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OFFICIAL REPORT



(The Hansard)

Wednesday, 24th February, 2016

The Assembly met at the Assembly Chambers at 2:30 P.M.

The Speaker, Hon. Ndegwa Wahome, in the Chair

Prayer

QUORUM CALL AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE SITTING

Speaker: Clerk, confirm that there is quorum.

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

Speaker: There being no quorum, I invoke the provisions of the standing order 35 (1) and ask that the division bell be rang for an initial ten minutes or, until such time, within the ten minutes, that the quorum will be achieved.

The division bell rings for two minutes and quorum is attained as confirmed by the clerk- at -the table.

Speaker: Quorum having been achieved, we can proceed with the business of the afternoon. As you may have noted, Hon. Members, we have introduced a supplementary order paper chiefly due to the timelines we have to adhere to regarding the budget cycle. I, therefore, invoke the provisions of Standing Order number one and direct that we commence with the supplementary order paper before reverting to the main order paper. Next order

SUPPLEMENTARY ORDER PAPER

PAPER LAID

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS ON THE
NYANDARUA COUNTY ANNUAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THE FY 2016/2017

Speaker: Yes, Member for Mirangine and the Vice Chairperson Committee on Budget and Appropriations, Hon. David Ndirangu

Hon. David Ndirangu: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, I beg to table the Report of the Committee on Budget and Appropriations on The Nyandarua County ADP FY 2016/2017.

Speaker: Very well, the paper is duly laid. Next order.

NOTICE OF MOTION

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS ON THE NYANDARUA COUNTY ADP 2016/2017

Speaker: Yes, Member for Mirangine and the Vice Chairperson Committee on Budget and Appropriations, Hon. David Ndirangu.

Hon. David Ndirangu: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I beg to give notice of the following motion: THAT this House does adopt the Report of the Committee on Budget and Appropriations on The Nyandarua County ADP 2016/2017 as a report of this House, and the recommendations therein as resolutions of this House.

Speaker: Very well, notice is duly given. I expect that this motion will be moved tomorrow because the deadline for passing the ADP, in adherence to the budget cycle is the 28th day of February which will fall on a Sunday. Additionally, we are expecting that the executive will bring the County Fiscal Strategy Paper to this House any time now so as to also beat the 28th deadline. Next order.

MAIN ORDER PAPER

PAPER LAID

REPORT OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE OF JUSTICE, LEGAL AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC SERVICE AND HEALTH SERVICES ON THE STATUS OF CASUAL WORKERS ON CONTRACT IN THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

Speaker: Yes, County Member from Njabini Kiburu, Hon. Beth Wahito Njoroge

Hon. Beth Wahito: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I wish to table the Report of the Joint Committee of Justice Legal Affairs and Public Service and Health services on the status of Casual Workers on contract in the health department. I table

Speaker: Very well, the Report of the Joint Committee of Justice, Legal Affairs and Public Service and Health services on the status of Casual Workers on contract in the health department dated 16-19th December 2015 is duly laid. The House Business committee will give further directions on how it will be processed. Next order

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Hon. Beth Wahito: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I wish to give the following notice of motion: That this House does adopt the Report of the Joint Committee of Justice Legal Affairs and Public Service and Health services on the status of Casual Workers on contract in the health department as a report of this House and the recommendations therein as resolutions of this House.

Speaker: Very well, notice is duly given and the House Business Committee will allocate time for that motion. Next order

MOTION

ELUCIDATION OF THE PUBLIC POLICY CONTAINED IN THE GOVERNOR'S ADDRESS ON
9TH FEBRUARY 2016.

Speaker: Hon. Members, this is the motion that the leader of majority moved and it was seconded. Consequently, the question was proposed opening the floor for discussion and contribution from any Hon. Member. Yes member for Murungaru, Hon. Kariuki Muchiri

Hon. Kariuki Muchiri: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I rise to support the address by the governor and give my contributions towards the Governor's address. I feel the address contained pertinent issues that, if implemented to the letter, will definitely propel our county to the next level of development. We have a problem of implementation in this county especially when it comes to road construction. More often than not, we have to deal with contractors who are perpetually doing substandard road works. Ironically, we keep awarding them more tenders to continue defrauding our county. There is a road in my ward, for called Kirobi- Kanguo road that had been allocated 2.2 million but it was so badly done that I wrote to the CEC of

finance to stop payments but up until today, since July last year, nothing has been done. We are pumping a lot of funds into development but we have no project to show.

I would suggest that if payments are to be made for the projects being implemented, let there be a strong evaluation and monitoring committee that will look at the matters of implementation very seriously. This does not apply to only roads but also to the ECDE classes, the cattle dips of the agriculture department and the market sheds of trade department. Some of these projects are so sloppily done that they are an eyesore to the public.

