
REPUBLIC OF KENYA

MURANG'A COUNTY ASSEMBLY

THE HANSARD

Thursday, 23rd February 2023.

The Assembly met at 2:55 p.m.

[The Speaker (Hon. Johnson Mukuha) in the Chair]

PRAYERS

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

WITHDRAWAL OF MOTION ON MURANG'A MUNICIPALITY WATER SERVICES PROVIDER AND PETITION AGAINST APPOINTMENT OF NEW WATER PROVIDER AT MURANG'A MUNICIPALITY

February 14, 2023, afternoon sitting. Hon. Members, I wish to make the following Communication; in a meeting held on Tuesday, February 21, 2023, House Business and Rules Committee resolved to issue a Supplementary Order Paper where a Motion of Murang'a Municipality water service providers was to be issued this afternoon by Hon. John Mwangi Kamau, MCA Nginda ward. Further the Office of the Clerk is in receipt of a Petition submitted by Maragua residents and business community association against appointment of a new water Service provider for Murang'a.

Subsequently, this afternoon the Assembly has received a letter referenced MUWASCO/CountyGovernment1/254 dated February 23, 2023, on water service providers boundary and a second letter referenced MUWASCO/County Government1/254 dated February 23, 2023 on Supplementary Order Paper Thursday, February 23, 2023, informing the Assembly that the subject matter contained in the notice of the Motion by Hon. John Mwangi Kamau MCA, Nginda ward is before the Murang'a High Court.

I wish to note that the document availed to the Assembly indicate that the subject matter contained in the notice of Motion is in the High Court of Murang'a under miscellaneous application number E013 2022.

Pursuant to Standing Order 99 (1) that states that “No Member shall refer to any particular matter which is subjudice or which by operation of any written law is secret.” I hereby direct that discussion on the notice of a Motion on the Murang'a water service provider and Petition submitted by Maragua residents' business community association on Petition against appointment of a new water service provider for Murang'a is deferred until the matter is determined by the Court.

Next Order.

PAPERS

WORKPLAN FOR THE ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

Hon. Gladys Wambui: Hon. Speaker, I wish to lay the Paper on departmental work plan for Environment and Natural Resources today Thursday, February 23, 2023.

The Speaker (Hon. Johnson Mukuha): Kindly lay the Paper on the Table.

(Hon. Gladys Wambui laid the Paper on the Table)

The Speaker (Hon. Johnson Mukuha): Next Order

REPORT OF WATER AND IRRIGATION ON DEPARTMENTAL WORKPLAN FOR 2022/2023

Hon. Kibe Wasary: On behalf of Hon. Edwin Wairagu, I beg to lay the following Paper;

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That, the Report by Committee on Water and Irrigation on departmental work plan for financial year 2022/2023 be laid on the Table of the Assembly today, Thursday, February 23, 2023.
Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Johnson Mukuha): Thank you, kindly lay the Papers on the Table.
Next order.

(Hon. Kibe Wasary laid the Paper on the Table)

STATEMENT

APPROVED BUSINESS FOR THE ASSEMBLY FOR PERIOD COMMENCING TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2023 TO THURSDAY, MARCH 2, 2023.

Hon. John Munyua: Here is the Statement of the approved business of the Assembly from the week commencing Tuesday, February 28, 2023 to Thursday, March 2, 2023. Honourable Speaker, I beg to issue the following Statement; that, pursuant to Standing Order 46 (2) (a), the House Business and Rules Committee, at its last meeting, approved the following business that will come before the Assembly from the week commencing Tuesday, February 28, 2023 to Thursday March 02, 2023 as contained in the program. Thank you.

MOTION

ADOPTION OF REPORT OF AGRICULTURE, LIVESTOCK AND FISHERIES COMMITTEE ON THE STATUS OF THE AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT SUPPORT PROGRAM (ASDSP) AS AT DECEMBER 31 2022.

Hon. Kibe Wasary: I beg to move a Motion on the following:-

That, this Assembly adopts the Report of the sectoral Committee on Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries, on the status of the Agricultural Development Support Programme (ASDSP) as at 31st December 2022, laid on the Table of the Assembly on Wednesday, February 22, 2023.

