

MURANG'A COUNTY ASSEMBLY

THE HANSARD

Tuesday, 23rd July, 2024.

The Assembly met at 2:43 p.m.

[Temporary Speaker (Hon. Grace Nduta) in the Chair]

PRAYER

MOTION

ADOPTION OF REPORT OF FINANCE AND ECONOMIC PLANNING COMMITTEE ON COMMISSION ON REVENUE ALLOCATION TRAINING ON ENHANCEMENT OF OWN SOURCE REVENUE.

Hon. Hillary Muigai: Thank you Hon. Speaker. I am standing on behalf of the Chair and I beg to move the following Motion; -

That, this Assembly adopts a Report on the Committee on Finance and Economic Planning on the training that was undertaken on enhancement on own source revenue.

Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker, the Commission on Revenue Allocation (CRA) is an independent Commission with its mandate defined in Article 216 of the Constitution of Kenya 2010. The principal function of the Commission on Revenue Allocation is to make recommendations concerning the basis for the equitable sharing of revenue raised by the National Government between the National and County Governments and among the County Governments.

The Commission shall also make recommendations on other matters concerning the financing of, and financial management by County Governments as required by the Constitution and national legislation. In formulating recommendations, the Commission shall seek to promote and give effect to the criteria mentioned in Article 203 (1) when appropriate to define and enhance the revenue sources of the National and County Governments and to encourage fiscal responsibility.

Hon. Speaker, in the process, the Committee on Finance had the following observations from the training and the observations are;

1. In automation, the technical capacity within the ICT docket to develop the terms of reference and manage revenue management systems should be in place.

2. Competent ICT leadership will help us to get a system that not only matches our revenue collection needs but complies with guidelines issued by the national treasury and commission on revenue allocation.
 3. There are no recommended guidelines by the public Procurement Regulatory Authority of the estimated cost of revenue management systems, posing a challenge in budgeting.
 4. It is recommendable that we have competent ICT team which ensures that acquisition and maintenance cost of the system guarantees value for money and sustainability.
 5. The County Treasury and ICT docket shall adhere to industry best practices on project management of information systems.
 6. Lack of user department involvement during development of the terms of reference for the solution to be provided.
 7. Inadequate estimation of the scope of work on time and cost and lack of project plans is a risk to the County Government.
 8. There is a need for County Treasury to ensure compliance with the constitution, governance and especially in making an administration of revenue laws.
 9. There is a need for creation of a proper public participation law or guidelines, which would set out relevant structures of participation, mechanisms and criteria for stakeholder involvement by the office of the County Secretary.
 10. The newly constituted County Budget Economic Forum should analyze and identify County Government priorities as it budgets for programs, improve co-ordination between the citizen and improve harmonization of project implementation and funding.
- The Committee came up with the following recommendations; -
1. That the CECM-Finance shall come up with revenue administrative law to ensure revenue management system is well utilized.
 2. That in strengthening the governance framework to fully realize benefit of automation of own source revenue, cabinet is to consider having a revenue steering committee that comprises of all Chief Officers and County Executive Committee (CEC) Members to oversee all revenue automation functions at the County.
 3. That the CECM-Finance and ICT should put into practice industry project management standards while implementing revenue management system that clearly define roles of all the stakeholders. The need to promote an acceptance culture of the positive gains of the automation within the public service.

And the final recommendation that the CECM Finance shall ensure that the County Budget Economic Forum is facilitated to organize public consultations throughout the budget cycle. The forum shall work through organized citizens groups in the County including the constituent groups within the forum women, business, youth, professional associations and people with disabilities to realize benefit quality public participation.

Thank you Hon. Speaker, I now call upon Hon. Jane Mukami to second the Motion.

Hon. Jane Mukami: Thank you Madam Speaker, I stand to second the Motion.

(Question proposed)

(No debate arose)

(Question put and agreed to)

ADJOURNMENT

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Grace Nduta): Hon. Members there being no other business the House stands adjourned until tomorrow, Wednesday July 24, 2024 at 9:30 a.m.

The Assembly rose at 2:55 p.m.