REPUBLIC OF KENYA

MURANG'A COUNTY ASSEMBLY

THE HANSARD

Tuesday, 7th March 2023.

The Assembly met at 2:45 p.m.

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

PRAYER

PAPERS

REPORT OF THE PUBLIC INVESTMENT AND ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE ON THE INDUCTION WORKSHOP

Hon. John Munyua: Thank you Madam Speaker, I am the Vice- Chairperson Public Accounts and Investments Committee and on behalf of my chairperson, I beg to lay the following Paper;-

That, the Report of the Public Investment and Accounts Committee on the induction workshop held from November 22 to 27, 2022 be laid on the Table of the Assembly today March 7, 2023.

Thank you.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Hannah Wairimu): Honourable Member lay the document on the Table.

(Hon. John Munyua laid the Paper on the Table)

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

REPORT OF THE PUBLIC INVESTMENT AND ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE ON THE INDUCTION TRAINING BY THE OFFICE OF THE AUDITOR GENERAL

Hon. John Munyua: Thank you Madam Speaker, I am begging to lay the following Paper; -

That, the Report of the Public Investments and Accounts Committee on the induction training by the Office of the Auditor General held in Nakuru, be laid on the Table of the Assembly.

Thank you.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Hannah Wairimu): Honourable member lay the document on the Table.

(Hon. John Munyua laid the Paper on the Table)

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

NOTICES OF MOTION

NOTING THE CONTENTS OF REPORT OF THE PUBLIC INVESTMENT AND ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE ON THE INDUCTION WORKSHOP

Hon. Pauline Njeri: Thank you Madam Speaker, I beg to give notice of the following Motion:-

That, this Assembly notes the contents of the Report of the Public Investments and Accounts Committee on the induction workshop held from November 22 to 24 2022 laid on the Table of the Assembly today, March 7, 2023.

Thank you.

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

NOTING THE CONTENTS OF REPORT OF THE PUBLIC INVESTMENT AND ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE ON THE INDUCTION TRAINING BY THE OFFICE OF THE AUDITOR GENERAL

Hon. Pauline Njeri: Thank you Madam Speaker, I beg to give notice of the following Motion;

That, this Assembly notes the contents of the Report of the Public Investment and Accounts Committee on the induction training by the Office of the Auditor General held in Nakuru, laid on the Table of the Assembly today, March 7, 2023.

Thank you.

MOTION

ADOPTION OF REPORT OF LIAISON COMMITTEE ON WORKSHOP HELD FOR CONSIDERATION OF COMMITTEE WORKPLANS AND BUDGET ALLOCATION FOR FY 2022/2023

Hon. Charles Machigo: Thank you Madam Speaker, I beg to move the following Motion; -

That, this Assembly adopts the Report of the Liaison Committee on a workshop held in Nairobi for consideration of committee work plans for Financial Year (FY) 2022/2023 and budget allocations for the third and fourth quarter and modalities of tracking business laid on the Table of this Assembly today, March 7, 2023.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the Liaison Committee, it is my pleasure and duty to present to this Honourable House the Report for workshop on consideration of the work plans for the period October 2022 and June 2023, Committee budget allocations for the third and fourth quarters Financial Year (FY) and the modalities of generating Committee business and tracking the same from January 2023. This Committee, on(consultations)........Thank you Madam Speaker, there was a mistake. The above induction was held on October 27 to 30, 2022 and the objective of the induction workshop was as follows; to discuss the Committee work plans from the period of October 2022/2023, to discuss Committees' expenditure and their balances since inception and apportionment of the budget for the third quarter, to discuss the modalities of general tracking of the Reports for the period of June to 2023.

The methodology was presentation of the work plans of the Committee. During the induction, all the Chairmen presented their work plans for the period of January 2022 to 2023. These are all the departmental Committees that is including the Budget and Appropriations, Governance and Labour, Public and Investments Accounts, and also Land, Housing and Physical Planning, Delegated and Agriculture. The balances of the Committees were indicated during the same, the daily subsistence allowances, representation and legislation. The initial budget was Kshs156million and 77,277,333, that was the expenditure and having a balance of 778, 722,667.

