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The House met at the Assembly Chambers at 10.00 a.m.

[The Speaker (Hon. Lantano Nabaala) in the Chair]

PRAYERS

QUORUM CALL

Speaker: Clerk, confirm if there is quorum.

(Lack of quorum confirmed)

Speaker: Without quorum, I direct that the bell rings for ten minutes.

(Quorum bell rang for ten minutes)

Speaker: Clerk, confirm if we now have quorum.

(Lack of quorum confirmed)

Speaker: Now that we do not have quorum, the bell shall continue ringing for five minutes.

(Quorum bell rang for two minutes)

Hon. Salim Edung: Mr. Speaker, we now have the quorum.

Speaker: Clerk, confirm if indeed we do have quorum.

(Clerk confirmed achievement of Quorum)

Speaker: Thank you. I direct that the bell stops ringing. We should continue and proceed to the orders of the day.

PAPERS LAID

RUMURUTI & NANYUKI MUNICIPALITIES' INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2023-2027

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I beg to lay the following papers;

1. Report by the Finance and County Planning Committee on the Rumuruti Municipality Integrated Development Plan (IDeP) 2023-2027 dated 31st March 2025.
2. Report by the Finance and County Planning Committee on the Nanyuki Municipality Integrated Development Plan (IDeP) 2023-2027 dated 31st March 2025.

Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

Speaker: Hon. Stephen, are you through?

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Thank you, Clerk.

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(Hon. Stephen Ndiritu laid the Papers on the Table of the House)

NOTICES OF MOTIONS

NANYUKI MUNICIPALITY INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2023-2027

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I beg to give notice of the following motion;

THAT, this Assembly adopts the report by the Finance and County Planning Committee on the Nanyuki Municipality Integrated Development Plan (IDeP) 2023-2027 dated 31st March 2025.

RUMURUTI MUNICIPALITY INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2023-2027

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Hon. Speaker, I beg to give the following motion;

THAT, this Assembly adopts the report by the Finance and County Planning Committee on the Rumuruti Municipality Integrated Development Plan (IDeP) 2023-2027 dated 31st March 2025.

STATEMENTS

STATUS OF OCCUPATION OF ANIMAL HOLDING GROUNDS AND CORRIDORS IN LAIKIPIA COUNTY

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Hon. Speaker, there was a confusion. I have a response to statement on the status of occupation of animal holding grounds and corridors in Laikipia County.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, the Finance and County Planning Committee is a sectoral committee established under Standing Order No. 191. Its subject area is stipulated in the first schedule of the Standing Order being County Public Finance and Planning, development including statistics; land survey and mapping; boundaries and fencing; housing and electricity and gas reticulation and energy reticulation.

The attached statement as in annexure 1 was raised by Hon. Salim Edung of Segera Ward on 27th August, 2024 and committed to the Finance and County Planning Committee by the Speaker of the same day. The Committee requested for a response to the statement from the County Executive Member for Infrastructure, Land, Housing, Energy and Physical Planning and received a reply on 21st March, 2025 as in annexure 2.

Mr. Speaker, on that page, is the statement that was asked by Hon. Salim Edung. There is a response and Members can go to annexure 2. I think they have the document in their gadgets. The above subject matter the Draft Laikipia Spatial Plan 2023-2033 indicates that there exists 59 holding grounds, stock routes and outspans in Laikipia County PG 194. The GIS based spatial plan has mapped existing stock routes has stock routes, wildlife corridors, livestock markets, grazing areas and holding grounds.

As part of its strategies under the pastoralists enclave, the County Spatial Plan proposes a livestock development strategy that aims to support livestock production to ensure sustenance, of local livelihoods within the pastoralists sub region. Among the key interventions and strategies proposed by the Spatial Plan (Pg. 318 and Pg. 364) include;

- Rehabilitation of existing livestock infrastructure that includes identification, survey, titling and fencing off all holding grounds;

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- Mapping, demarcating and opening up blocked stock routes to reduce, conflict between farmers and pastoralists;
- Mapping, Identification, survey and reclamation of encroached wildlife corridors and migratory routes;

It is therefore imperative that the issue of mapping, survey, identification and securing of holding grounds and corridors i.e. stock routes and wildlife corridors has been identified and prioritized by the Draft County Spatial Plan whose approval by the County Assembly will trigger direct response to the various queries raised by Honourable Members. In light of the above; I therefore make the following recommendations;

- That the County Assembly approves the Final Draft Laikipia Spatial Plan (2023-2033).

This will form a legal and policy basis for the department to seek adequate funding and initiate the process of identification, mapping, survey reclamation and securing of holding grounds, Stock routes, wildlife corridors and public land

- Upon approval of adequate budgetary allocation for the above exercise by the County Assembly, the department will immediately embark on an exercise to identify all public land, survey and process titles, fencing off, enumeration of all squatters and in consultation with the National Land Commission and Ministry of Lands, explore resettlement alternatives. This will culminate with preparation of a comprehensive. report that will be tabled to the Assembly to provide a comprehensive answer to the query.

Bwana Spika, nafikiri nimeweza kujibu hii taarifa kwa sababu Mheshimiwa aliweza kuuliza mambo ya *holding grounds* na *stock routes* ambazo ziko Kaunti ya Laikipia. Idara iliweza kujibu vizuri kwamba wanangojea tupitishe Spatial Plan katika Bunge hili na tukishapitisha tutaweza kuwapatiana nafasi ya kuweza kuenda kuzichukua. Bwana Spika, wanasema vizuri ya kwamba zile ambazo wanaelewa ni hamsini na ziko katika Spatial Plan ambayo hatujapitisha.

Bwana Spika, zile ambazo zinajulikana ziko upande wa Kaskazini, Mashariki na Magharibi mwa Laikipia na hawawezi kuweka *beacons* kama huo mpango haujapita. Bwana Spika, idara inauliza Bunge la Kaunti kuweza kupitisha Spatial Plan kwa upesi ili waweze kutenga pesa ya kufanya hiyo kazi ili tuweze kuzichukua.

Bwana Spika, mimi ni mmoja wa wale ambao wanapigania korido za Wanyama na viwanja vya kushikilia ambazo nyingi zimefungia katika Ol Pejeta na Solio na zingine kwenye mashamba ya Wazungu. Vilevile, kuna wananchi wengine ambao wamezinyakua. Bwana Spika, tukipitisha hii, hawa watu watanyoroshwa viboko na tutahakikisha ya kwamba wamerudisha.

Bwana Spika, katika eneo la Baraka, kuna barabara kubwa (*cattle track*) lakini ukifika kwa jeshi, wanajeshi wanafunga ilhali hiyo si shamba yao. Hiyo ni shamba ya wananchi. Wanafaa kutoka kwao, wawache yetu kisha waruke kwao. Bwana Spika, hata kama uko na shamba upande zote, huwezi kusema kwa sababu barabara inapita katikati kwako, uifunge. Unafaa kuiwacha hapa ili wengine waweze kutumia.

Bwana Spika, walikuja na kuweka barabara yote ua lakini tukipitisha Spatial Plan, tutawapatia nafasi, tutaitetea na tuhakikishe ya kwamba hizo vitu zote zimerudishwa. Vilevile tuko nayo ambayo imefungwa na Ol Pejeta kutoka Marura hadi Tuutuu. Hapo zamani kulikuwa na barabara lakini wakati Ol Pejeta walikuja, waliweka ua hadi barabara. Hizo ndizo vitu

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ambazo tutahakikisha ya kwamba zimefuatiliwa na kuzipata. Hii itarahisishia kazi watu ambao wanatoka upande huo.

Bwana Spika, tukitaka kuenda Debatas ni lazima tuje mpaka mjini. Tukipitisha tutakata hapo na Debatas itakuwa mji mkubwa. Sisi wengine hatutakuwa tunakuja hapa Nanyuki. Tutajivunia kuwa wana Debatas. Tutatumia huo mji ili ukue. Bwana Spika, tutapata ploti huko kwa sababu sisi ni wawekezaji. Bwana Spika, ninaomba tupitishe *Spatial Plan*, tuwapatie bajeti ili turudishe vitu zote mahali zinafaa. Asante sana, Bwana Spika.

Speaker: Thank you. I think it is good and prudent for me to give some time to the Member who had requested for the statement to respond. Do you have anything to say Hon. Salim?

Hon. Salim Edung: Mimi niko sawa na sina swali lolote kutoka kwa hiyo taarifa ambayo imesomwa na Mheshimiwa Ndiritu.

Hon. Simon Kanyutu: Mr. Speaker, I am concerned with the statement although the person who asked for the statement has responded that the statement is okay. As per my statement on page 4, I may not be familiar with our county but I am not conversant with an area by the name Vetenary. When you pass something in this Assembly, it will be recorded that we have passed Vetenary.

I am not conversant with the area. I do not know whether it is the person who was typing who had the challenge in typing because I have also observed in another page that rather than typing construction, he typed *construked*. If the statement is passed is passed as it is, we might be passing mistakes within the statement. The meaning might be correct but the way it is written, it has many typographical errors.

Speaker: Hon. Stephen, do you have a comment on the same?

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. There was a typographical issue and that should not worry Hon. Kanyutu because that was meant to be Survey. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Stephen. Do you still have another statement?

ALLOCATION OF LAND, CONSTRUCTION OF INDUSTRIAL PARKS & REHABILITATION CENTRE IN RUMURUTI TOWN

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Bwana Spika, ninashukuru kwa hiyo taarifa ambayo tumesoma kwanza. Bwana Spika, umeweza kuona kwamba kweli idara imeweza kufanya kazi kama vile inavyostahili.