Hon. Speaker, we have the Report with us on our desks and I will make highlights on the same. Agricultural Sector Development Support Program (ASDSP) phase two is one of the key programmes designed by the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock Fisheries and Cooperatives Development and the 47 County Governments to address food and nutrition security and promote manufacturing. It is primarily designed to enhance the capacity of different priority value chains at different levels to tackle the problems that hinder commercialization of agriculture.

Programme funding; Hon. Speaker, we have the government of Sweden has given Kshs51 million, government of Kenya Kshs12.5million, County government Kshs5.5million per year amounting to Kshs27.5million. Total project funds for five years are is Kshs91 million. The funds are accessed via allocation, accessed through activity-based work plans, two, grant mechanisms, that is access through extended concepts for capacity building access of activities grants innovation grants mainly for women and youth.

The programme is to contribute to the transformation of crop, livestock and fisheries production into commercially oriented enterprises that ensure sustainable food and nutrition security. Result areas; we have productivity of value chains increased. These are the results of ASDP, one is the productivity of value chains increment. Two, we have entrepreneur skills development. Three, improved access to markets by priority value chain actors and lastly, structures and capacities for consultation and co-ordination in the sector strengthened.

The value chains that are in this program include cow milk, French beans and banana. Value chain data, value chain organizations, let us go to the statements for the value chain. Cow milk, to transform Murang'a County cow milk value chain into an innovative, commercially oriented and globally competitive chain by 2023. On French beans, to be the preferred County for high quality and commercially competitive French beans products in the world by 2023. On banana, to transform Murang'a County banana value chain into an innovative, commercially oriented and globally competitive chain by 2023.

One thing that I will urge Honourable Members is that they can reach this office and we can provide the numbers of the officers in the said office, whereby they have been going round in our County to help our farmers.

These are the Committee recommendations;

1. That the community should be sensitized on the agriculture support programs and be capacity built on the role they can undertake in execution of the programs at all levels.
2. That there should be equity and equality in distribution of projects across the County to curb sentiments of discrimination on the side of the County Government where some wards benefit from two or more programs while others have none.
3. That the County Executive Committee member (CECM) in charge of Agriculture should in future ensure proper dissemination of information regarding programmes that require the participation of members of public so that the deserving and interested groups are not left out from such programmes.
4. That in future the CECM in charge of Agriculture should ensure full involvement of elected Members of the County Assembly in launching of various programmes in the ward

5. That, the CECM Finance should ensure timely disbursement of counterfund as per the operational agreement between County Government and National Government so as not to compromise on the implementation of ASDSP.
6. That, the County Government should ensure that relevant and regular reports on the ASDSP projects are submitted to the county Assembly Committee of Agriculture and provided to the relevant stakeholders detailing the relevance of the project, level of achievement of the projects, impact and sustainability among other items.
7. The ASDSP cow milk program should be integrated with the County Government milk subsidy program so as to maximize returns in the dairy sector.

Hon. Speaker, I urge the honourable House to support this Motion on agriculture and I request Hon. Mark Gicheru to second.

Hon. Mark Wainaina: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I stand here to second the Motion on the Report of the sectoral Committee on Agriculture and Fisheries, on the status of the Agricultural Development Support Program (ASDSP) as at December 31, 2022. I second.

(Question proposed)

The Speaker (Hon. Johnson Mukuha): Honourable Members, the Floor is open for debate. Yes *mheshimiwa* (Honourable) Murarandia.

Hon. Peter Munga: Thank you Mr. Speaker. It is worth noting that the program is very good as we see it on papers theoretically, but when if we go to our wards and most of my colleagues will agree with me, majority of us have no idea of this program. My prayer is this, as we proceed with this program, yesterday we had that of NARGIP, yes, we can see programs going on by NARGIP but I have never heard of such a program as ASSDP. My prayer is this, let most of us be inducted with the programs, know what is happening so that as we go to the ground, we know what to tell our people. I support the document itself. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Johnson Mukuha): Yes, *Mheshimiwa* (Honourable) Mirara

Hon. Moses Mirara: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I share equally the sentiments of the Honourable member for Murarandia ward, save for the documents that we are seeing here, much need to be done on us being inducted and getting to know whatever these programs are done within our wards. I support this because anything that complements the County Government interventions

on agriculture is very noble ideas, but what we need to do is just to enlighten members on whatever with these programs but for my case I support, because the programs and the Committee have done a commendable job even looking at the Committee recommendations that they have provided here, that now includes us as the Members of County Assembly (MCAs) as the representative of the people. I support, thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Johnson Mukuha): Yes, Hon. Priscilla. Oh sorry, Hon. Pauline.

