

MURANG'A COUNTY ASSEMBLY THE HANSARD

Thursday, 10th October 2015

The House met at 2.53 p.m.

(Second Chair Hon. Catherine Mugo in the Chair)

PRAYERS

STATEMENTS

DIRECTORS OF EACO- MILLS AND PAYMENT TO COFFEE FARMERS

Hon. Samuel Wandia: Thank you Madam Speaker, I wish to request for statement, Pursuant to standing order 45 (2) (c), I hereby request for a statement from the Chairperson Water, Energy, Forestry, Environment, Natural Resources and Co-operative Management Committee on the following;

1. Who are the Directors of EACO- mills?
2. Who pays the Directors and employees of the company now that the company is not in operation?
3. Confirm whether all the coffee that had been delivered to the institution was sold and the returns paid to the farmers
4. Provide evidence/copies of payments to the farmers and the amount each farmer was paid?

Second Chair: Hon. Machiri.

Hon. Joseph Machiri: Thank you Madam Speaker I am chair for Water

(Hon. Charles Kirigwi rose on a point of order)

Second Chair: Hon. Kirigwi your point of order?

Hon. Charles Kirigwi: Is it in order for hon. Machiri to cross the floor without bowing.

[Hon. Joseph Machiri bowed at the bar)

(Laughter)

Second Chair: He was out of order but I think he has done what is necessary.

Hon. Joseph Machiri: I request the Chair to give us 14 days so that we can respond effectively.

Second Chair: Honourable Machiri which Chair?

Hon. Joseph Machiri: Chair for water.

(Laughter)

No, I am just requesting the Speaker and the one who has sought for the statement to allow us to respond effectively to his question.

Hon. Samuel Wandia: I hope when he says 14 days, it includes weekend.

Hon. Joseph Machiri: 14 working days.

Hon. Samuel Wandia: If it is working days then I say that 10 days are enough, there is no where he is going to get the answer.

Second Chair: Hon. Machiri what was your reason for giving 14 days?

Hon. Joseph Machiri: The reason for asking 14 days is purely because the question at hand now requires breakdown of individual farmers in the whole county which is a very tedious exercise and if I agree with 10 days I might mislead this House which is not in order.

Second Chair: Hon. Wandia we will work with 14 days, so you expect your answer in 14 days.

MANAGEMENT OF KARIII DISPOSAL SITE IN MBIRI WARD

Hon. Joseph Machiri: I stand to respond to the statement raised by hon. Njoroge MCA Mbiri ward. If you may allow me to go into the statement so that I can respond in a detailed way.

1. Whether the chairperson is aware of the existence of Kariii waste disposal site in Mbiri ward?
2. If yes, whether he is aware that the facility fails to comply with Environmental Management and Co-ordination Waste Management Regulations Legal Notice No.121of 2006?
3. Whether he is aware that the road to the dumpsite namely Muthigiriri is in deplorable condition thus contributing to littering of the road by trucks transporting the waste to the facility?
4. That the chairperson to table a report on compliance of waste disposal site with the said legal notice no.121of 2006.

The department of environment responds as follows; that we are aware that there is a waste disposal site called Kariii in Mbiri ward. The department is also aware that the facility does not comply with Environment Management and Co-ordination Act due to lack of the following; perimeter fence, gate house, personnel to guard the facility.

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for staff working in the facility. The department wishes to state the following on that issue: during the last financial year the department had planned to fence the dumpsite, construct a gate and procure personal protective equipment. The necessary requisitions were made by the department for those works but the funds were not available. However the department managed to put beacons around the disposal site in readiness for fencing this financial year.

During this financial year, the department had budgeted for the fencing of the Kariii Dumpsite, confining and compacting of the waste. And do all such other works necessary for an ideal disposal site.

But as we arrange for this the department was allocated mere Kshs.34 million in the budget for the whole year, so the department was unable to do all the needed like gravelling of the road to Kariii dumpsite.

It was in this House where we fought so hard for the environment department to be allocated a larger amount in the budget, but we were given Kshs. 34 million which was in block figures for all the departments.

I had called the CEC for environment last week and he informed me that he can only account for 700,000 out of the Kshs. 34 million because some of the money was taken to other departments. So he had nothing to do like

(Hon. Duncan Njuguna rose on a point of order)

Second Chair: Hon. Duncan.

Hon. Duncan Njuguna: Is it in order for the hon. chair to give a response from a photocopy that does not have the original signatures of the committee members?

