

**REPUBLIC OF KENYA**  
**MURANG'A COUNTY ASSEMBLY**  
**THE HANSARD**

Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> July 2018

The House met at 2:47p.m.

*[The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Morris Thuku) in the Chair]*

**PRAYERS**

**PAPER**

**REPORT ON PUBLIC PETITION BY KIHARU RESIDENTS REGARDING  
DESTRUCTION OF KIHARU TARMAC ROAD**

**Hon. Flasia Nduta:** Mr Speaker, the report on public petition by Kiharu residents regarding destruction of Kiharu tarmac road was committed to the committee on March 21<sup>st</sup> 2018 and the committee was supposed to report on the recommendation on May 19, 2018.

Mr. Speaker, the committee sought for extension of time on the consideration of the petition in a sitting held on June 5<sup>th</sup> and the days requested were 21; the reason for seeking extension is because the committee faced operational challenges.

Mr Speaker, the committee further faced challenges towards the discussion of the petition which are as follows; discussion on the departmental Budget Estimates on the week of June 11<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> 2018, to a workshop on discussion of Budget Estimates, June 20<sup>th</sup> to June 23<sup>rd</sup> 2018.

Mr Speaker, the committee has pending activities on the discussion of the petition which are as follows; one, discussion with the County Executive Committee (CEC) Land, Housing and Physical Planning on beaconing of Kiharu tarmac roads, discussion with CEC Transport and Infrastructure on recommendations regarding the petition on destruction of Kiharu tarmac roads, three drafting discussion and adoption of the report of the petition.

Mr. Speaker, the committee requests further extension of time on consideration of the petition by 21days to undertake the above listed activities and thereafter generate a report with recommendations which will be tabled in this House. Thank you Mr Speaker.

**Temporary Speaker (Hon. Morris Thuku):** How many more days?

**Hon Flasia Nduta:** 21 more days

**Temporary Speaker (Hon. Morris Thuku):** Granted

**MOTION**

**INVESTORS CONFERENCE**

**Hon. Sospeter Nyoko:** Aware that private investments are a key economic driver of development, recognizing that trade development is a devolved function under Part 2 (7) of the Fourth Schedule of the Constitution of Kenya 2010, further aware that Public Private Partnerships offer a suitable platform for economic growth, cognizant of the need to tap the County's investment

*(Hon. Charles Kahoro rose on a point of order)*

**Temporary Speaker (Hon. Morris Thuku):** There is a point of order but I beg you let him finish, or is it really burning, then go ahead

**Hon. Charles Kahoro:** Is it order for the Hon. Nduta to come with foodstuffs in this Assembly?

**Temporary Speaker (Hon. Morris Thuku):** Hon. Nduta are you having any meals in this Honorable House?

**Hon. Flasia Nduta:** No Mr. Speaker.

**Temporary Speaker (Hon. Morris Thuku):** Hon. Kahoro where did you get that?

**Hon. Charles Kahoro:** Mr. Speaker I think the Serjeant- At- Arms can--- yes it is there and it has been produced.

**Temporary Speaker (Hon. Morris Thuku):** I think Hon. Members it is important to give this honorable House the respect it deserves for the continuity of business. I have also seen members who are not bowing to the mace. I think it is very important. I think you may not respect the person but please respect the House. Let us go on Hon. Nyoko.

**Hon. Sospeter Nyoko:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, I beg to move the following motion;- Aware that private investments are a key economic driver of development, recognizing that trade development is a devolved function under Part 2 (7) of the Fourth Schedule of the Constitution of Kenya 2010, further aware that Public Private Partnerships offer a suitable platform for economic growth, cognizant of the need to tap the County's investment potential in agri-business, manufacturing, tourism, hospitality and education, recognizing the importance of marketing the County to potential investors; this House urges the County Executive Member for Trade and Industrialization to:

1. Organise an investors conference to showcase the County's investment potential that will involve all the stakeholders including KEPSA, Chamber of Commerce, Kenya National Farmers' Association, Murang'a Business Community, Murang'a Professionals and Academia.
2. Identify possible investor friendly incentives through Public Private Partnerships to promote the County's investment competitiveness.

Mr. Speaker, we are all aware that trade development is a devolved function as it is stipulated in our Constitution. In this regard, it is the responsibility of this honorable House to pass resolutions and enact laws that are geared towards trade development in the County, to uplift the living standards of our people.

