

MURANG'A COUNTY ASSEMBLY THE HANSARD

Thursday, 9th April, 2015

The House met at 2:38 p.m.

(First Chairman Hon. Bernard Kariuki in the Chair)

PRAYERS

MOTIONS

ESTABLISHMENT OF THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY IN THE COUNTY PUBLIC SERVICE

Hon. Catherine Mugo: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I beg to move the following motion;-

Aware, that County Governments are established under Article 176 of the Constitution of Kenya 2010, further aware that Murang'a County Government is one of the County Governments listed under the first schedule pursuant to Article 6 (1) of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010, recognising the fact that functions of the County Government as provided for under part 2 of the fourth schedule require legal advice at all times, this House urges the County Executive Member for Public Service and Administration to draft and submit a Bill to establish the office of the County Attorney in the County Public Service, who shall be nominated by the Governor and shall have the following responsibilities;

1. Be the principal legal adviser to the County Government;
2. Represent the County Government in court or in any other legal proceedings to which Murang'a County Government is a party, other than criminal proceedings;
3. Perform any other functions conferred on the office by the Act of Murang'a County Assembly or by the Governor.

Thank you Hon. Speaker, I would like to highlight reasons as to why I thought this motion is necessary in this Assembly. All of us have heard complaints from various corners OF the country. People are complaining that the kind of bills that are emanating from the County Governments cannot stand the test of time. We have also heard people saying that some of these Bills cannot even be implemented because they are half baked.

For us, as Murang'a County, to be able to come up with bills that will not only be an academic exercise but Bills that we need to be implemented by the County Government and the County Executive committee members, it is our mandate to think of ways to make our bills stand the test of time. We can only do this if the County Government comes up with a bill through the County executive member of Public Service and Administration.

This is a bill that will ensure that all the Bills that are coming to the County Assembly and all the policy frameworks that are coming to the Assembly have been well drafted. It is for this reason that I felt that in our County we need to establish the office of the County Attorney to be able to carry out the responsibilities that I have talked about in the motion.

A County Attorney is a person who will be the chief legal adviser not only to the Governor but also to the County Government as a whole. In some countries we know that an attorney is a person who is generally known as a legal adviser. We also know that an attorney also refers to as an advocate who has been given the mandate to practise in a court of law.

In our instant case, we are talking of an Attorney who will be the legal adviser to the government and to the various County executive committees in the various departments

that we have. We need somebody who will be able to look at the policy papers that have been drafted across the board. They need to be checked on whether they have been well drafted. We also need somebody who will be able to interpret the bills that will be coming up and advice on whether those bills are in conflict with any national law.

It is our responsibility as the County Assembly to advise the County Government on issues that we feel would make the running of our government, Murang'a County, more effective. This is by coming up with issues like these where we feel that there is a vacuum. We need to fill in the vacuum by bringing in the right experts to deal with such matters. It is my plea to the members to support this motion as the broadest responsibility that the County Attorney will have is actually to advise on the constitutionality and the legalities of all the bills and legislations that will be coming to this House.

As I stand here, I am a member of the Trade committee and I have seen the problems that we have had while drafting the bills because not all lawyers are drafters. Therefore, in our County we need somebody stationed in the chief legal adviser's office who can advise on the drafting of the bills and other matters.

How do we uphold the integrity of our County through the legislations that we are going to make? We can only maintain the legal integrity of our County and not embarrass ourselves with coming up with Bills that can be challenged if we have such an officer in our County.

I would also want to say that this office will be the same to represent the County Government in case we have been sued as Murang'a County Government. It is this office that will go to court in civil proceedings and that is why I have said other than criminal proceedings since that is not their mandate. The mandate of criminal proceedings is with the Attorney General who is the President's adviser. This is a different scenario because this person will only be vested with the issues of civil cases.

For instance, we have this issue of the northern collector tunnel. I do not want to pre-empt any discussion because I know that that paper is supposed to be laid in this House by a particular committee. For instance, if a person had an issue with the northern water collector tunnel as an individual or as a collective group, and feel that this is going to infringe on the rights of the citizens of Murang'a, this would be the office best placed to speak out on behalf of these people on where their rights are at stick.

