
REPUBLIC OF KENYA
MURANG'A COUNTY ASSEMBLY
THE HANSARD

Tuesday, 6th June 2023.

The Assembly met at 9:50 a.m.

[The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Hanna Wairimu) in the Chair]

PRAYER

PAPER

REPORT OF WATER AND IRRIGATION COMMITTEE ON STATUS AND
DISTRIBUTION OF DAMS AND WATER PANS IN THE COUNTY.

Hon. Edwin Wairagu: Thank you Madam Speaker, I beg to lay the following Paper;-
That, the Report of the sectoral Committee on Water and Irrigation on the status and distribution of dams and water pans in the County, be laid on the Table of the Assembly today, June 6, 2023.

Thank you.

(Hon. Edwin Wairagu laid the Paper on the Table)

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Hanna Wairimu): Next Order.

MOTION

ADOPTION OF REPORT OF TRADE, INDUSTRIALIZATION, CO-OPERATIVE
MANAGEMENT, TOURISM AND WILDLIFE COMMITTEE ON A WORKSHOP TO
DISCUSS THE TRADE DEPARTMENTAL WORK PLAN.

Hon. Kabera James: Thank you Madam Speaker, I beg to move the following Motion;-
That, this Assembly adopts the Report of the sectoral Committee on Trade, Industrialization, Co-operative Management, Tourism and Wildlife on a workshop held from 19th to 20th February 2023 to discuss the departmental work plan for the year 2022/2023, laid on the Table of the Assembly on Tuesday, May 6, 2023.

Hon. Speaker, with a view of effectively implementing its role on Trade,

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Industrialization, Co-operative Management, Tourism and Wildlife particularly in making sure that all the budgeted programs in the department are implemented, the Committee organized a two days workshop that was held from 19th to 20th February, 2023 at Sports View Hotel, Kasarani Nairobi, to deliberate on the departmental work plan for Financial Year (FY) 2022-2023. The Trade, Industrialization, Co-operative Management, Tourism and Wildlife has 11 Members and derives its mandate from Standing Order 204.

Hon. Speaker, the overall objective of the workshop was to discuss the departmental work plan for FY 2022-2023. The intended outcome of the workshop was to deliberate on the work plan and understand the plans that the Executive have during the period in question and come up with recommendations thereafter. From the workshop, the following recommendations were proposed;

1. That, the County Government should consider allocating more funds for construction of open- air markets in all wards.
2. That, the department of industrialization should consider completing the stalled open- air markets before constructing new ones.
3. Establishment of Special Economic Zone/industrial park; the Committee recommended that the industrial park should be open to other investors, both locally and internationally.
4. Small traders support program, a sensitization program to the traders was paramount for traders to understand more about the program.
5. Data collection and analysis, the Committee recommended that the department should involve the area MCAs while collecting the data.

Hon. Speaker, I urge this House to adopt this Report so that we can witness our County growth. I now call upon Loise Mbogo to come and second the Motion. Thank you.

Hon. Loise Mbogo: Thank you Madam Speaker, I stand to second the Motion. Thank you.

(Question proposed)

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Hanna Wairimu): Honourable Members the Floor is open for debate. Yes, Hon. Mukora.

Hon. Samson Mukora: Thank you Madam Speaker, I stand to congratulate the Committee on Trade. Honourable Chairman, I have heard you say that you have considered all the wards and open air markets should be built in every ward and when the data will be collected the area Member of County Assembly (MCA) will be involved. That is a very wise decision according to me and I stand to support your Motion. Thank you.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Hanna Wairimu): Hon. Ndunda

Hon. Ndunda Makau: Thank you Madam Speaker, let me also support the Motion and congratulate the Committee headed by the Chairman and the Vice- Chairlady for the work well done. I would also like to make some few remarks regarding this work plan. For the Committee it is good you have done this work plan but I think you need to do much more because a lot has changed from the time you prepared this work plan. We have the mango program which is doing very well especially in the lower side of Murang'a. I would like to urge the Committee in their recommendations to consider coming up with a program which will be running through the year. These are farmers and there is a lot that has to be done, there is a lot of education because at the end of the day we are looking for good quality. I expect a lot of training and meetings engagement here and there so that we can have that quality product of fruit.

