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Temporary Speaker (Hon. Gachui Mungai) on the Chair

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Motion

SPLITTING OF MARAGUA, GATANGA, KANDARA, KIGUMO AND KIHARU

SUB COUNTIES

Hon. Charles Kirigwi: I beg to move the following motion, **AWARE**, that devolution is strongly anchored in the Constitution of Kenya 2010, further aware that Article 176(2) provides that every government shall decentralise its functions and the provision of its services to the extent its efficient and practicable to do so to enhance equity, transparency, proper governance and service delivery at the grassroots, further aware that so far the gains of devolution are already being manifested through equitable sharing of National resources and effective implementation of devolved functions in most sectors of the economy in Counties, recognizing the need to increase service delivery to the people through further decentralization of the County administration units and the need to enhance public participation at these levels, aware that this can only be achieved by having additional sub counties; this Honourable House, urges the County Executive in charge of Public Service and Administration to facilitate splitting of **Maragua, Gatanga, Kandara, Kigumo and Kiharu**

Sub Counties, into two sub counties each, and the County Public Service Board to deploy officers from within the public service, to be in charge of the new

Sub Counties, with an envisioned end result of further devolving service delivery and enhancing public participation.

Hon Speaker, I was motivated by a provision in the County Government Act 2012 If you may allow me , I will read verbatim, Section 48 1 (e) states that Subject to subsection (3), the functions and provision of services of each county government shall be decentralized to;

(e) such other or further units as a county government may determine, looking at the same Act, section 50, 1,2, and 3 where it provides for the establishment of the Sub-County Administrator office and the same Act, provides that there shall be established at the level of each Sub-County the office of the sub-county administrator. The sub-county administrator shall have qualifications and knowledge in administration or management and shall be competitively appointed by the County Public Service Board in accordance with the provisions of this Act.(3) which is very crucial to the motion, The sub-county administrator shall be responsible for the coordination, management and supervision of the general administrative functions in the sub- county unit, including the development of policies and plans;, service delivery, developmental activities to empower the community; the provision and maintenance of infrastructure and facilities of public services; the county public service; exercise any functions and powers delegated by the County Public Service Board under section 86; and facilitation and coordination of citizen participation in the development of policies and plans and delivery of services.

in the same Act if you look at Section 54, (1) on the structures of devolution, it says that there shall be such further structures of decentralization as may be provided for in county legislation, So if my motion will; be adopted, and I urge members to support, I will

commence the process of Starting a legislation to capture whatever we have resulted in this house so that we will have a legislation for governments to come who will observe that we have this Sub Counties as provided here.

Mr. Speaker, I recall this Assembly at one time resolved to have some procurement done at the Sub-County level, if his motion passes we will have Services closer to Wanjiku, looking at Sub-Counties like Gatanga, we have all the places from Kariara to Kakuzi, when we are doing Public Participation, and most members will bear me witness since they have participated in Public Participation, it is not practicable for a participant to participate effectively in such a forum, To walk all the way from Ithanga to Mabanda area or wherever the Public participation is, it is not practicable to have people participate very well, I urge members to consider this motion to Split Gatanga into two, the upper Gatanga and Lower Gatanga, Kigumo upper and Lower, Kandara upper and Lower, For Maragua, we will have Maragua South and North so that we can have proper and effective Service delivery to Wanjiku. Mr. Speaker, Kahuro and Kiharu are there but this Assembly has not officially legislated that is why I put it purposely there for ratification.

Looking at the Set-up, One Sub county will not have more than 3 Wards, this means that every Sub-County Administrator will comfortably go through the Wards. Of late I have seen that they have acquired Ford Cars and I hope this one will also work for the new proposal. On matter wage Bill, in the motion, I am not saying that the County Service Board to employ, I propose deployment of qualified officer to head the new outfits and therefore this motion will not increase the wage Bill.