Some of us may ask themselves the reason as to why we need this office while we can hire lawyers from outside to come and defend issues that are affecting our County and then we pay them. I would like to state that for one we are going to have effectiveness if we employ this chief legal adviser and create a department for the same. This is because once you hire lawyers, issues of corruption come in.

I am talking out of experience. I know that this would enhance effectiveness because the County will have somebody in particular who they are answerable to. There will be someone to fear and thus the people in the County will do their work properly. A lawyer from outside may say yes, I have been given this brief by Murang'a County Government but will not put a lot of time and energy like the office of a County Attorney. An Attorney will know that he or she is with these people day to day and if the person does not work properly the same people will be the ones to tell him or her to get out of the office.

An advocate hired from outside for one is very expensive. Corruption is involved. I am sure that you have seen some of the liabilities that we have in County. You have seen that the greatest liabilities that we inherited were the fee notes that were raised by lawyers

from outside. That is another thing that we are going to deal with if we have a County Attorney office.

We are also going to deal with labour issues that are affecting the employees in our County. A County Attorney's office would be best placed to advise the government on how they are going to lay off people and terminate services instead of just laying them off and those people resort to litigation in industrial court.

We have contracts that Murang'a Government has entered into and others that it will enter into in the future between counties. One of the committees is dealing with such a contract on the issue of water. Such contracts require somebody with a background of legal knowledge not only to be a custodian of such contracts but also to advise on how well to implement them. I am sure that you have looked at part two of the fourth schedule that I am talking about and have realised that we have about 14 very broad functions. Without such an office I will tell you with no fear that by the end of the five years that we will be here we will find that we had so many functions but never did much. But if we create such an office, the bills that we are dealing with right now will not just be lying in the cupboards but somebody will be working on them.

I would also like to state that this office is not going to be a very big office. Although this is not really supposed to be brought in here, this office will be very lean. It is not going to have many employees. It can have three employees. It is an office that is going to save more money for the County other than hiring attorneys or advocates from outside.

I therefore urge members to support this important motion so that the bills that Murang'a County passes will actually be bills that if anybody who will be coming after us will look at and say that they were well thought of and this was not just a waste of time and money given to us by the national government. Everybody will appreciate that good work was done. I, therefore, ask the members to support the motion and I ask Hon. Lucy to second this motion.

QUORUM

(Hon. Peter Mweri rose on a point of order)

Hon. Peter Mweri: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I would like to bring to your attention that we do not have a quorum.

First Chair: Clerk would you please confirm the quorum.

(No quorum)

First Chair: Hon. Members I order that the quorum bell be rung.

(Quorum bell rung)

(Several members walked in)

(Quorum attained)

First Chair: The mover to continue.

Hon. Catherine Mugo: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I now call Hon. Lucy to second this motion.

Hon. Lucy Njoroge: Thank you Mr. Speaker sir, I stand to second the motion. Since my colleague has expounded on some various areas, I will touch one or two issues that seem to show that we require an Attorney's office in Murang'a County Government.

Mr. Speaker sir, if we had one legal officer in Murang'a who would raise their voice in the public interest, we would have heard him raising his voice for the people who have been raped in Murang'a County.

In regard to the community land that has been grabbed, the legal officer would act for the interest of Murang'a public. He would also raise his voice on all the matters concerning the Murang'a public.

I find it necessary to have a County Attorney's office so that we may have our things running smoothly. It is good to have a legal adviser so that we may attain our interest. With that I stand to second.

(Question proposed)

First Chair: Hon. Jesse.

Hon. Jesse Mburu: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I represent Nginda ward. I stand to support this motion and congratulate the mover because this is a matter which is long overdue. It is going to reduce the expenses of this County because when we hire private representation from the legal fraternity they always feel that they are going to make a catch and they raise their fees to an amount that the County Government feels pressed by the private lawyers. So, we are going to save money if we establish such an office.