Hon. Speaker, I have another response to statement on allocation of land in Rumuruti town for construction of County Aggregation and Industrial Park and Rehabilitation Awareness centre. Hon. Speaker, I have read in the previous statement the guidelines that gives the Finance Committee to look at these statements. There is no way of going to reading that page. On the second page, is the statement that was asked by Hon. Sammy Lekopien.

The statement is attached there and, on that page, you will find the response. The response is to statement on allocation on the said land in Rumuruti and the construction of aggregated industries, rehabilitation and awareness centre. One column has the settlement and the other column has the response.

As you can see the status of the GIS Based Laikipia County Spatial Plan (2023-2033); the Department of Lands and Physical Planning takes cognizance of the importance of

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preparation and approval of the Laikipia County Spatial Plan considering its crucial role in guiding land use management and future development of Laikipia County.

The Department has finalized preparation of the Laikipia County Spatial Plan (2023-2033) Pursuant to the Physical and Land Use Planning Act No 13 of 2019. The final report was submitted by the Consultant upon expiry of the notice of completion that was gazetted on 31st August, 2023 incorporation of comments from stakeholders. The County Spatial plan was adopted by the Cabinet and will be submitted to the County Assembly for final approval upon resumption of sessions in February, 2025.

It is also worth noting that the main purpose of the County Spatial plan is to guide the overall spatial development framework for the entire county government with the aim of ensuring optimal and sustainable use of land for environmental and socio-economic development. A county spatial plan cannot be used to allocate public land, rather it provides policy direction on management of land and land use.

It also provides a basis for preparation of lower level plans i.e. Local Physical and Land Use Development Plans for Municipalities and Urban Areas. The County Spatial Plan shall provide detailed frameworks for;

- Land use management and zoning - This includes tools for development control and regulation of subdivision, identification, management and protection of public land and fragile ecosystems i.e. identification, mapping, survey and fencing of public lands, preparation of management plans for fragile ecosystems
- Measures to ensure equitable access to land and addressing land tenure through securing of tenure rights i.e. planning, survey and tilting of informal settlement, allocation of public land and protection of tenure and property rights through preparation of County Land Policy
- An implementation framework for the County Spatial Plan through formulation of Implementation committees comprising of both the Executive, technical departments, National Government, MDAs and the Private sector.

Hon. Speaker, this is a response and I have the obligation to go through it.

Stakeholder Engagement in the Preparation of the Laikipia County Spatial Plan (2023-2033)

During preparation of the County Spatial Plan, a comprehensive stakeholder engagement framework was utilized to effectively capture the concerns and suggestions from stakeholders. This included;

- Notice of Intention to Plan- calling for comments and suggestions from members of the public before commencement for 21 days.
- Technical and Steering committee meetings during visioning, SWOT analysis and priority setting, participatory planning and validation
- Community engagement meetings and FGDs during visioning, SWOT analysis and priority setting, participatory planning and validation exercises at ward level. It also involved engagement with the Mashinani Development Committees (MDCs).

Hon. Speaker, in response; Engagement with the Private sector, National Government MDAs and Institutions (NGOs and CBOs) Stakeholder Engagement Workshops with the

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County Executive and County assembly Notice of Completion for 60 days calling for Nationwide comments and suggestions. The received comments were incorporated in the final draft plan. Mechanisms implemented to monitor and review land use decisions made without a spatial plan in the interim;

1. Coordination between the County Government of Laikipia and the National Land Commission as well as other Land related Departments: -The NLC is mandated by the Constitution to monitor and have oversight over land use planning activities across the county. The Department works closely with the National Land commission during undertaking of planning activities. It also works with other related National Government Departments such as the registry, land administration, survey, physical planning and urban development

2. Prioritization of Preparation of Local Physical and Land Use Development Plans for Urban Areas and informal settlements across Laikipia County: -The department has initiated planning processes for various urban centers across the county to ensure sustainable land use management i.e. Naibor, Nakwang, Mithuri, Ihigaini, Kona mbaya A and B, Vetenary as well as planning survey and titling of informal settlement through the KISIP programme i.e. Kanyoni, Umande, Kwa Mbuzi, Sipili, Maina, African Location

3. Formulation of the Laikipia County Physical and Land Use Planning Liaison Committee- as provided by the Physical and Land Use Planning Act No. 13 of 2019: -To advise the CECM physical planning on broad physical and land use planning policies, strategies and standards, hearing and determining complaints, claims and appeals relating to planning approvals

4. Multi-agency consultation meetings on stakeholders in the Land Sector: -The department with close consultation with the office of the County Attorney holds annual multiagency meetings with various stakeholders in the land sector across the county to address land use planning issues

5. Reference to National legislations, policies and Standards during undertaking of land use planning activities such as the Physical and Land Use Planning Act, Environmental Management and Coordination Act, Land Act, Land Control Act, National Land Policy, National Land Use Policy, National Spatial Plan, Physical Planning Handbook.

On proposed site for Rumuruti Rehabilitation and Wellness Centre; the introduction is that A Local Physical and Land Use Development Plan for Rumuruti Municipality (2021-2031) Ref No. RI 72/2021/01 was prepared and approved by the County Assembly on 7th December 2023.

Upon review of the submitted Draft Land Use plan and a recommendation by the Finance and County Planning Committee of the County assembly vide a report dated 3rd August, 2023, the plan was amended and a Rehabilitation and rescue centre was accommodated in the Final Plan as Zone 4 78 measuring approximately 122.43 Ha. The plan was thereafter approved by the County Assembly pursuant to Section 49 (3) of the Physical and Land Use Planning Act No. 13 of 2019 on 7th December, 2023.

On proposed Site for Laikipia County Aggregation and Industrial Park (CAIPS) In Rumuruti; following a request letter from the Department of Trade, Tourism, Enterprise Development and Cooperatives vide letter dated 10th August, 2023 Ref No. CGL/CECM/TT& COP/Vol. 1 (37), Land measuring approximately 161.85 Ha was set aside for Proposed County Aggregation and Industrial Park as Zone 16 measuring approximately 161.85 Ha in the Local

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Physical and Land Use Development Plan for Rumuruti Municipality (2021-2031) Ref No. RI 72/2021/01 that was approved by the County assembly on 7th December, 2023.

Hon. Speaker, in the response to Status of Allocation of Land in Rumuruti Municipality; According to the Land Act No. 6 of 2012, Public Land can only be allocated after it has been planned and surveyed. Following approval of the Local Physical and Land Use Development Plan for Rumuruti Municipality the County Assembly, a survey process was initiated by the County Government for all resultant parcels and is currently undergoing.

It is only upon completion of this survey process that Land in Rumuruti Municipality will be allocated by the County Government through the National Land Commission as provided by the Land Act No. 6 of 2012. Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

That was a statement that was raised by Hon. Lekopien Parleto. The statement explains itself because the department is responding to the statement and said that the said land is not allocated already but there is a letter requesting for the allocation of that land. That land belongs to Laikipians and is set for CAIPS. There is also another land that was set for rehabilitation.

Hon. Speaker, the statement is good and I think the Members will also agree with the statement because the department has responded according to what was asked by the Member. Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Stephen. I can see the Member who had requested for this statement is not in the House. I may give any other Member who may need to make a comment a chance to do so on the same statement. Hon. Kanyutu, take the floor.

Hon. Simon Kanyutu: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The person who made the statement is checking on me because he knows I am a concerned resident of Rumuruti Town. Mr. Speaker, I am also an interested party but as per his statement, the land is awaiting the county to allocate whereas the development is going on. I do not know how it happened that they are developing without the allocation.

Mr. Speaker, I don't know whether he is joking with our minds or what it is. I have visited the place and I am sure because that is where I reside during my free time. The place has really developed. There are building that are going on but I do not know whether it is the Law of Kenya that changed that you can develop a place of land before allocation as per his statement.

Mr. Speaker, he is the Majority Whip and he has been attesting to this House that they are the ruling party. They always tell us that issues are just three. Mr. Speaker, I do not know whether there are three issues in Rumuruti for they are doing construction before the allocation. Mr. Speaker, I do not know whether the statement is true on behalf of Hon. Lekopien. We need clarity. How comes development is happening without the allocation of land?

Speaker: Hon. Stephen, could you be having a response.

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Asante, Mheshimiwa Spika. Nafikiri Mheshimiwa Kanyutu anaongea kwa niaba ya Mheshimiwa Lekopien. Amesema vizuri ya kwamba anahusika na mimi pia ni mhusika. Jambo ambalo ninaweza kusema ni kwamba ndio uwanja wa Rumuruti unajengwa. Taarifa yenyewe imeweza kujibu vizuri ya kwamba kuna barua waliandikiwa kama Idara ya kuwauliza wapatiane. Kupewa ni cheti lakini wamepatiwa kwa kuambiwa tu na mdomo. Ikipitishwa Bwana Spika, watapatiwa barua.

Bwana Spika, Biblia inasema ya kwamba omba na utapewa. Wale waliomba na wamepewa lakini hawajatengewa rasmi. Bwana Spika, kupatiwa rasmi ni kupewa cheti cha

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kumiliki. Bwana Spika, Spatial Plan bado iko kwenye mchakato wa kupitishwa. Bwana Spika, kuna ploti Rumuruti na ukisikia tu unaweza kuandika barua na kusema unataka, idara inakupa ruhusa wa kuendelea lakini hautakuwa umepewa barua.