I urge the members to support this very good motion for posterity, it is not meant for politics, I urge Hon. Beth to second this motion. Thank you

Hon. Beth Ngugi: I am proud to stand here this afternoon to second this motion by Congratulating the mover of this motion for the well thought motion. The gap between the Sub-Counties and the electorate especially in those mention Sub Counties is wide, by splitting them as proposed, this will bring services closer. This will only involve deployment and there is no money that will be involved in doing so. The officers who will be deployed there will have learning opportunities on devolution concept. When we enhance equitability, enhance transparency, upgrade service delivery and practice proper governance, the effect will be felt not only in the Sub-Counties but even in the whole County. When this happens, it will trickle down to the others like Kiharu and others and I believe this will be practicable and will be used to deliver effective services to the electorate. As the mover has stated, decentralization is anchored in our laws. It would be fair to apply this law and empower our electorate. I second. Thank you

[Question proposed]

Hon. Samuel Wandia: I rise to support the motion. It is good we create the Sub-Counties where they are not there so as to enhance service delivery. As I support, I would like many factors to be looked into the implementation of this motion. If it is adopted, and I can read the mood of the house, before implementation, we have to look into other factors like population density which should be the key to come up with a Sub-County. We have to consider geographical size. The number that we have will have financial implications and it is therefore my submission that we consider population density and geographical size and have a gradual implementation. The County is ours; the mover has told us that once we adopt this he will come up with legislation. I would wish in his legislation he includes these issues. Thy now bought cars, if we had 15 Sub-Counties, they would have bought 15 vehicles.

Hon Peter Kihungi: I stand to support the motion. I have been enlightened by the last Speaker. Kangema and Mathioya have not been considered since we have 3 Wards, I wonder how Sub-Counties with 6 Wards operate. Most of the small jobs with less than 100,000 expenditure, we use the Sub-County Administrators. The administrators have works officers, in case there is a challenge of blocked roads or anything using less than 100,000. The Sub-county Administrator sends his Works officer, who raises a proposal and an Imprest goes through the Sub-County administrator. This is the easiest route for the small jobs.

The mover has brought this motion so that we can enlighten him on what will be in the Bill. I propose we have Sub-County administrators as proposed and give them powers. These things are not aligned in law yet they are the best suited for some emergencies that occur in our wards. But you find that whenever we operate from the Central government, it is challenging when following a small payment. I propose that this motion becomes a Bill for us to establish sub counties and empower them. In the law we will factor in issues of procurement of small jobs. We do not want everybody lining up for a job of 200,000 or 1million.

Those are things that can be dealt with at the Sub-County level through the procurement system used by CDF. For us I wish to support it to ease the work of Sub-Counties with 6 Wards. When an issue is raised at the Ward level, you have to keep on following. Let us have proper interest for the sub-counties to be able to do the small works. I support we make this into a law that will strengthen the offices. I have used the offices very well, maybe it is because we only have 3 Wards in Kangema. When you call the Sub-County Administrator, you will find that he is able to drive to Ichichi to see the works, they raise a proposal and request for Imprest. This is the easiest way. We do not need many Sub-County administrators if they do not have jobs, but if they have good structures of delivery, we hope the Bill will not only focus n their number but also on their responsibilities. I support

Hon. Esther Ngugi: I rise to support the motion. We have learnt from the mover that there is no problem in splitting these Sub-Counties as long as we are not going to bloat the wage Bill. Logically Speaking, if you look at a Sub-County like Gatanga, whenever we talk of Gatanga, most people think of Gatanga North, the other part is forgotten, there are no roads and not many people go there. Smaller units are easier to manage access and govern. Thank you, I support

Hon. Rebecca Mwicigi: I stand to support the motion. Coming from Gatanga where there are 6Wards and I see the frustrations that Gatanga people go through when they travel in the morning to the offices for a small issues that can be sorted at their level. Devolution is about taking services closer to the people spend lot of money going to Mabanda where the DC' office is and at the Sub-county offices. Some mothers leave their Children unattended while other people are sick as they travel to Sub-County offices. If the Sub County is subdivided, I am sure the services will go to Wanjiku where they are supposed to be. I support