I have stood, on many occasions, to talk about the issues of implementation not just of the projects on the ground but also regarding the resolutions of this Hon. House. It is the high time that we implemented stringent measures under your leadership, Mr. Speaker. We must set a good precedence.

I am a member of the implementation committee and I know that the mandate of the committee is to oversee the implementation of this House's resolutions and bills but I feel there is a serious lapse somewhere. I have cited this case over and over again and I will say it again; the issue of Mirangine Kiosks was the first one that the committee on Lands, Housing and Physical Planning ever handled but the resolutions are yet to be implemented. I am aware that the department is working on a bill because they invited me to one of the meetings but look at the time that has passed since we made resolutions in this House.

Unless we join hands and come up with disciplinary measures for those who do not adhere to the resolutions of this House, we will go into the next session having done absolutely nothing. I am therefore urging this Hon. House to resolve that serious action be taken against the CECs and all officers concerned who do not implement what we pass here. Thank you Mr. Speaker, I support.

Speaker: Yes, majority whip and member for Shamata, Hon. Kinyanjui Gachari.

Hon. Kinyanjui Gachari: Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker sir, I rise to support the speech by His Excellency the Governor of Nyandarua. Basically, whatever was contained in the Governor's speech is what is in existence and what is being done, albeit in a sloppy manner. Although we have not done much, there are some people who are politicizing the same. With your indulgence, I will touch something on the hospitals and their facilities. We do not have sufficient facilities for our hospitals. For instance, the J.M. Memorial Hospital

has no X-Ray services and when our people come all the way from, say Ndaragwa, they are forced to go back to Nyahururu or Laikipia for these services.

In his speech, the Governor failed to include the issue of Health Clinics in our Wards. These clinics need to have facilities that meet the needs of those they serve. They should be supplied with enough medicine to meet the orders. As it is, most of these clinics have no even for the commonest ailments. Consequently, our people opt to go to the private facilities to seek medication putting a strain on their already dire financial situation.

Mr. Speaker, we passed a bill that was aimed at regulating the licensing of alcoholic drinks businesses among other things and although the governor mentioned it, the delay in the issuance of licenses to alcoholic drinks businesses has cost our county a lot of revenue. I remember there was a time all bars were closed as a result of the delay in licensing raising a lot of outcry by the business owners. I really don't understand what has occasioned this delay, whether the board has ran out of finances to offer licenses to these businesses, but something must be done and done fast.

On matters pertaining roads, Mr. Speaker, there is a time the contractors were receiving their pay without necessarily having done any work. We tried to tell these people that they would not receive any pay if they did not put in quality work but, we later came to learn that they did get paid without our consent. This portrays Nyandarua as a place where you can fetch money without working. Let this money be utilized in a proper manner. There is a road known as Muthama Road that has used so much money yet a large portion of it remains undone. We are talking about a hilly and very slippery road that is impassable during the rainy seasons. This menace is highly attributed to our negligence when it comes to supervising projects. Let these people come out and supervise works given to make sure that tenders once given are worked upon properly, instead of sitting in their offices for the contractors to come and lie to them on the same and the next thing they do is pay them without validating the work done.

This is our last lap in this race, we must press that the executive to deliver the services we resolve here seriously and diligently, because; if we fail, then our voices won't be heard by our people when we go back to them seeking for another term in service.

In regard to the ECD classrooms, we were allocated Kshs. 600,000 to construct them but most of these classrooms remain incomplete. We were promised more money to complete those classrooms, money that we are still waiting for to date. Mr. Speaker, let the Research

Department go out and see the problems we are facing. Our electorate will judge us purely on the projects we have completed. It will not count that we started building a classroom but left it half way to go start on another one. They will grade us as leaders who were unable to accomplish any mission.

With those few concerns, I support the speech by His Excellency the Governor. Thank you.

Speaker: Yes, member for Mirangine, Hon. David Ndirangu. I am surprised to see you here I thought you were already in Mirangine.

Hon. David Ndirangu (Mirangine): Mr. Speaker, I felt I needed to contribute something. I rise to support the speech by His Excellence the Governor. Much has been said but I feel I have to air my sentiments.

The Speaker, Hon. Ndegwa Wahome, Leaves the Chair

Hon. Joyce Ng'ang'a, a Member of Speaker's Panel, Assumes the Chair

Hon. David Ndirangu (Mirangine): there are roads that were constructed in my ward having been awarded a certain sum of money that on scrutiny does not equal the money the contractor claims to have spent. This is a very important issue for me because I still have balances that have never been accounted for. Madam Speaker, I am looking forward to getting the details of the correct amount that was used.