Bwana Spika, ikifika ni kutengewa unaweza kupewa ama unyanganywe. Bwana Spika, hilo jambo tunalichukua kama kushikilia. Hiyo ardhi imepandwa maharagwe. Kwa hivyo, ni kupatiwa unapongoja kupewa. Bwana Spika, Spatial Plan ilisema vizuri kwamba kitu cha kwanza ni kuomba, kisha uonyeshwe halafu ni wewe utaamua kama utaendelea ama hautaendelea. Utakuwa ukingoja la mwisho.

Bwana Spika, kwa sababu wewe ndiye umefika mbele, hakuna kitu kitakuzuia kupewa. Asante, Mheshimiwa Spika.

Hon. Nicholas Lempaira: Thank you, Hon. Speaker for this opportunity. I am not sure whether the Chairman for Finance Committee is serious or he is just joking with us. Hon. Speaker. This raises questions on what is happening in the Department of Land on the issues of land in Laikipia County. It is unfortunate that we put a lot of money to this department so that this is done legally and not through the word of mouth.

Hon. Speaker, this raises a lot of questions on what is happening in Rumuruti Spatial Plan. We passed it here and it has never come back for finalization. The Chairman is not serious. He is joking with the officers who are working in that department. Hon. Speaker, it is very shameful for Laikipians to hear that you can go to Rumuruti and get ten acres with the word of the mouth without any legal procedures but because you are just writing a request, you can do what you want to do with it.

What if ten people request for the same land yet one has done permanent buildings already? What happens if this House fails to pass the approvals of that particular land for that particular person?

Hon. Speaker, I don't know whether the Chairman is taking this statement just for the sake of it, we read it and just pass it because it is shameful for him to come and tell us. Even if the right procedure was not followed on the land, the person can go along and do whatever he wants to do with it. Plant beans as he said and the when the paper work is ready, now we can be given the actual document for that specific land. We cannot have such kind of a report as a statement. We want the Chairperson to substantiate whether this land was given out by the word of mouth and if it's true, then the process must be stopped and the due process followed. Thank you.

Hon Simon Kanyutu: Hon. Speaker, I am shocked. It seems the response given by Hon. Chair for Finance doesn't know what is happening in Rumuruti. He has stated that the place is being planted beans. I said I am an interested party. The area being planted beans is the one that was earmarked for a rehabilitation centre. The one for CAIP (County Aggregation and Industrial Park) has a permanent buildings. That area upcoming.

Mr. Speaker, to make the matter worse, he has stated that if you make an application even before allocation you can start your construction. Mr. Speaker, I don't know whether it is here on earth or we have a law that can guide. It seems as though it is a private land we are discussing, not a public one. Without proper documentation, then you start construction? I am really shocked.

Mr. Speaker, in my area I have a piece of public land. Before we were allocated a police post, we had to ensure that we had all the documentations. How comes this CAIP is being done verbally. Is it even possible for the Chair to stop the construction verbally? The investment

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being done on the ground is not a one-million-shilling project. It more. Is it possible for government to invest over Kshs.200 million with an allocation of the mouth? It seems the Chair is not serious with the response…

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Hon. Speaker, I cannot sit here and listen to Hon. Kanyutu mislead this House. I have read the Statement very clearly. The Statement is from the department. It says in regards to CAIP that; following a request letter from the department of Trade Enterprise development, department of Cooperative vide a letter dated 10th August, 2023, Ref; CGL/ECM/TT&COP/VOL1/37 a land measuring 161.85 was set aside for the proposed County Aggregated Industrial Park as on; measuring 161.85 hectare in local Physical and Land use development plan for Rumuruti Municipality and approved by the County Assembly on December, 7th.

On the next page, the response reads; according to the land Act, NOT me or the department Hon. Kanyutu or Lempaira, but according to Land Act No. 6 of 2012, Public land can only be allocated after it has been planned and surveyed. Hon. Speaker, we are still surveying Rumuruti. Following approval of a local physical and land use development plan for Rumuruti Municipality by the County Assembly a survey process was initiated by the County Government for all parcel and it's still currently undergoing. It's only upon completion of this survey. It's is not completed.

Mr. Speaker, the department is responding to the assembly. Let them relax. Let the survey be completed and upon the completion of this survey process the land in Rumuruti Municipality will be allocated by the County Government through the National Land Commission as provided by the Land Act, No. 6, 2012.

Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Stephen. Hon. Lempaira has been requesting to have a floor for the second time. Hon. Lekopien, it is response to a Statement of your query. It's about Rumuruti CAIP land. You will be able to see it in your gadget if you have not received a copy.

Hon. Nicholas Lempaira: Asante, Bwana Spika. Sijui niongee Kiswahili ndio Mheshimiwa Kagondu aelewe. Nataka nimuulize Mheshimiwa Stephen, hii shamba unasema haijapeanwa lakini kuna mijengo inaendelea. Hii mijengo ilianza vipi bila stakabadhi ama vyeti vya hilo shamba? La pili, vitu zingine Mheshimiwa Ndiritu anasema kimchezo na anaongea tu mambo yake.

(Hon. Stephen Ndiritu stood from his place)

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: *[Not audible]…*

Hon. Nicholas Lempaira: No, you are the one saying your own things here. That is why we want clarification from you.

Speaker: Order Members! All communication should be done through the Speaker not Member to Member and keep consistency on the language you are going to use. Whether Swahili or English.

Hon. Nicholas Lempaira: Hon. Speaker, these are things that make some of us even lose the morale of attending these sessions. When serious questions are asked, people take us as if we are in this House to waste time and especially when a full Chair of a Committee comes here to tell us that you can be given any part of the land by the word of mouth and you can do whatever you want as you await to be given proper documentation.

Mr. Speaker, I don't know whether Hon. Ndiritu, the process of transferring of a public land to private land. These are the questions that you should be aware of as the Chair for finance

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Committee. If you don't know then you are in the wrong thing. Hon. Speaker we really want to understand the issues of Rumuruti land. Every time we have questions of the same, someone just comes up with a mere excuse without serious reason.

Today is a proof on what Hon. Ndiritu has just said. I cannot say more because I am not the one asked for Statement but it is good that next time, we don't waste time coming here to listen to things that don't matter to the people of Laikipia. If we want to know a process of a certain land, we should be given a comprehensive report of a certain land with respect.

Mr. Speaker, there is a reason why Members want to know how the construction was done, how is someone planting beans on it, how is the industrial area progressing without documentation. It does not mean because you are the only one who has requested, the rest of Laikipia does not have the capacity to request the ownership of the same land. Thank you.

Hon. Paul Leshuel: Thank you, very much. I think the issue here is about the allocation. The legal document. I think we will give them time because only time will tell. If you pass the spatial planning and then after surveying the allocation now follows. During the allocation, we can engage seriously to know the number of people who have been engaged in the allocation of that piece of land. The purpose of that land was to develop that area.

The issue here is the legal document and it's clear according to the response that the Minister for Infrastructure has said that he doesn't have any document that he can produce. What he has is the request letter from them and probably the response from the ministry to go ahead. You cannot proceed with construction without the response from the Ministry. The department has responded. What this tells us is that the land belongs to the people who live in that area. That is clear. If you want land, you do a letter to the department and they respond. Meaning after that its when you will be given an allotment letter. Even if the response does not not tell exactly the response and the process but that is the process.

If Members have an issue with that person, then they should seriously address that the person doesn't have a right to own that land so that we can be able to address from there. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you. Allow me to give the originator of that statement.

Hon. Parleto Lekopien: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It is unfortunate that we are getting answers now. It took them three months to get little information that we needed about the land. I did ask two questions about the land in question. One, CAIP Plan and the second was the rehabilitation centre which now is a plantation farm.

Hon. Speaker, Hon. Lempaira has said it's a joke that we ask questions here and never get the right answers. The CAIP has a lot of construction without proper allocation letters. Along Kandutura, you know very well that during a visit by Hon. Moses Kuria, you were there when the people of Kandutura complained that there are a lot of squatters. The land in question, about 200 acres that was given to CAIP should have been given 50 or less acres for the same project to continue and the rest of the land be given to locals who don't have any land around there and they are squatters in their own land.

Hon. Speaker, to add salt to wound, the land adjacent to CAIP Plan there is a Rehabilitation Centre. When Hon. Rigathi was Deputy President, the land was given ceremoniously to him. None of us was involved. Hon. Members you bare me witness that none of us has been there. Not even the area MCA.

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I would want to ask this question, not once but again and again and if I don't get the right answers, I will incite the people of Sosian and especially Kandutura to go live in that land. As per now, there is one woman called Susan, I don't know whether she's related to Gachagua is planting beans and maize in there. There were soya beans that were planted in the same farm and we saw Lorries going to Kinamba.

Hon. Speaker, if that was supposed to be rehabilitation Land, why are we planting maize and beans? It's unfortunate that the same land that they gave Gachagua, they have started constructing two dams across the river. They blocked the river that the locals downstream don't even get the water. Are we serious in this matter? I did ask the CECM concern and they seem to say that the said land doesn't belong to anyone. If so, then it should go back to the people of Kandutura.

As we speak, there is about 10 acres or more of someone whom I don't know. It could be the Chairperson for Finance planting beans there; but there is someone planting maize and Soya beans and leaving the poor local community around there. I urge and we want it soon because if nothing happens during this planting season we will tell the people of Kandutura to go plant and do the same business as the previous the owner is so doing now. Thank you. I ask the Chair to dig more into the details and give us the right answers. We cannot sit here as Members of this House yet we are not giving the right answers to Laikipians.