Hon. Catherine Mugo: I rise to oppose this motion. This motion is meant to favor the place that I come from. I have a problem with the way it is phrases especially the last paragraph; this Honourable House, urges the County Executive in charge of Public Service and Administration to facilitate splitting of **Maragua, Gatanga, Kandara, Kigumo and Kiharu** Sub Counties, into two sub counties . Up to that point, I feel that as an assembly as much as we have been referred to Article 176 (2), I feel that the Mandate to Split the Sub-Counties into two is not the Mandate of the Sub-Counties. Section 176 talks of creating offices and functions for easy functioning of a county. The Constitution talks about ensuring that services come closer to the people but the the mandate of splitting can only be done by the Independent Electro and Boundaries Commission (IEBC). I do not know to what extent the Mover meant when he used the word splitting; I have a problem with it because we do not

have the mandate to split Maragua into another Sub-County. It also talks about legislation rather than bringing a Motion for purposes of splitting. This is a Motion, and should it pass, it will be an exercise in futility by the House because we can only legislate or bring a Bill that can ensure that the Public Service does whatever the Mover is requesting to be done. I therefore oppose the Motion.

Hon. Erick Kamande: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I stand to support the Motion. I represent Kahumbu Ward. I am supporting this Motion because if we had such small units, many resources would reach our people in our County. Hon. Kihungi has cited their Sub-County that has been functioning because of the few Wards that are in that Sub-County. I always hear that all the Sub-Counties are given equal share of the resources that are there. That means that those expansive Sub-Counties get the same share with the small ones. Therefore, resource allocation will be very efficient.

I understand that the Mover of the Motion is not creating elective boundaries; he is just trying to create smaller units for the better management resources in of our County. The issue of creating those small units in the big Sub-Counties will enhance devolving functions to the Sub-County level. Therefore, the Departments in the County will be devolved to the various Sub-Counties whereby there will be effectiveness and efficiency in the allocation and implementation of the government programs. I support.

Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir.

Hon. Florence Nyambura: Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir, I am a Member of this County Assembly (MCA) and I stand to congratulate the Mover for he comes up with very grateful ideas for the Assembly to adopt. After we entered the Assembly, I went to almost every Ward because of the special group that I was nominated to represent. I began with Gatanga where I called all the persons with disabilities and I was very surprised. It is

very unfortunate because the persons with disabilities from Ithanga and Kakuzi Mitubiri were not in a position to come to Kirwara. That was where we met. I went up to Ithanga and realised that apart from needing services, they also travel a lot.

Mr. Speaker, if I were to take the example of my Sub-County, which is Kiharu, when somebody from Gaturi Ward or Githambo in Murarandia Ward, wants something, he or she has to come to Murang'a. Those people get tired and they do not come when you call them for public participation. When people apply for licences, the County Government does not take licenses to them and our people suffer a lot because they have to travel; hence get tired. I wish we would support this Motion and the County Government through the Public Service Board to facilitate it so that our people will get the help they need.

Mr. Speaker, when we go to a Sub-County such as Kangema for public Participation, people from Kanyenyaini, Rwathia, and Muguru Wards find it easy to reach Kangema because is the central place and they are used to it. However, if you go to a Sub-County such as Maragua that is composed of six Ward, you will find that those people are unable to come to the town; people from Kambiti and Ichagaki find it difficult to come because of lack of transport. This Assembly does not facilitate public participations. If we go to those people, they will know what we have been doing and what our work is. They will also know the work meant for the Executive and they will be in a position to participate in everything.

Therefore, let us support this good idea. The Mover of the Motion should come with a Bill so that the Sub-County Administrators will be working under the law, as the Hon. Member for Kanyenyini said. They cannot be in a position to execute what they should without a law. I fully support the Motion.

Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Gachui Mungai): I call the Mover to respond.

Sorry, Kariuki? Sergeant at Arms, you need to place the Hon. Member who represents the people with disabilities to a position where the Speaker can see him. Yes Hon. Kariuki?

