

REPUBLIC OF KENYA
MURANG'A COUNTY ASSEMBLY

THE HANSARD

Tuesday, 27th March 2018

The House met at 2:40 p.m.

[The Speaker (Hon. Nduati Kariuki) in the Chair]

PRAYERS

STATEMENTS

STATUS OF CABRO INSTALLATION IN KIRIA-INI MARKET

Hon. Morris Thuku: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Status of cabro- installation in Kiria-ini market. Pursuant to Standing Order No. 46 (2) (c), I hereby request for a statement from the Chairperson Public Works, Roads and Transport Committee on the following;

1. Is the Chairperson aware that market development is directly related to manufacturing, which is one of the big four agendas of Jubilee Government?
2. Is he also aware that Kiria-ini market is one of largest markets in Murang'a County which generates a lot of revenue to the County Government?
3. Is he further aware that there are complaints from the residents and business community of Kiru Ward? That the project of cabro- installation in Kiria-ini market has halted despite tones of cabros being delivered and heaped around the town?
4. Is he informed that the cabros are being stolen since; they have been deserted in the town for almost six months, which is a huge loss to taxpayers' money since the contractor seems to have abandoned the work? Moreover, that the heaps of the cabro are a big barrier to smooth operations of hawkers and bodaboda operators as they block and occupy what was initially their space?
5. Can he provide information to this Assembly on why the contractor halted the work before completion?
6. If the contractor abandoned the work out of breach of contract, what measures have been taken to ensure that the work is completed?

7. Finally, can the Chairperson, Mr. Speaker sir, provide information on the scope of cabro installation within the market?
8. In view of the aforementioned, when is the expected completion period of cabro installation at Kiria-ini market?

Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Nduati Kariuki): Chairman Public Works?

Hon. Flasia Nduta: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I hereby request Hon. Morris Thuku who has requested for the statement to give us, the committee for Public Works, 14 days to comprehensively respond to the statement he has requested for. Thank you Mr. Speaker

The Speaker (Hon. Nduati Kariuki): Any objections Hon. Thuku?

Hon. Morris Thuku: No

The Speaker (Hon. Nduati Kariuki): Next

MOTION

ENHANCEMENT OF PARKING FEES IN MAJOR TOWNS

Hon. Caroline Njoroge: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I am humbled to give the following substantive motion on enhancement of parking fees in major towns.

Aware, that revenue collection is a major concern in devolved government's, further aware that local revenue is one of the revenue sources for County Governments besides the equitable disbursement from National Government and other grants, concerned that the available scarce resources are unable to cater for all County priority projects, alive to the fact that Article 209 (5) of the Constitution of Kenya, grants the County Governments powers to raise local revenues through imposition of taxes, fees and other charges, recognizing the immense revenue potential especially in parking fees which could enhance the County's local revenue target, noting the urgent need to automate revenue collection in our County, especially accruing from parking fees, deeply concerned about the need to mitigate against handling of cash collected from parking fees which presents a major loophole in accountability and loss, cognizant of the fact that the County Government in the current and previous financial years, has been unable to meet its local revenue targets; this Honorable House, urges the County Executive Members in charge of Finance, I.T and Planning;

1. To automate and streamline revenue collection on parking fees so as to enhance definite local revenue projections that can be ideally cited in budget policy documents and for accountability.
2. Undertake mapping of parking slots in the urban areas and establish areas to be charged parking fees and those to be exempted from charges and in addition ensure numbering of all designated parking slots.
3. Adopt a digital system which determines the period of time a vehicle parks in a designated slot. The target towns include Murang'a, Kariaini, Kenol, Kangari and any other major town. This is to enhance maximum returns from each slot as the system will be able to establish the number of vehicles which utilized a particular slot.
4. Develop an appropriate guideline/policy on reserved parking to avoid misuse, loss of revenue and inconveniences to other users. The Policy should ensure that parking is freed after 5 p.m. for access of other users.
5. To ensure that matatus and other Public Service Vehicles (PSV's) have monthly or quarterly stickers which are tamper proof and digitally verifiable.
6. Submit to this County Assembly, a status report of the revenue collected from parking fees in various towns for the period Financial Year(FY) July 2015 – June 2016 and July 2017– to date.
7. Ensure that revenue from parking is monitored on monthly basis to detect any variances and address any anomalies.