Second Chair: Hon. Machiri where is the original document?

Hon. Joseph Machiri: The original document is there but there was anomaly as it was not submitted, but this copy is authentic.

Second Chair: Hon. Duncan is very much in order to tell you that what you are supposed to be reading to this Assembly is the original document and if you read a copy then it should be certified by all your members that it is a true copy of the original. We will allow you today but next time I will not entertain that.

Hon. Joseph Machiri: Though it is authenticated by all the members of the committee, it is well signed.

Second Chair: It is not certified that it is a true copy of the original.

Hon. Joseph Machiri: That is true, I apologise for that. That is the response to that statement and I halt there hoping that the person who raised the statement is comfortable with that..

Second Chair: Hon. Njoroge are you satisfied with the response?

Hon. Joseph Njoroge: The response which has been given by the chairperson is not adequate and it is not addressing all what was asked.

This seems to have come from the chairperson alone because nothing has been done in that dumpsite even those beacons the chairperson is saying are there, I will that is my way and there is not even single day I have heard that there are beacons there.

When I raised this question a tractor went and moved the waste further and they never dug a hole that used to be there. I remember when the defunct local authority was using that dumpsite; we had dug a big hole there for all the waste to be deposited there. Nowadays there is not even a single day that the tractor goes there to remove the waste. I am not satisfied with the answer.

What the chair could have told me is that they have set aside this amount of money to use because there was money in this financial year, Kshs. 34 million as he said, but there is no where he is indicating that this amount has been set aside to be used in this dumpsite.

The people surrounding that area, if today there is an outbreak of cholera those will be the most affected people because even the flies. If you are to go there with your vehicle, you cannot open the windows because of the flies.

I am not satisfied with the answer. Now we are heading to the rain season, it will be very bad and I do not know whether the county government of Murang'a will vacate the residents of that area to other areas because if you open the door of someone's house, you will see all the flies come in and when someone is going to sleep, and you bear with me because I am from that area you have to sweep out the flies which are on the bed

(Laughter)

So Madam Speaker I am not comfortable with that answer and I request the chairperson to go there and see what I am saying with the whole House. Thank you very much.

(Applause)

Second Chair: Hon. Machiri

Hon. Joseph Machiri: I am sure that the beacons are there, but the tractor which hon. Njoroge is claiming was there may be it uprooted the beacons, because beacons are not things put where you can see with your own eyes, they are put and hon. Duncan can bear me witness he is the chair for land and the department of land is one obligated to put beacons.

The beacons are very short and you cannot see with your own eyes. About the flies

(Laughter)

That I will not answer, it was in this House and I am double sure the same person who is standing here stood up and said that the environment department ought not to be given a lot of money and I think he has not gone to that area for about three months, because we were there and we found that

(Hon. John Kiarie rose on a point of order)

Second Chair: Hon. Kiarie

Hon. John Kiarie: The chair has just told us that the beacons cannot be seen with eyes then he is telling us that the beacons are there. Do we have new technology of putting up the beacons that the eyes cannot see?

Second Chair: Hon. Machiri substantiate to the House

(Laughter)

Hon. Joseph Machiri: Yes, very much obliged. What I meant is that the beacons which are cemented are cemented flat that it cannot prevent you from walking.

The beacons which are put nowadays are digital beacons whereby they are so low and in case the garbage is put on top of the beacons unless you remove the garbage you cannot see the beacons.

The other issue is that the garbage spilt in Karii dumpsite some of the people loitering there are the one who are spilling the beacons with the garbage

Second Chair: I think I will cut you short hon. Machiri; the issue he has raised is regarding the budget, what do you have to say on that?

Hon. Joseph Machiri: It is better for me to correct the hon. member that the budget I was talking about is not this year's financial budget but 2013/2014 budget. That is what I was claiming we were allocated Kshs. 34 million which we never touched, we only found Kshs.700, 000 only so the department has no money as we are talking. We cannot promise that we will do Rurii dumpsite unless we do a supplementary budget

Second Chair: Hon. Njoroge.

Hon. Joseph Njoroge: Because of the state of that area, I think the chairman should have clarified whether we are going to close that dumpsite if there is no budgetary allocation.

And I think since I asked that question it is almost five months down the line and it has not been responded to, so I will request if they are not going to do anything to that area, can the county government of Murang'a close that dumpsite? Unless they find another place or they relocate the people from that area.