The other aspect is that of giving advice even to the Assembly and the Executive and Murang'a at large. If you can remember Mr. Speaker, we recently had an incident where our County CEO was dragged from his office to Nairobi. If we had such an office, he would have gotten advice from that office and the Attorney would have taken up the matter and given advice on how to go about it and such the ugly incident could not have happened to the CEO of the County.

The other thing is that we are struggling with the drafting of the Bills because we are laymen. That office will always show us the way forward on how to draft the Bills and have the best Bills in the County.

So, Mr. Speaker sir, I stand to support the motion and urge our Hon. Members to support because this is a very important office component of this government. We should have established it last year but not this year. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

First Chair: Hon. Esther.

Hon. Esther Ngugi: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am a nominated MCA. I stand to support this motion of coming up with a Bill to establish an Office of the County Attorney. Many are the times we make laws here. We pass these laws so that they can help when they are being implemented. However, during implementation we realise that these laws are not followed to the letter; they are violated.

Mr. Speaker, if we have an Office of an Attorney, he or she will, at least, advise the Executive when the laws are breached. The legal adviser will also guide whether the laws we make contravene the Constitution or any other existing laws, either from the National Government or the County Government. We have been told by the mover of this motion that it is not going to be a big office which means that it is not going to constrain our budget but it will save our County from the legal fees we pay the legal persons who are hired. I support the motion. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Cecilia Gitu: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I am a nominated MCA. I stand to congratulate the mover of the motion and to emphasise how important it is for our Bills to be looked at by someone who can legally interpret and who can put the necessary language when we use layman's language.

I want to say that although we have a legal officer, the work is overwhelming. That is why we need someone who can go beyond the Assembly and even advise the Executive. That way, we are going to achieve efficiency in all the legal matters. We might handle

internal legal matters that come from the County itself. Some of us have mentioned land issues and others have mentioned reactions of the civilians to some of the laws that we make and they might take us to court.

Sometimes we lack that legal basis to defend the Government and having an office like this, one of the County Attorney will make sure that our matters are handled with extreme efficiency and knowledge that is necessary.

I am delighted because she is keeping the office small since we are constrained as far as finances are concerned. It will not cost our pockets a lot but at the end of the day, the efficiency that we are going to acquire will be worth the costs that we involve. We should remember that our Government is an entity that can sue or be sued. That is why we should guard ourselves against any ignorance as far as legal matters are concerned. I support, Mr. Speaker. Thank you.

Hon. Charles Kirigwi: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I also stand to support the motion. If you look at the national government, we have the Attorney General whose office advises the Presidency. He is the joint between the legislature and the Executive in terms of advising him on various legislative matters. If you look at our level, my committee has drafted several Bills and if you look at the costs that this Assembly has been paying to the outsourced lawyers, and the costs that we are paying the staff that we have, you cannot compare the two for the two or three legislations that have passed through this Assembly.

So, one, it is a cost cutting measure. Two, it is the right way to go. However, I feel that the office needs to be independent like the national one. The national AG's office is independent. Also, the County Attorney's office should be independent. I think I will request the mover to, maybe, establish the appointing authority. For independent purposes, I will be more comfortable if it is our Government that is requesting for that human capital from the national AG's office so that the national AG's office seconds their staff to our County other than the way the motion is framed.

Otherwise, I support and I think that this is the right way to go. During our public participation on the Tea Bill, we experienced cases where a limited company had the audacity to advise this Hon. Assembly that what we are dealing with is unconstitutional, that is regarding the Tea Bill. Personally I felt that they lacked *locus-standi*, they cannot advise us because we have institutions that are mandated to look at the constitutionality of whatever we are doing as a government.

So, I think this is a move in the right direction and I think we will be the first County to go this way. Some of the services in the national government need to be devolved to the county level, like the audit. The Office of the Auditor General is also devolved because it is an independent office. They come, audit our accounts and report independently to the relevant offices. So, I support and I think it is the good way to go.

Hon. David Muhoro: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I also rise to support this motion and, actually, congratulate the mover because it is important for Kenyans or the world to know that devolved functions are here to stay. It does not matter whether I will be an MCA or whether Mwangi wa Iria will be the Governor but devolution is here to stay.

