REPUBLIC OF KENYA
MURANG'A COUNTY ASSEMBLY
THE HANSARD
Thursday, 16th August, 2018

The House met at 2:46 p.m.

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

PRAYER

NOTICE OF MOTION

FORMULATION OF A POLICY ON SPECIAL PROGRAMMES

Hon. Lillian Kabaya: Mr Speaker, I beg to give notice of the following Motion;-

Aware that every person has the right to accessible and adequate housing, right to be free from hunger, and to have adequate food of acceptable quality, right to social security and right to the highest attainable standard of health, pursuant to Article 43, of the Constitution of Kenya 2010, further aware that the Constitution provides that the state shall provide appropriate social security to persons who are unable to support themselves and their dependants, cognisant of the fact that Health Services is a devolved County function under part II of the Fourth schedule, informed that provision of good health and wellbeing is one of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGS), alive to the fact that attaining the highest possible health standards in a manner responsive to the population needs is the core focus of the Kenya Health Sector Strategic Plan, under Vision 2030, and the National Government manifesto, realising that there is need for protection of the economically and socially vulnerable persons in the County including the elderly, widows, orphans, the homeless, persons living with disability, and persons with mental illness; this House urges the County Executive Committee Members in-charge of Special Programmes and Health to

1. Formulate a policy outlining how the County Government of Murang'a will provide basic needs to cover persons who are poor, vulnerable, disabled and mentally ill
2. Develop a special programme to provide support to vulnerable persons in Murang'a including the poor, vulnerable, disabled and mentally ill.
3. Establish a registration system for registration of vulnerable persons in the County.

Thank you. Hon. Speaker

STATEMENTS

REQUEST ON MENTAL HEALTH CARE IN THE COUNTY

Hon Lillian Kabaya: Mr Speaker, Pursuant to Standing Order No. 46 (2) (c), I hereby request for a Statement from the Chairperson Health Services Committee on the following;

1. Can the Chairman provide this Assembly with information on the number of health facilities providing mental health care in Murang'a County
2. If the facilities exist, can the chairman give details of their names and where they are located
3. How many special mental care facilities offer long time care for mental patients and if there is none, what measures has the County put in place to ensure there is established a special mental health care hospital in Murang'a County

4. How many people have been diagnosed with mental health disorders in the County from January 2014 to date?
5. Finally can the Chairman furnish this Assembly with data on the mental health specialists that there are in the County?

Temporary Speaker (Hon. Morris Thuku): Chair Health, please respond

Hon. Kibe Githuka: First, I would like to congratulate Hon. Kabaya for coming out with such a Statement and request her to give the Committee at least 14 working days so that we come up with a resolution. Thank you

Temporary Speaker (Hon. Morris Thuku): Hon. Kabaya, are you satisfied with the timelines?

Hon. Lillian kabaya: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I believe we are going on recess next week, so perhaps the first week after we come back from the recess we can have a response. Thank you

TENTATIVE BUSINESS OF THE ASSEMBLY FROM THE WEEK COMMENCING TUESDAY AUGUST 21 – THURSDAY AUGUST 23, 2018

Hon. Simon Wamwea: Pursuant to Standing Order 46 (2) (a), it is notified that the House Business Committee, at their last meeting, approved the following tentative business that will come before the Assembly from the week commencing Tuesday August 21 to Thursday August 23, 2018. Thank you Mr Speaker

Temporary Speaker (Hon. Morris Thuku): Hon. Member, could you take us through business for the days from August 21st to Thursday, so that we can know what is ahead.

Hon. Simon Wamwea: On Tuesday August 21, morning sitting, Petition, a Petition by residents of Kiawaihiga, Gatanga Ward, in Gatanga Sub-County of construction of ....*(inaudible)* ……bridge, (b), Petition by residents of Kimorori/ Wempa Ward, (c) Petition by residents of Kinyona Ward in Kigumo Sub- County on allocation of funds for the construction of roads from Kamukabi tea buying centre to Irati river (d) Petition by residents of Ithanga Ward in Gatanga Sub-county on building of Ithanga Health centre.

Mr Speaker Sir, number two, Papers; report on the Public Petition by residents of Murang'a County and members of Kanguno Coffee factory.