The coming season is rainy and in such a season all the flies will move to the nearby houses so even to eat or drink will be impossible. It is now up to the chairperson to know what to do with that area or they transfer a dumpsite to another area that will have no people.

Second Chair: Hon. Machiri as a chair of that particular committee, I think you are supposed to respond as to how much time you need so that you can sufficiently address the issue of budgetary allocation.

Hon. Joseph Machiri: Let me reiterate that the hon. member is a perennial absentee in this House. For one---

Second Chair: Can you withdraw that hon. Machiri.

Hon. Joseph Machiri: I withdraw that one but yesterday we prepared response but it was deferred due to him being absent. Anyway, we prepared response three months ago and he is claiming that he has been waiting for response for five months.

For the dumpsite let me be sincere and say that it cannot be moved. What we can do as a government is do everything possible to see into it that everything is corrected in the near future

(Hon. Kago Njoroge rose on point of order)

Second Chair: Hon. Kago

Hon. Kago Njoroge: With your guidance, can hon. Machiri tell us whether he has gone through the register of this Assembly and noted a number of times that hon. Njoroge has been absent because it is as if he has alluded that within three months hon. Njoroge has never attended. We are sure we have heard him contributing to motions. Can he substantiate that?

Second Chair: I thought hon. Machiri has withdrawn.

Hon. Joseph Machiri: I think the person who has stood to question me about that was a bit asleep but he was resting.

Hon. Kago Njoroge: On a point of order, we have noted with a lot of concern that hon. Machiri has not been respectful to members. Whenever a member stands on a point of order or happens to move a motion, instead of responding and answering in the correct and behaved manner, he always uses abusive language.

How can I have been asleep while still listening? He said very well that the hon. member was absent but withdrew. He however added that he is sure that the hon. member has been absent for three months. How comes he is saying I was asleep? We need to trim the tongues of some members who think that we do not think whenever we are talking.

(Applause)

Second Chair: Thank you hon. Kago, hon. Machiri, retract and apologise to the House.

Hon. Joseph Machiri: As much as I apologise, it is important to state that I never mentioned members in plural; I mentioned a member in singular. All the same, I recant. I was saying that we should wait so that we liaise with the County Executive Committee (CEC) Member concerned to see whether we can do anything to that dumpsite.

Second Chair: How much time do you need?

Hon. Joseph Machiri: We need about three months.

Second Chair: We note with concern that some issues have been raised that are actually a health risk to the people around that place. I therefore rule that you come back to this House with an answer within 21 days.

(Applause)

Hon. Joseph Machiri: Thank you.

Second Chair: Next order.

MOTIONS

COMPLIANCE TO CONSTRUCTION STANDARDS

Hon. Duncan Njuguna: Madam Speaker, before I move the motion, I stand on a point of order because there was no certified copy of the response given by the chair of Water. The copy I have with me is the photocopy that is in our files yet I can remember very well that I signed three copies of the motion. This one is like a photocopy of the order paper.

Second Chair: Go on Hon. Duncan.

Hon. Duncan Njuguna: I beg to move the following motion

Second Chair: You had something that you were raising earlier.

Hon. Duncan Njuguna: I thought that you had given me a go ahead, I was saying that I do not have the copy of the motion that I signed, the one I have is the order paper that I have not signed. I therefore needed your guidance whether I can continue with the motion as it is or I will maybe be out of order.

Second Chair: The Speaker grants you the leave to go on.

Hon. Duncan Njuguna: I therefore beg to move the following motion:-

Aware, that property developers have intentionally continued to down play required set building standards, further aware that, the Architectural Association of Kenya (AAK) reported that 65% of houses in Kenya are sub standardly put up, noting with concern, that some developers have not bothered to register themselves and their projects with the National Construction Authority (NCA), cognizant of the fact that some of these developers are putting up buildings on road reserves, contrary to the provision of the Physical Planning Act, recognizing the health hazard and looming disaster posed by poorly designed buildings, poor administration of contracts and general professional negligence of property developers; this

House urges the County Executive Member in charge of Land, Housing and Physical Planning;

1. To deploy building inspectors in every part of the County for thorough inspection on compliance.
2. To issue notice of demolition to non-compliant property developers whose constructions are posing threats to lives, or are on road reserves.
3. To move ahead and send enforcement officers to execute the demolition directives earlier issued to developers whose projects are not compliant with set standards and the law, so as to arrest the potential crisis that these buildings may cause to the construction workers and the general public around the buildings.
4. To fast track formulation and subsequent forwarding to the Assembly, the Development Control Bill, 2015.