I would like the Committee to consider we have this monster called Murang'a County Creamery (MCC), a stalled entity of this County whereby a lot of money has been used. It is the high time they put this in the work plan and start investigating because a lot of money was lost and there are also some assets there which we do not know whether they are in safe hands. I would like the Committee to recommend that the process of establishing what is happening in this plant MCC.

Lastly, we have the DelMonte land and this is the Committee that is supposed to come up with what is supposed to be done, otherwise if the lands remain idle, I know there are squatters who are salivating for the land. It is the high time they encourage these investors to come and do something because this is part of their work plan. I expected this also in their work plan otherwise I stand to support the Motion. Thank you.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Hanna Wairimu): Hon. Muchiri

Hon. Moses Muchiri: Thank you Madam Speaker, I stand to support the Motion. We all know that we are living in a capitalism society and we cannot do without free trade. The best thing we can do as Honourable Members in this County Assembly is to support those traders whether the small scale traders or even the other traders who sell and they cannot do that without the market.

We all know the conditions of the areas where our people who sell their commodity, called markets. They are not market, you find them they are only having shades when it is raining mostly they cannot do their business.

In the area I come from, we only have one market, that is Gakira market which was built over 20 years ago by Hon. Michuki. Currently it is in a bad condition when it is raining people there put the papers to shelter themselves from the hot sun and the rains. For the many years that we have been having devolution, they have not felt it. It is even shameful for the *kanju* (county enforcement officers) to go collecting money. You find them go collecting the money and the traders are being rained on.

I stand to support and we have proposed that we have 35 markets; modern markets spread out in all the 35 wards. What we need to consider mostly as honourable Members of this County Assembly, we need to debate on the preference and priorities that will be used, because we know we cannot have the 35 markets at a go. We want to be consulted fully by the County Executive Committee Member (CECM) trade so that all the members will be involved in coming out with the guidelines that will give priority so that we know which areas. We are currently only being told that we will only have eight markets in the first financial year. We don't know the markets, we don't know the criteria which has been used and we also don't know the mapping how it has been done. We want to be involved fully in development of those markets.

In Muguru we only have Gakira market, we also have Karugia market, which was designed many years ago but it has never been built. We also have Kiamara market, the land is there, it is even tarmacked but for all those years it has never been built. Hon. Speaker, I stand to support. Thank you.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Hanna Wairimu): Yes Hon. Munyua.

Hon. John Munyua: Thank you Madam Speaker, on this I want to support the Report. To say that on this issue of completing markets, in my ward I have a market that is not yet done. It was left like that. There is an issue of pending bills, so I would urge the Committee to look into that matter. There was a plan of doing more. Kindly follow up.

Madam Speaker, there is an issue of funds, as you highlighted here how it was distributed by the other government. I would really want to know, was the money paid back? Those guys who were issuing those monies, they were not paid. Kindly as the Chair Trade follow up with the matter

and see the way forward up about that money because we might have lost a lot of money through that scheme. I support the Motion and we are starting well. Thank you.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Hanna Wairimu): Hon. John Ngugi.

Hon. John Ngugi: Thank you Madam Speaker. I rise to support this Motion but with a rider. I see the workplan that has been submitted by the Committee and I commend them for what they have done. They need to go a little further because of the issue of markets. The markets like in my ward, Kirwara was done but the market was done in an up haphazard way. The drainage is pathetic and there is no sanitation, and there is not water. The borehole in the market is not working. The sheds are not complete and the grounds are not properly done so when it rains the trades have a lot of issues with their wares. Those who are selling clothes, the clothes get dirty because of the mud. Those that are selling vegetables, and what have you, they become not too good looking to the eye of the buyer because of the conditions in the market.

