

REPUBLIC OF KENYA
MURANG'A COUNTY ASSEMBLY
THE HANSARD

Tuesday, 20th November 2018

The House met at 9:33 a.m.

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

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR
CALL FOR MEETING

The Speaker (Hon. Nduati Kariuki): Thank you. Hon. Members, I wish to notify you that I received a letter from the Chief Officer in the County Executive Department of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries requesting to have a sensitization meeting with all the Hon. Members regarding a project called the National Agricultural and Rural Inclusive Growth Project (NARIGP).

Hon. Members, this project is designed to address the main constraints facing the agriculture sector in Kenya to increase agricultural production and productivity using community participatory and value chain approaches. The NARIGP is being implemented by the Government of Kenya, through the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries, the State Department of Agriculture and with funding support from the World Bank. The program covers 21 Counties, Murang'a included, and we will be reaching out to farmers across various Wards.

Hon. Members, this sensitization meeting is meant to provide insight on the framework and structure of implementation of the project from the national level to the Ward level and your role, as Members of the County Assembly (MCAs) is very important. The meeting will take place today Tuesday, 20th November 2018 at 12:30 p.m. in this Chamber.

The Chief Officer of the NARIGP County Project Co-ordinator will be the main facilitator of the meeting. I, therefore, urge all the Hon. Members to avail themselves for this very important session to learn about NARIGP and how you can be ambassadors of the project in transforming the lives of residents in your respective Wards through agricultural productivity.

Thank you, Hon. Members.

PETITIONS

STATUS ON COMMITTED PETITIONS

PETITION ON CONSTRUCTION OF GACHUHA RIVER BRIDGE

Hon. David Macharia: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I would like to inform this House that the Committee is still considering the Petition. The Committee has undertaken the following activities towards Petition consideration; briefing on Petition, discussion on schedule of activities towards Petition consideration, receiving submission from Petitioners, conducting a field visit at Kiawaihiga, Gatanga Ward to verify the allegations made on condition of Gachuha river bridge, engaging County Executive Committee (CEC) Transport and Infrastructure on the way forward.

The following are the activities towards Petition consideration;

- 1.Waiting on way forward from CEC Transport and Infrastructure which will be issued to Committee on November 29, 2018.
- 2.Drafting and adopting report on Petition.

Mr. Speaker the Committee requests for 21 more days to finalize on the consideration for the said Petition. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

PETITION BY RESIDENTS OF KINYINA WARD, KIGUMO SUB-COUNTY ON ALLOCATION OF FUNDS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF ROAD FROM KAMUKABI TEA BUYING CENTRE TO IRATI RIVER

Hon. David Macharia: Mr. Speaker, Petition by residents of Kinyona Ward, Kigumo Sub-County on allocation of funds for construction of road from Kamukabi tea buying centre to Irati river was committed on August 21, 2018.

I would like to inform this House that the Petition consideration is underway. Mr. Speaker the Committee has undertaken the following activities towards the Petition consideration; briefing on Petition, discussion on schedule of activities towards Petition consideration, receiving submission from Petitioners, conducting a field visit to Kamukabi, Kinyona Ward to verify on claims made on the Petition on road from Kamukabi tea buying centre to Irati river, engaging CEC Transport and Infrastructure on the way forward.

The following are pending activities towards Petition consideration;

1. Waiting on way forward from CEC Transport and Infrastructure which will be issued to the Committee on November 29, 2018.
2. Drafting and adopting report on Petition.

Mr. Speaker the Committee requests for 21 more days to finalize on the consideration for the said Petition.

PETITION BY RESIDENTS OF GACHOCHO LOCATION, KINYONA WARD IN KIGUMO SUB-COUNTY ON CONSTRUCTION OF GACHARAGE RIVER BRIDGE

Mr. Speaker I would like to inform this House that the Committee is still considering the Petition. The Committee has undertaken the following activities towards Petitions consideration;

Briefing on the Petitions, discussion on the schedules of activities towards Petition consideration. The following are the pending activities towards Petition consideration;

1. Receiving submissions from the Petitioners.
2. Conducting a field visit to Gacharage river bridge, Kigumo Ward to verify on claims made in the Petition on condition of Gacharage River Bridge.
3. Engaging the CEC Transport and Infrastructure on the way forward.
4. Drafting and adopting reports on the Petition.