Hon. Peter Kariuki: Thank you very much Mr. Speaker, I do not have so much to say but as you have said, I represent the people with disabilities. I congratulate Hon. Kirigwi due to what he has said while moving this Motion. I support the Motion but I request him to add that Article of the Constitution to make it better. This Motion can be challenged in Court due to the lack of that Article. I support because as I understand, most of the people with disabilities in Kambiti and other Wards usually have a lot of problems when they want to licences their businesses. That Article must be added to avoid being challenged in Court during implementation. If challenged, it will not help the people of Murang'a.

Thank you very much.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Gachui Mungai): I call the Mover to respond.

Hon. Charles Kirigwi: Thank you Hon. Speaker, I thank the Members for fully supporting this Motion. To allay their fears, this is something that is not challengeable in Court. If you look at Article 88 (4) (c), the work of IEBC is very clear; on the delimitation of Constituencies and Wards. They have not said anywhere that they are going to delaminate the Sub-Counties. We are in order as an Assembly to create such offices for administrative purposes as guided by the County Governments Act.

Number two, all the issues that you have raised are very valid and after passing the Motion, I believe we will go to the next step of creating the legislative proposal whereby all the issues will be captured because this is an issue with a lot of public interest. Members have said a lot here and of course there is what the public say during public

participation and will be captured here; issues such as geographical mapping and powers of Sub-County Administrators. That is key because the Sub-County Administrators we have do not have powers and their roles are not very well defined.

I have understood from the Members and especially the Leader of Majority that it is going to put this County in a very good position to serve Wanjiku. Look at something like licencing and Trade licencing, we are losing a lot of money because of the distance of where we are paying and where the business people are coming from. With this, I am very sure that we will propel this County to another level.

Hon. Speaker, I am very impressed with the feedback but I want to allay one fear by the Hon. Member for Muthithi who said that buying of cars will have a financial implication. Remind the Hon. Member that Kiambu has very many Wards, I am not sure of the figure. Each Ward has a Ward Administrator and the Government has bought each of them a new Land Rover. If we buy 10, it will be economical if we will give services to Wanjiku. I urge the Hon. Members to support my Motion.

Thank you.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Gachui Mungai): Hon. Members, the business before this House has passed through the House Business Committee, just like any other Motion. Despite their Members giving their opinions that might be legal on the issue of splitting, I have learnt the mood of the House but it is always good to be consulting widely so that we may not be here to pass Motions that are controversial. If you look at Standing No. 54 on the manner of debating Motions, ‘when a Motion has been moved and if necessary seconded, the Speaker shall propose the question thereon and the terms as the Motion and debate may take place upon the question’. (2) Says that, ‘at the conclusion of the debate, the Speaker shall put the question’. (3) Says that, ‘despite paragraph 2 of putting the question, the

Speaker may, on request of a Member, defer the putting of the question to the following day in which case the Speaker shall thereupon nominate a time at which the question shall be put'.

It is clear that is the case on a request of a Member. It however does not say whether the Speaker can have the powers to defer the putting of the question. Hon. House, I wanted to invoke Standing Order No.1 to allow for further consultations. Nevertheless, after consulting the Clerk to the Assembly who is my legal adviser because those who were opposing had a problem with the issue of splitting, he had advised that we continue with the Motion. That was the reservation of the Chair; I wanted to invoke Standing Order No.1 because according to me, deferring the putting of the question could not have caused anything bad since Members supporting the Motion could have remained the same.

I will therefore go ahead and put the question. We had consulted with the Leader of Majority who is the representative of the government in this House. One Member gave us legal advice on the issue of splitting. Even if I am going to put the question, it is good for the Mover of this Motion to consider re-aligning the words so that splitting and administration should be there so that we may not be accused of passing a controversial Motion. I will now continue to put the question.

(Question put and agreed to)

REPORT ON TECHNICAL CONSENSUS OF THE NORTHERN COLLECTOR TUNNEL PROJECT

Hon. Rebecca Mwicigi: Thank you Hon. Speaker, on behalf of the Members of the Water, Energy, Forestry, Environment, Natural Resources and Cooperatives Management Committee and pursuant to Standing Order No. 195 (5) (a), I beg to the

following Motion; that the House adopts the Committee's Report on Technical Consensus of the Northern Collector Tunnel Project.