We have a lot of youths in this County who are very much devoted to what they do. If the same is promoted and the same given the necessary incentives, this County can move forward. Also looking at the state of our youth today, we have many youths who are very needy and want to be employed, as an idea to create employments for our needy youths, and giving them a chance to have daily bread day in day out, we better look at the issue of living incentives to those people who can come up with good ideas. Also those people who are in that field in industrialization and who are very much devoted, if we look into this issue, we shall be in a position we will be able to uplift the overall living standards of our people.

We have a field of focus where we can focus different activities being carried out by our people here. For example, it is in this County that we have pottery and ceramics taking place. We have a lot of potters. We also have whatever is connected to agri-business. We can do value addition to our bananas. We can also do value addition to everything that we grow here so that we can be in a position to create more avenues for our youths to be engaged in so that they can earn a living.

Further Mr. Speaker, we will be able to provide investors friendly incentives that can be in form of waiver of fees for a certain period of time or issuance of land.

*(Hon. Jecinta Ng'ang'a rose on a point of order)*

**Hon. Jecinta Ng'ang'a:** Thank you Mr. Speaker sir, it is my concern that the House is almost empty and whatever is being presided over by Hon. Nyoko it is very important. Please do something.

**Temporary Speaker (Hon. Morris Thuku):** Thank you Hon. Jecinta, I think it is very important you quote the standing orders on the issues to do with quorum. Standing order 37 (1) reads, "If at any time after the Chair is taken, or when the Assembly is in Committee, a member objects that there is not a quorum present, the Speaker or the Chairperson shall count the Assembly or the Committee as the case may be. (2) If on the count under paragraph (1) a quorum does not appear to be present, the Speaker or the Chairperson shall cause the division bell to be rung as on a division, and if no quorum is present at the expiration of the ten minutes." Yes, I ask to be guided.

As we do that, I request the Quorum Bell to be rung; it is clear we have no quorum. If there is no quorum, we shall just adjourn the House until the next sitting without question put.

*(The Quorum Bell was rung)  
(Several Members entered the House)*

**Temporary Speaker (Hon. Morris Thuku):** Serjeant, confirm to us whether we have a quorum.

*(Quorum attained)*

**Temporary Speaker (Hon. Morris Thuku):** Thank you Clerk, we will now move on. Hon. Nyoko, were you done contributing to your Motion?

**Hon. Sospeter Nyoko:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, I said that we have a lot of avenues in this County and if all is looked into in the best way possible, there could be no youth who can be said to be unemployed. It is only that we tap all what we have and find that the very best way is to assist the investors to assist those people who have an idea or who have come up with an idea of doing something which is promoting either the employment or which is promoting anything like manufacturing. If we offer them incentives such as waiver of fees for a certain period of time or issuance of land for construction of industries, it can help us improve the standards of living of our people. I now call upon Hon. Jecinta Ng'ang'a to second my Motion. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Hon. Jecinta Ng'ang'a:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, I am the Member of County Assembly (MCA) for Township ward and the Chair for Trade, Industrialization, Co-operative Management, Tourism and Wildlife Committee and I rise to second this Motion bearing in mind that it is very important to enhance trade since it is through trade that we can improve the living standards of our people through industrialization and job creation. It is through manufacturing that we are involved in trade. Bearing in mind that manufacturing is one of the big agenda four, it is very important.

I call upon this Hon. Members to support this Motion as I do because it is through supporting it that we are going to also help the Jubilee government to actualise its dream. During the campaign time, our President promised us that they are going to build industries in every County and I believe that when these factories are built, there will be more jobs for our people and, mostly, for our youth. I stand to second this Motion. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

*(Question proposed)*

**Hon. Ruoho Wangeci:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. I stand to support this motion based on the fact that, the previous week or the week that we had. This motion has come at a time

where may be somebody would have sat down and thought that we cannot be able to support investors based on the fact that we had some lorries which on strike claiming that we increased the taxes. This motion is one of I would quote the best motion that we could have in this House. We have looked at our County from the economist's eye: incentives for investment and development of public partnerships. I want to give a situation that we have in this County, that has been discussed at various levels; the Murang'a County has ten factories, these factories in real sense creates income or generate revenue for this County. May be not necessarily not in terms of taxes but also it ensures that the standard of living for the people of this County has improved.

But let us look at the position as at now, this County has been mandated to repair a certain class of roads and these factories are the same that are repairing those roads that on the other hand this County was supposed to be repairing. That means, that the factories are taking our responsibility because previously there was cess being deducted from the farmers payslips but the government decided that there is no cess. Implying that all roads that are our class as a County Government we are supposed to be repairing them, but what do we do as a County Government? Some of those roads that are so terrible, that the factories cannot collect their produce from those buying centres, the factory organizes themselves and they decide to look for quarry waste or murrum to repair those roads.