What motivated me into bringing up this substantive Motion is because being a Member of this County Assembly from the previous regime I was able to realize that up to date we are not able to meet our revenue target in the County.

I will give an example of the FY 2013/2014 we collected around Kshs419,000,000, FY 2014/2015 we collected Kshs62,000,000,, 2016/2017 Kshs506,000,000. What we have been projecting in our budget is usually more than Ksh800,000,000 but we have never been able to meet our target therefore

Mr. Speaker, I thought of how we can raise more money. From our taxes we are able to get money that we can enable our county and add to what we get from the National Government.

I decided to make it wide for members to understand I mean; I am sure that this Honorable House is going to support this. I would wish to go direct to my points starting with number one where we are saying that we need to: one, to automate and streamline revenue collection. In our county revenue collection is manual and when it is manual you cannot be able to tell how much parking fees we are able to collect within our county. Even if we would ask the chairman representing the finance Committee cannot tell the amount of revenue collected from the parking fees. If we have the automates system we will ensure that we are not losing a lot of cash through this manual method

It is also good to note that there is loss of revenue and maybe those people we have committed to do this work they can make their own books and start collecting their own collection and we cannot be able to tell.

It is also good for members to realize that when you automate the system we are able to get enough cash and there is accountability of the same.

On point number two where I have talked about, undertaking mapping of parking slots; it is good to know the number of parking slots that we have within our County. We have not been able to map our parking slot thus we cannot be able to tell how many parking slot we have within our County.

Once they are mapped we are able to project the financial cash flow that is going to be collected from those parking slots. If there are reserved parking slots we are able to know whether if for example they are reserved for the banks; did the banks pay, how much did they pay and to whom did they pay?

It is therefore good to know how many reserved parkings we have and how much they have been paid for.

Number three is on adoption of digital system which will determine the period of time the vehicle will be parked. If I get to town for a cup of coffee, I will just park for a few minutes; every day we have one parking slot parked for more than ten vehicles. But you cannot be able to tell today because somebody can say today only one vehicle was parked there. When we have the digital system we are able to identify how many vehicles were parked in a particular slot.

On the reserved parking, you realize the reserved parking especially for the banks, if you want to park vehicles after 5:00p.m. some of them are closed but I do not think they have been

given the right to close them. For the users who have been given the reserved slots to be freeing from 5:00p.m. if Members go to Nairobi they will realize that those parking slots that are reserved are always open at night and anybody can go and park there. We have not given them the right to close them that nobody can park in that particular slot.

On number five, we have our matatus and PSVs with stickers that are digitally verifiable since matatus can make their own stickers. If they are digitally verifiable you will know if that particular matatu has paid for that fee. For the PSVs I meant even the bodaboda to have the stickers so that we are able to know how much we have been able to collect from the PSVs, taxis and the bodaboda.

On number six, we need to get the status report; if this Motion is going to be adopted by this House and I know they are going to support me, upon its implementation we are going to have these people who have been working manually in this parking department, they might sabotage this Motion or this idea of automating the parking fees.

If somebody have been benefitting out of this parking fees because of it being manual and they might sabotage this idea. I would wish we get the report so as to gauge ourselves and know what whether it has helped us. Having it automated have it added our revenue? Thus we need that report from the finance department.

On number seven we are able to monitor and compare the revenue that we have got after automation of the system. It is good to know every month, if February has fewer days than January, in case we are given February having more money than January, why did we have more money in February than in January while in January we have more days? By this we will be able to ask ourselves could it be there was an event that resulted into this/

We need to evaluate ourselves so as to know whether we need to add the parking fees or do we need to reduce; we shall be able to know our position. Honorable members I know the Motion is very clear and I know you are going to support me so as to add our revenue and work for our people and get our budget as we have projected it. I wish to stop there and call Hon. Lucy Ngugi to support the Motion. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Lucy Ngugi: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I stand to second the motion on enhancement of parking fees in major towns by Hon. Caroline Njoroge. I wish to laud Hon. Carol for this noble and very good idea on how we can increase our revenue through parking.

