
REPUBLIC OF KENYA
MURANG'A COUNTY ASSEMBLY

THE HANSARD

Wednesday, 8th March 2023

The Assembly met at 2:37 p.m.

[The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Anthony Marubu) in the Chair]

PRAYER

PAPER

REPORT OF YOUTH, CULTURE, GENDER AND SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE ON
STATUS OF COUNTY SPORTS FACILITIES.

Hon. Hanna Kamau: Mr. Speaker Sir, I beg to lay the following Paper;-

That, the Report of the Youth, Culture, Gender and Social Services Committee on the status of County sports facilities, be laid on the Table of the Assembly today, March 8, 2023.

(Hon. Hanna Wairimu laid the Paper on the Table)

NOTICE OF MOTION

ADOPTION OF REPORT OF YOUTH, CULTURE, GENDER AND SOCIAL
SERVICES COMMITTEE ON STATUS OF COUNTY SPORTS FACILITIES.

Hon. Hanna Kamau: I beg to give notice of the following Motion;-

That, this Assembly adopts the Report of the Youth, Culture, Gender and Social Services Committee on the status of County sports facilities, laid on the Table of the Assembly today, March 8, 2023.

MOTION

NOTING THE CONTENTS OF REPORT ON CAPACITY BUILDING FOR PUBLIC WORKS, ROADS AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE.

Hon. Samson Ngi: I beg to move the following Motion; -

That, this Assembly notes the contents of the Report of the sectoral Committee on Public Works, Roads and Transport on a capacity building workshop held in Nairobi, laid on the Table of the Assembly on March 7, 2023.

Honourable Speaker, the Committee held a capacity building training on its mandate from November 25 to 27, 2022 in Nairobi. The main objectives of the training was to learn about the Committee operations and procedures, to learn about the mandates of the Committee and to discuss the objectives and challenges of the role of public works and infrastructure sector, to make recommendations for effective Committee operations.

During that workshop the following topics were presented to members regarding the mandate of the Committee:

- 1) Devolved function of the sector
- 2) Role of the Committee in devolved functions
- 3) Sector objective, mission and vision
- 4) Stakeholders
- 5) Challenges of the sector.

On the role of the Committee in relation to devolved function, members learnt that the devolved function is in the fourth schedule in part eleven of the Constitution, national planning framework vision 2030, sustainable development goals, governor's manifestos and public petitions those are the basis on which the committee is driven from. Members were also taken through the sector challenges:

- 1) Limited budget allocation towards the sector despite the huge demand for good road network.
- 2) Low budget absorption and lack of adherence to the appropriated budget.
- 3) Inadequate personnel e.g. County engineers and work officers.
- 4) Undertaking of substandard work by some rogue contractors.
- 5) Delay in payment for contractors who have completed their works.

6) Encroachment of road reserves.

The Committee recommended the following:

- 1) The Committee should make use of powers granted by the Constitution of Kenya to conduct effective oversight, representation and legislation in relation to its mandate.
- 2) The Committee should ensure that the County Executive Committee Member (CECM) have put in place mechanisms for improved road infrastructure to facilitate County economy growth.
- 3) The Committee should be keen during scrutiny analysis of the sector budget to ensure substantive budget allocation towards sector programs.
- 4) To drive County government transformational agenda through community-based projects, the Committee should effectively oversight implementation of the project to ensure attainment of this agenda at the grassroots.
- 5) The department should ensure that procurement and award of tenders are transparent and contractors undertake and deliver quality work that translates to value for taxpayers money.
- 6) The Committee should endeavour to have consultative engagement with CECM especially identification of proposed areas of legislation and policy formulation to improve sector performance.

After undergoing this capacity building workshop, we identified all the challenges that has been facing the Committee for Roads and Transport. We highlighted the recommendations that should be adhered to for us to see to it that the work that the Committee is supposed to do is done perfectly.

I will call Hon. Chefman Isaac a member of the Committee to second the Motion, as I kindly urge all members to support the Motion so that we can be able to work in harmony. Thank you.

Hon. Chefman Njoroje: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I rise to second the Motion and I also urge Members and my colleague to support the Motion. Thank you.

(Question proposed)

Hon. Dinah Muthoni: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I rise to support, the Members were run through the planning framework vision 2030, whose one of the objectives is poverty reduction by lowering the cost of goods and services through better routes. Thank you.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Antony Marubu): Yes, Member of Gaichanjiru.

Hon. John Munyua: Thank you Hon. Speaker, My question is, I do not have a copy of the Report. What I can see here is about Youth, Culture and Gender. What are we discussing? Thank you.

(Consultations)

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Antony Marubu): Okay, just continue as we wait for the Report. Yes, Hon. Pauline.

Hon. Pauline Njeri: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I rise to support the Report on the capacity building workshop held in Nairobi for the Public Works, Roads and Transport Committee. As you understand, roads and transport is a very important area for us as Hon. Members and, for that reason, I support. I will, however, want to echo the words of Hon. Mukora, as I support, that this department needs to be looked at in a keener manner during the budgeting process because as you have heard, he stated the issues of budget, the issue of limited finances whereby they do not get enough money to implement these projects of the roads and transport. So, I would really urge the department concerned to look at that; to ensure that they get enough money.

