REPUBLIC OF KENYA

COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF LAIKIPIA

THE HANSARD

Wednesday, 22nd June, 2022

The House met at the Assembly Chambers at 2.30 p.m.

[The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Daniel Nyausi) in the Chair]

PRAYERS

QUORUM CALL

Deputy Speaker: Clerk, confirm whether we have a quorum.

(Lack of quorum confirmed)

Deputy Speaker: Serjeant at Arms to ring the bell for ten minutes. The Standing Orders states thereafter if we will not have achieved quorum, we ring for another five minutes. Thank you.

(Quorum bell rang for two minutes)

Deputy Speaker: Clerk, confirm whether we have achieved quorum.

(Quorum confirmed)

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

MASKING UP TO PREVENT CORONA VIRUS

Deputy Speaker: Hon. Members, I have some information to pass across. We are back to putting on our masks because the Corona Virus has been confirmed. For those of us who have not been given masks, please ensure that after this you are given your masks. Put it where it is supposed to be put. Thank you.

MOTION

QUARTERLY REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF WATER, ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Hon. Simon Kanyutu: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I beg to move the following motion;

THAT this Assembly adopts the quarterly report and financial statements for the period ended 31st March, 2021 for the Department of Water, Environment and Natural Resources by the sectoral committee on Agriculture, Environment and Natural Resources dated 7th June, 2022.

Mr. Speaker, the committee comprises of the following Members;

1. Hon. Simon Kanyutu - Chairperson
2. Hon Patricia Muthoni - Vice Chairperson

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3. Hon. Robert Maina - Member
4. Hon. Mutahi Muritu - Member
5. Hon. Wilson Wakahiu - Member
6. Hon. Peter Thomi - Member
7. Hon. Lochimidi J. Esokon - Member

Mr. Speaker, we were able to scrutinize the report and as a committee we tabled all the evidence as per the performance. It is very well stipulated in page 4. We also have an analysis of pending bills on page 8. Mr. Speaker, the committee had observations;

The committee observed the following;

1. The department received a total allocation of Kshs. 259,642,931.00 and only a total expenditure of Kshs 12,282,253.00 was incurred in the 3rd quarter representing an absorption rate of 4.73%;
2. That the budget utilization difference by the end of the period ending 31st March, 2021 was Kshs. 247,360,678.00;
3. That the total pending bills for the 3rd quarter of the year amounted to Kshs. 23,679,144.00; and
4. That Construction of Civil Works had the highest pending bills of Kshs. 9,150,733.00.

The committee recommends that;

1. The department to prioritize on clearing the pending bills before the end of the 2nd term of the County Government; and
2. The House adopts the committee's report

Mr. Speaker, these were the observations and recommendations of the committee and I call upon the Hon. Member representing Rumuruti Ward to second.

Hon. Joseph Suge: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I stand to second the report. Thank you.

(Question proposed)

Deputy Speaker: Hon. Members, it is your time to give your input. Although your silence can be contributing in some way, only it is hard to know if it is negative or positive. It is your time to contribute on the report. Yes Hon. Chris Mark, I can see your microphone on.

Hon. Chris Mark: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I was having some digital challenges here but all known, I have had brief chance to go through the report. This committee by no doubts where I see Hon. Kanyutu and I hear the issues of water and environment, he is very passionate. In his Ward, he happens to be endowed by one of the largest forests. If am not wrong, Marmanet forest.

Even when the elephants were causing havoc there, he is one of the Members who said human beings must live in harmony with the wildlife. How did he achieve this? He and others in his Ward made sure that that Marmanet electric fence was put there by the National Government.

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He was one of the people who was there to actually make sure that the humans understand that we need to live in harmony. So, when I see him bringing such a report, I know and I am sure that it marks all the quality assurances needed for a good report. If he says that we pass it, we endorse it as Members of this House. I support, thank you.

Deputy Speaker: May I call upon the Mover to give a reply.

Hon. Simon Kanyutu: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I admire how the Hon. Members have been able to peruse the report and admired it. I am sure that they are ready to pass it because they have seen the work that the committee has been able to do, and having gone through all the documents and come up with such a very vivid report, that is why some are not even raising a finger against the report. I thank the Members and I am sure that they are ready to pass it. Thank you.

(Question put and agreed to)

ADJOURNMENT

Deputy Speaker: The Sittings of this House now stand adjourned until tomorrow in the morning, Thursday 23rd June, 2022 at 9.00 a.m.

The House rose at 2.50 p.m.

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