Mr, Speaker, the Committee has inadequate budget balances and hence cannot conduct a field visit to the said area to verify on the need for construction of Gacharage river bridge. The Committee thus requests to finalise on consideration of the said Petition after its allocation for the third quarter.

Thank you Mr. Speaker.

PETITION BY RESIDENTS OF KIMORORI/WEMPA WARD IN MARAGUA SUB-COUNTY ON ALLOCATION OF FUNDS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF KATIPANGA-GIKONO-KANG'ANG'U ROAD

Thank Mr. Speaker, the Committee has undertaken the following activities towards consideration of the said Katipanga-Gikono-Kang'ang'u road;

1. Briefing on the Petitions.
2. Discussion on the schedules of activities towards Petitions consideration.

3. Receiving submissions from the Petitioners.
4. Conducting a field visit to Kimorori/Wempa Ward.

The following are the pending activities towards Petition consideration, engaging the CEC Transport and Infrastructure on the way forward, drafting a report on the Petition, Mr. Speaker, the Committee requests for 21 days to finalize on the said Petition. Thank you Mr Speaker.

STATEMENTS

RESPONSE ON ESTABLISHMENT OF AN ALCOHOLIC DRINKS CONTROL FUND

Hon. Jeremiah Kongo: Mr Speaker Sir, I request for more time to be in a position to handle this issue since it is known that the Finance Committee has been involved in the scrutiny of the Annual Development Plan (ADP) and currently I can't be in a position to respond to this Statement, unless we are given more time, let us say two weeks

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

Hon. Peter Mweri: Thank you Hon. Speaker and member for Finance, Hon. Speaker, if you recall, this request was made long time ago, not even two weeks ago but two or three months and I think it is not justified to say they still be given more time, I think we need the guidance of the Speaker, also, this will apply for another person's request, we need a guideline from the Speaker on how long should Statements take because I think there are issues from the other one from Chair Transport.

Hon. Jeremiah Kongo: Thank you Mr Speaker, I am just requesting because it is known that the Finance Committee has been a very busy Committee, from the month of July, we have been specializing with the ADP in line with the County Integrated Development Plan (CIDP) and in fact we have not even been having ample time and the Finance Committee has been a very busy Committee and I am sure Hon. Peter Mweri knows that. I would request the honourable member to indulge me for two weeks only. You have waited from July because the Committee have not been idle; just give us two weeks, they will be enough to respond to your Statement.

The Speaker (Hon. Nduati Kariuki): I must say that nobody is assuming that the Committees have been idle. We know the Committee has been very busy but among the business of being busy is answering questions in this House unless the Committee is saying that it is overloaded by work that it is not able to fulfil some of its function but nevertheless it is reasonable to give you Two weeks thus we do expect the answer before the House goes for recess.

The Speaker (Hon. Nduati Kariuki): Hold on, honourable members before we adjourn, I would like for the sake of the people who came late because this communication is very important and is also urgent. I would like to read once again the communication that I made at the beginning of this session.

The Speaker (Hon. Nduati Kariuki): Honourable members I wish to notify you that I received a letter from the Chief Officer in the County Department of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries requesting to have a sensitization meeting with all Honourable members. National Agricultural and Rural Inclusive Growth Projects (NARIGP; this project is designed to address the main constraints facing the agricultural sector in Kenya by increasing agricultural production and productivity using community participatory and value chain approaches.

Honourable member, NARIGP is being implemented by the government of Kenya through the ministry of Agricultural, Livestock and Fisheries, the State Department of Agriculture with funding support from the World Bank.

This program covers 21 Counties; Murang'a included and will be reaching out farmers across various wards. This sensitization meeting is meant to provide insight on the framework and structure of implementation of the projects from the national level to the ward levels and your role as Members of the County Assembly (MCAs), which is very critical. The meeting will take place today Tuesday, 20th November 2018 at 12.30 to 1:30p.m. in the Assembly chambers. The Chief Officer of the NARIGP County projects will be the main facilitator in the meeting. I therefore urge all members to avail themselves for this important session to learn about the projects and how you can be the ambassadors of the projects in transforming the lives of residence in your respective wards through agricultural productivity.

ADJOURNMENT

The Speaker (Hon. Nduati Kariuki): With that I now adjourn the House until 2.30pm this afternoon.

The House rose at 9:50a.m.