The Mandate of this Committee is drawn from Standing Order No. 195 and deals with, among other things, water distribution, management regulation, sewage and sanitary services and all matters related to electricity and gas. In November 2014, I came across an advert in the nation that the Athi Water had requested NEMA to approve the building of the Northern Collector Tunnel. I came with the newspaper and consulted the Speaker through the Clerk and the Speaker directed the Committee which deals with water to look at the issues which were of concern to me. Today, I am happy that I have been asked to move this Motion because water is very close to me.

The Committee, headed by the Hon. Machiri, the Speaker, and the Office of the Clerk agreed with the concerns of Wanjiku who we thought would be short-circuited if this water was driven to Nairobi without addressing some issues which have been addressed. It is the country plan to have the supply of water to Nairobi and the satellite towns, from 2012 to 2035. 90% of this water is coming from Murang'a. This water will be drawn from our rivers. If the NCT was implemented as it was intended without being addressed by this Hon. House, which stopped the implementation until a report is written and looked at properly- and I thank them for that- we would not be talking the way we are talking.

Mr. Speaker, having come from Gatanga and near Ndakaini, I know what it means when water is drawn from Murang'a without any compensation, not even social economic impact projects which should have been done there which were never done. When the Committee went to Nairobi to see the Office of the Governor on Ndakaini payment of our water, we were told that our people who were the leaders then did not talk about the water

before they approved the tunnel which is currently taking water to Nairobi. With that, the Committee has worked very hard to come up with a consensus.

Through the Speaker who invited all the stakeholders on 21st January 2015 at Golden Palm I, all the people concerned including the Governor, stakeholders and everybody else came and addressed the issue of the Northern Collector Tunnel. They raised the issue which they thought should be addressed before water is drawn from Murang'a, among them, the Murang'a County benefits by being paid something for the water. Some resolutions were drawn from there and his Excellency the Governor was requested to convene a technical committee comprising of experts in water and some of the Committee Members were also involved and incorporated in that technical committee. The technical committee is headed by Eng. Wangai Ndirangu whom, as we have seen in his report which he presented to the committee, is an expert in water.

Subsequently, on 4th May, the Speaker allowed the report to be tabled in this House and after tabling it, it was directed to the Committee which has since then, been dealing with it. This is the time it has to come to the House asking for the approval because according to them, most of the issues have been addressed. The report was handed over to the Speaker and the Governor and since then, we have been dealing with it. We came up with recommendations which you will see in the report. I will not read word by word because I know that the Hon. Members have been reading. A tripartite agreement has been drawn by our technical committee and Athi Water Services Board, giving the terms of engagement.

Hon. Catherine Mugo: On a Point of Order Mr. Speaker, Sir---

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Gachui Mungai): Yes Hon. Catherine?

Hon. Catherine Mugo: Honourable Speaker we have no quorum and I believe we have a very important motion before us. It actually relates to water which affects most of us. And I realize we do not have quorum.

The Deputy Speaker: Sergeant at arms ring the quorum bell

[Quorum bell rung]

[Honourable Kirigwi on a point of order]

Hon. Charles Kirigwi: is it in order for Honourable member for Ithanga and Honourable Watiri to walk out when the quorum bell is ringing and standing orders are very clear.

[Deputy Speaker left the Chair and temporary Speaker Honourable Catherine Mugo took the chair]

[Members walked in][Quorum Achieved]

The Temporary Speaker [Hon. Catherine Mugo]: Honourable Rebecca the floor is yours.

Hon. Rebecca Mwicigi: I thank you Honourable Speaker. I had reached committee recommendations which I would like to read.

The Committee recommended that the tripartite be entered among the county government, the county government and the Athi Water Company giving terms and the conditions to the project before the implementation of the northern collector tunnel.

Monitoring committee to be established comprising of county executive member in charge of water and chairman of the north collector tunnel technical committee to supervise the implementation of the project.