Recently, you have heard three or two times the same CAIP plan being commission and reopen by everyone else who is in power. It is a shame. Here in this House we cannot even explain the land number of that piece of land. It's a shame. The CECM and CO don't even have answers to tell us yet when everything was moving fast everyone accepted that the land belonged to a rehabilitation centre but eventually turned out to be a farm land.

If the land was supposed to be given to CAIP it should not be 200 acres. It should be just 50 acres which is more than enough to make the state of art CAIP centre where we can store our things. For a rehabilitation centre, I don't know if we want all the people of Sosian, Rumuruti and Marmanet to be rehabilitated in that spot. Hon. Lempaira, if you have people from Mukogodo west who want to be rehabilitated can join. All of us combined cannot fill 300 acres. I urge the Chairperson for Finance to be serious together with the CECM concern, and the CO. Issues of land is a serious issue. If not addressed, we will take it upon ourselves and do what is necessary. Thank you.

Hon. Nicholas Mwaniki: Mr. Speaker, I have a question. As I have read through, there is a report by the department of Tourism and Trade. The last paragraph indicates that they are putting a request of allocation of which I don't understand whether it's an allocation of 1,000 acres for the Aggregated Park.

I wonder if at all it's really advisable for an industrial park to have 1000 acres whereas even 20 acres is enough so that the rest can be left for the community to do whatever they do with the land. Allocating the government, 1,000 acres whereas the residents are squatters and have no land to graze. When a government fences 1,000 acres, that is giving a low deal to locals. They won't have sufficient land to graze as pastoralists.

If at all as an Assembly we will approve this plan on the allocation, it will be disadvantageous to the locals of Sosian and Rumuruti. If we can have a change to maybe 50 acres or 100 acres it will be advisable for locals to have sufficient land for pastoralists and farming because the government itself will steal this land. The land is not safe when owned by the government. We have seen lands in this country allocated to the government and later,

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senior people exploit and give a raw deal to locals. When the locals questioned are chased away like a gazelle being hunted.

This is a question to the Chairperson for Finance to explain whether we did approve as an Assembly for an allocation of 1,000 acres to this Aggregated Park. If at all we have not we need to change so that we can allocate a smaller t o the same industrial park so that the rest can be left to the locals of both wards to decide what to do with their land. Thank you.

Speaker: Chairman, Hon. Stephen.

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Asante sana, Bwana Spika. Mimi sitarudia sana. Tulikuwa tunabadilishana maneno na Mheshimiwa Lempaira lakini alipoongeleshwa na mzee, joto iliteremka na akaweza kuelewa vile hii maneno inaendelea. Niseme kwamba ni watu wengi wanaichi kwa shamba bila vyeti. Wale nitataja wa kwanza ni wale wako kwa Mbuzi. Wako na mijengo ya kudumu katika yale mashamba na hawana vyeti. Sipili, wako. Umande wako, Likii wako na wamejenga mijengo ya gorofa na hawana vyeti vya serikali. Hivyo ndivyo rumuruti iko.

Vile Mheshimiwa Lekopien amekesi ni kama mzee wa boma. Ameongea vizuri hasa mambo ya CAIP. Mheshimiwa Mwaniki tulipopitisha mambo ya hii shamba haikuwa ya CAIP pekee. Tulisema CAIP wapewe kama 50, wengine 10 na yote ni ya viwanda kwa sababu ule ni mtaa mkubwa. Tunaangalia maisha ya hapo mbele. Leo hii tungejua, hii shamba ya Bunge wale wangekuwa hapa wangeipatia ekari kama tano na ingekuwa kubwa kwa sababu tunakua.

Rumuruti ni Manispaa na ile shamba iko pale ni ya serikali. Tukisema shamba ipewe wananchi, italeta vita. Kila mtu atavuta mahali pake. Ile shamba inabakia kuwa ya serikali. Shamba yote ni ekari 1,000. Kuna mtu amekabidhiwa lakini sio shamba lote. Haya ndio mambo tunafaa kuaangalia.

Nimesikia Mheshimiwa Lekopien akisema kuna watu wanalima. Lazima tuchukua hatua. Lazima kama serikali tuulize analima kwa nini. Amepewa shamba na nani? Amekubaliwa na nani? Pia shamba la ADC. Sio tu Rumuruti. ADC ni shamba la serikali. Ukiingia kule kuna watu wamekata. Haya ndio mambo ambayo nataka kama viongozi tuangalie.

Mambo ya Rumuruti lazima tuwe macho. Watu watagawiwa kisha itaisha. Tutaenda wapi? Vilevile sisi wajumbe tuabie wanachi kama mnataka shamba hapo kwa CAIP tumeni maombi ndio mupewe. Sasa mtu mmoja akituma maombi itakaa amepewa ekari zote 1000. Apana.

Hon. Parleto Lekopien: Mr. Speaker, the Hon. Member is misleading the House by giving alot of stories beating around the bushes instead of going straight to the point. The biggest concern we are asking is why CAIP is getting 200 acres and why the rehabilitation centre is becoming a farmland. That is our main concern. If he want to do more research we can give him a week and give us back the right response.

Speaker: Hon. Salim?

Hon. Salim Edung: Asante, Bwana Spika kwa nafasi hii. Tukiangalia kwa makini sana mambo ya mashamba ni hatari. Watu wanauana na kuleta vurugu na amani kukosa. Ningeomba Mwenyekiti wa Fedha aangalie huo ujumbe kwa makini ndiposa akirejesha katika Bunge tuone imeangaliwa kwa usawa. Wakimbizi ni wengi Rumuruti. Ekari 200 imepatiwa mtu mmoja. Watu katika eneo hilo wakiangalia shamba lililokuwa lao.

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Wacha niwarejeshe nyuma kidogo. Shamba la Naibor lilikua limenyakuliwa na DC. Wananchi walipoandika barua kwa kamishna wa Mashamba na baadaye wakaweza kupatiwa kama wakimbizi waliokuwa pale. Niulize swali? Mwenye amepatiwa ekari 200, ni mkimbizi wa Rumuruti ama Kandutura? Inamaanisha ukiukaji wa haki ya binadamu iko katika hio sehemu. Tukifuata sheria wale wakaaji wako pale ndio wangepatiwa ekari 200. Ni vizuri Ujumbe ambao umeletwa katika nyumba hii iangaliwe kwa makini na pia amani ya watu wa Rumuruti.

Bwana Spika, ningeomba Mwenyekiti waketi na wanakamati wake waangalie hii ripoti ndiposa wakileta kwa Bunge hili wawe wamejua kumekuwa na uwakilishaji wa umma ndio ekari 200 zipeanwe. Ni kama ilipeanwa kwa kimabavu.

Bwana Spika, tunapoleta mjadala katika Bunge hili lazima tuangalie kwa umakini vile inasaidia mwananchi wa hilo eneo ama linadhuru. Tikisoma ripoti hapa isiwe tu kama habari. Tusome na tuhakikishe wananchi wameelewa na wamezingatiwa kwa njia moja ama nyingine. Kama ingekuwa ekari 50 kama wajumbe wenzangu wanavyopendekeza, hatungekuwa na swali. Kwa sababu ekari 150 zingepatiwa wakimbizi waliosalia pale. Bado hawa watu wanalia wakisema ardhi inanyakuliwa na wao kuwachwa wamaskini hohe hahe. Sisi tutasaidiana namna gani kama sisi hatuwezi tetea wale waliotuleta katika Bunge hi. Naomba hilo jambo liangaliwe kwa ufasaha ndiposa haki ya hawa watu iwe imeangaliwa.

Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Salim. I think the Chairperson for finance, you are cognizant that Members may not be satisfied with the response. I would like you to tell the House when perhaps you will give a more elaborate and comprehensive feedback.

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Thank you Speaker. I have listened to Members carefully. I am not the CECM nor work in that departmen,t I will invite the CECM in this House as well as all Members of this County Assembly for the CECM to respond to those question directly. That is my submission. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Stephen. Perhaps you can invite him into a committee but not in the House but we would also like you to give us the timelines.

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: I believe that timeline is going to be affected with the Assembly calendar and by looking at the calendar, we are proceeding to recess from next week and we are going to resume back in June. Not unless the Member requests that we have a meeting during the recess because this allocation of land is very sensitive and we would like to be given all data and the correct information from the horse's mouth. Thank you.

Speaker: Can I give you the first week upon returning from recess to give this House a comprehensive response.

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Not giving a comprehensive response but inviting the CECM in the House. I think that is the way to go. We should invite him in the Assembly so that he can respond to the queries pertaining Rumuruti's land.

Speaker: There are Members who have some sentiments and I don't know how we will go about it in the shortest time possible.

Hon. Parleto Lekopien: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My worry is that I did ask for this statement last year and we are getting the response now. I am a little bit worried that what the Hon. Member is saying shall not work. I would just want to request him to call the CECM, give him a notice of one week so that by next Tuesday we would have him here. We would also like to be friends of that committee because that is our area and it is touching all of us here.

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I know that most of the Members have got issues with land even in their own wards. I would like to ask the Hon. Member to please invite the CECM and the CO to come here next Tuesday before we go for recess.

Even when given enough time to answer to the smallest statement of who owns the land and the criteria used to allocate the land, we don't get answers. So, I would like to request that we give him a week to have called the CECM, invite him on Tuesday before we go for recess. I believe that that is the right thing to do. Thank you.