The committee decided to come up with this Motion because of the negligence by the developers who own some plots. They do not meet the regulations or the required standards of constructing buildings set by the various bodies or institutions such as the NCA, the AAK and the Engineers Association of Kenya (EAK), and other laws such as the Physical Planning Act. We decided to do so to control the buildings in Murang'a and avoid disasters like the ones that are occasionally experienced in Nairobi. We also came up with the motion to control and regulate the construction of these buildings.

I have an example of a building that is coming up in Kiria-ini town, which is on the road reserve. That one is not a plot; it is a road reserve. It is on the second floor and the construction is still going on. It was marked to be demolished but due to executive powers, it was decided otherwise.

We therefore decided to come up with this so that we can enforce the developers to follow the rules on the laws of this county. When a road is being constructed, there are those who grab land to build churches, shops or other buildings so that they can rent. That is why they are posing danger, especially because they are along the roadsides as you are aware that is very dangerous because it can cause accidents.

The structures that are erected are not well constructed because in most cases, you will find those buildings developing cracks and we decided to come up with this motion to control the same.

On the development controllers, it was only two weeks ago that the County Government of Murang'a engaged its development controllers who are going to be stationed in all the eight sub-counties to take control of this since it is becoming a very dangerous menace.

This being a motion on the development control, very soon and maybe by next week, we will be receiving the Development Control Bill, 2015, from the CEC in charge of Land so that we can deliberate on the same. Otherwise, we decided to move forward and have this motion in place so that we can start regulation the same. With that, I call upon the vice- chair, hon. Kago, to second the motion. Thank you Madam Speaker.

Hon. Kago Njoroge: I stand to support the motion that has been well explained by the chair of our committee.

We do not want Murang'a county to be like Nairobi or like any other county whereby we are getting reports of houses collapsing each and every day or a certain house having to be demolished after so many millions have been spent simply because some officers who were supposed to have been going round to inspect and control never did that.

We therefore felt that we need to insist and urge our CEC to hurry up. If they do not have enough personnel for the department of land, let them go on and employ them and even deploy those from the national government that are working in our county government so that they can start respecting.

After the building plan and structural works has been approved, we would also want to have somebody who is following up seeing to it that whatever was approved is what is being done, in terms of the quality materials, the size of the steel and the workmanship. We need to maintain standards because none of us would like our people to lose their lives. We also want to take care of the finances that the developers put when they are coming up with building because when a house collapses, the developer loses a lot, perhaps because of lack of good advice.

We have also seen that there are so many people who provide the labour but do not have the qualifications because they never went to class; they trained themselves in the field. They happen to be regarded to be among the best because of their experience. We feel that the NCA came in at the right time because any developer has to register his or her works with the NCA for them to make sure that the engineers on site, the foremen, and those who build, are qualified.

As a county, we are not supposed to be left behind. We need to do it very fast so that we do not lose money and our people. For the control development, we do not want to have slums in towns. Madam Speaker, you remember that this House passed a motion to re-plan so many towns because we want to come up with model towns in the county whereby other counties will be coming to benchmark with us. You know the case of Kanjoya, which is a new market. The other day, we had gone to a place called Gathanini. We are trying to think how we can improve the status of our towns.

We do not want whatever we have discussed here or has been done by our CEC to go to waste by not following whatever is being done on the ground. Every member of this House feels that we are going to support this because by having those people, we are going to save a lot; not only lives but also finances. The environment will also be taken care of.

As the earlier motion stated, the disposal sites and sewerage systems will be well set up and taken care of because there will be somebody who will be inspecting and following up. There is somebody to make sure that whatever is approved in the county, the works department and the architectural department of Kenya will be followed to the letter. I stand to second since this is among the best motions that we have ever brought.

We feel that if we do this, our county will be among the top and we will never have even as Single house collapsing. We will not also lose lives simply because the buildings have collapsed. I second.

(Question proposed)

Second Chair: The motion is open for debate. Hon. Njoroge.

Hon. Joseph Njoroge: The committee had good intentions when they were bringing this motion to this House, however, i would like the committee to know that there is a department of Land, Housing, Planning, and Settlement and that of Transport and Infrastructure.