I agree, automation of parking slots in our towns has been long overdue, considering vehicles are increasing in our towns, we have people owning cars almost every other day, we have hundreds of cars coming in into our towns and this should match the increase in revenue.

Mr. Speaker sir, we agree that increase of revenue is actually in line with the spirit of devolution where Counties should increase their own revenue, automation of parking slots will also increase efficiency and accountability, it will reduce pollution and we also know that automated parking systems will provide real time and reliable data for posterity and audit purposes, I wish to second the motion and convince the Hon. House to support this motion.

(Question proposed)

Hon. David Macharia: I stand to support the motion on enhancement of parking fees in our major towns. Mr. Speaker, during the budget process, we found that we are having a lot of problems in meeting our demands as per the money required and some of this money can be got from the parking.

The County Government of Murang'a has invested a lot in these major towns, they have pumped a lot of money and it is actually the high time that we should get something in return from these towns. I think it would be a good idea if we follow this seriously, because it will clear our towns from the vehicles that have been parked there for many days, because there is no charge, people do not seem to care. I will appeal to the honourable members to support this motion so that we can get revenue and also help in cleaning our towns.

The other thing that is good, when the parking fees are paid, during the market days, for example Kangari, you can hardly get space because people are all over along the road side, the vehicles are parked there, broken ones, it happens those people who come from other towns, immediately they arrive at Kangari, because the parkings are marked clearly, they start looking for parking attendants and we do not have any. So people are willing to pay it is only that the system has not been fine-tuned.

It is my hope that we are going to do that and also urge, when this money will be collected, and I am happy that it will be automated, let the money reach where it is supposed to go, otherwise, we might lose a lot of money even after collecting if this exercise is not followed in

the right way. I think with those few remarks; I would humbly request my dear Hon. Members to support this motion for onward movement. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Waweru Mwangi: I stand here to support this historical motion meant to improve revenue collection in this County Government. I would wish an amendment be made to read not only car parks but all other revenue collection centres including the market places.

Murang'a government has a lot of budget constraints, we have various water and road projects which are not well financed and Mr. Speaker you agree with me that the situation is getting worse every day because our revenue collection moved from Kshs886 million in 2014 and by June 16 the revenue collection had reached 105, so if the situation is not arrested, it means we are facing a very strong challenge.

Mr. Speaker, automating the revenue collection will also improve the level of corruption in this County. What the media is saying today, we have been rated number one, and going by that, this House has a responsibility to ensure that the situation is arrested before things get worse. This will also call in the County Government to work with Safaricom so that they are able to improve the network especially to those sides of southern Murang'a so that immediately the money is corrected at Ithanga market, it reflects here.

The collectors should also be paid on commission so that we are able to improve the revenue collection, they should not be paid on monthly basis, and they should have a flat rate, then a commission so that we can enhance the revenue collection.

We remember we have spent money to send our team to Rwanda to go and benchmark on it. I am sure those who went there and came back here will agree with me that this is the right time to support this motion so that Murang'a can be able to improve on revenue collection. I wish to support the motion and urge my colleagues to support this motion.

The Speaker (Hon. Nduati Kariuki): The lady behind you has caught my eye.

Hon. Ruth Wambui: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I am nominated to represent the youth and I stand to support the Motion on the enhancement of parking fees in the major towns. As we all understand, parking fees is one of the key sources of local revenue.

Two, in the recent past, local revenue has declined significantly and for us to increase this, it will work better for us if we go the automation way. The other issue is that the decrease can be

attributed to the leakage, particularly, because of loss of cash, as the Mover of the Motion has stated. If we go this way, we will be able to understand the actual fees that are corrected per day.