3. Reporting of public Petition by Kiharu residents regarding the destruction of Kiharu tarmac road.

August 21 afternoon sitting;
1. Paper: report on public Petition of the tea farmers of Kanyenya-ini Tea factory Ltd.
Schedule of statements,
2. Response of Statement to request of defilement and killing of minors in the county.
3. Response of Statement to for request of establishment of the Alcoholic Control Fund.
4. Response of Statement to request of the use of wood fuel in the tea producing areas in the County.

On Wednesday August 22 afternoon sitting;
1. Petition of the residents of Gachocho location, Kinyona ward in Kigumo Sub-County.
b) Petition of residents of Ithanga ward, Gatanga Sub-County.
c) Petition of residents of Kimorori ward, Maragua Sub-County. Regarding construction of Katipanga.
d) Public Petition of residents of Kangari ward, Kigumo Sub-County.

2. Papers, report on a Petition by a citizen of Kenya on the enhancement of Murang'a County Disaster and Emergency Management Bill 2018.
3. Papers; public Petition by a citizen of Kenya, St. Mary village in Township ward.
4. Statement; response to a request on Statement on Technical and Vocational training Institute.
5. Statement; response to a request on statement on the Murang'a County Musician Sacco Society.
6. Statement; response to a request on statement request on the sub-county Alcoholic Control.

On Thursday 23 afternoon, schedule of statements:
1. Statement; response to a request on statement request of safety of bodaboda riders in the county.
2. Statement; response to a request on statement on the status of the Alcohol rehabilitation program.
3. Motion; formulation on a policy of special programs.
4. Motion on adjournment of the House pursuant to Standing Order 33.

Thank you Mr. Speaker.

MOTION
ADOPTION OF REPORT ON THE TRAINING ON
INTRODUCTION TO GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEM
FOR PUBLIC SECTOR REFORMS BY THE REGIONAL CENTER FOR
MAPPING OF RESOURCES FOR DEVELOPMENT (RCMRD) IN NAIROBI,
KENYA

Hon. Gerald Wambugu: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I beg to move the following Motion:-

That, this House adopts the Report of the sectoral Committee on Land, Housing, Physical Planning and Settlement Committee on the Training on Introduction to Geographic Information System for Public Sector Reforms by The Regional Centre for Mapping of Resources for Development (RCMRD) in Nairobi, Kenya laid on the table of the Assembly on Tuesday August 14, 2018.

Hon. Speaker, the Regional Centre for Mapping of Resources for Development (RCMRD) in Nairobi, Kenya invited the Land, Housing, Physical Planning and Settlement Committee to Nairobi for seven days training on Geographic Information System from 4th June to 11th June 2018. To provide clear information on GIS principles, data types, techniques and approaches, to acquire practical knowledge on the use of mapping software and produce maps using input data.

Mr. Speaker Sir, the Regional Centre for Mapping of Resources for Development (RCMRD) in Nairobi, is an inter-governmental established in 1975 under the United Nations Economic Commission of Africa and the African Union. It draws its membership from Eastern and South African Countries. Currently has 20 working member states. It promotes and builds capacities on Geo- Information technologies to her member States.

Pursuant to Section 107 of the County Government Act, 2012, the County Governments are obliged to prepare a 10 year GIS based spatial plan which shall be a competent part of the County Integrated Development Plan (CIDP).

Geographical Information System (GIS) is an expanding and evolving technology that has become an essential tool in planning; it determines and addresses planning needs and bridge the gap between the current situation and the desired future. It can be an appropriate tool to clarify problems and identify interventions for spatial planning. However, for Murang'a County to establish efficient GIS labs, a proper needs assessment is essential to guide on some key areas of intervention.

The following are the findings of the Committee;

1. That, Land is an important asset in society and affects all the citizens in various ways including socially, economically and environmentally. The advancement of a Country depends on how well they have been able to manage their land resource. Despite Murang'a County being endowed with good weather and good soils, the management of land remains a challenge.

2. That, in Kenya particularly, the management of land has remained one of the contentious issues. It has resulted to environmental, social, economic and political problems leading to tribal clashes, deterioration in land quality, squatting and landlessness, disinheritance of some groups and individuals, urban squalor, under-utilization and abandonment of agricultural land, tenure insecurity and conflict.

3. That, due to increase in land transactions which date back to over 100 years, the land records have increased to unmanageable levels. With this increase in land records, it is not tenable to manage them manually. The manual management of land records has resulted to inefficient, bureaucratic and time consuming land information systems which have complicated administration and management of land.