I think that the buildings are settled by the department of Land but the buildings are erected under the department of Transport and Infrastructure. When you are erecting a building, you do so that on a plot that has all the beacons. The chairperson of Land, Housing and Physical Planning could have said that he is urging the department of Infrastructure to

Hon. Duncan Njuguna: On a point of order

Second Chair: Yes Hon. Duncan.

Hon. Duncan Njuguna: Is it in order for the hon. member to not only confuse but also mislead this House? Our motion reads very well because we have talked of development which is under the Physical Planning Act and the Lands Act, we have not talked of anything on infrastructure. Can he elaborate what he means by infrastructure or where the transport is coming in this motion?

Second Chair: Hon. Njoroge, I also felt that you are out of order, kindly support or oppose the motion, period. You cannot tell the House or the mover of the motion what they ought to do.

(Loud consultations)

You are also out of order Hon. Duncan, go on Hon. Njoroge.

Hon. Joseph Njoroge: I am not misleading the House; I am discussing what is in the motion that---

Hon. Joseph Machiri: On a point of order ---

Second Chair: Yes Hon. Machiri.

Hon. Joseph Machiri: I think the hon. member is misleading the House because for one, he ought to either oppose or support the motion.

Second Chair: Thank you. hon. Njoroge, please go ahead and either support or oppose the motion with reasons.

Hon. Joseph Njoroge: When someone is opposing or proposing, he or she must give support. I am therefore not out of order as hon---

(Hon. Duncan Njuguna spoke off record)

Second Chair: You are out of order Hon. Njoroge, members, you will also be out of order if you interrupt him when he is speaking.

Hon. Joseph Njoroge: Madam Speaker, I think they want to confuse me but they will not manage to do so.

(Laughter)

Hon. Joseph Njoroge: I think they want to confuse me, I was saying, that the committee had come up with very good suggestions but these

(Hon. Duncan Njuguna rose on a point of order)

Hon. Duncan Njuguna: Is it in order for the hon. member to call our motion a suggestion, this is not a suggestion, this is a motion well thought by a committee, We are not suggesting what will be done by the Assembly or by the CEC Land. Can he come out clearly whether he is supporting or opposing.

Second Chair: Hon Njoroge, you either support the motion or you oppose it

Hon Joseph Njoroge: Now that the chairperson has confused my mind, when you are discussing something, you have to start and end somewhere.

Second Chair: are you supporting the motion or opposing it.

(Hon Joseph Machiri rose on a point of order)

Hon. Joseph Machiri: It is better for the hon. member for Mbiri to either respect the ruling of the chair to withdraw, oppose or support

Second Chair: Hon. Njoroge, the floor is yours

Hon. Joseph Njoroge: Madam Speaker, I stand again to say that for this motion, the committee has a good suggestion. I would suggest that the committee on Land, Housing and Physical planning to come up with a way of addressing the issue of buildings erected on road reserves, which needs to be reviewed so that the inspectors who are supposed.

(Hon. Kago Njoroge rose on a point of order)

Hon. Kago Njoroge: Is it in order for the hon. member for Mbiri to tell us how the motion should look like. He is telling us to come up with recommendations on buildings on road reserves and yet we do not have inspectors who have done so. We are giving directions to the

CEC, I am wondering, because of the word infrastructure and the house is a structure that is why he is getting confused, when he is talking about the ministry of Infrastructure, the grammar is the problem, I think he should withdraw and allow other members to contribute.

Second Chair: Hon. Njoroge, withdraw and retract the statements and you either oppose or support that motion, otherwise, I will actually throw you out of this Assembly.

Hon. Joseph Njoroge: I rise to support

(Laughter and applause)

Hon. Joseph Machiri: Off the cuff, I think hon. Njoroge was confused because of the scuffle that was on his ward where he was accosted by goons. I sympathize with him, he is my friend and we shall retaliate.

Second Chair: Hon Machiri, you are out of order, can you address what is in this House

(Hon. Joseph Njoroge rose on a point of order)

Hon. Joseph Njoroge: Is hon. Machiri in order to say things that did not happen in the floor of this House. He is talking about goons who are not here. As hon. Kago had earlier said, hon. Machiri does not honour this house, he talks irrelevant issues which are not in the floor of the House.

Second Chair: Hon. members, if I find you disorderly in this House, I will act and throw you out of this House, please be Orderly.

Hon. Joseph Kimani: This is a very serious motion and when members seem to be joking with it, I am depressed. We are talking about the lives of our people and how people will behave well when they are constructing. Rise to support the motion.