Without this office, Mr. Speaker, counties will find themselves in courts of law being challenged on contravening other laws. Counties will actually find themselves inadequate in making legislations which align with the Constitution. An example is when we were trying to legislate on tea. As my fellow member has said, we found ourselves in situations which needed a lot of consultation, we needed legal mind, we needed a lot of advice from a

legal office but it was becoming very cumbersome because we did not have the right person to deal with.

So, Mr. Speaker, it is only through the establishment of this office that we, as legislators, shall be safe. This is the office where we shall have drafters so that we can be giving them our minds for them to put what we tell them into legal frameworks. I support this and, actually, urge the County Executive to do this with speed so that we can be in a position to legislate more laws and so that we can move forward. I support this motion. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

First Chair: The mover to respond.

Hon. Catherine Mugo: Thank you Hon. Speaker. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the members for their contribution towards this motion and even to the members who have not spoken to support this motion.

I would like to say that that difficulties in making the many laws that we are going to make in future will be a thing of the past and monies that we are losing hiring very many advocates to assist us in the drafting these Bills will be minimal because, in future, we might have to hire fewer private advocates or lawyers.

As one of the speakers has said, in terms of efficiency, and I do not wish to repeat, our County will be efficient in running its administration and in terms of making Bills. We might actually be the mirror of other counties in terms of perfection in the making of our Bills.

I would like to respond to an issue that has been raised by Hon. Kirigwi on the independence of this office. Actually that is a very good point but I would like to state that what I am asking is for the establishment of this office and I am asking that the County Executive Member for Public Service and Administration drafts and submit a Bill to establish the Office of the County Attorney in the County Public Service.

Meaning that, we will have an opportunity when the Bill is brought to the County Assembly to see what has been put into it and if the independence of the Office of the Attorney will have been considered and also, issues regarding other issues that maybe as to who will be the appointing officer. Those are the things that are going to be dealt with during public participation and I feel that if he is of the opinion that this office should be that way, he will give his views during that time but I thank him for supporting this very important motion. Thank you.

(Question put and agreed to)

(Applause)

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON IMPLEMENTATION ON LEVELS OF
IMPLEMENTATION BY THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY SECRETARY OF VARIOUS
RESOLUTIONS PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE HOUSE

Hon. Charles Karina: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I beg to move the following motion;-
THAT; this House adopts the Report of the committee on Implementation on levels of implementation by the office of the County Secretary of various resolutions passed and adopted by the House.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the Committee on Implementation, it is my pleasure and duty to present to the County Assembly the committee's report on the levels of implementation of various resolutions passed by this House.

Mr. Speaker, the committee on Implementation in line with execution of its mandate reviewed various resolutions that required implementation by the County Government passed and adopted by the House. The resolutions were directed to the County Secretary since he was the Secretary to the County Cabinet. This was in order to report to the House on the level of implementation of the resolutions by the County Assembly for easier monitoring of progress of the same. The resolutions were in form of recommendations from the reports and motions. We were able to capture one report and three motions from the County Secretary.

Mr. Speaker, the committee, in its efforts to report to the House on the level of implementation of various resolutions passed by the House which required implementation by the County Government, faced various challenges. These were the fact that the County Secretary was not aware that he was required to handle all the resolutions that indicated that the County Government should embark on their implementation.

Upon being sensitized by the committee on the resolutions that required implementation by his docket, the County Secretary- Mukuria- faced an uphill task that he only had a chance to follow on particular resolutions in Cabinet meetings. There were major Cabinet reshuffles that the County Executive who held the previous dockets had proper responses and levels of implementation on resolutions which were directed to the office.

Mr. Speaker, this committee invited Mr. Mukuria, the County Secretary, who managed to attend one of the committee meetings and the deliberations on the level of implementation of various resolutions ensued as follows;- report on accident and repair of vehicle number KBR 842U which was adopted by this House on 21st July 2014. The report was generated by Public Investment and Accounts committee and had various recommendations which were adopted by this House. The level of implementation of its recommendations by the County Secretary was as follows:-

On reprimanding the County Secretary for failing to manage the county staff, the County Officer was remorseful for not cautioning the driver in advance who was assigned the vehicle involved in the accident. He promised that such misfortunes will never re-occur again while serving in his tenure.