The county government to hasten the process of formation of bulk Water Company to collect revenue and to set up how much money we shall be charging any county that requires our water and how much we are going to charge Nairobi

This committee has even visited Meru and we saw a big meter which can count all the water from Murang'a and we know how much we can charge.

In regard to the technical committee consensus report the water intake will only be collected at Q80 which is less than what they wanted to collect, they wanted to collect at Q95 and the technical committee and committee on water were able to negotiate with them to come down so that they can leave more water for our people.

The department of environment which falls under this committee would also be given money to plant and conserve the catchment areas. These have been agreed upon among the three bodies.

It has been set that the timeline has to be strictly followed and before they implement the tunnel they have to do all these things we are citing here.

The county assembly fast track enactment of the Murang'a county water and soil conservation which will also include levies for conservation and eco-system services.

The approval is subject to Athi water board and central government coming up with implementation program and a budget for protection and conservation of catchment areas and particularly the afforestation of Aberdare mountain ranges.

We have very many youth, women and men who have nothing to do and they should be employed by the national government to plant the trees. And this has been agreed.

The main infrastructure including roads of the areas affected, using the material excavated from the site will be given to the County Government to do the roads.

[Honourable Kariuki on a point of order]

The Temporary Speaker [Hon. Catherine Mugo]: Honourable Kariuki

Hon. Kariuki Njogu: Through your guidance I kindly request the member not to read through because there are some people who would want to go to Mombasa for official duties. You are not supposed to read even in the standing orders just give few points.

The Temporary Speaker [Hon. Catherine Mugo]: I thank you Honourable Kariuki the member is guided accordingly.

Hon. Rebecca Mwicigi: I am not adding anything I only say what has been cited and I can see the people are in the mood of going.

Madam Speaker I must read the annex because I believe that is what will make this motion to be carried.

Before anything is done on implementation of project Murang'a Community water must be in place, Gatanga community water must be implemented, Gatango community water project must be implemented, Ichichi-Kiruri and Makomboki water project must be in place, Gataguagua community water tank must be in place, Ithanga community water project which comes from the area I come from has to be implemented and extension supply line to Kambiti and Kambirua.

Madam Speaker I wish to ask Honourable Nyakio who comes from the area which is very minimal with water to second the motion. I thank you

Hon. Esther Nyakio: I thank you Madam Speaker I stand to second bearing in mind that if the project is implemented it will be able to help a lot of people who have starved for many years, I thank you Madam Speaker.

Question proposed

Hon. Samuel Wandia: I am not going to delay Madam Speaker; I want clarification from the chair because I can see he is here. When I read recommendation number three they are saying the county government to hasten formation of bulky water company for revenue collection.

I am wondering whether we are going to give water to Nairobi without raising charges against any of this God given asset.

What they have stated here as I have read which water are they going to charge. Is it water the we have apparently or it includes also the water we are giving to Nairobi and if so it should be include in their recommendation for the assembly not to have fear. When they put it this way my interpretation is that they are talking of only the water we have within the sub-counties.

When you go to recommendation number five they say the department of environment should be allocated more money in financial year 2016/2017 to cater for conservation of catchment areas. Madam Speaker how do we do that without revenues.

Let the come out and indicate to this assembly whether they will charge for all the water including the one going to Nairobi so that the department of environment can be allocated enough revenue. Without that I do not know where we will get the money t cater for all the cost that will be incurred in maintenance.

Further they talk of incorporating the national government, and if at all we are incorporating the national government in this area then Murang'a county assembly should not be involved. I thank you Madam Speaker

The Temporary Speaker [Hon. Catherine Mugo]: I thank you, Honourable Kirigwi.

Hon. Charles Kirigwi: I support the motion but I have a problem with recommendation number five. This says that we should allocate money to the department of environment.

This is national government project and it is supported by the President of this republic and I am very sure that he is coming to launch it very soon and now that he is in central Kenya.