Hon. Simon Kanyutu: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am a bit concerned by the response from the Chairperson. The statement he made here that the land was issued verbally, I don't think that there is anything that can happen within the county verbally. Once I was a Chairperson of planning in Rumuruti town and we allocated PCEA Church 200 acres for the building of a university, a hospital and a primary school within the area. Later on, Laikipia University applied 400 acres and we issued.

By the end of the day, we had more than a hundred applications for different denominations seeking for allocations. If we accept that any land can be allocated verbally, the Chairperson needs to withdraw that sentiment. Even if he will call the CECM to come here, he must withdraw that statement. There must be a document indicating that you have been allocated a particular portion but verbally it is not possible.

Mr. Speaker, I attest that even before the person who had asked for this statement came, I had indicated that I was an interested party in that area. My concern is, is it possible for a person to construct a permanent building without even a single document indicating that even if you have not been shown the bacons, this is your area. That one, the chairman is misleading the House. Even if he is going to call the CECM, in future we should not get such a response because we know the procedure in each and every part of Kenya.

Speaker: Thank you. Without debating much on this because we are allocating another time, looking forward, the CECM will be able to attend the committee's meeting since according to our Standing Orders, the CECM cannot come into the House but he can come to the committee. So allow me to ask Hon. Stephen to respond on the query by Hon. Lekopien in terms of any possibility of next week. If not, we will set for June.

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Bwana Spika, ningeomba ya kwamba nisipatiane tarehe kwa sababu naweza sema ni Jumanne lakini barua ijibiwe ya kwamba hako karibu. Tutauliza hiyo Jumanne lakini ikikosekana tujue ya kwamba ako na kazi zingine kwa sababu kazi ni nyingi. Ningetaka kutetea kamati kwanza kwa sababu lawama inaletwa upande wa kamati. Hii kamati ilileta majibu kuhusu hii taarifa kitambo na wala sio saa hii. Tukija hapa tunakosa watu, je utapatia nani majibu? Basi hiyo sio makosa ya kamati kwa sababu sisi tulileta kitambo na sio jana.

Nimekuwa nikija hapa mara tatu na huwa sikupati Bwana Spika. Hata leo nimebahatika kukupata na nikasema nitawekelea hata kama mbaya mbaya. Kwa hivyo, usilaumu kamati lakini ujilaumu wewe mwenyewe kwa sababu uliagiza taarifa kisha ukaondoka na hiyo ndiyo ningetaka kuweka wazi.

Lingine ningetaka kuweka wazi ni hili la kusema shamba lilipeanwa kwa njia ya mdomo na kama hivyo ndivyo nilisema, basi naomba msamaha na kisha ninaondoa kwa sababu ni barua iliandikwa yenye hauwezi sema ni stakabadhi ya kumiliki. Barua ya kuagiza sio stakabadhi ya kumiliki shamba na labda hivyo ndivyo nilisema na nikakosa kueleweka vizuri. Nitamalizia hapo ili tungojee Jumanne.

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Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Stephen.

Hon. Nicholas Lempaira: Thank you, Hon. Speaker for another opportunity. Unajua leo nimeshangazwa sana na Mheshimiwa Ndiritu. He is always known in responding to questions and going direct to the point. Hii ya Rumuruti iko na maneno.

Speaker: Hon. Lempaira stick to either Kiswahili or English.

Hon. Nicholas Lempaira. Ninatumia Kiswahili kwa sababu nataka aelewe vizuri. Hii ya Rumuruti iko na maneno kwa sababu kila wakati tunapouliza maswali, Mheshimiwa Ndiritu huwa anauliza maswali kulingana na vile ameambiwa lakini unapofuatilia vile leo anajibu maneno ya Rumuruti, kuna kuruka ruka kwingi ambapo inanipatia wasi wasi. Huu mpangilio ambao unafanywa Rumuruti na tunajua ya kwamba kuna mipango mingi ambayo tunapanga Rumuruti, kweli inaendelea vizuri ama Mheshimiwa ameingia ndani ya hii njama mpaka anaruka ruka akijibu maswali?

Lingine, ningetaka kuuliza ni kama tumeshawahi kupitisha kwa hili Bunge ekari elfu moja kwa *industrial area* kwa sababu kama tumepeana, tunafaa kurudisha huo mswada na tuukatae kabisa. Kuna swali ambalo limeulizwa na Mheshimiwa Mwaniki lakini Mheshimiwa Ndiritu akasema hawezi jibu lakini kwa sababu wiki ijayo amesema ya kwamba ataita waziri, tungetaka aje na aelezee bila vipingamizi. Tunataka kujua ni nini hasa inaendelea Rumuruti kwa sababu tusipojipanga mapema, hii Rumuruti tutapangwa kwa sababu wanaume washajipangia maneno. Hata unapata ukiambiwa ya kwamba hapa ni kwako bila makaratasi na unaweza kufanya maneno yako.

Kwa hivyo, kama hayo ndiyo ambayo yanafanyika, kesho ninaenda kufanya hiyo *rehabilitation* ili nipewe ekari elfu moja na nianze kuleta kichwa ngumu kama Mheshimiwa Ndiritu ili niwapeleke katika hiyo *rehabilitation* ili iwe rahisi kiasi. Asante.

Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Nicholas Lempaira. Allow me to give the last person and then we move to the next order.

Hon. Nicholas Mwaniki: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mine is to the Hon. Members. Last week we were in this House and reports were tabled in this Assembly and we were to have a discussion on the same reports in this House but we did not have a quorum because the Members were absent. If at all matters of Rumuruti are very sensitive, then as Members of this House we should always consult the HBC because it was a crucial business in this House.

I requested and even called the Members through the phone so that we can have a discussion in this House and the Members were not present. So we cannot blame the chairperson wholly but should also blame ourselves because if at all we were there last week, we would have gone through the report and identified any issues so that we would have written a letter requesting the CECM to be present. If he would not have been present this week, maybe next week he would be present.

Therefore, I would urge the Members, if this is a very emotive issue in matters of land, they should take it seriously because the documents were there but the Members were not there. As for now, the Members have vacated the House because whenever a very sensitive issue is being discussed on the floor, they should stick in the House until the last minute so that they can know the decision that has been arrived by the House.

We cannot be able to blame the chairman wholly but let us blame ourselves because if at all we were to conclude this issue, we would have done that there or four weeks ago. Therefore, let it be in ourselves as Members of this House to do our work. We should get in

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this Assembly and do our work in an hour or two so that we can be able to proceed with other businesses of the communities that have employed us in this Assembly. I rest my case, thank you.

Speaker: Thank you, for the matters that you have raised because they are weighty and important about attending and being part of the businesses of the House. Before we go to the next order, I still want to allow Hon. Stephen because he has more to present.

CONVERSION OF PUBLIC LAND TO PRIVATE LAND IN SOSIAN, SEGERA, RUMURITI TOWNSHIP AND MUKOGODO WEST.

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Ndiyo Bwana Spika niko na taarifa nyingine lakini kabla ya hayo ningetaka kushukuru Mheshimiwa Mwaniki kwa yale ambayo ameongea hapa ya kwamba tuko na mambo muhimu lakini sisi wenyewe hatuna kumaanisha. Kama sasa tunaenda kujibu hii taarifa lakini sioni mwenyewe lakini ikisomwa hapa mtu anaamka kwa hasira na mori. Hata sasa hajui tunasoma nini.

Kwa hivyo, sote hatuna kumaanisha. Sio tu mwenyekiti lakini zote. Bwana Spika, yuko wapi mwenye kuagiza taarifa? Hauwezi ukampata hapa. Wacha tuendelee na taarifa zingine na Mungu atatubariki. Asante.

Hon. Speaker, I have a response to statement on conversion of land to private land in Sosian, Segera, Rumuruti Township and Mukogodo West. Hon. Speaker, this statement was tabled by Nicholas Lempaira. The above subject matter refers. Attached find a response matrix to the various concerns raised by the County Assembly.

SETTLEMENT	RESPONSE
Veterinary Naibor	Attached find; o A planning Report (Draft)-A final Report} will be submitted to the Assembly upon expiry of the Notice off completion as provided by the Physical u and Land '(use Planning Act No. 13 of 2019. A notice, of completion published on .19th December 2024 Letter of Authority to plan and survey from the National Land Commission • Notice of Intention to Plan published on 22nd April 2024

Re: allocation of 10 acres to the murupus community for the construction of a community school

With reference to your letter CGLDALF/CECM/001/VOL.1/24 dated 10th January 2024, this correspondence acknowledges the proposed project of allocating 10 acres to the Murupus community for the establishment of a community school. After conducting due diligence and consulting the local communities. This office expresses no objections to the noble initiative aimed at benefiting the local community. The community can therefore proceed and conduct survey and submit to this office for onward transmission to National Land commission

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for processing of allotment letter. In the meantime, the community can proceed a head with project as they await issuance of allotment letter.

Mr. Speaker, this is the response that was given by the CECM and in his response it is very clear that the CECM has got the power to give somebody a land and proceed with construction awaiting the documents and that is happening in Murupus and Rumuruti.

In reference to the subject matter, the community have requested 10 Acres from Murupusi county Livestock holding ground for construction of a community school through a donor (as attached in their proposal). Mr. Speaker, this was a letter given to the CECM. In this response you can find the Murupus community and the management committee who requested the land. The document is here and it has been received in Doldol's address on January 2024.