Also, as we have been doing, lack of clear accountability on the system in cash collection has resulted into dismissed revenue arising from the parking, among other sources. As the Hon. Member from Ithanga has said, we understand very well that there is a Report in the pipeline recommending on the local revenue collection and this Motion will go a long way with the recommendation of the joint Finance and Economic Planning Committee and the Committee on Implementation who travelled all the way to Rwanda to understand all this.

Mr. Speaker, automation and development of a data base on parking slots and other revenues has been long overdue. If this Motion is adopted, this County will, no doubt, increase its revenues which will translate into more programs being implemented in the County. Therefore, it is good for us to adopt the Motion because it has a lot of weight on this matter. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker (Hon. Nduati Kariuki): Mweri.

Hon. Peter Mweri: Thank you Hon. Speaker, I am the Member of County Assembly (MCA) for Rwathia Ward and I would also like to congratulate Hon. Carol for coming up with this Motion.

As the other Members have said, this is overdue. I was in the last Assembly and as the Member for Ithanga has said, we had challenges in revenue collections, not only on the parking fees but also in other areas like markets and so on. As he stated, instead of the local revenue collection going up, it declined with the years.

Hon. Speaker, I was the Chairman of the Budget and Appropriations Committee and whenever we were doing the budgets, the Executive used to increase the local revenues projections every year. We used to argue that we do not need to increase because it did not make sense to increase and not hit the targets. It is therefore good that Hon. Carol has come up with this Motion.

Mr. Speaker, automation solves a lot of problems. Money is very tempting and unless the systems like automating are in place, people will still get away with it. You will agree with me that if we automate the system, even the labour force will reduce. As Hon. Carol said, we will also know how many vehicles have been parked per day in one slot and so on.

To enhance the collections, we also need the policy document because there are vehicles that pay monthly, like the *matatus*, the motorbikes and so on. As we pass the Motion, we need the policy to guide the same so that there is no loophole.

Mr. Speaker, I also visited Rwanda during the last Assembly and it is good that the people in the Finance and Economic Planning Committee and the Budget and Appropriations Committee have also gone this time. We realized that in Rwanda, they have gone ahead in sub-contracting companies to collect the revenues and, as Hon. Waweru has suggested, they are paid on commission. There are targets and if you collect more and beyond, you are given commission.

I also noted that Hon. Morris Thuku talked about Kiria-ini market, though it was on a different issue. That market is also a very big market. If we have the automation processes not only in the parking of vehicles but also in the markets, we will also generate a lot of revenues from that area.

Hon. Speaker, on point number three of Hon. Carol, I noted that we need to automate in Murang'a, Kariaini, Kenol, Kangari and other major towns. I would also wish that towns such as Kangema, where I come from, are included because, as we speak, it is a fast growing town. I therefore stand to support the Motion. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Nduati Kariuki): Hon. Kahoro.

Hon. Charles Kahoro: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I am the MCA for Kangari Ward. I rise to support the Motion but there are some issues arising from this Motion that need to be rectified before the whole issue is passed by this House. I think the Mover of the Motion has not fully visited the said towns; I think she only dwelt on Murang'a Town when she was compiling her report.

Mr. Speaker, there are no places which are called designated parking lots in other areas like Kiria-ini, Kenol and Kangari. The areas that are supposed to be for car parking are utilized by the small scale traders. If this Motion is passed the way it is, I think we will have problems and conflicts between the small scale traders, the parking attendants and the motorists. I am therefore urging this Assembly to first of all, inform the Department of Planning in the County Government to provide the towns mentioned with the areas for the small scale traders to be relocated from the roads to those areas.

Two, we do not have the designated areas for the PSVs in these major towns that have been highlighted. It will also be a challenge for the attendants who will be collecting money on behalf of this County Government. If these things are addressed, I think we will increase the revenue collected because we will have created more space for the people to park.