4. That, proper management of land, by securing rights to land goes a long way in increasing the net wealth of the poor. Secure tenure also encourages long term investments on land and creates incentives for sustainable development.

5. That, Land provides the platform for food, shelter, economic production and a basis for social, cultural and religious practices. Access to land, shelter, natural resources and the associated tenure security have major repercussions to development. Secure access to land and other natural resources is crucial for hunger and poverty alleviation and the protection of environment. To cater for the present and future generations, proper management of land is of paramount importance.

6. That, establishment of a GIS based Land Information Management System in Murang'a County will ensure efficient, accessible, affordable, transparent production of land information to support timely decision making and eventually contribute to economic growth.

7. That, economically land is something that individuals and communities have right of ownership and use, it can be sold or bought and be subjected to tax. With secure land rights there can be a sustainable development since there will be willingness to make long-term investments. It's important for this House to note that 20 per cent of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) of this nation comes from land, property and construction. Therefore, Mr. Speaker Sir, there is need to determine the ownership and value of land and property and to monitor their use in order to enhance the value of these assets.

The following Mr. Speaker Sir, are the recommendations of this committee;

1. That, in investing in GIS structures in Murang'a County, the CEC In charge of Land, Housing and Physical Planning Department should focus on all four components of a GIS i.e. hardware, software, human resources and data as opposed to the only concentrating around hardware acquisition.
2. That, noting that Geographical Information System (GIS) program has been allocated funds in every County budget and it has never been implemented, the County Executive Committee Member (CECM) in charge of Land, Housing and Physical Planning and the CEC in charge of Special Programmes disaster management should utilize amount allocated in FY 2018/2019 budget by hiring and supporting continuous training of GIS staff to utilize GIS technology in special programmes and establish generic GIS lab structure in Murang'a County Headquarter.
3. That, there is need to establish a GIS system in Murang'a County through which national institutions e.g. National Land Commission can collaborate with it for data standardization and sharing, as well as knowledge transfer.
4. That, the CECM in charge of Land, Housing and Physical planning to formulate and submit to the Assembly, Murang'a County Land Policy that will guide the County in the management and administration of County land. The policy should emphasize on the importance of developing a land information management system to ensure land is managed in an effective and efficient manner.
5. That, the CECM ,Land, Housing and Physical Planning in consultation with the County Assembly Land, Housing, Physical Planning Committee to form a team comprising of GIS Professionals to conduct research on the following;-
    i. The existing models for developing integrated land information management system.
    ii. To determine the challenges of developing integrated Land Information Management System.
    iii. To propose appropriate model for developing integrated land information management system.
    iv. To develop a prototype for an integrated Land Information Management System based on the proposed model.
6. That, the CECM in charge of Land, Housing, Physical Planning to come up with legislation on Murang'a County spatial planning for enforcement of spatial plan.
7. That, the CECM in charge of Land, Housing, Physical Planning in conjunction with the Land, Housing and Physical Planning Committee to formulate specific legislation to address the management of urban areas and cities in Murang'a County.

Temporary Speaker, it is now my pleasure, on behalf of the Committee to present this report to the House for adoption. I now call upon Hon. Sospeter Nyoko to second the motion. Thank you.

Hon. Sospeter Nyoko: Thank you Temporary Speaker, I stand to second the following Motion; that, this Assembly adopts Report of Sectoral Committee on Land, Housing, Physical Planning and Settlement on Training on Introduction to Geographic Information System for public sector land reforms held in Regional Centre for Mapping of Resources for Development

(RCMRD), Nairobi Kenya, laid on the Table of the Assembly on Tuesday August 14, 2018, Afternoon Sitting.

The RCMRD offers competitive project services in the fields of its expertise that include database development for decision support system; use of Geographic Information System in the planning and management of services and assets, data automation, needs assessment in geo-information technologies, GIS application in the management of resources, natural resources assessment and management, design and development of GIS in small, medium and large enterprises, mapping for urban planning and development, cadastral surveys, resource mapping (vegetation, soil, minerals and land use/cover), natural hazards mapping and forecasting, engineering surveys (roads, pipelines, dams, etc.), digital photogrammetric mapping, information technology solutions, service and repair of surveying and mapping equipment, and tailor-made courses amongst other services and has a full-fledged research and development capacity.