This committee writes on behalf of the Murupusi Community Members resident at Makurian Livestock Holding Area and forthwith makes an application for the allocation of 10 acres of land for the construction of a public primary school. The school will be constructed by The Nosim Project piloted by Association on the Way to School, a PARIS based NGO that has recently adopted and spearheaded the Project proposed by its Scholar and Pioneer, Moloiyan Jackson Saikong, a Lawyer and a resident of the Makurian Livestock Holding Area.

This letter is brought to your attention with utmost urgency as the project has a short timeline lapsing my mid of January 2024 meet a guarantee that there is land for the construction of the proposed school. On the next page Mr. Speaker, there is another letter written by the sponsor, their goals and their objectives. Murupus is in Mukogodo West where Hon. Lempaira represents and he is one of those who had requested for the statements and the CEC has explained as the letter has indicated and the necessary documents attached as to how the land was issued. It is the community who requested and this is self-explanatory.

Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Stephen. I think that you have another response.

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: I had three responses to statements and I have responded to all of them.

Speaker: What is it Hon. Lempaira?

Hon. Nicholas Lempaira: Hon. Speaker, I am the one who had requested for the statement.

Speaker: You are right. Kindly give a comment on the statement.

Hon. Nicholas Lempaira: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. First, I want to congratulate the chairperson for coming up with the response. Secondly, I think that we are dealing with the wrong CECM in this county who believes that the land belongs to him. Unfortunately, he is also being oversighted by the chairman who takes everything for yes.

Hon. Speaker, the law is very clear on how you can convert a public land into a private land. The question that comes to our mind is, were these procedures followed because the National Land Commission Act, 2012 clearly states that this procedure is for converting public use to private use.

First is the identification of the land. Secondly, the conversion of public land to private land also has got procedures. Hon. Speaker, allow me to read the National Lands Commission Act, 2012 2(a) and it states; Where the commission is satisfied that the land meets the criteria set out in paragraph (1), the commission shall in this case or substantial transaction refer the

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matter to the National Assembly or to the County Assembly for approval as the case may be required by Section 9(3) of the Act.

Hon. Speaker, the Nosim is an NGO that as a resident of Mukogodo West, I don't know who the directors are or what their intentions are. One of the reasons why we asked for this statement, if the County Government of Laikipia meant good for the people of Murupus, they should have transferred that land to Murupus Community instead of a private investor or an NGO that we don't know for how long they will be there or their sustainability within the area.

As we speak, the school has already been constructed which is a good thing and we appreciate that but we want the ownership of the land revoked from Nosim Project to Murupus Community Land. We want the land to be given to the community because if the school is for the community, then let the land be owned by the community so that they can have control and the ownership of the school.

We do not have any problem with any well-wisher coming to Mukogodo West doing any development but we have a problem with them coming to own a land. Because you just instructed the CECM for Lands to come here next week, we also want him to come so that he can bring the request from Murupus Community in this House so that we can approve the part of Makurian Holding Ground in Marupus Community Land.

The moment we give it to the NGO; it would be very wrong and the people of Murupus will have missed the opportunity to own a land…

Speaker: What is it Hon. Stephen?

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Hon. Speaker, we are being guided by the law and the Standing Order of this House and as you can see, we have got a lot of businesses and the business which is on the table is very sensitive. Time is running and therefore I would urge the House to allow me pursuant to the provision of Standing Order No. 31 (3j);

I would wish to move that the House do extend its sitting until the conclusion of business in today's order paper and I wish to request the Hon. Members to agree with me so that we can proceed with this business until it is completed because we are being guided by the Standing Orders and the law. Therefore, I request Hon. Antony too second me on this one so that we can allow Hon. Lempaira to continue with his engagement on this statement. Thank you.

Hon. Anthony Theuri: Thank you, Hon. Speaker for granting me this opportunity to second. Rules were put there for a purpose and therefore I would urge this House to support the cause. Hon. Speaker, I beg for your attention. You know we always address the Speaker and he must be attentive.

Mr. Speaker, you may wonder why I am very silent today because I don't know what is happening to us. We are used to speaking but nothing is taken seriously. This is my gadget and it has not been working for the last few months. I don't have a hard copy and therefore I have just been floating here trusting in what the other Members are contributing here.

You know it is very sensitive Mr. Speaker that we are discussing about land and man is about land. Even the greatest gift or the greatest promise we hold on as Christians is that one day we are going to occupy lands in heaven. Now we are discussing lands here but I am just floating with whatever the chairman is saying and Hon. Lempaira there.

Hon. Speaker, put your House in order. Speaker to Mr. Clerk and let things be put in order. If the gadgets are not working, let them give us the hard copies. That is why you are

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seeing the Members leaving one by one because we cannot cram all these things in our heads yet we want to be productive here. Thank you and I hope that this House approves the extension of time so that we can exhaust all the business at hand and not forgetting that next week we will be going for recess. So, we have a lot to handle.

(Question proposed)

Speaker: I want to give a minute to those who may want to say something on the same.

Hon. Parleto Lekopien: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I am in support of that as we all know that we have got a lot of business that we want to finish. Since we are all going on recess next week, we should finish our business today so that we can continue with other businesses before we go for recess.

Speaker: Allow me to ask the mover to reply.

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am very grateful to the Hon. Members for noting that it is very important that we proceed with the business that is in the order paper because we have got another motion on Rumuruti and it is also very important. So, I congratulate the House for finding it wise for it to extend its sitting time. Thank you.

(Question put and agreed to)

Speaker: I therefore want to invite the Hon. Member who was on the floor to proceed with his presentation.

Hon. Nicholas Lempaira: Hon. Speaker, as I was saying, there is a process that needs to be followed when the public land is being converted. The most important one is being approved by this House. What we want with Makurian Holding Ground is that it be not given to the NGO but to the people of Murupus community so that they can own their land and the school built by that NGO. We have seen a lot of NGO's coming in the name of preaching and rehabilitation as we witnessed in the morning, constructing schools but the intention is to own land.

Hon. Speaker, this is not an exceptional case and we want it to be dealt with in the right way. Already the school is being constructed but up to now the ownership of the school is not clear. As a representative of that area, I would like the Nosim Project to be given to the community land so that they can own the entire holding ground and the people who live there to own somewhere they can do their own devolvement. Thank you.

Speaker: Hon. Lekopien, you wanted to say something?

Hon. Parleto Lekopien: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am also in support of Hon. Lempaira because a land in a community should be given back to that community. If given to private ventures, it will eventually turn out to be for private business projects. I was just consulting with Hon. Kanyutu here, during their time as councillors, they gave 200 acres to P.C.E.A Rumuruti but unfortunately it has become a business venture in Rumuruti because it has become a private entity.

As long as it is a community land, any title deed that should be given, even if I come with a very goodwill for example of building a university, well and good, it is good for the community but the land should remain to be for the community. Otherwise, if you give me the land and I build a university or a school and the title deed read my name, I can eventually turn around and say that this was just a trial and I am going to make money doing business while the land was given for free.

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So, Hon. Speaker, I would also like to urge the Chairman that they sit down as a committee and revert the land to the locals, as the locals are also benefitting from it. I would also like to say thank you to the donor for the good job they are doing of building the school. If they come with goodwill, they should let the owners of the land also own the land. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Lekopien.

MOTION

REPORT ON THE RUMURUTI MUNICIPALITY INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2023-2027

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I beg to move the following motion;

THAT, this Assembly adopts the report by the Finance and County Planning Committee on the Rumuruti Municipality Integrated Development Plan (IDeP) 2023-2027 dated 31st March 2025.

Hon. Speaker, in this report we have the first page which contains the abbreviations (the meaning of words). On page three, we have the table of contents. Number four contains the preface and mandate of the committee, and I think all the Members of this House understand the mandate of this committee from the standing orders as well as Article 177 of the Constitution of Kenya 2010.

Committee Membership

The Committee was constituted by the House on 26th October, 2022 comprising of the following Members: -

1.	Hon. Stephen Ndiritu	-	Chairman
2.	Hon. John Gichuki	-	Vice Chairperson
3.	Hon. Mary Gathoni	-	Member
4.	Hon. George Karuiru	-	Member
5.	Hon. Catherine Umija	-	Member
6.	Hon. Samuel Mugambi	-	Member
7.	Hon Paul Leshuel	-	Member

Acknowledgments

I take this opportunity to thank Members of the Committee for their input and valuable contributions during the deliberations and vetting exercise. The Committee also takes this opportunity to thank the Office of the Speaker and that of the Clerk of the County Assembly for the logistical support accorded to it during the scrutiny and report writing.

On behalf of the Finance and County Planning committee and pursuant to Standing Order No.191(g) it is my pleasure and duty to present to the House, the Committee's report on the Rumuruti Municipality Integrated Development plan (2023-2027).

The report is signed by the Chair, that is myself.

Background

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Mr. Speaker, Sir the Rumuruti Municipality Integrated Development Plan (2023-2027) is the first to be formulated by the Rumuruti Municipal Board to actualize the provisions of the Urban Areas and Cities Act, 2011, Provisions of the 2010 Constitution as well as Public Finance Management Act, 2012. It seeks to provide the basis which will guide the execution of the priority projects and programs within the Municipality. The plan immensely borrows from the Laikipia County CIDP (2023-2027) putting more emphasizes on the transferred functions.

The Rumuruti Municipality Integrated Development Plan (2023-2027 was submitted by the office of the County Secretary through the office of the County Assembly on 22nd November 2024.