In the areas we come from, we encounter challenges, we do not have enough inspectors and people cry a lot when they have been caught by the officers and they do not have building plans.

On point number one, it is very important for us to add more inspectors so that they are enough all over our counties. Some of the people in our wards are ignorant and they do not know those regulations and when they go round inspecting the houses most of the residents in the wards will know what is required of them

On point number two, we have heard in the national parliament that there is a law on developers who are doing so in the road reserves. I am sure even the members, when they are walking they find cross marks on buildings. It is important that we give our affected people notices so that they can decide on what to do, either demolish or use the materials for other things.

It is important to do enforcement so that the work set out in part one and two is operationalized. It is also important that what we have a Development Control Bill, such that whenever someone is developing structures.

(Hon. Joseph Machiri rose on a point of order)

Hon. Joseph Machiri: I want to alert you that we do not have quorum in the House.

(No quorum)

(Second Chair ordered that the Bell to be rang for 10 minutes)

(Quorum bell rang)

(Hon Duncan Njuguna rose on a point of order)

Hon. Duncan Njuguna: In our standing orders there is a provision that when the bell is rang, no member shall leave the chamber, hon. Machiri has just done that.

Second Chair: Hon. Duncan, I am assuming that he has gone for a health break; I hope he will come back

(Quorum Attained)

Hon. Joseph Kimani: I was concluding by saying that the Development Control Bill is also very important, it will guide on our development plans so that we will avoid a lot of confusion and people doing what is not supposed to be done, otherwise, I support the motion.

Hon. Beth Ngugi: I want to congratulate this committee on Land, Housing and Physical planning for coming up with such a good motion.

On point number one, it is important because most of the people who are building in this county do not conform to the physical planning department, their plans are not approved and the materials they source for are not adequate for the buildings. If the inspectors are deployed, they will be able to help any person who intends to put up a building.

On two and three, it is good to issue a notice so that those buildings which do not comply are demolished and this would be an example to deter others who are putting up such buildings without proper foundations.

On point number four, a Bill will be good to be a foundation that will guide any developer and incorporate the Masons to ensure they are qualified. I strongly support the motion.

Hon. Peter Kihungi: I stand to support the motion and congratulate the committee on the move they are making in controlling development.

I consider an area like Kenol which we project to be among our major town, because of ignorance and lack of controls at inception, you cannot do any expansion in that town unless you shift it to another place, and there are no roads, there are no sewer lines or other connections.

When a country is developed without a plan from government institutions, it becomes troublesome. There is a highway from Kenol to Sagana but we may not benefit from structured development unless we go ahead and start demolishing the building areas.

When I was young, in poor shopping centers at Tuthu, Kiruri and Wanjerere, if you go to Gitugi and Gatanga which are in distant places, you will find that the shops had the same building plan. The shops were built through a specific plan approved by the county council, but nowadays anyone can go with his own building plan, there are no controls on approvals, somebody goes into a town and puts up a five storey building yet there is no sewer or waste disposal control and crisis ensues.

I support that we start making serious controls on development on our towns which are forming and the major towns, because we may focus on major towns, forget the developing towns and we might later be faced with the crisis we are facing in Kenol.

In Nairobi, there is a vehicle labeled directorate and inspection of buildings, this vehicle goes around. When this kind of discipline develops in people, when they are putting up a building they realize the vehicle can pass by and ask for plan approvals, contractor registration with NCA and that will help our people do standard buildings.

I support the motion and request the committee chair to follow up on implementation to ensure that this will be the standards for Murang'a. If we continue like this, Kambiti with high potentials because of the highway will develop without a plan. At the moment, everybody is putting up his structure the way he wants. When we would want to take advantage of the highway, our county will not benefit from the infrastructure development from the national government. I support the motion and request that it starts working soon.

Second Chair: Mover to respond

Hon. Duncan Njuguna: I would like to thank the hon. members for the support and contributions. Everything involved concerns land, housing and physical planning. I would wish to let them know that we are in the process of deploying physical planners at the sub-county level. As we speak, we only have four physical planners in the whole county.

In the near future the challenge of unapproved buildings will be reduced since we will have enough personnel to go round Murang'a county checking on the buildings which are coming up.

On Kenol town, the spatial planning process is on the way and therefore although we do not have a road reserve which is used by traders, there will be a way out after the spatial planning. With that I would like to thank the members for their support.

(Question put and agreed to)

ADJOURNMENT

The House rose at 3.55 p.m.