Two, on the committee's recommendation that the County Assembly sponsors the County Government Vehicle Usage Act, this has never been implemented and a legislative proposal on the same has never been presented to the Office of the Speaker for consideration.

Three, on countersigning the signed official documents, the County Secretary currently ensures that documents such as the signed work tickets for the drivers are subjected to scrutiny before county vehicles are released to the relevant drivers for official duties.

Four, Mr. Speaker, on investigation of Mr. Evans Waita, the former Transport Manager, on whether he was still an employee of the County Government of Murang'a, the County Secretary informed the committee that the officer retired from service and he no longer reports to the office.

Five, Mr. Speaker, on the recommendation that only authorized official drivers should drive County Government vehicles, Mr. Mukuria, the County Secretary informed the committee that all Government vehicles are only driven by authorized drivers.

Six, on recommendation indicating that fuel consumed by particular vehicles should commensurate to kilometres covered, the County Secretary informed the committee that fuel consumed is clearly recorded on the work ticket and at the end of the journey it is closed and the driver indicates the kilometres.

The other one, Mr. Speaker, is on developing a comprehensive County Government Vehicle policy to cover even the Assembly vehicles. The County Secretary informed the committee that the County Government was in the process of formulating a transport policy for the entire County Government vehicles and upon completion, the same would be presented to the Assembly.

On the recommendation that all County Government vehicles to bear green number plates, the County Secretary informed the committee that, currently, all the vehicles have green number plates.

Mr. Speaker, on securing the County Government's vehicles at the County headquarters and designated areas after official working hours, the County Secretary informed the committee that, currently, the County Government vehicles are parked only at the designated areas after working hours and the keys and work tickets are handed over to the immediate supervisors or the officer assigned to the vehicle.

The other recommendation, Mr. Speaker, is a recommendation requiring the staff assigned to official vehicles, including the County Executive Committee Members, to only use the vehicles on official duties. Mukuria, the County Secretary, informed the committee that the County Government vehicles are strictly used for official duties. Any authorization of the journey is done by the officer assigned to the vehicle, while for pool vehicles; it is done by the Head of Department or the Transport Manager.

The other recommendation, Mr. Speaker, was on the inventory of all County Government vehicles. The County Secretary informed the committee that the County Government had inventory in place for all the vehicles and machinery.

Mr. Speaker---

(Hon. Charles Kirigwi rose on a point of order)

Hon. Charles Kirigwi: Under our standing order 80, it states that a mover of a motion should not appear to be reading from printed document. I seek your guidance because I have not seen you grant leave under standing order number 80 (2). For the sake of members, 80 reads that no member shall read a speech but a member may read short extracts from written and printed papers in support of an argument and may refresh memory by reference to notes only.

Mr. Speaker, Hon. Karina has been turning pages, from page one, he is now on page five. He is moving a motion. Kindly guide us.

First Chair: Very well, that is a very valid point of order. Hon. chair for Implementation, maybe what you can do is try to expound on the report and the Speaker may allow short extracts from the report so that you don't seem to read the report verbatim.

Hon. Charles Karina: Very well Mr. Speaker, I have been having very hard times in this Assembly of maybe members not understanding well on our roles in implementation. So, I thought it wise and that is why I have even divided my report in different departments. For members to understand I had to stress on certain issues and since it is a reported report from the Executive, I would maybe ask leave from you to allow me to touch some areas that need to be stressed.

The other motion, Mr. Speaker, was on honouring our County heroes, which was sponsored by Hon. Bernard Wanyoike. This motion was adopted on March 12, 2014. The mover of the motion had requested that the following institutions be named after our heroes, that is Kirwara sub-district hospital to be renamed George Mwicigi general hospital, Kandara sub- district hospital to be renamed Bildad Kagia district hospital, while Murang'a University college was to be renamed Kenneth Matiba University after consulting the relevant Government agencies so as to honour Kenneth Matiba

The County Secretary responded that the implementation process was at the initial stages as the County Government had embarked on engagements with Kenyatta University so as to develop a policy to govern the same.

