

REPUBLIC OF KENYA
MURANGA COUNTY ASSEMBLY
THE HANSARD

Tuesday, 23rd October, 2018

The House met at 2:44 p.m.

[The Speaker (*Hon. Nduati Kariuki*) in the Chair]

PRAYERS

PETITIONS

STATUS ON COMMITTTED PETITIONS

Hon. David Macharia: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I rise to give the status of committed Petitions; one, Report on a public Petition by citizens of Kenya St. Mary village in Township Ward on failure to put up a proper drainage system on the road neighbouring Mukami's Plaza off Kangema road in Township ward, Kiharu Constituency. The Petition as committed on 5th June 2018. The deadline for submitting the report was on 3rd August 2018. The Committee could not meet the deadline due to the following matters:

- a) The Committee never held sittings during the long recess period from 22nd August to 25th October 2018 and therefore missed four Committee sittings.
- b) The Committee scheduled field visit on Wednesday 10th October 2018, regarding the Petition was postponed.
- c) The Committee had to undertake a second field visit to St Mary's village due to contradicting submissions issued by the witnesses. The Committee have undertaken the said second visit and the only two remaining towards completion of the Petition are as follows:
 - i. Engaging the Committee Executive Committee Member (CECM) for Infrastructure on the way forward.
 - ii. Drafting and adopting a report on the Petition.

The Committee request for extension of time towards completion of the Petition by one month.

(Hon. Peter Mweri rose on a point of order)

Hon. Peter Mweri: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I am a member of Transport Committee. We went on recess sometimes in August; the Chairman needs to clarify that.

Hon. David Macharia: Thank you Honorable member, the reason why we were not able to meet the deadline was the witnesses who were supposed to appear before the Public Works, Roads and Transport Committee were not available at the same time. I beg to continue; number two is the report on a Petition by residents of Kiawaihiga, Gatanga Ward in Gatanga Sub- County on construction of Gachuha river bridge. The other Petition was by the residents of Kinyona Ward in Kigumo Sub-County on allocation of funds for construction of the road from Kamukamiti buying centre to Irati River.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to issue an update on Petition number two and three together since they were committed the same day and the Committee is considering them jointly. The Petitions were committed on 21st August 2018 and the Petitions' considerations deadline was on 19th October 2018. The Committee has undertaken the following activities towards Petitions' considerations:-

1. Briefing on the Petitions.

2. Discussions on the schedules of activities towards Petition consideration.

The following are the pending activities towards both Petitions considerations; receiving submissions from the petitioners, conducting field visits to Kiawaihiga, Gatanga Ward to verify claims made by petitioners on the ground. In regard to Petition number two, conducting field visits to Kinyona Ward in Kigumo Sub-County to verify claims made by petitioners on the ground. In regard to Petition number three, engaging the County Executive Member (CECM) for Transport and Infrastructure on the way forward and drafting and adopting reports on the Petitions.

The Committee has delayed in undertaking the above listed activities due to the following reasons; the Committees never held sittings during the recess period and priority in consideration of another Petition from St Marys Njoguini village which is still on-going. Therefore, the Committee requests for an extension of time towards completion of the Petitions by 60 days. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker (Hon. Nduati Kariuki): Next.

NOTICE OF MOTION

ADOPTION OF REPORT ON EXTENT OF COMPLIANCE WITH NATIONAL VALUES, PRINCIPLES OF GOVERNANCE AND PUBLIC SERVICE IN THE MURANG'A COUNTY PUBLIC SERVICE FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2017

Hon. Stanley Muhia: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, I am the Member of County Assembly for Makuyu Ward and the Chairperson of the Governance, Labour, Justice and Legal Affairs Committee and I wish to move the following notice of Motion;

That, this House adopts the Report on Murang'a County Public Service Board on the extent of compliance with the national values and principles of governance and public service in the Murang'a County Public Service for the period ended 31st December 2017, laid on the Table of the Assembly on 23rd October 2018, morning sitting.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

STATEMENTS

RESPONSE ON ESTABLISHMENT OF THE ALCOHOLIC DRINKS CONTROL FUND

Hon. Kiiru Mwangi: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I am the Chairperson for Finance and Economic Planning Committee. We are yet to receive a response from the CECM for Finance and we are requesting for an extension by 14 days so that we can give the response; we have written again to the CECM. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker (Hon. Nduati Kariuki): Hon. Murigi? He is gone? Okay, next.

RESPONSE ON MURANG'A COUNTY MUSICIAN SACCO

Hon. Jecinta Ng'ang'a: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Music is an industry that has attracted a lot of interest in this County, just the other day we bid farewell to one of our sons Joseph Kamaru. It is in this burial that the Governor and President promised to give support to this industry. On this note, the Committee deliberated to engage more stakeholders and come out with more detailed response on the matter. We therefore wish to request for 14 more days to finalize on the matter, thank you Mr. Speaker.