We should not as a county government use the little resources that we have to assist the national government. This project will cost 6.8 billion, the national government should allocate enough money to do environmental conservation in Aberdare.

I think to me everything else looks okay but this assembly should not allocate money for conservation due to this water going to Nairobi. The national government should give adequate resources to this county government in terms of the, it can even be conditional grant we are willing to do the conservation but not this assembly doing that allocation. I thank you Madam Speaker.

The Temporary Speaker [Hon. Catherine Mugo]: Honourable Kirigwi before you conclude your debate I have a problem with your submission. You say you support the motion but you are not in agreement with recommendation number five.

I am at a loss because it is either you support the whole motion or you do away with it.

Hon. Charles Kirigwi: Honourable Speaker with your guidance I will support the report and I will suggest the committee to do amendments to the report before submitting it to the executive.

Hon. Mary Waithera: I thank you Madam Speaker I stand to support the motion and I think without much ado because this is an issue that has been deliberated by the mover so nicely.

Water is a natural resource and may be to say little on number three and number five. There is a consensus on position of Northern Collector Tunnel whereby Athi Water, the county government and all the bodies that were involved have duly signed to show all the areas that will be tackled.

I want to tell the two Honourable Members if only they had the time to look at the consensus on the position of northern collector tunnel they would have gotten the answer to clear their fears.

Why we are saying as a county government we need to put more money on conservation is because we also have our take. However much the NCT is taking care of afforestation and environment we have our part to play as a county government.

Even before in our budget there is no single time we have failed to put money on environment. So we are saying we can still add because the NCT is going to leap back to us in terms of maintenance of environment might not be enough so we need to take our part.

Number three Madam Speaker when we come up with bulky water company we will not only take the water which will pass through the NCT. The water on NCT will be going to

Ndaka-ini dam so when the water will be leaving Ndaka-ini dam going to Nairobi that is where we will put the revenue.

There is no way you can separate the water from NCT and the one at Ndakaini. We are talking of creating a bulky company which is going to make Murang'a people get revenue with this.

Madam Speaker I fully support the report. I thank you.

Hon. Esther Ngugi: I thank you Madam Speaker I stand to support the motion and agree with most of the recommendations but my reservations is on enactment of Murang'a county soil and water conservation act that should be enacted before the project goes on.

And also there should be a budget on conservation of catchment areas from national assembly. I thank you Madam Speaker.

The Temporary Speaker [Hon. Catherine Mugo]: Mover to respond.

Hon. Rebecca Mwicigi: I thank you Madam Speaker, I have observed as it is rightly said people did not have time to read this and I am sure they will read it and know that we are referring to NCT water and not any other water.

The company that is going to be formed it will represent the interests of *Wanjiku* in operations of NCT.

Environment, as we said we need to do something because it is affecting our people even if the government is going to do anything on NCT we need environment to be added some money so that we can come up with tree planting even elsewhere.

This project is very important to the national government as well as to us in Murang'a because it will help us also implement some water projects which we could not have done

with the little money we are getting. The president said he is coming to launch it in May when he attended my late husband's burial and I am sure with what we have agreed upon and with acceptance of this report in this honourable house who have been following it much and I know it will go into the history that they looked into the issue of NCT and they did not allow the water to go to Nairobi like Ndaka-ini water.

Madam Speaker I beg to end my case there and ask the Honourable Members to support the motion. I thank you.

Question put and agreed to

ADJOURNMENT MOTION

Hon. Peter Kihungi: I thank you Madam Speaker, pursuant to standing order 53 [B] I hereby move a motion of adjournment of assembly to April 26 2016 at 9.30 A.M

We are supposed to be at governors' conference in Meru and therefore I wish we adjourn until 26th April 2016. I call Honourable Njoroge to second.

Hon. Joseph Njoroge: I second the adjournment motion.

Question proposed

Hon. Charles Kirigwi: The counties investors' conference is very key and I support we need to all attend. Thank you

Question put and agreed to

The Temporary Speaker [Hon. Catherine Mugo]: This house is adjourned to 26th of April 2016.

The house rose at 3:50PM