The County Government according to County Secretary was also in the process of calling for an interactive forum where all stakeholders will air their views and thus a decision on whether or not to rename the institutions will be advised by the outcome of the forum. The County Secretary promised the committee that he would communicate the forum's decision to the County Assembly.

The other motion was on foreign investors it was sponsored by Hon. Charles Kirigwi and was adopted by this House on 19th February 2014. On this one the County Secretary informed the committee that the Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Co-operative development approached University of Nairobi in June 2014 in a bid to get consultancy services to map all available resources in Murang'a County through the geology department and University of Nairobi Enterprises and Services (UNES). Hon. Edward Muiruri the then County Executive Member for Commerce, Industry and Co-operative development forwarded the proposal to the County Government.

Further information from the County Secretary was that there was a conference held on properties focusing on construction of Murang'a University college hostels and that it was attended by about 300 potential investors. This had been organised through issuing of an expression of interest in an advertisement in the newspaper. The County Secretary said that the process of resource mapping, preparation of an investor's guide and forum would be expedited.

The other motion was on changing the county government vehicles number plates. It was sponsored by Hon. Charles Kirigwi and adopted by this Assembly on 23rd October 2013. On issues of the number plates, the office of the Governor explained the motivation behind changing the number plates of the vehicle to green to produce the letters instructing the Kenya Revenue Authority to effect changes and to furnish the Assembly with the list of vehicles owned by county government and to indicate where each vehicle is assigned.

This one the County Secretary informed the committee that all the County Government vehicles were re-fitted with green number plates as per the requirements of the circular from the Ministry of Devolution. He promised the committee that a list of all the vehicles owned by the County Government would be submitted in the Assembly in a month's time.

Mr. Speaker after receiving those comments from the County Secretary we recommended the following; the Executive Arm of the County Government should inform the County Assembly regularly on any prior intentions to partner with various institutions in order to implement various resolutions passed in the House, for instance, partnering with University of Nairobi in a bid to obtain consultancy services to map all available resources in Murang'a.

Various motions should be subjected to the Budget office through the House Business Committee so that their budgetary implications can be established. This will help in guiding on the appropriate timing of moving and implementing the same motions.

The County Secretary should in future acknowledge receipt of resolutions from the Assembly that require his office to implement. This will help in ascertaining whether the correspondence was received by his office in a timely manner and aid in speedy monitoring of the progress of implementation of the said resolution on the ground.

As I have been saying in this House that when it comes to implementation it is a collective responsibility of all the members and it is for all the committees to assist with the resolutions related to their various department, and if we work collectively we shall achieve our goals in this Assembly.

So I urge the members, this is a report that we received from the County Secretary and as I promised this House that we shall continue feeding you with the reports that we receive from the executive.

We are happy that the executive has started to know their roles. We had been having a lot of difficulties, most of the CEC's they did not know what they were supposed to do, because when we spent our time on induction courses, they were busy doing so many mistakes.

It is in this House that we even stopped several projects from going on due to lack of them knowing, they continued implementing the projects even without the policies.

With this I urge this House to adopt this report so that we can encourage the committee to move faster. I ask my able committee member Hon. Magwa to second this motion.

Hon. John Gitau: I thank you Mr. Speaker. I think as I second the motion it is good for the member to note that my official name is not Magwa.

I think my able chair has gone through the report and he has elaborated it to members, but as we have always been saying if you look at our findings you find that the County Secretary who is a very senior officer did not know what he was supposed to do.

As the chair has concluded, it is very important for the executive to agree to go for inductions to actually know their roles. Knowing your role is different from having so many degrees because we have heard even the President saying nobody knows about this Constitution. We should swallow our pride and go to classes, learn more and keep on learning so that we can serve our people with diligence and in a manner that they are supposed to be served.