The Committee came up with the following findings; that, all the sectoral Committees, expect Governance and Legal Affairs, omitted the agenda on consideration of the County Integrated Development Plan (CIDP), 2023-2027, Delegated County Legislation, Trade, Health and Agriculture Committee had reserved column proposed budget of their activities in the work plan. Some of the sectoral Committees had omitted the new work plans and a role of vetting their

respective department Chief Officers. The Chairmen of several Committees had indicated that the work plan could be reviewed from time to time. No Committee had factored meetings within the precincts of the Assembly, specifically on total number per month and venue.

The Committee came up with the following recommendations; that, the Committees should always ensure that their objective or discussion agenda within their mandates, this is provided under the Fourth Schedule of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010 and devolved functions and County Assembly Standing Orders.

Recommendation number two is that the Committee on Implementation should review on implementation of the previous enacted laws in the second County Assembly relevant Committee Chairpersons could also assist checking the status.

Number three, the Sectoral Committee that had omitted the role of vetting nominated Chief Officers should factor in their work plans. Committees should consider reviewing work plans from time to time so as to accommodate unforeseen activities.

Number six, that sectoral Committees should factor any activities work plan consideration of department as financial Report from the County Executive.

The accountant should provide in the Liaison meeting a schedule of apportioned Committee's budget and the third and fourth quarter for the FY 2022/2023.

The Clerk to the Committee should generate schedule of tracking Committee outputs for up to after every activity held outside the precincts of the Assembly. This should be maintained on the quarterly basis in effort to ensure there was consistence of Assembly business.

That was the Report of our induction that was held on the dates mentioned. I call upon Members of this Assembly to adopt this Report. I request the Leader of Majority to second the Motion.

Hon. Kibe Wasary: Madam speaker, I rise to second the Motion. As all Members are aware that Liaison Committee is a committee made of all the Chairpersons of the various Committees and it is a very important committee that puts check on what committees are doing. It handles all matters relevant to various Committees including the budget of the various committees. It also ensures the scheduling of sittings of outside the precinct of the Assembly are handled in the same committee.

I have noted recommendation number four that says, committees should consider reviewing their work plans from time to time so as to accommodate unforeseen activities and in

matters of priority. This is important because unforeseen activities will always arise mostly when we have businesses that are generated from the executive and also various Members who may come up with Motions to trigger business in the Assembly. Madam Speaker, I second.

(Question proposed)

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

Hon. Jane Mukami: Thank you Madam Speaker, mine is just to congratulate you because of the way you are taking us, keep it up and for the nominated MCAs, I think we have a challenge.

Thank you and May God bless you.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Hanna Wairimu): Okay, Honourable Member from Gaturi.

Hon. Gathee Wa Njeri: Maybe for clarification, I would request Hon. Jane Mukami to clarify how nominated have challenges in this County Assembly.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Hanna Wairimu): Okay, Honourable Jane.

Hon. Jane Mukami: Thank you Madam Speaker, sorry I missed my point. I meant you challenge us. Thank you.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Hanna Wairimu): Okay, Honourable Member from Kimorori.

Hon. Warisper Elizabeth: Thank you Serjeant-At-Arms for helping me with this, seems I am an amateur. Thank you, Madam Speaker, I also want to congratulate you as my fellow colleague has said. Actually no one has a challenge, it is just a matter of taking up what you have been allocated to do.

On what has been Tabled, it is good to note it is all of us. We need to be active; we need to be vigour in whichever position you are given especially in our Committees to bring more business in the Assembly. Unlike coming here on the Floor and debate zero, within five minutes we are gone. Actually, it seems we do not have any business. It is good to bring on as many businesses as we can. Please Leader of Majority, it is good to urge our Chairs to make sure their Committees are aggressive.

