

MURANG'A COUNTY ASSEMBLY THE HANSARD

Tuesday, 3rd November 2015

The House met at 9:32 a.m.

(The Speaker Hon. Nduati Kariuki in the Chair)

PRAYERS

NOTICE OF MOTION

FORMULATION OF A COUNTY DISASTER MANAGEMENT POLICY

Hon. Caroline Njoroge: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I wish to give the following notice of motion:-

Aware, that Ambulance services, Fire fighting and Disaster Management are devolved functions under part 2 of the Forth Schedule of the Constitution of Kenya 2010, cognizant of the fact that this Assembly allocated funds for these functions in the Appropriations Act 2015, further aware that the Assembly had resolved on the establishment of an emergency fund and disaster preparedness training, recognizing that policy documents offer direction in government operations to promote accountability and service delivery; this House urges the County Executive Committee (CEC) Member for Youth, Culture, Sports and Social Services to engage all stakeholders and formulate a county disaster management policy to provide for disaster mitigation, response structures, habitats and education structures during emergencies and on the restoration of livelihoods.

Thank you.

STATEMENTS

RESPONSE ON THE DIRECTORSHIP OF EACO- MILLS AND PAYMENT OF EMPLOYEES OF THE COMPANY

Hon. Joseph Machiri: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I am the chairman of the Water, Energy, Forestry, Environment, Natural Resources, and Co-operative Management committee. I apologise for that big anomaly because we are yet to receive a response to this statement. When I called the CEC for Co-operatives- Hon. Muiruri- I realised that they are busy assisting the Governor in the issue of impeachment. All of them are not around because they have been attending a court session since yesterday.

The Speaker: Hon. Wandia.

Hon. Samuel Wandia: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I represent Muthithi ward. I have heard what the member for Kamacharia has said but I urge him to ensure that we get an answer by next week, since the court case will not take the whole week.

The Speaker: Okay, next.

RESPONSE ON HEALTH FACILITIES LICENSED BY THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT

The Speaker (Hon. Nduati Kariuki): The Chair notes with regret that the chair of Health Services committee is not in the House.

RESPONSE ON CONSTRUCTION OF ICHAGAKI HEALTH CENTRE

The Speaker: Anybody from the committee of Public Works, Roads and Transport?

Hon. James Njoroge: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I am the MCA for Mugumo-ini and I wish to respond to the statement on behalf of the chair.

In the development compendium of projects for the financial year 2015/2016, Ichagaki health centre was allocated Kshs. 2,000,000 for infrastructure and support services.

The Speaker: Nduung'u?

Hon. Joseph Ndung'u: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I am the MCA for Ichagaki ward and according to the response that has been given, Kshs. 2,000,000 is very little to start a health centre.

The budget that I had seen last year was Kshs. 5,000,000 and since it was not done, they allocated the same amount for this year. I am now wondering why the amount is reducing; it seems that they are not serious with that work. It is as if they do not want to build a health centre in Ichagaki.

Hon. Speaker, I said last time that it has become a song. It seems as if the people of Ichagaki are not going to benefit from the health money for the county. I wish that the chair becomes serious and ensures that the people of Ichagaki get what they are supposed to get like any other persons in the county. I am therefore not comfortable with the response and I need more explanations on that health centre.

Hon. James Njoroge: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I request the hon. member to give us seven days to establish where things went wrong and have an adequate answer. We had, in fact, cited Kshs. 5,000,000 but the response that came indicated Kshs. 2,000,000.

The Speaker: I note a bit of laxity on the part of the Public Works, Roads and Transport committee with regard to this matter because if you got an answer that indicated Kshs. 2,000,000 yet you knew that the budget allocated was Kshs. 5,000,000, you should have surely taken to task the CEC to explain the anomaly between Kshs. 2,000,000 and 5,000,000. I hope that you will be in a position to explain that anomaly the next time you bring the answer.

RESPONSE ON LACK OF WATER PIPES IN ITHANGA WATER SUPPLY

The Speaker: The Public Works committee once again. I thought that somebody was answering on behalf of the chair. Is this health? Why does it indicate public works? Regrettably, the chair for health is not around.

The order paper is also, however, wrong, this should be repeated again with the proper heading so that it is made clear that the answer is coming from the chair health committee. So we strike it out of today's order paper.

Hon. Charity Rugu: I request that we be given two weeks to consult the CEC and gather more information, thank you

The Speaker: Is this the first time it is coming up?

(Hon. Duncan Njuguna rose on a point of information)

Hon. Duncan Njuguna: This is a response not a request for statement as the hon. member wants to put it, she could have responded by telling the House whether she has the answer or not instead of requesting for more days without responding to the question.

The Speaker: Yes that is right because the statement is not being requested now, it is supposed to be responded now and I would like to know whether you have talked to the chairperson and the answer he gave

Hon. Charity Rugu: I wish to respond and request for two weeks to consult and gather more information.

The Speaker: You want to gather more information, which information is there so that you can gather more?

Hon. Charity Rugu: As a committee we have not sat down with the CEC, that is why we need more time.

(Hon. Joseph Machiri rose on a point of order)

Hon Joseph Machiri: It is good to note that the hon. member is misleading this House. When hon. Duncan rose on a point of information, you were informed that this is a response not a statement. The other information is that the member for Ithanga is not the chairperson of the Infrastructure committee.

The Speaker: Hon. member from Ithanga, what is your response to that?

Hon Esther Nyakio: I have just walked in; I do not know where we are

(Laughter)

The Speaker: The position is that the member who was answering on behalf of the chairperson for education, says that she requires more time to go and get the answer, I thought that is the same answer you got

Hon Esther Nyakio: Mr. Speaker, it is embarrassing to see that every statement that we make in this Assembly, there is no response in implementation. I wonder what is happening and I do not even know his response, he is absent and I need to be informed what is happening.

The Speaker: That is the problem of being late, from the way I see it, we do not seem to have any answer, and it is not that you are requesting for more time, but you do not have any information. This should be noted now that we are castigating this committee.

When the question was asked, they said that they wanted more time to go and get the answer, now they are saying they do not have an answer, rather than explaining why. That should be noted and be moved to the next time.

The Speaker: I thought we had an answer from one of the committee members, he can answer this

(Silence)

Do we have an answer?

(Silence)

It looks like we do not have an answer. This House notes with very big concern, the absence of the chairpersons who were supposed to answer questions today, particularly from the Public Works committee and that of Health

ADJOURNMENT

The Speaker: The House is adjourned until 2:30 this afternoon, thank you

The House rose at 9:52