The need to induct these people is actually exposing itself. If you look at the recommendation on how the county money is used, I think we have said this so many times, that sometimes it will be very difficult for us to do our oversight role, because most of the times you find that money is being used where we do not have any legislation. And for all the adopted motions in this House there is none which is implemented so you find that we may not be able to know how money is used, and that is why we insisted that this House should call for legislative documents from the executive so that we can either agree, do amendments or disagree with the expenditure.

Look at the issue of investors' forum, I am a very worried person especially when I remember this morning, I am a member of budget committee and we are dwelling so much on the little we are getting from the central government. If we continue doing that as a county we are going nowhere because it is very meagre.

We need to call development partners, if the executive is not able to call the development partners, I think as an Assembly we have the right to call them so that they can bring their resources to build our county and develop our people.

If we keep on depending on the very little money that is coming from the national government, we are going to be a doomed county. I second the motion and also call upon the executive to wake up. Let them come from the slumber land and work for our people so that we can get results. I thank you Mr. Speaker.

(Question proposed)

Hon. Eliud Gitau; I want to echo the statement of my able chair because if you go to the recommendations we have already stated what is to be followed, but we have an issue where the executive is not giving us enough information. Also in recommendation number six we need to have this forum whereby Hon. Kirigwi brought to this House and we adopted, we need to have this forum like yesterday.

Because, there is nobody who has the knowledge on everything, we have so many resources within our county where we need to explore and expedite to see the progress of the county. So I support and I would urge any other member with any resolution to put it straight on this county for more development to come up. I thank you Mr. Speaker, I support.

Hon. Charles Kirigwi: First I wish to thank the committee for this report and I have observed that like the motion that was brought forward by Hon. Bernard Wanyoike on honouring the Murang'a county heroes, this a non- monetary motion and there is no financial implication on the same, so when county secretary says that he is forming a task force going all the way to Kenyatta University to govern this, to name a road you will be going to Kenyatta University, to name a hospital in Kandara this way you go to Kenyatta University so that you formulate a policy to do that, I think somewhere along the way we are not serious or maybe somebody somewhere is not competent with the office that he is occupying.

I am the chair of the Trade committee and the mover has been informed by the County Secretary that one Mr. Muiruri forwarded the proposal to the county government. My committee have never seen that so I think this fact is not right, it is not correct and maybe he answered for sake of it. On that motion of foreign investors, I have not seen any document form the executive.

If you look at down there, the second paragraph from down

(The Member referred to page nine of the report being debated)

The County Secretary is saying that we have done so well one day we hosted about 300 members who came as a result of an advert we put in the radio. I think that is a very small vision because that category of investors maybe they were only interested with the hospitality industry or may be in hostels.

But what my committee was looking at is a bigger picture because we have industries in Murang'a, we have like the education industry where we may have investors and it is doing very well. If you look at a county like Kiambu, if you go to town like Thika you will find that there are traffic jams because of the education industry.

Look at the tourism, if I am to rate from zero to ten we are hardly beyond 1 per cent. That is also an area we would like investors to look at. Agriculture we are big enough in it,

mining we need to do so much as we are blessed with a lot of mines. Health, if you look at a county like Kiambu again there is a lot of tourism in health. If any of our members lose their sight most likely they will think about Kiambu County for attention to that illness.

So I am not impressed by the response given by the executive. If you look at the other motion, motion number four on number plates, I think even to get the list of the vehicles that we have, the resolution was made in this House on 23rd October 2013 and now we are heading to October 2015, just to know the number of the vehicles that we have. I may commend the committee on implementation but it is not a good show on the executive side, I support.

Hon. Charles Karina: I thank the members who have contributed to this motion because it is through these reports that we can know how our executive is working, and it is through the members' contribution we can be able to make sure that the executive members are performing their duties.

There are some issues that we have reported exactly as we got from the executive and to me we do get some of the information half-baked and that is why we ensured that we bring the report as we got it for House to debate and maybe to enlighten the committee more.

So I thank every member for contributing to this motion and I promise the House we shall continue working closely and over sighting the CEC's. I thank you Mr. Speaker.

(Question put and Agreed to)

First Chair: Hon. members the House is adjourned until Tuesday next week at 9.30 a.m.

The House rose at 3:52 p.m.