I also want to request the Committee to probe further on the issue of Murang'a County Creameries (MCC). MCC owes 400 million to suppliers including milk farmers and I hear there is a probe by the Director of Criminal Investigations (DCI). I want to remind the chair of trade that his committee is a quasi-judicial Committee. They can hold parallel hearings as the DCI does its investigations so that they can bring a Report to this Assembly and the Members of this Assembly can get to analyse what is going on at MCC because I hear there is some vandalism which is going on and we don't expect the DCI coming here to give us a status report of what is happening at MCC so we expect the Committee on trade to bring us that Report so that members can peruse it and the members can understand what is happening in MCC.

Also, I am very happy that the industrial park will be constructed in my constituency and we members of the Gatanga delegation feel like we are part of Murang'a County. Thank you Madam Speaker, I stand to support.

Hon. Chefman Njoroge: I rise to support the Motion, also being a member of the trade and co-operatives tourism and wildlife Committee, I rise to congratulate my members whom we sat and discussed and made the work plan for this Committee which I think the members will be able to understand and read it correctly. As part of those recommendations we had tried to engage the MCAs in terms of the issue of markets reason being most of the wards do not have markets while other wards have two markets but we thought that because of sensitization and our people are working people in terms of the trade especially currently what we are dealing with on the issue

of mangoes and bananas, it is good when the market will be done for the CEC and our Committee to establish and liaise ourselves with the MCAs of the areas where it will be done so that we do not replicate some of the markets in the areas it will be done.

A good example is like in my ward since the day this world was build, we don't have a market, for the sake of doing the trade. It inconveniences our people especially when it rains, that they have to carry their goods and services to themselves because of the state of climate changes. However, saying such does not mean that other wards have markets, you will find that some have the trees, the other day we were in Kamahuha, there is a big market but their shade they are using trees, the normal trees for their roof, as trade we consider that if it is possible that the 35 wards in liaison with their MCAs so that we can be able to build those markets. However, also, in the issue of tourism I think also we shall also engage the MCAs in defining the area or ward the kind of tourism that we can built so that is also something which in this era tourism is becoming a boom in various reasons, and being a devolved function and since it is in our department, we engage the MCAs on the place, we identify place and area where tools so that we can start preserving them in terms of knowing our culture, background, perhaps in your ward you have an old person who knows the history of Murang'a County or preserving the information which is currently disappearing.

On the side of the tourism sector, we will engage more of the members and if you members, we request as a Committee you give the information of your area so that we can now start tampering that department of Tourism while it is being given money but we are not seeing the results of that department. As I rise to support, I request let us work together in terms of trade and improvement of our wards and areas in Murang'a. On the issue of tourism kindly get to know the areas we can have information so that we can reserve our dignity and information as Murang'a County. As we continue, we are losing our Murang'a county in terms of information on who we are, as much as we have Mukurwe wa Nyagathanga.

The other issue of interest is the issue of the Murang'a County Creameries, I think soon my able chairman will be tabling the Report, we have done our part and it is only for the Committee to do the fine tuning and I think it will be a Report that the House will appreciate and will also advise us soon it will be tabled So I rise to support and I thank the Committee for the good job.

Hon. Moses Musa: Thank you Honourable Speaker, I had not raised my hand but it will be bad manners if I do not have anything to comment regarding whatever is being discussed today

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Hanah Wairimu): I thought you were raising your hand
Hon. Moses Musa: I was taking some water.

(Laughter)

Hon. Moses Musa: But let me say that I have some comments regarding the promotion and development of industries. Honourable Speaker if you go to number six of what the Committee, that is my Committee because I am also a part of that Committee, you find that there is number six, that the Chief Officer indicated that industries were not to be based on produce priorities and that they were free to set up without restriction and priority. The idea was to come up with industries to promote economic growth and create job opportunities.

I would wish to ask the Committee or for us to make sure that we have those produce that we produce in Murang'a as a trademark because you find out that in Murang'a because we deal with agriculture; we have coffee, we have tea, we have the avocados that we produce and everything. I would wish to ask the Committee in constructing the park that our goods should be used to showcase whatever we produce. I support this Committee and I applaud and wish to encourage other members, because I have seen the wisdom of our Chairman in referring whatever should be done within our wards that we should be involved. Thank you.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Wairimu): I now call the mover to respond.

