

MURANG'A COUNTY ASSEMBLY THE HANSARD

Tuesday, 27th October, 2015

The House met at 9:42 a.m.

(The Speaker Hon. Nduati Kariuki in the Chair)

PRAYERS

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

Hon. members, on Wednesday last week we discussed and debated a very important and very emotive motion. The debate was of high standards and I congratulate members from both sides of the opinion divide for the way they put their views forward. This is the way it should be; it was a demonstration of democratic maturity.

Hon. members that matter is now out of our hands; it is behind us, it is being dealt with by another institution. It should not create animosity among members. Heated debates are normal in every legislature; it should not be personalized to individuals.

I have been a member of the august House and we used to have heated debates but after that debate, you would find members from the opposite sides of the opinion divide coming out of the chambers laughing and going to buy one another a cup of tea or a bottle of beer in the canteen. That is the way it should be.

Hon. members we have worked to do. Let us remember that we have only one House, there is no House for those who supported and there is no House for those who opposed. There were no winners and there were no losers. After a decision is made by vote it becomes a decision of the House, not a decision of any particular member.

I am trying to talk to the members of both sides to see that we retain our unity of purpose because that is not the only business that this House is going to contend with. We have many other businesses and we should not allow any outside forces, or forces within, to divide the House and cripple it from doing what it is supposed to do. Thank you

PAPERS LAID

Hon. James Kariuki: I wish to lay on the table;-

The report of the Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries committee on a visit to Embu, on farming of fodder crops, today Tuesday, October 27, 2015.

(Hon. James Kariuki laid the document on the table)

Hon. Gachui Mungai: I beg that;-

The Report of the Liaison committee on the Public Investment and Accounts committee, be laid on the table of the Assembly today, Tuesday, October 27 2015.

(Hon. Gachui Mungai laid the document in the table)

NOTICE OF MOTION

NOTING THE CONTENTS OF THE REPORT OF THE AGRICULTURE, LIVESTOCK
AND FISHERIES COMMITTEE ON A VISIT TO EMBU, ON THE FARMING OF
FODDER CROPS

Hon. James Kariuki: I beg to give notice of the motion;-

That the Assembly notes the contents of the report of the Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries committee on a visit to Embu, on the farming of fodder crops tabled in the Assembly on Tuesday, October 27, 2015. Thank you.

ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE LIAISON COMMITTEE ON THE PUBLIC
INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE

Hon. Gachui Mungai: I beg to give notice of motion;-

That the Assembly adopts the report of the Liaison committee on the Public Investment Accounts Committee, laid on the table of the Assembly on Tuesday, October 27 2015.

STATEMENTS

TRANSFER OF MR. PAUL N. KAMAU (SENIOR ASSISTANT CHIEF PUBLIC
HEALTH OFFICER) TO KIGUMO SUB-COUNTY

Hon. Jesse Mburu: On May 26th 2015, Hon. Kirigwi requested my committee to give an answer concerning the transfer of Mr. Paul Kamau from the Murang'a county health office to Kigumo.

On July 22, 2015, I gave a reply to this House but there were a few details missing so the committee decided to compile another report. I must apologize because this statement has taken quite some time but it is due to the process of getting a statement from the health director.

Hon. Kirigwi wanted to know whether I was aware that Mr. Paul Kamau, 57 years old, who has been serving as the county public health officer from 2010 to recently has been transferred by the current director of health to Kigumo sub-county as a sub-county public health officer.

We invited Mr. Kamau and the director herself and they briefed us of what transpired. It is true that Mr. Kamau was transferred to Kigumo sub-county which is a junior office to the office he was holding, but then we discovered that he had some weaknesses, and that is why he was transferred.

The eight sub-county public health officers met and they passed a vote of no confidence against their boss and again Mr. Kamau had been accused of going against the Public Health Officers Act which he was supposed to be working under. He never refrained from drinking and he was drinking alcohol during the day with his juniors. He was smoking in public and he was unable to discharge his duties.

When he was called upon by the director to explain himself, he admitted all this accusations and he promised that he was going to change. When we called him in the committee he admitted that all the accusations were true and he said that he was happy because when he was transferred to a junior office his salary was not touched, his allowances were not affected and he is the one who told the director that instead of being taken to Kangema where he was to go initially, he be taken to Kigumo.

He confirmed to the committee that the allegations were true and he has changed since then. This was also confirmed by the director that when he was taken to Kigumo he was under close supervision and the director has seen change in the office.

He has three years to retirement and he requested that this matter end there because he has improved in his work, he is sending the reports as required by his office. He no longer drinks with his juniors, he no longer drinks beer nor smokes; those were the accusations.

Again he was irresponsible when he was at the headquarters because when there was a cholera outbreak, he was unable to mobilise his officers as required and he said he has improved.

He is the one who told us in the committee that this matter should rest there and the director herself Dr. Kanyi has also implied that there is a lot of improvement in Mr. Kamau's performance.

With this, I would request the members to let the matter rest there because the parties are satisfied and we move on. Thank you Mr. Speaker

The Speaker: Hon. Kirigwi, not in. we move on next.

RESPONSE ON SUPPLY OF WATER PIPES IN ITHANGA WATER SUPPLY AND
LOWER KAKUZI WARD

Hon. Eliud Gitau: I want to request for more days because up to today we have not received any response from the CEC and we have already written the first reminder requesting him to make sure that we get the response within 14 days. So I request for 14 days.

The Speaker: Hon. Nyakio.

(Hon. Esther Nyakio nodded)

Okay, let us move on.

RESPONSE ON ACQUISITION OF KENOL DENTAL AND EYE CLINIC

Hon. Boniface Njihia: The CEC has not responded to that statement. However, the committee has written to her demanding the same. Within seven days we are going to respond to that statement.

The Speaker: Hon. Caroline?She is not there, next

ADJOURNMENT

Hon. members we adjourn until 2:30 this afternoon.

The House rose at 9:57 a.m.