On the issue of the ECDs, it is worth mentioning, as the Hon. Member who rose before me noted, that the ECDs classes in my ward are all incomplete. The reason is that I was given Ksh. 600, 000 and the place from where I was sourcing the building materials is very far implying that I incurred more transport-related costs than most of the other wards.

Madam Speaker, I don't know the criteria that the Executive used to arrive at the decision to allocate me the same amount as they did Karau and Kaimbaga wards where the building materials are locally available. This is the reason why my ECD classes remain incomplete. I am therefore urging the Department of Education to move with haste and source for more funds to complete these ECD classes.

I heard that there were people who are refusing the *matatus* to pick up passengers at a certain point within my area that the *matatus* must pick up passengers at the designated stage. I wish the department concerned would visit the area so that they can witness the status of the road leading to the stage and even the stage itself. The two are in deplorable conditions yet they keep insisting that people must board *matatus* there. They must renovate the road and the stage first. In the meantime, I will stand with my people.

The long rains are almost here and we all know that the area is usually affected by heavy rainfall. I am surprised that road works have not started in my ward. We know that road works are usually done between December and March. Any work done after or amidst the rains is usually compromised of quality. With those few remarks, I wish to call the mover to respond. Thank you.

Speaker: Yes mover, Leader of Majority and Member for Engineer, Hon. Mwangi Gichuki.

Hon. Mwangi Gichuki: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I wish...

Hon. Samuel Thuita rises on a point of order

Speaker: What is it Member for Gathanji, Hon. Samuel Thuita?

Hon. Samuel Thuita: Is it in order for the Member for Mirangine to call the mover to respond yet we are aware that the contributions on Governor's speech should go for at least four days?

Hon. Mwangi Gichuki rises on a point of information

Speaker: Do you require the information Hon. Samuel Thuita?

Hon. Samuel Thuita: No problem Madam Speaker.

Speaker: Yes Member for Engineer, Hon. Mwangi Gichuki.

Hon. Mwangi Gichuki: Madam Speaker, I would like to inform the member that the period of four days is usually applicable when there are still members who want to contribute but have not had a chance. Now that every member seems to have contributed effectively, I don't think we are bound by the four-day requirement. Again, it is not four days but four sittings.

Speaker: Thank you the Leader of Majority. You may now continue to give your response.

Hon. Mwangi Gichuki: I would like to, first of all, thank H.E. the Governor whose visit graced this Hon. House. He was able to articulate various issues including cautioning the Members from engaging in early campaigns because it would hurt the members financially. He, instead, urged them to campaign at the appropriate time.

Further, Madam Speaker, there are some issues we would like the Governor to check on and particularly, those who prepare his speeches. It felt that the speech failed to address various key issues of concern. Essentially, the speech ought to communicate to the people what the government is doing and what it intends to do. The information contained in page 5 of the speech, which revolves around health services, mentions major installation such as J.M. Memorial Hospital and Engineer Hospital is very shallow.

Therefore, I would urge the people who prepare this kind of speeches to be diligent and take into account all aspects that need to be addressed. There are sectors that are not mentioned at all in the speech. This could imply that either the government has no plans for that particular

sector or it has done nothing in the sector. Since the speech was posted on social media, it elicited unnecessary criticism because of its content. It appears to be very shallow and we do not blame the Governor but the people who drafted the speech. Otherwise...

Hon Silvester Kagiri rises on a point of information

Speaker: Do you require the information Hon. Mwangi Gichuki?

Hon. Mwangi Gichuki: No problem Madam Speaker.

Speaker: Yes Member for Githioro, Hon Silvester Kagiri.

Hon. Silvester Kagiri: Thank Madam Speaker. I wanted to add on what the Hon. Member is saying. To be specific, the booklet that was published by the County Government of Nyandarua failed to capture many projects that have been done in various wards. The skewed way of publication can raise questions among the residents of a ward whose projects have not been featured in the booklet. Thank you.

Hon. Mwangi Gichuki: Thank you Hon. Member. I understand where you are coming from because even the booklet seems not to be communicating. If you give it to someone, he or she will not understand what you mean because the booklet seems to be dedicated to pictures. It should be elaborate, by capturing the nature of the projects in the pictures, what informed the projects, the amount the government has pumped into the projects, the date of completion and so forth. This a department that needs to seriously evaluate their ways of doing things. With those few remarks, I beg to move.

Question put and agreed to

Speaker: Hon. Members, the speech is a disappointment. It fails to capture exactly what the County Government is doing. What surprises me is the issue of implementation and there is need to ensure that a monitoring and evaluation committee is formed so as to guarantee that implementation is done. Next order

ADJOURNMENT

Speaker: Having exhausted the order of the day, the House stands adjourned until tomorrow, the 25th day of February 2016 at 2:30 P.M.

The House rose at 3:14 p.m.