relevant committee should be able to follow up on this matter and ensure a good strategy is put forward bearing in mind you are the ones who interact with the electorate on the ground and you represent their dreams and aspirations especially the youth. Hon. Members, again you need to be proactive because according to Schedule IV of the Constitution, 2010 the National Government is involved in promotion of sports and sports

education. Promotion of sports is building a society. Nyandarua County does not even have a standard stadium and I am sure the relevant departments have not approached Dr. Wario, the Sports and Culture Cabinet Secretary for a Grant. If the executive cannot act, as an assembly we can authorise the committee to sit with Dr. Wario and explain our challenges to him. This way, I believe we should get a way forward.

There is another issue that has been raised by the Chairman of the Joint Committee, that we have to hire portable *iki-toilets* toilets provided by youth from Nakuru whenever we have public holidays and when the Governor has functions. I wonder why in Nyandarua we cannot have an allocation of the same through the ministry of sports and the costs are minimal.

Our youth should be able to provide these services. The kiosks bill we were to pass three years ago was supposed to be implemented in 60 days where we were expecting that seventy percent of these kiosks would belong to the youth but we do not have such a bill three years down the line. Yet, we are complaining that our youth are irresponsible. Another issue that came up is that in Nyandarua we are hiring old sports garments for our sports men and women. We are a government and so we should be buying new sports equipment. It is wrong to hire sports equipment from an individual. Otherwise, I can assure each one of you that if we are able to harmonize the operations of the youth, then you will find yourselves back here in 2017.

About Ol'joro-Orok, I do not have to dwell much on the issue. I met with the concerned Chief Officer and told him that they should clarify to the parents and the area MP for Ol'jororok only to learn later that the Chief Officer could not even say anything in that meeting while we had consulted and I had given the position.

Hon. Members, as we proceed to the next motion, it is good that you look at Article 93 of the Standing Orders so that we are able to manage our business. I think we had not come to that because we did not have a lot of business to transact in the House but as it is appearing now, we might consider the provisions of Article 93 before any bill or motion is transacted or processed.

Next order.

MOTION

THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE LIVESTOCK DEVELOPMENT AND FISHERIES IN RESPONSE TO A STATEMENT SOUGHT BY HON. PATRICIA WANJUGU ON DISTRIBUTION OF SUB-SIDIZED FERTILIZER

Speaker: Yes Member for Kaimbaga, Hon. Samuel Kimani Njiraini.

Hon. Kimani Njiraini: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I beg to move the following motion:

That this House does adopt the Report of the Committee on Agriculture, Livestock Development and Fisheries in a Response to Statement Sought by Hon. Patricia Wanjugu on 'Distribution of Subsidized Fertilizer' as a report of this house and the recommendations therein as resolutions of this House.

Thank you Mr. Speaker sir.

This report is in our files Mr. Speaker, and from the acknowledgements, we always forget the Hon. Members of this House for their support and concern in the execution of our mandate Mr. Speaker thus I acknowledge them. I also thank the Hon. Members of the committee for working tirelessly. I must also acknowledge the Office of the Clerk for facilitating us. It is now the pleasure of the committee on Agriculture, Livestock Development and fisheries to present this report on the floor of this House for adoption.

Mr. Speaker, This follows the Request for a Statement by Hon. Patricia Wanjugu on an issue concerning Subsidized Fertilizer distribution. The Committee on Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries took it upon itself to inquire and investigate in view of providing facts to the Assembly that would facilitate the Hon. Members in making an informed decision.

The committee intervened through its mandate in accordance with Standing Order 186 (5). We have findings and recommendations, and in page 6, you will find the composition of the members and the background of the report on page 7.

Mr. Speaker Sir, the statement was requested by Hon. Patricia Wanjugu on 6th August 2015. Hon. Patricia Wanjugu alleged that she have received complaints from the farmers of Wanjohi and Njabini Wards. The statement raised the following concerns:

That the National Government has in each financial year sets aside funds for the purchase and distribution of subsidized fertilizers to farmers and the County Government has been distributing the said fertilizer to the farmers from designated places across the County;

That the fertilizer has been of pivotal assistance to the farmers by reducing the cost of farming and many farmers in Nyandarua County have been seeking access to the subsidized fertilizer;

That the fertilizer distributed in the 2014/2015 Financial Year had negative effects and impact on crop growth and production and thus leading to reduced general output from farms and economic loss to a majority of farmers;

Concerned of the need to ensure that the fertilizer distributed to farmers meets the prescribed standards and does not negatively affect the growth and productivity of crops...

On page 8 Mr Speaker, we have the committee findings and observations. We really deliberated on the matter to come up with comprehensive responses and the committee invited first Hon. Patricia who explained that she got the complaints from farmers around Wanjohi. We also invited the farmers Mr Speaker one from Njabini and the farmer clarified that they bought the fertilizer from Njabini ATC...

Hon. Dorcas Kihara rises on a point of order

Speaker: What is member for Githioro Hon. Dorcas?

Hon. Dorcas: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I observe that the house has no quorum and the motion at hand is on Agriculture, which is the backbone of the economy in Nyandarua, and Thus, very important. Thank you Mr Speaker.

QUORUM CALL

Clerk at-the-table confirms there is no quorum

Speaker: There being no quorum, I invoke the provisions of Standing Orders number 35 (2) and direct that the division bell be rung for 8 minutes or until such a time within the 8 minutes that the quorum is achieved.

The division bell is rung for 8 minutes and the quorum is not achieved as confirmed by the clerk-at-the-table.

Speaker: Hon. Members, there being no quorum, I invoke the provisions of Standing Order number 35 (2) (a) and direct that the House be adjourned to today, Wednesday, the 11th day of November 2015 at 2.30. P.M.

I am also aware that we were to hold a *kamukunji* immediately after this to report to the general membership of this house on the progress made by the House Business Committee on harmonization of the same but due to absence of enough members, I do not think such a *kamukunji* will actually add any value. I believe the mover of the motion will be able to be as explicit as possible and go into the details so that the members will understand clearly the basis of coming up with a report on harmonization. Further, I wish to direct that the motion that was ongoing will be given priority in the afternoon session.

The house rose at 11.51A.M.