Hon. Pauline Njeri: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I will really appreciate if you can be able to master my name.

The Speaker (Hon. Johnson Mukuha): I will Pauline, I think I will refer to you as Njeri Muchiri

Hon. Pauline Njeri: Yes, actually that is the common name because I find you forgetting most of the times.

The Speaker (Hon. Johnson Mukuha): So that I do not mislead the Pauline and Priscilla, I will thank you.

Hon. Pauline Njeri: Yesterday we had this same debate here, I remember standing and stating that I was not understanding what was happening. First of all I support the document as my fellow Honourable Members have stated, but we need to something in this House because most of the Papers that we lay here and the Motions that we discuss we do not tend to understand. Most of us are interested in whatever is happening in Murang'a and I believe all of us. Most of us are good in debate and we really appreciate when we participate on something that we understand.

Hon. Speaker, like yesterday, when we were discussing this Agriculture and Fisheries thing. Let me call it a thing because I am sorry to state that I do not understand. I stated and requested we can be getting the Reports before just the way we get in soft in social media on WhatsApp on whatever is going on in the House, I was requesting yesterday that we can be getting these Reports before, because all of us are not in the same Committee. So that we get to understand what we are discussing and so that when we are stand to contribute or to support, we know what we are supporting. I see a scenario where one day we will support to overthrow the government without knowing. Therefore, with all due respect kindly take this matter seriously. Help us on how we can be getting these Reports early enough. Thank you, Honourable Speaker, for the chance.

The Speaker (Hon. Johnson Mukuha): Yes, Hon. Naomi and thank you so much Njeri Muchiri.

Hon. Naomi Maina: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I beg to support this Motion and contribute to it. Allow me also to commend the good work done by the Agriculture Committee for bringing this Report to the Floor. I also would like to support this program. As you can note, it is impacting heavily on the lives of our people through capacity building and extension of different services. It is also important to note that, going forward, the program will initiate the nutritional training to our farmers so that it supports the school feeding program which relies heavily on these agricultural products. I beg to support the Motion.

The Speaker (Hon. Johnson Mukuha): I call the Mover to respond.

Hon. Francis Kibe: Thank you Hon. Speaker, let me start by thanking the honourable Members for their support on this Motion. One thing, maybe, that I will put across is that once any Committee that sits outside or any Committee that requests to sit outside and do a Report on anything, it has to bring its Report in this Assembly. So, at one time, Agriculture Committee sat with National Agricultural and Rural Inclusive Growth Project (NARIGP) and they brought their Report yesterday and today also they had also sat with the Agricultural Sector Development Support Program (ASDSP) and they have brought their Report today. One thing that is coming up is that we need to have these Reports in time so that Members can have ample time to go through the Reports so, that one is very good, it has come from Hon. Pauline.

The other point is that Members need to know how these programs are working and it will be very important that we have the two organizations, that is the NARIGP and this one, come and have a sitting with all the Members so that Members can be taken through what those organizations have for this County. So, Hon. Members, I thank you for your support on this Motion; let us work for our County. Thank you very much.

The Speaker (Hon. Johnson Mukuha): Before I put the question, it is very good to note that this issue of Reports not getting to the Members early is recurring and, therefore, I would request the Clerks to make sure those Reports get within good time as requested by Hon. Njeri Muchiri. Hon. Members, there being no further debate, I will now put the question.

(Question put and agreed to)

The Speaker (Hon. Johnson Mukuha): Next Order

ADJOURNMENT

The Speaker (Hon. Johnson Mukuha): Hon. Members, there being no further Business, this House now stands adjourned until Tuesday, February 28, 2023 at 9:30 a.m.

The Assembly rose at 3:25 p.m.