Today Honourable Speaker, I also need to note that something unique happened in Gaturi ward and I am happy he is in the House, and if it is the end of the world and the angel appeared in his area of jurisdiction, he need to clarify to us what exactly was happening in order for all of us who can rush there as Members of the Assembly and save ourselves. Actually, it was very funny and we are within our County. Thank you.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Hanna Wairimu): Point withdrawn; we are adopting the Report of the Liaison Committee. Any other Member who want to contribute?

Hon. Pauline Njeri: Thank you Hon. Speaker. First, I would like to commend the Committee on Liaison for the good Report and the work they are doing to ensure that this Committees run in order. My request is that this Committee of Liaison would consider if they are the ones who do the consideration, on Committees doing international visits.

As you know Madam Speaker, there is a saying which I will not quote using our mother tongue because it is not allowed, but we usually say that a kid that eats their mother's food, think that their mother is the best cook. So, we need to visit these other countries and specifically international countries to be able to learn a lot of things that we are doing through our Committees. If these arrangements can be done it will be very important for us to learn a lot from other countries and I would also appreciate if this is done in equality, in fairness so that we do not have Members who may be go now and then while other Members do not visit. Kindly Madam Speaker, let the Liaison Committee consider such. Thank you.

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

Hon. Peter Munga: Thank you Madam Speaker for this chance. Before I comment on what is on the Floor, I would like a clarification from Member Pauline, she is confusing me, I do not know whether I am in the County Assembly or National Assembly, because she alleges that she is representing Maragua, so I do not know whether she is the Member of Parliament (MP) of the area or we are in the National Assembly.

That aside Madam Speaker, I think it is in order you allow Member for Gaturi, to clarify the matter, maybe we are moving to heaven. On the matter on the Floor, this is not the first Report that we are adopting, we have adopted many with many recommendations. My concern is and I do not know who this should go to, who really checks on these recommendations? Because the first time we were in this House we adopted more than a hundred Reports but what is done on recommendation Madam Speaker? So, it is a good Report we can see, we have been tasked as

Implementation Committee to follow on all the Reports on the same but literally nothing is happening on the ground so Madam Speaker, kindly guide us.

Congratulations on sitting on that seat, next time 2027, come and ask for vote for the Speaker. Thank you.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Hanna Wairimu): Thank you very much Hon. Munga, the follow up is done in the Implementation Committee, but point noted. Thank you. Any other Member to contribute? Yes, Hon. Munyua.

Hon. John Munyua: I rise to support the Motion but I would like to challenge the Chairs, I wish the Chair of Chairs is here, they must know their mandate and be here to lay Papers and do what is expected of them. We need to challenge them not to just write Reports let them be here participate in debate and to defend their positions. That is what I would like to note and I wish and hope that these committees that had no work plans have done so and to ensure that the timeframe is okay as they are noting here we will now be vetting the Chief Officers I hope it is done and the challenge to them should be well communicated.

Hon. Thomas Muteti: Mine is to commend the kind of work that I am seeing here especially on recommendations, I would like to echo what Hon. Munga has said on working on recommendations, let not just j put it on papers, what we are intending to do, but let us make sure that we execute recommendation that I have seen here. I rise to support.

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

Hon. Charles Machigo: I am holding brief for my Chair. I want to thank this House for the way that they have contributed to this Motion and maybe assure them that all the issues that you have raised are going to be addressed. It is also important to note that this is a Committee of all the Chairmen. The Work plans that have been Tabled in this Assembly are a representation of the membership of the committee. It is important to note that the Chairs are well represented as well, it is important to note that for us as the Liaison committee ours is to coordinate the other committees. I urge this House to adopt this Report and assure them whatever the matters they have raised will be taken seriously.

(Question put and agreed to)

ADJOURNMENT

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Hanna Wairimu): There being no other business, this House now stands adjourned until tomorrow Thursday, March 8, 2023 at 2:30 p.m.

The Assembly rose at 3:15 p.m.