I say this out of experience from Kangari where people park their vehicles in their houses or the neighbouring houses because there are no parking areas in the town. I therefore urge the Mover of the Motion to, first of all, give us the remedy of how we are going to free the spaces that she is targeting as the areas of revenue generation to this County Government of Murang'a. I rest my case.

The Speaker (Hon. Nduati Kariuki): Hon. Kiiru.

Hon. Kiiru Mwangi: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I am the MCA for Gaturi Ward and I also rise to support the Motion.

As it has been mentioned by my colleagues, I also want to bring to the attention of this House that automation is the way to go if we want to increase our revenue collection. I happened to be in the delegation that visited Rwanda but I do not want to pre-empt what is in our Report because we are in the process of Tabling that Report here, under the Finance and Economic Planning Committee and the Implementation Committee.

We have more details of what we found out because we visited several government institutions, including districts in Rwanda. In Rwanda, they call their Counties districts. I do not want to pre-empt that because we are going to Table a comprehensive Report in this House through the two Committees.

We have more than 10 categories of fees and revenues that are supposed to be collected by the County Governments and we are supposed to have all of them entrenched in the automation of revenues so that we can avoid losses. Actually, if what we are hearing from the media is anything to go by, this should not be happening anywhere in Central Kenya.

When we were going through our induction trainings in Nairobi, I remember that one of the people from the Controller of Budget (COB) mentioned that Kiambu County was the first to automate their revenue collection systems and their revenues actually tripled; the revenues that are collected by Kiambu County tripled once they automated their systems. Through the Office of the Speaker, we are going to propose that the Finance and Economic Planning Committee and

the Implementation Committee visit Kiambu and come up with the actual nitty-gritties. We are going to Table that Report next week and it will have more details of what we found should be included in the automation. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker (Hon. Nduati Kariuki): Thank you.

Hon. Murigi Amos: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I support this motion because it is an idea which is long overdue about the issue of automation. And I believe unless there is deliberate move to sabotage this issue, as my colleagues have said, this should not only be confined on parking only it should be all revenues.

It is very sad if today you go to the revenue offices based in sub-counties, they are even collecting money cash not even giving the account number. More so the revenue collected from the liquor licensing is collected cash. And at times I wonder not even giving an account number so that cash can go to a certain account and I believe and actually we suspect there is something and that is why we should enhance. And when it comes to issue of collecting cash sometimes even the smaller *chamas* (saving groups) even our old ladies have known something to do with pay bill and today they are not carrying cash. Everywhere you go there is a pay bill, I think even if it is not automating we should have a pay bill which should not take 20 minutes to have a pay bill registered under the county revenue collection.

Mr. Speaker sir, I believe there is an issue to sabotage revenue automation because if you are to conduct the lifestyle audit of these people who are collecting the taxes, they are living better lives than these MCA's because of the money which they collect and I believe this is actually an issue of sabotage because I know there are people who are raking in millions out of these collections.

As I support this, I think it is prudent, because if you go to other counties like Kiambu, Nairobi and Machakos they also have Closed Circuit Televisions (CCTV's). When we have these parking lots we should have these CCTV's so that we can be able to be monitoring some of these issues.

The other issue is that I know collection of cash and not banking with County Revenue Fund (CRF) is not allowed in the Public Finance Management (PFM) Act and I believe when we talk about 700 which has been collected, I do not know if that is the money that has been banked with CRF. I know if we automate we are capable of collecting around 1.5 billion from local revenue.

When there is a fall in collection of revenue, the solution which has been given is employing more revenue collectors. Instead of addressing the real problem is adding salt to injury by hiring more revenue collectors. I think this should not happen because I believe as you look into the issue of automation of car parking, I call upon, by tomorrow 8 o'clock if the executive so wishes they should have registered pay bill by morning. I stand to support.

Hon. Morris Thuku: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I stand to support the motion. Automation of revenue collection is timely and it is the best way we can do to boost collection in our County. Automation of revenue is the only way to ensure every cent collected is accounted for. Therefore we must have a system that seals all the loop holes and checks on fraud.