Number two is about committal. The report was tabled and was committed to the committee

Rumuruti Municipality Overview

Mr. Speaker Sir, the name Rumuruti is said to have originated from the Maasai and Samburu pastoralists who occupied the area before 1772 and who referred to it as 'Ol Rumurut' (meaning a place where you go round). This is because they were forced to go around Ewaso Narok wetland which is characterized by soft soils and flooding to access pasture for their animals on the other side.

In the beginning of the 19th Century, the area was taken over by British settlers during colonialization of Kenya. The Maasai Pastoralists were relocated to Narok and Kajiado to create space for the settlers. Due to the need for labourers to work on the expansive farms, the settlers were forced to seek labour from neighbouring Kikuyus from the Central region and Kalenjin's from the Rift Valley region. During the state of emergency in 1958, the settlers drove out the African labourers back to their rural homes out of fear. However, some African families remained behind and were moved by the settlers to African Location which still exists and forming one of the critical residential areas that has immensely contributed to the growth of the Municipality.

In addition, Rumuruti Town served as a stock route for livestock from Northern Kenya through Samburu to the railway station in Nyahururu for transportation to the Kenya Meat Commission in Nyahururu.

Hon. Speaker, that is the overview of Rumuruti, and it continues in annexture 1. There is also annexture 2 which contains the plan on existing use of land in Rumuruti. Number 4 is the Rumuruti Integrated Development Plan (2023-2027)

Rumuruti Municipality Integrated Development Plan (2023-2027)

Mr. Speaker, Sir, in order to effectively achieve urban planning need, the municipalities plans must have consideration of the following issues:

a. Adequate, efficient and high-quality physical infrastructure.

b. Adequate, efficient and high-quality social infrastructure.

c. High quality services to the inhabitants.

d. Clean and healthy environment.

e. Opportunities for innovation and expansion.

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f. Good transportation system.

g. Accessible and adequate housing.

Purpose

The Municipality Integrated Development Plan is the first to be formulated by the municipal board… I have already read that.

Objectives

a. Stimulate shared economic growth and job creation

b. Bolster good governance and active citizenry.

c. Champion basic infrastructure for effective service delivery.

On number 3, which is about specific objectives, Members can go to that page. Number 5 is about linkage of the municipal integrated development plan with other policies and plans. 5.1 is about linkage of the IDeP with the Kenya Vision 2030 which was being championed by the late Hon. Mwai Kibaki, may his soul rest in peace. Up to this day, we are still remembering his vision, the Vision 2030.

Mr. Speaker, number 5.2 is about linkage of the IDeP with the medium-term plans. Members can go through that also. 5.3 is on Municipal Integrated Development Plan, County Integrated Development Plan linkage with the Kenya Constitution, 2010. Members can go through that conversation there.

5.4 is about integration of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) into the IDeP. Number 6 is about municipal strategic priorities, programs and projects; the Members can see that. In that page there is the governance strategy, transport corridors, urban centres, livelihood development and economic strategy.

Hon. Speaker, number 7 is about the Environmental and Social Impact Assessment and Management Plan. Protect me, Mr. Speaker because I am reading the motion and I have a right to do so until I finish.

Speaker: Hon. Lempaira, allow the Member to read the motion, as he is still doing so.

Hon. Nicholas Lempaira: We do not have what he is reading here. We want to have so that we can follow what you are reading. We have no problem with you reading, but can we all be on the same page?

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Hon. Speaker, I think we have the document on our gadgets but I am not aware whether they have. I requested the clerk to put them in the pigeon hole from last week but one and also make sure that the documents appear on the gadgets.

Hon. Nicholas Lempaira: It is not there.

Speaker: We will look into it.

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Can I continue as we wait, Hon. Speaker?

Speaker: Continue.

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Anybody else with an additional complaint?

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Speaker: It is being sorted. Hon. Stephen, you may proceed as we wait for hard copies of the same document.

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Thank you, Hon. Speaker for guiding me on this one. As I was saying, in this report there is also the Environmental and Social Baseline Conditions which include: climate, topography, water resources, flora and fauna, and socio-economic characteristics. Number 8 is about the implementation framework.

Implementation Framework

This is the implementation framework that will be followed in implementing Municipal Integrated Development Plan. This includes:

- County Government of Laikipia
- Laikipia County Executive Committee (Lands, Housing, Physical Planning and Urban Development).
- County Assembly of Laikipia
- County Public Service Board
- Stakeholders in the Municipality- Finance Institutions, Regulatory Boards, Kenya National Bureau of Statistics (KNBS), National Aids Control Council (NACC), National Council for Persons with Disability, NEMA, Legislature (National andCounty Assemblies), Red Cross, Research Institutions among others.

On Summary of Proposed Resource Requirements by Sector, Members can go through that and find their report there. Number 9 is about the Monitoring and Evaluation Framework, which is written down there.

Committee Observations

Mr. Speaker, in the course of scrutinizing the plan, the Committee noted the following:

- That the plan has incorporated development strategies that focus on

  a) Ensuring effective and efficient urban governance and management;

  b) Providing adequate public land through land banking;

  c) Promoting Environmental management conservation and disaster management;

  d) Improving infrastructural and utility services;

  e) Enhancing capacity development;

  f) Promoting trade tourism and socio-economic development;

  g) Promoting public health services;

  h) Improving informal settlements;

  i) Eliminating social imbalances;

  j) Enhancing security; and

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k) Mobilising resources.

As I read the committee's recommendations, Hon. Speaker, I can see the House is full of Members. I have some Members of committee here, one of them being Hon. Shuel whom I will call to second this motion because he is a member of this committee.

Committee Recommendation

Mr. Speaker, in light of this, the Committee recommends THAT:

1. This County Assembly APPROVES the Rumuruti Municipality Development Plan pursuant to Section 111 (6) and 14 (3) of the County Government Act, 2012 and Section 38 and 39 of the Urban Areas and Cities Act, 2011.

Conclusion

Mr. Speaker, in view of the above observations, the Committee is satisfied that the plan is in conformity with the laid down procedures and processes of their preparation which meets all legal requirements necessary for their approval.

Mheshimiwa Spika, nafikiri Wabunge wameipitia hii ripoti; na hii sio ile ripoti ya kugawanya mashamba kule Rumuruti. Ni vizuri niwaeleze Wabunge hivyo. Hii ni ripoti ambayo inatoa mpango wa jinsi watakavyofanya kazi. Kama tulivyokuwa na ule mpango wa CIDP, ambayo ilikuwa mipango na fikira ya jinsi tutakavyojenga hii Kaunti.

Hii IDeP, Mheshimiwa Spika, ni mpango ambao manispaa inayo; inakusudia kujenga nini. Wanakusudia kusaidia jamii na nini? Wanakusudia kupata pesa ngapi? Watafanya nini na nini kwenye hio manispaa? Watakuwa wakijenga barabara, kuweka maji, kuajiri watu wetu ama watakuwa wanafanya nini? Huu ndio mpango tunaopitisha. Ni kama ule mpango wa *Annual Development Plan* kuonyesha mipango inayowekwa na mapato yanayotarajiwa. Hii ni ripoti inayoeleza kinagaubaga vile hao watu wataweza kupata pesa, na pesa watakayopata ni yenye tutapitisha katika Bunge hili ili waweze kuwa na bajeti ya kufanya kazi – kujenga barabara, kuweka mifereji ya kusafirisha maji na mambo mengineyo.

Vilevile, Bwana Spika, umuhimu wa hii ripoti ni kwamba wametengeneza kutoka kwenye CIDP tuliyopitisha hapa. Kwa mujibu wa sheria, wanastahili kuwa na huu mpango mwanzo, na ndiposa kwa mujibu wa sheria, inafaa kupitishwa na hili Bunge. Kwa hivyo, hii ni ripoti ambayo huwezi kukataa. Huwezi kuipinga, na huwezi kuiuliza maswali mengi. Maswali tunayoweza kuulizana hapa ni, kwa mfano, "Je, ile barabara mliyosema mtajenga hapa Ruai ama pale Likii, itajengwa kwa kutumia bajeti ya wodi ama sisi kama Bunge tutakuwa na pesa tutakayotenga kwa ajili ya manispaa ili waweze kupata maendeleo?"

Mheshimiwa Spika, nafikiri kila mmoja anapata faida kutoka kwenye manispaa. Juzi nilimpata Mheshimiwa Lempaira akinunua ng'ombe kwenye soko katika Manispaa ya Rumuruti. Kwa hivyo, kuna mpango wa jinsi ambavyo hiyo soko itatengenezwa. Nilisikia akisema hiyo soko iwekwe vizuri na iwe chini ya usimamizi wa kamati itakayosaidia serikali kuokota mapato. Nilikubaliana naye kwamba mipango kama hiyo inatakikana.

Huu ni mpango kama huo ambao tunafaa kupanga. Ndiposa tukipitisha bajeti ya manispaa hapa mimi nisiende kuweka pesa Ruai, Kilimo, Bluegum ama Stadium. Hiyo pesa yote itakuwa chini ya manispaa. Vivyo hivyo kwa Mheshimiwa Tony. Barabara zote zitakazojengwa na Manispaa Likii, yeye asije akaweka pesa ingine hapo kwa sababu hiyo itakuwa ni kufanya kazi moja. Kama unatengeneza barabara A, mimi nisitengeneze A bali niende kwa B. Vilevile, tutakuwa na nafasi ya kuwajengea wale wengine walio nje ya manispaa.