The other thing is about what Hon. Mukora has also stated because we did not have the Report on the Table, so I was depending on what he was telling us. I have heard him say that the people who are usually contracted to construct these roads, most of them, if I have heard him well, are not qualified. So, I think we will really need to do proper tendering, let us consider the voters, the Wanjiku of Murang'a when we are giving out these tenders so that--- because I believe in Murang'a we have qualified people who can do construction, who can give us best services when it comes to roads' construction. So, as we support this, let us look into the area of tendering, and also, we consider the relevant Department is given enough finances or is given enough money so as to ensure that our roads in Murang'a get better which is actually one of the manifesto of our Governor Dr. Irungu Kang'ata. I support the Motion. Thank you.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Antony Marubu): Okay Hon. Munga from Murarandia Ward.

Hon. Peter Munga: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I rise to support what Hon. Mukora has said, though as his name suggests, you can see we do not have the Report in the files, so I do not know where it is. Mr. Speaker before I continue it is good for the Honourable Member, Hon. Pauline Njeri to clarify once again to me whether I am in the National Assembly or the County because she alleges to represent the people of Maragua.

On the matter pertaining this Report, whatever we have heard, it is a good Report and as a member of the Committee, just to ask the Honourable Members to have confidence in us as a Committee as we try to push for the community- based projects which falls under this Committee. We can only promise that we are going to make it happen and without delay. Thank you.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Antony Marubu): Yes, Honourable Member for Murarandia, I heard you say that Honourable Pauline should respond, was it a point of order?

Hon. Peter Munga: Just a clarification.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Antony Marubu): Just a clarification. Kindly you are requested to tell us whether you are representing Maragua. Just clarify for us.

Hon. Pauline Njeri: Thank you Honourable Speaker, you know every time we rise on a point of order, we should state the Standing Orders that are violated. I think the Honourable Member for Murarandia should state whether he is criticizing me or bringing a point of order. However, I am the only nominated MCA from Maragua constituency. Therefore, I represent Maragua constituency under that capacity. Mr. Speaker, kindly protect me from Member for Murarandia.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Antony Marubu): Thank you, Hon. Pauline Njeri. Yes, member for Kagundu-ini, continue Chefman.

Hon. Chefman Njoroge: Mr. Speaker, clarification is still not well received on my side I don't think Maragua Constituency is a special seat because I knew the nomination was being done as per the Constitution regarding representation. Is the member trying to tell us that there was a special sit representing Maragua constituency? I need the clarification Mr. Speaker sir.

(Consultations)

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Antony Marubu): I just want to rule on the matter because we are on a serious matter about Public Works, Roads and Transport Committee Report. That one is out of order. We continue with our debate. Hon. Kamunyua were you contributing?

Hon. John Munyua: Thank you Hon. Speaker, I rose on a point of order to ask whether it is in order that we do not have a Report? For now, we have not been given the Report but we trust this Honourable Member, is a capable Chairman on behalf of his Committee that he had the fine details. But as we move forward let us be given the... I think there was a mistake because what is on the Table is about Youth, Culture and Gender. So, kindly and please ensure that the correct Report is on the Table. For today we will pass it because we trust the Honourable Members in that Committee but next time kindly, let us do things even though we are not perfect, let us do things perfectly. I support the Motion. So that my good friend from Gaichanjiru, my neighbour can feel at home and can celebrate first achievement to get through a Motion and we are happy, we are moving on well. Thank you.

(Hon. Mark Wainaina rose on a point of order)

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Antony Marubu): Yes, Hon Mark Gicheru.

Hon. Mark Wainaina: I rise on a point of order. Can the Hon. Member for Gaichanjiru clarify whether Hon. Mukora is from Kagundu-ini or is he from Gaichanjiru?

Hon. John Munyua: I would like to state and put it in record that I am Hon. Member from Gaichanjiru and my friend Hon. Mukora is from Kagundu-ini ward. Thank you, Mr. Speaker,

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Antony Marubu): Yes, Hon. Priscilla.

Hon. Priscilla Mwangi: Thank you Mr. Speaker, first I rise to support this Motion, being a member of the Public Works and having our able Chairman Mr. Mukora, I want to congratulate him. He is ever present and though I also do not have the Report here, he had explained to us in the meeting, we discussed it and I support.

Another point of order is for Mr. Kamunyua it has become an issue in this Assembly, he is always telling us he belongs to Kagundu-ini, today he is saying Mr. Mukora is from Gaichanjiru he should to explain further. Being in this era we are very careful, because you see there are things that are happening in this generation men who are going to ----- I support

(Laughter)

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

(Laughter)

Hon. Samson Ngigi: Thank you Mr. Speaker sir, I think Honourable Member for Gaichanjiru wants to give me a share of his ward and I will be very grateful. It seems as if his ward is so large, he wants to share something with Kagundu-ini. I welcome that with gratitude. I thank you Members for supporting this Motion and I know going forward we are going to check on all the atrocities that has been there previously on this Committee and I am sure that at the end of our term we shall have achieved enormously good things and our people will be happy.

Everybody here is aware of the conditions of our roads, everybody here is aware of the conditions of our public transport and everyone here since we all come from Murang'a is aware of so many other problems that needs to be looked and see to it that our people are working, our roads are passable, those who are doing their farming can easily bring their produce to the market and by doing that, we shall do a great honour to our people and to our County as a whole. Thank you.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Antony Marubu): Honourable Members there being no further debate, I now put the Question.

(Question put and agreed to)

ADJOURNMENT

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Antony Marubu): There being no other business, this House now stands adjourned until tomorrow, Thursday, March 9, 2023 at 2:30 p.m.

The Assembly rose at 3:00 p.m.