

**MURANGA COUNTY ASSEMBLY
THE HANSARD**

Tuesday 28th July 2015

The House met at 9:50a.m.

(The Speaker Hon. Nduati Kariuki in the Chair)

PRAYERS

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

The Speaker: Hon. members, after this session we shall have an informal meeting to discuss serious matters that are likely to affect members' welfare and in particular their finances. There are very matters from the Kenya Revenue Authority that the members need to know.

PAPERS

REPORT OF YOUTH, CULTURE AND SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE ON THE
OBJECTION OF THE RECRUITMENT ADVERT OF THE CHIEF SPORTS OFFICER
(HEAD COACH) JOB GROUP 'M' IN MURANG'A COUNTY

Hon. Joseph Ndung'u Njogu: On behalf of the Youth, Culture and Social Services committee, I beg to lay the following paper on the table of the Assembly today Tuesday 28, 2015;-

The Report of the Youth, Culture and Social Services committee on the objection of the recruitment advert of the Chief Sports Officer (Head Coach) Job Group 'M' in Murang'a county.

(Hon. Joseph Ndung'u laid the paper on the table)

STATEMENTS

WAKAHARE SPRING WATER LAND-COMMUNITY BASED WATER PROJECT
IN KAMAHUHA

Hon. John Gitau: Before I request for the statement, I wish to take this opportunity to thank the people of the United States of America and in particular President Obama for finding time to visit our country throughout the weekend.

(Laughter)

It is now upon us as the government and the people of Kenya to follow up on the achievements that we ought to reap from this visit. It is enormous and I am sure we are going to have a follow up mechanism so that we reap 100%.

Mr. Speaker, pursuant to standing order 45(2) (c), I hereby request for a statement from the Chairperson, Lands, Housing and Physical Planning on the following;

- i. Whether the County Executive Committee Member in charge of Lands, Housing and Physical Planning is aware of the existence of the community based water project known as Wakahare spring water which is located in Ndorome village, Iganjo sub-location, Kamahuha location, Murang'a south sub-county?
- ii. That the project which started in or about 2003, is on a private land measuring approximately 0.25 acres
- iii. That the community acquired the project with a promise by the then county council of Maragua to compensate Mr. Kimani Sospeter Ndung'u, the owner of the land where the project is located

- iv. That the project provides drinking water to the people in the entire Ndorome village and therefore its importance is paramount.
- v. That while the community continues to benefit from the project, Mr. Ndung'u has not been compensated despite concerted efforts from him and the project officials.
- vi. That due to the foregoing, Mr. Ndung'u has now engaged the services of a lawyer to seek compensation for use of his land ever since and evict the community from his land.
- vii. What urgent measures is the County Government doing to ensure that Mr. Ndung'u, the registered owner of the land where the project stands is compensated to avoid the said eviction and ensure continuity of the project which is of paramount importance to the Ndorome community?

Hon. Duncan Njuguna: On question one, I know the CEC is not aware because the water project is not on her docket. Question two and three, on private land she needs to get the details. On Question four, I know she is not aware whether there is such a project so she does not know whether it provides water or it does not. On question seven, it is not what the county government is doing; it is what it will do since he has asked for the statement. I request this Hon. House to give the committee 14 working days before we go on recess

Hon. John Njoroge: Thank you Mr Speaker, I think I have heard what the chairman has said, but it is unfortunate that he is saying that the minister is not aware. As a government we need to be pro-active and know what is happening in our county, that is why we have dockets. A minister who is not aware of what is happening in his docket is not worth being there. This is a project that is of importance to a whole community and they should be aware even before we ask, thank you

Hon. Duncan Njuguna: I think the good Hon. member for Kamahuha got himself confused, instead of asking for the statement, he rose to tell us what Obama said or did not say

(Laughter)

Mr. Speaker sir, bullet one says very clearly that this is a water project and water projects fall under the infrastructure ministry not under lands. All the same I have requested for 14 days and I will make sure we will visit the area and get a comprehensive report on the same.

The Speaker: Granted

ADJOURNMENT

The Speaker: Subject to the informal meeting that we shall hold after this session, the House is adjourned until 2:30 this afternoon

The House rose at 10:00 a.m.