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Nawaomba hawa Wabunge walio hapa kwamba tutakapokuwa tunafanya bajeti, tutenge pesa za kutosha kwa ajili ya hizi manispaa. Sisi sote tunakaa mjini. Hili Bunge liko katika manispaa. Hebu wazia, Bwana Spika, kwamba ukitoka hapa unapata takataka ama barabara imekatika. Unapata uchafu kila mahali. Hilo litaonekana sisi wenyewe tusipotenga pesa za kutosha katika manispaa.

Vilevile, manispaa ndizo zinawalipa vibarua wanaofanya usafi katika miji yetu. Mifereji ya maji imeharibika katika hizi manispaa zote – Nanyuki, Nyahururu na Rumuruti. Tunahitaji kufanya bidii ili kuhakikisha kuwa hayo mambo yote ya manispaa yametengenezwa. Kuhusu manispaa, Waswahili husema kizuri chajiuza, kibaya chajitembeza. Kila Mbunge aliye hapa amevaa vizuri, ana tai na suti, na kiatu ni cha kisasa. Vilevile, tunataka huu mji wetu uwe msafi. Kwamba nikipita hapa naona maua, nikipita upande ule mwingine naona barabara iko sawa na takataka imeondolewa; naona majumba yamepangwa vizuri. Yaani, natembea mahali palipo kama paradiso, maanake hii ni manispaa.

Kwa hivyo, nawaomba Wabunge kwamba wakati wa bajeti ukifika, ikiwezekana manispaa kupata hata milioni mia moja, litakuwa jambo la maana sana. Hata hivyo, hatuna pesa kama hiyo. Kwa hivyo, wakipata milioni sita au kumi, wanatumia hizo tu. Nawaomba Wabunge tuungane kupitisha hii ripoti ili angalau waweze kuendelea na kazi yao, tukijua ya kwamba tunafaa kuleta ya Rumuruti, Nyahururu na ya manispaa nyingine iwapo itaundwa katika upande wa Doldol. Asante, Bwana Spika, na namwomba Mheshimiwa Shuel auafiki huu mswada na kuuchangia.

Hon. Paul Leshuel: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I stand to second this report. It is very important for Members to understand this report so that they can be able to adopt it. As Members go through the report, there are few observations by the committee on the areas that the committee decided that we need to think about in order to have a very good municipality.

Mr. Speaker, this report has already met the threshold according to the law. It went through public participation and has also already complied with the law that guides on municipalities. The observations are there. We need to enhance governance or capacity building. We also need to mobilize resources so that we can be able to get enough resources to implement what is needed in the municipality.

Mr. Speaker, this is like the CIDP. Without a plan; we may get money from the World Bank but if we do not have a plan, we realize later that we have double allocation. So, it is good to have a specific plan for municipalities, so that when they receive money, we can be able to oversight based on the plan. When you do things that are outside of the plan, then the County Assembly can be able to ask you questions on what made you do things outside of the plan. So, a plan is very important. When you fail to plan, you fail in everything.

That is why the committee is here today presenting the plan before the whole House so that Members can be able to engage and understand, so that in future they can be able to ask questions based on the plan and the resources that were allocated to that municipality. I stand to second and urge the Members that we pass this plan so that we can be able to move another step.

Mr. Speaker, a municipality is coming up and it is a new thing since we passed the new Constitution in 2010. If we do not plan properly, I can see some danger ahead. The World Bank is pumping money to the municipality, and where we collect resources is within the municipality. So, we need to have a good plan and allocate money based on the plan so that we can be able to remain with money that we can use to develop other areas. If we do not do that, we will be pumping money into the municipality and leaving the other areas undeveloped.

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That is what happened during the time of Councils. We had the Rumuruti, Nyahururu and Nanyuki municipal and county councils, and the county councils were not able to get enough resources for development. However, the municipal councils were able to collect some revenue and do development within the towns. So, we need to have a plan so that we do not just concentrate on the municipal and leave the other areas without development. We need to focus on the plan so that it can guide us on the areas.

Still on observations, Mr. Speaker, we have observed that we need very serious mobilization of resources so that the municipalities can be able to finance themselves and not just wait on the county revenue, but so that they can get their own money and develop their own plan there without waiting for resources from the County Government. So, I stand to second and want to urge the Members to adopt the report so that we can be able to do oversight and oversee the implementation of this report. Thank you.

(Question proposed)

Hon. Parleto Lekopien: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I stand to support the report from the Hon. Chair concerning the Rumuruti Municipality. As you are aware, Hon. Speaker, part of my ward is in the municipality so I really support it. As we speak, some work is already getting done by the municipality even in parts of my ward. I just want to urge on what Hon. Shuel has said, that all the revenue that comes from other sources should be controlled so that we also know and get to make sure that the money is used properly and for the right purposes.

Sometimes, we make mistakes. We give a lot of money to municipalities and create a way for some few individuals to make money. So, I just want to urge the Hon. Members of this House to support the report and ensure that as we do so, we scrutinize and ensure that all the money given to municipalities is properly utilized for the sake of the people of Laikipia. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you. I want to give the chance to Hon. Lempaira.

Hon. Nicholas Lempaira: Thank you, Hon. Speaker and thank you also to the Members of the Finance Committee for coming up with this report. As I support this motion, I think we need to agree that as we discuss this plan, it has to be very well elaborated. It has to show the programs, budget and specific roads… because what I have in my gadget on page 11, it does not have these things.

On page 12 they have indicated only Kshs.4.5 million, nothing else. They have not indicated the specific roads that they will be doing, and this is one of the big problems that we have been having in our budget. I think we are doing quite a lot of double budgeting in this municipality, and these wards that host the municipalities always have an upper hand in getting extra money through the municipalities.

So, we want the report to be very clear and elaborate so that every time the budget is made, it is very clear. As Hon. Ndiritu was saying, so that next time he will not budget for Bluegum and the other areas that he mentioned. The report must be very clear and self-explanatory so that one does not have to look for any other things if they want to know exactly what kind of projects the municipality intends to do. We are hoping that when they bring for the other municipalities, especially Nanyuki and Nyahururu, the committee will try to make the report very clear and self-explanatory. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Lempaira. I now give the chance to Hon. Nicholas Mwaniki.

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Hon. Nicholas Mwaniki: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I do rise to support this motion on the adoption of this report because if we fail to plan, we plan to fail. As a county, we cannot fail on this business because this is a business to plan. Having a committee that was constituted in the Rumuruti Municipality, and having an integrated plan, for the Municipality, they have shown that they are up to task in their relevant offices because they are ready to serve and they have a plan on how to develop the Rumuruti Municipality.

As Chair of the Budget Committee, Mr. Speaker, I had met with the committee that is concerned with the business of Rumuruti Municipality, and they had a plan. They have some estimates; the figures are there. As Hon. Lempaira may remember, they had a very good budget on whatever they wanted to do as a committee. However, still having less funds allocated in the budget, I think that is why they have not put in all the figures. As we were passing the ceiling, we had a few changes and that is probably why they did not have the right figures. As of now, however, they have an estimate but I think they did not have the figures when the report was being written.

Mr. Speaker, as we pass this plan in the Assembly, I think it is a way forward because development is a process which takes years. Having a plan of how to conduct their business as Rumuruti Municipality, I think they are a step ahead on matters of changing the locality of the residents of that place. It being the headquarters of this County, we need change and growth, thus have to plan how the Municipality should look like. Infrastructure always depicts what a municipality looks like.

The Municipality having two wards with both of them having leaders, I think the Municipality will benefit on matters of growth in their locality. As an Assembly, we should pass this, and I do support this motion. Thank you.

[The Speaker (Hon. Lantano Nabaala) left the Chair]

[The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Paul Leshuel) took the Chair]

Temporary Speaker (Hon. Paul Leshuel): Thank you very much, Hon. Mwaniki. It is now my observation that we need to give the mover of the motion a chance to reply.

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Asante, Mheshimiwa Spika. Nataka kuchukua hii nafasi kushukuru kwa vile Wabunge wamechangia na kuangazia mambo muhimu ambayo yanafaa kufanywa na hizi manispaa. Nilikuwa nawauliza Wabunge tuzipe manispaa fedha za kutosha. Kama alivyosema mwenye aliuafiki huu mswada, tunafaa kuangalia na kuhakikisha kuwa hizi manispaa zimejisimamia, na zitajisimamia tu kwa kutumia pesa watakuwa wakiokota. Ningeomba hizi manispaa; tukisema wakae na pesa wanayookota, maeneo mengine hayatapata pesa kwa sababu pesa nyingi itakayookotwa ni za manispaa.

Zikija kwenye mapato zinawekwa pamoja, ingine inaenda Mukogodo West na kule kwingine. Tunagawa hizo pesa sote kwa pamoja. Manispaa ya Nanyuki inakusanya takriban milioni mia nne, kwa hivyo tunapotengeneza bajeti na kuwapa pesa nyingine watatusaidia kufanya maendeleo mengi itakayo hakikisha kuwa Kaunti yetu inapata fedha za kutosha za kutengeneza barabara Sosian, Sipili na wadi zingine. Vilevile, tutengeneze barabara kwenye upande wa Matanya, Mirera, Sweetwaters na kwingineko kuliko nje ya manispaa. Kwa hayo machache, nawashukuru kwa kuupitisha huu mswada.

[Temporary Speaker (Hon. Paul Leshuel) left the Chair]

[The Speaker (Hon. Lantano Nabaala) resumed the Chair]

Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Stephen.

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(Question put and agreed to)

ADJOURNMENT

Speaker: The sittings of this House now stand adjourned until later today, Tuesday 22nd April, 2025 at 2.30 p.m.

The House rose at 12.51 p.m.

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