It conducts research and development activities in all its fields' expertise. Hon Speaker, GIS is a special type of information system that is used to input, store, retrieve, process and analyze and visualize geospatial data and information to support decision making. It is essentially a spatial decision support tool. GIS is the margin of cartography statistical analysis and data base technology, I hereby request the house to adopt this Motion. I second

Temporary Speaker (Hon. Morris Thuku): I was about to ask whether you second or not

(Question proposed)

Hon. Lucy Ngugi: I rise to support the Motion, as we went through the training on the system; we realized that if we had the system in place, we would not have lost the many lives we lost in some parts of our County in the last rainy season.
We know we experienced landslides in areas like Kigumo, Kangema; we also experienced displacement of persons from their homes due to the landslides. We experienced loss of livelihoods and trauma from the victims. This would not have happened if we had that system. We realized that the system is able to zone off geographical areas where there is a likelihood of imbalance in topography from the equipment that is used. I rise to support and wish that this can be fast-tracked that we can have such a system in our place, in our county, if we really want to ensure we do not lose any more lives to mudslides and such other things in our County. Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir, I support the motion.

Hon. Lillian Kabaya: I rise to support the Motion. I am a member of the Lands and Housing Committee and it is clear from the report of this Committee the various uses and advantages we can get from this system. It is indeed a shame that it had been budgeted for previously and it has not been implemented given its many benefits.
I would ask the chairperson of the Implementation Committee Hon. Nyoko to ensure that once this report is adopted by the House, the CEC in charge is followed up so that we can find out what challenges have been faced in procuring this system if indeed it has been budgeted for and it is going to provide a lot of benefit to this county.

Further, as a member of the Township ward, we can see Murang'a County is experiencing rapid urban growth, without proper policies put in place to cover that and to make sure it is planned for and happens in the right way we will end up with a lot of land use that is uneconomical. We really need a land policy that will ensure that we cover that, that there is no uncontrolled urban development happening, you do not put a house here and somebody else puts

up 12 floors next to you and so that we can ensure that our county urban areas are growing in a proper manner they are no uncalled for traffic jams, uncontrolled slum development. I would ask that we ensure that this land use policy is put in place. I therefore stand to support the motion.

Temporary Speaker (Hon. Morris Thuku): Hon. Catherine

Hon Cathyrn Mwangi: I am a member of the said Committee, through the training that we had at the Resource Mapping Centre, I realized that not only the lands department will benefit from the GIS but also the agricultural department, the transport department in terms of planning and also the community development, so I believe with the system in place we can be able to develop as a county. So I plead with the House to support the said report, thank you.

Hon. Kibe Githuka: First I would like to congratulate the chair for mobilizing the members of the Committee to be present today because you can see all of them are present today.

Number two, I congratulate the chair for coming up with a system that will be running issues around ------

(Hon. Lilian Kabaya rose on a point of order)

Temporary Speaker (Hon. Morris Thuku): Hon. Kabaya what is it?

Hon. Lilian Kabaya: I just want the Hon. Member to know that among the recommendations of the Committee is to put in place a land use policy. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Kibe Githuka: Thank you for correction, I think the policy will come up with the system.

Temporary Speaker (Hon. Morris Thuku): Hon. Githuka when we have a point of order, make sure you resume your seat first.

Hon. Kibe Githuka: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I would like to support but the major challenge we have is that we come with very good Motions but they are not implemented. And because the Chair of Implementation Committee is with us here and he has supported this Motion, we are looking upon Hon. Nyoko so that we can see whether the motion that is coming from your committee is going to be implemented so that we can chip in on other motions.

Temporary Speaker (Hon. Morris Thuku): I will now call the mover to respond.

Hon. Gerald Wambugu: Thank you Mr Speaker. Thank you members for supporting this Motion.

It is unfortunate Hon. Members to note that the GIS lab had been funded in previous years though the same has never been executed. Fortunately Mr. Speaker I must admit that the World Bank is funding GIS lab and already there are measures put in place we have two rooms in the department of lands building and it is my hope that the World Bank will continue funding the project.

Again Mr. Speaker you have noted from members contributions that GIS is a necessity, it is not a luxury because it will facilitate planning. I urge this House to pass this motion and as they are saying Chair Implementation Committee should follow up on this issue until it is implemented. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

(Question put and agreed to)

ADJOURNMENT

Temporary Speaker (Hon. Morris Thuku): There being no other business the House stands adjourned until Tuesday 21st August 2018 at 9:30 a.m.

The House rose at 3:24p.m.