We urge the County Government, the executive, that they roll out a system that is not adding burden to taxpayers but instead come up with innovative and creative ways of efficient tax collection. The national government is allocating insufficient funds to this County which has made delivery of the promises to our people quite cumbersome. And to fill on this loop hole we must ensure that we boost out tax collection which is not enough yet. And one of the ways we can be able to ensure we maximize on what we collect goes to the government is through automation.

Technology solutions will transform and enable this County to meet its budgetary allocations. An example is during this financial year 2017/2018, the targets for the bus parks 50,691,113. The money collected for the last six months, that is from July to date is 7,285,590 that is according to what has been tabled in the Finance committee. Mr. Speaker sir, we are not even a third of our targets, something needs to be done.

I want to give a case study of Kisii County which rolled out an automated system dubbed 'Umoja pay' that was in 2014. Kisii County doubled their revenue within two months from three million to six million. This was by integrating system with mobile banking or mobile platform, any automation in this 21st century should go hand in hand with mobile integration. This is not limited to Mpesa, Airtel money and any other major credit cards. The generation that is owning cards now days are opting for such cashless services.

I also want to urge the mover of this Motion to expand the scope on what the Motion touches and I want to urge the Finance and Trade committees to have benchmarking trips locally

to ensure that any solution that we might adopt is locally compatible, because may be the case of Rwanda can be more different from our own local solution.

Trade committee should ensure that the markets where the revenue is to be collected has enough incentives. An example is what I have just presented; installation of cabros will encourage more car users to park. It is also easier to mark the parking bays unlike the current scenario whereby you cannot mark the parking on soil rather for lack of a better word.

As I finish, the tax collection has cartels and I believe it will not be an easy thing, it will be messy, it will be noisy and I know it can even go with casualties. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Duncan Muturi: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I stand to support the Motion. To add on that before we go too much on revenue collection, it is good Mr. Speaker that my ward Mbiri has some connection with Murang'a town and the Hon. Member for Town is here where there is a lot of unfinished work.

As much as we would like to map the parking, Mr. Speaker, a lot of work needs to be done and Hon. Member for Town and I understand that the cabro blocks were laid by the last regime before devolved government. It was done by the Town Clerk, Mr. Sheikh and from that time very little has been done by the County Government of Murang'a and it is the leading town as far as Murang'a County is concerned on parking revenue collection.

There are a lot of areas which have similar case with that of Kiria-ini town, like on your way to Murang'a Mukawa from Equity bank; there is a big heap of cabro blocks. If you go to Mukuyu market, I do not remember if there is any place that has been done with cabro blocks and we are also giving the attendants a very hard time even to an extent where the car owners use abusive language to the attendants. Because may be you park in an area where there is pothole and parking attendant comes and asks you for that Kshs50 you find the car owner will ask the parking attendant what am I paying for.

As much as we would like to automate the payment of parking, it is also in order Mr. Speaker to use Murang'a town and extend to Mukuyu market to have the places well done so that the marking will be done properly and numbering of parking will be a better place. By that we shall increase the revenue collection and also the owners of the vehicle will have the value of their money and make the work easier for the parking attendants. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Lilian Kabaya: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I stand to support the Motion. I would like to commend my colleague Hon. Carol for such a comprehensive Motion that ensures that we will not only digitize the parking system but also have designated areas.

My colleagues have also given reason as to why we should all support this Motion and I would like to add that a journey of a thousand miles starts with one step. I think this is one thing that is very clear which we can automate immediately as we make a comprehensive policy to automate the rest of the County system and services that are offered to the citizens.

Mr. Speaker, I wish to add only one thing that we should make sure this Motion is implemented properly; we should not do it the *kienyenji* (haphazard) way. That you wake up tomorrow morning and you go to park your car and you find out that all of a sudden someone is telling you that this is the pay bill number pay.