RESPONSE ON SUB-COUNTY ALCOHOLIC DRINKS REGULATION COMMITTEE

Hon. Wangari Kigo: Thank you Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the Chair I wish to give a response to a Statement by Hon. Ibrahim Ngundo MCA for Muguru regarding Sub-County Alcoholic Drinks Control Committee.

Hon. Speaker in an Assembly plenary sitting held on Wednesday July 26, 2018, Hon. Ibrahim Ngundo Maina, Muguru MCA requested for a Statement from chairperson Health Services Committee on Sub-Counties Alcoholic Drinks Control Committees.

The problem statement; the Statement requested by the said Hon. Member states as follows; pursuant to Standing Order 46 (2) (c), I hereby request for a Statement from the Chairperson Water, Energy, Forestry, Environment and Natural Resources Committee on the following;

1. Can the Chairperson furnish this Assembly with a list of members of the Sub-County Alcoholic Drinks Control Committee for each Sub-County established under section 9 of the Murang'a County Alcoholic Drinks Control Act?
2. With the lapse of three years since the Committees were established, has there been any re-appointment of the members pursuant to section 9 (9) of the Act?
3. When will County Public Service Board submit to this Assembly the nominee for the position of Director of the Alcoholic Drinks Control Directorate for vetting and approval?
4. Can the Chairperson provide information on the number of licensed bars per ward?
5. Can the Chairperson inform this Assembly the type of liquor licenses being issued by the Alcoholic drinks control directorate and their charges?
6. How much is the County Government proposing to introduce as the rehabilitation levy that will be charged in all liquor beverages to support treatment of addicts and has there been stakeholders' consultations and consensus on the same?

Response to the Statement to question one; list of the members to alcoholic drinks control Committee, response according to section nine of Murang'a County Alcoholic Drinks Control Act 2014 on establishment of Alcoholic Drinks Control Committee, the following are the members of each Sub-County Alcoholic Drinks Control Committee by virtue of their official positions;

1. Chairperson, Sub-County administration.
2. That national government co-ordinator, Deputy County Commissioner.
3. Kenya Police, Officer Commanding Police Division.
4. Administrative police, administrative police division.
5. Public Health Officer, Sub-County Health Officer.
6. Physical Planning Officer.

Other members are residents of various sub-counties as listed below. I request that members can peruse in their files, in addition, in each Sub-County committees, two MCAs ought to be appointed by the County Assembly which currently are not appointed. Therefore, each Sub County should organize themselves, select two members and forward the names to the Committee Chair by 26th October that will be on a Thursday.

Response to question number two, re-appointment of the resident members, response, upon the appointment by the public service board on April 2 2015, they were meant to serve a renewable term of three years. The CEC Health and Sanitation who is the chairman of the alcoholic drinks and control board renewed their term for a further three years after the expiry of the first term

Response to question number three, Director of alcoholic drinks nominee; this exercise is a preserve of the Public Service Board that are yet to advertise and shortlist a nominee. Response to question number four as at August 9, 2018, Mr. Speaker, you will agree with me

that members can peruse but maybe I can only say that we have so many of them, like in Kigumo Sub-County, a total of the licensed bars is 250, in Maragua we have 268, in Mathioya we have 117, in Kangema we have 196, in Kahuro we have 132, in Kiharu we have 182, in Kandara 282, in Gatanga we have 279 and in total in the whole County we have 1776

Response to question number five, type of liquor licenses being used by the alcoholic drinks control board, the bar fees being charged by the alcoholic drinks control directorate are as defined under schedule number three of the Murang'a county Alcoholic drinks regulations dated 29th June 2015 as indicated in the following extract, again I request memberS to go through the extract in their files because it has many numbers and it is long

Response to question number six, establishment of rehabilitation levy; the process of establishing the rehabilitation levy is in progress and the department of health would appreciate to have input and guidance from the MCA'S and the CEC Health will soon issue guidelines on the way forward. Thank you Mr Speaker.

Hon. Jecinta Ng'ang'a: Once again Mr Speaker, I would wish to clarify, when you look at the list of members I can see my name is appearing here, I would wish to clarify that by then I was not an MCA. Thank you

The Speaker (Hon. Nduati Kariuki): Thank you very much, Hon. Ngundo

Hon. Ibrahim Ngundo: I want to congratulate the Health Committee for coming up with such a good response, Mr. Speaker, I want to suggest that Hon. Members from each Sub-County should come up with two names which should be given to the Chair Health and then submitted to the CEC on Health. Thank you Mr Speaker

The Speaker (Hon. Nduati Kariuki): Next

ADJOURNMENT

The Speaker (Hon. Nduati Kariuki): The House adjourns until tomorrow 2:30 p.m.
Thank you

The House rose at 3:04p.m.