On our hand, instead of may be encouraging them and giving them an incentive to ensure that they do that more, we tax them. This is the situation, that I am supposed be doing something and you have offered to assist and what do I do, you pay for assisting me to do that. I think this motion, if it looked from a bigger eye it is going to help us in various ways.

Considering garbage collection in this County we do it as a County, but I want to believe that there could be an individual somewhere willing and able to do that work. We could partner with that individual, create employment through that individual and that would also help us reduce the wage bill that we are still struggling with at 5.3 compared to 3 billion in development. I want to believe and there is something that we stated here in this House, that Irembo, a company in Rwanda is the one that is charged by the government to collect taxes on behalf of the Government. I do not know whether in adoption or progress of this County or Country, is it that we do not trust the private investors or we feel that if they are given this responsibilities, they may not act?

If I look at several stakeholders that I have been mentioned here, looking at this County I do not see their offices, simply because may be they feel that there is no place for us in that County. If this motion is taken seriously we as a County, are going to increase economic growth, by the virtue of we are going to reduce the wage bill. We are also going to increase employment because these companies are going to hire our own youths. We are going to improve the state of service delivery. If a private company was collecting garbage in our towns, I do not believe they would be the way they are right now because we would be charging as a government that company to give us a report of what is happening.

I stand to support this motion and like other motions that have been tabled in this House I urge whoever will receive this motion to take it positively and look at this County, as a County that previously was gaged as one of the economic giants in this Country and by so doing I want to believe that we are going to go far. I stand to support. Thank you.

**Hon Ruth Wambui:** I stand to support the motion on formulation of investors conference. Mr Speaker, as we all understand, Murang'a was counted as the biggest in economics but if we look around by the end of the day, most of the investors from Murang'a are not investing in Murang'a, they are doing it in other counties, and it is very painful. I wish this motion would be implemented as fast as possible, and one thing that I have noted from

the motion is that they will organize a conference but I also request if it can be accompanied by an open exhibition whereby the produce that we have can be exhibited like what happens in Kenyatta International Convention Centre (KICC) where people exhibit their products. As a result we shall have so many people.

One of the things that could be so much help while doing incentive for our County is access to input and output market. This generally means the County will ensure that the start ups have the ability to sell their products widely, that is domestic and internationally.

It will be very painful if we start something and halt it at the end. If we try to do this and also provide a descent infrastructure just as Hon. Ruoho Wangechi has said the challenges of the investors coming in Murang'a which is poor infrastructure shall be addressed. For example somebody may start a dairy in remote village but there is no access to proper roads, this will hinder them from investing. If we consider improvement of infrastructure it shall be good for us.

The regulatory framework helps to have business friendly laws because most investors feel that if they invest in Murang'a they will incur a lot of regulations that will make them not to invest in Murang'a and they would rather go and do it somewhere else.

I stand to support the motion for the sake of the youths we represent; who are pushing the elected very hard to help them secure employment. If we have investors we can have a place where they can go and be employed. When we are coming up with incentives it will be possible to have a revolving fund for the youth where they shall form groups whereby they will be paying these loans. When they pay these loans they will be responsible and also be able to raise money to repay the loans. On the other hand we shall empower them so that when we go to the village they will not be telling you of the problems they are facing but they will be asking for more and more business ideas that are coming up in this County. Thank you I stand to support.

**Temporary Speaker (Hon. Morris Thuku):** The mover you may respond to Hon. Ruth Wambui's concern about Agricultural produce.

**Hon. Sospeter Nyoko:** Thank you Temporary Speaker I take this opportunity to thank the honorable members for supporting my motion especially Hon. Ruth Wambui for giving very good contributions towards my motion. It is very clear that if something can be done we can welcome these people who are investing outside our County yet they belong here. If we take seriously this matter we can see to it that even if nothing much will be done this person who is investing outside Murang'a County while he belongs here can come back and invest with us here and create employment for our youths and improve the livelihood of our people in Murang'a.

Access to input and output market; if we improve this we will reduce the cost of production of our commodities, with that we can be very competitive even outside Murang'a County. Partnership with individuals in different activities that one can also boast as mentioned by Hon. Ruoho Wangechi and can also act like an incentive. I am very grateful for those who supported my Motion and urge Honorable members to support it.

*(Question put and agreed to)*

#### ADJOURNMENT

**Temporary Speaker (Hon. Morris Thuku):** This House stands adjourned until tomorrow Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> July 2:30p.m.

*The House rose at 3:27p.m.*