We would like the concerned County Executive Committee Member (CECM) to table regulations on every part of this Motion that my Hon. Colleague has laid down, setting out which are the designated areas, which are the number of hours that one is supposed to park, what is the fee that is to be charged for these number of hours, what is the fee in Murang'a town, is it the same fee in Kandara, in Kariaini? Mr. Speaker sir, we wish to call on the implementation committee to ensure that the regulations are submitted to this Assembly before this project is rolled out, thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Nduati Kariuki): The mover to respond.

Hon. Caroline Njoroge: Thank you Mr. Speaker and I would wish to commend my fellow Hon. Members for supporting this Motion and as Hon. Kabaya has said a journey of a thousand miles start with one step. I highly support that Mr. Speaker and I am sure that out of this we will go somewhere.

Automation, the Finance Chair has also supported and I am sure as he had communicated to me that they are working on the automation of the other ways, except the parking, but myself I only started with the parking and I am sure to start with if only this Motion is going to be implemented, I am sure Hon. Members you will see a great difference and we shall get some revenue out of this.

On the designated areas, I would wish to tell my fellow Hon. Member that I meant on an intended parking slot; a cleared place that is intended for parking. And I am sure we have enough space for that.

On the areas that need to be worked on before we mark those designated areas, I am sure the chair or vice- chair Transport have taken up that issue and as a member in that committee and also as a member too we are going to make sure that the CECM in charge of Transport do work in these areas and even in our roads so that we can be able to ask people to pay to what we are able to give a service to.

Mr. Speaker, I thank the Hon. Members and ask them to continue to support and I urge the committee on Implementation to ensure that once this motion is passed there will be no sabotage and it is going to be implemented. That is why on number four I talked of appropriate guideline/policy to be brought up so that we can be able to ensure that it is going to work on very well. I am sure we are going somewhere as a County. Thank you Hon. Speaker.

(Question put and agreed to)

NOTICE OF MOTION

APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS

TO THE CHAIRPERSONS PANEL

Hon. Wambui Njoki: Mr. Speaker, I beg to move a notice of motion;

On approval of appointment of members to the Speaker's panel, pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 18; this House approves the appointment of the following Members of the County Assembly nominated to the Chairpersons panel;

1. Hon. Morris Gathoni MCA Kiru ward
2. Hon. Alex Makau nominated MCA

MOTION**APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS
TO THE CHAIRPERSONS PANEL**

Hon. Wambui Njoki: On 13th March, 2018 the House Business committee tabled Hon. Lucy Nyambura and Hon. John Ruoho for approval by this House to be members of the Chairman's committee or the Speaker's panel as it is popularly known in the parliamentary systems.

The appointment to the Speaker's panel is guided by Standing Order 18 (1) which states as follows, "There shall be a panel to be known as the Chairpersons Panel which shall comprise of the Deputy Speaker and not more than four members and who shall be entitled to exercise all the powers vested in the Chairperson of Committees except as chairperson of Liaison Committee."

As noted during the last approval, there was an anomaly in the Standing Orders which will be corrected by the House Business committee where sub-section (2) states that, "The Speaker shall, in consultation with the Majority Leader, submit three names to House Business Committee for consideration."

The House Business committee shall correct the anomaly while amending the Standing Orders. However members should know when there is a contradiction between two clauses of the same law of regulation, according to the parliamentary convention it is the first law that takes precedence.

The House Business committee has recommended for appointment of Hon. Morris Gathoni MCA Kiru ward and Hon. Alex Makau nominated MCA for the House to approve them.

Mr. Speaker, I beg to move and I urge the members of this House to approve the members, thank you.

Hon. John Kairu: I stand to second and I wish to retaliate that while all members are qualified to fill any positions, all qualified members cannot fill all positions at one time. Choices have to be made, leaving many willing and qualified persons.

The persons whose names are being tabled did not apply for the positions and have never requested to be in the panel. Both of them were surprised for being nominated. They are however capable and are willing to learn and capable to observe, absorbing new knowledge. It is through your wisdom, God's guidance; we come up with these names of Hon. Members. I therefore beg to second the same, thank you.

(Question put)

(Question put and agreed to)

ADJOURNMENT

The House rose at: 3:45 p.m.