Hon. Kabera James: Thank you Hon. Speaker. I am very grateful, together with my Committee for the support other members have given, especially Mr. Mukora talked about the involvement of Members of County Assembly (MCAs) and not only the Committee on Trade, we are supposed to be involved in each and every activity going on in our wards, because a lot of issues are going round without the knowledge of the MCAs.

Ndunda, thank you for talking about work plan, already thank you for congratulating us for the good plan we had but you said we add more especially about the mangoes and we are going to do that. Als you also talked about DelMonte, we are going about it and are going to do what is supposed to be done.

Hon. Muchiri, thank you for supporting, we will try to have a way of doing things, not only in the Committee on trade, some of the wards are behind. I know Hon. Caro knows about it the

way we used in the other House; others didn't have anything to say about their wards because they were neglected in the last regime.

Mr. Munyua, you talked about how things are been done and in fact, I think these things of having things been done behind MCAs and being done in the wrong way and even some of them we are told that there is a market in a certain ward but when we go there, we don't have anything. I do not know whether it is the Committee on Implementation or it is joint Committees, it is good, finance chair, we check these issues.

Those we were within Sabasaba yesterday, they saw some posts, *mheshimiwa* (Honourable) Muchiri, and maybe they were paid because of erecting about four or five posts, it is good we check, this House, about each and every ward maybe we have some which issues not going well. I'll urge this House to ask for all the work which was done last regime and we see whether it is corresponding with what we can see on the ground. So we have seen all this and I have noted all these even our Chair Finance Committee talked about corruption and he is the one who can be leading us in the way of doing things because he is the one who is releasing the money so I think you are the last person to talk about corruption, you should be leading us. Yes, brother Mirara you are part of us, you are addressing us as if you are not part of this Committee. In fact I was very disappointed by you. Thank you.

(Laughter)

(Question put and agreed to)

[SUPPLEMENTARY ORDER PAPER]

PAPERS

REPORT ON ALLEGED BREACH OF PRIVILEGE HON. JOHN MWANGI KAMAU

Hon. Jane Mukami: Thank you Madam Speaker. I beg to lay the following Paper; -

That, the Report of the Committee on Powers and Privileges on alleged breach of privilege by Hon. John Mwangi Kamau, MCA Nginda, be laid on the Table of the Assembly today Tuesday, June 6, 2023.

(Hon. Jane Mukami laid the Paper on the Table)

REPORT ON ALLEGED BREACH OF PRIVILEGE BY HON. GRACE NDUTA WAIRIMU,
MCA KANYENYA-INI

Hon. Wanyoike Alex: Thank you Madam Speaker. I beg to lay the following Paper;-
That, the Report of the Committee on Powers and Privileges on alleged breach of privilege by Hon. Grace Nduta Wairimu, MCA Kanyenya-ini, be laid on the Table of the Assembly today June 6, 2023.

(Hon. Wanyoike Alex laid the Paper on the Table)

NOTICES OF MOTION

ADOPTION OF REPORT ON ALLEGED BREACH OF PRIVILEGE BY HON. JOHN
MWANGI, MCA NGINDA WARD.

Hon. Jane Mukami: Thank you Madam Speaker. I beg to give notice of the following Motion;-

That, this Assembly adopts the Report of the Committee on Powers and Privileges on alleged breach of privilege by Hon. John Mwangi Kamau, MCA Nginda, laid on the Table of the Assembly today Tuesday, June 6, 2023. Thank you Madam Speaker

ADOPTION OF REPORT ON ALLEGED BREACH OF PRIVILEGE BY HON. GRACE
NDUTA WAIRIMU, MCA KANYENYA-INI

Hon. Wanyoike Alex: Thank you Madam Speaker. I wish to give notice of a Motion;-
That, this Assembly adopts the Report of the Committee on Powers and Privileges on alleged breach of privilege by Hon. Grace Nduta Wairimu, MCA Kanyenya-ini Ward laid on the Table of the Assembly today Tuesday, June 6th 2023. Thank you Madam Speaker.

ADJOURNMENT

The Temporary Speaker (Hanna Wairimu): The House now stands adjourned until this afternoon at 2: 30p.m.

The Assembly rose at 10:30 a.m.