

REPUBLIC OF KENYA
MACHAKOS COUNTY ASSEMBLY

OFFICIAL REPORT

Tuesday, 19th November, 2019

The House met at 10.12 a.m.

[The Temporary Deputy Speaker (Hon. (Ms.) Mwikali) in the Chair]

PRAYERS

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker: Serjeant at Arms, please ring the bell for quorum.

(Quorum Bell rung)

Sergeant at Arms, I think we have quorum. Mr. Clerk, proceed.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR
DILIGENT CONTRIBUTIONS

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker: I take this opportunity to welcome Hon. Members to the plenary today and I request you to contribute diligently and seriously to the motions and business of today. You are most welcome; thank you. Mr. Clerk, proceed.

PAPER LAID
REPORT ON CONSTRUCTION OF COUNTY MAJOR ROADS

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker: On this one Hon. Members, there is one Paper laid by Hon. Daniel Mbevi, chairman committee on transport, roads and public works. Hon. Mbevi; Hon. Masesi you are holding brief for Hon. Daniel Mbevi? Proceed, Hon. Masesi.

Hon. Masesi: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, I am holding brief for the chairperson transport, roads and public works committee who is Hon. Daniel Mbevi. Madam Speaker, I beg to lay the following Paper on the Table of the House today Tuesday, the 19th day of November, 2019; the report of transport, roads and public works committee on construction of county major roads. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Masesi, for holding brief for Hon. Mbevi. Proceed, Mr. Clerk.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS
REPORT ON CONSTRUCTION OF COUNTY MAJOR ROADS

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker: On this Hon. Members we have two notices of motions, one by Hon. Daniel Mbevi and the other by Hon. Dominic Ndambuki, chairperson budget and appropriations committee. On this one I call chairperson for transport, roads and public works committee as held brief by Hon. Masesi. Welcome Hon. Masesi.

Hon. Masesi: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. Madam Speaker, I wish to give a notice of motion on the report of transport, roads and public works committee.

Hon. Speaker, that aware that roads and transport plays a crucial role in promoting economic, social and cultural development of a region and that improvement in road connectivity not only assures the development but also accelerates the process of development;

Noting that improving the general road network in the rural areas has been used as a measure to alleviate poverty and attain Vision 2030;

Appreciating Article 174(f) of the constitution of Kenya 2010 states that one of the objects of devolution is to promote social and economic development and the provision of proximate, easily accessible services throughout Kenya;

Further, the Fourth Schedule of the Constitution mandates counties to deal with matters of county transport including county roads;

Madam Speaker, noting that for this connectivity to be achieved the current government of Machakos embarked on an exercise of upgrading several major roads bitumen standard;

Madam Speaker, I wish to give a notice of motion that this Hon. House discusses the transport, roads and public works committee report on construction of county major roads.

I wish to call upon the vice chairperson transport. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

**MEASURES TO CLEAR FALLEN TREES ALONG ROADS WHICH PASS THROUGH
KATUNGA FOREST COMPLEX**

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Masesi. At this time I wish to call Hon. Dominic Ndambuki chairperson, budget and appropriations committee. Hon. Ndambuki

Hon. Ndambuki: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. Hon. Speaker.

That aware that the Fourth Schedule of the Constitution of Kenya 2010 bestows the county government with matters of implementation of specific natural resources and environmental conservation including forestry;

Aware that Section 8 of the Forest Conservation and Management Act of 2016 establishes the Kenya Forest Service whose functions amongst others are to conserve, protect and manage all public forests in accordance with the provisions of the Act;

Further, aware that Iveti forest which occupies parts of Machakos and Kathiani sub-counties is gazetted as a public forest pursuant to Section 31 of the Forest Conservation and Management Act of 2016;

Aware that the old tall trees along the Kathiani/ Machakos road sometimes fall off and cause obstruction to motorists;

Cognizant of the fact that for the safety of the road users, there is need to come up with measures to clear fall off trees along the aforementioned road;

Acknowledging that His Excellency the Deputy President imposed a three month logging ban on public forests which expired on 24th May, 2018;

Hon. Speaker, I wish to give a notice of motion that the county government of Machakos in collaboration with Kenya Forest Service puts up measures to clear all the tall fall off trees along the roads which pass through Katunga forest complex since the National ban on logging expired.

Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Dominic. Now I wish to call the Leader of Majority....sorry Mr. Clerk, proceed.

STATEMENT

BUSINESS FOR THE HOUSE FOR 19TH TO 20TH OCTOBER, 2018

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker: On this one we have one Statement by the Leader of Majority Hon. Mark Muendo; I gather that Hon. Betty Nzioki will hold brief for Hon. Majority Leader.

Hon. (Ms.) B. Nzioki: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Hon. Speaker, I stand under Standing Order 41(2)(a) where during the Statement hour a member of the House Business Committee designated by the committee for that purpose shall for not more than 10 minutes present and lay on the table a statement informing the House of the business coming before the House.

Hon. Speaker, the House Business Committee met on 18th November 2019 to review and ballot business for the House for the week of 19th to 20th November 2019 pursuant to the provisions of the Standing Order 151 as follows:

Tuesday 19th November, 2019

Morning at 10 a.m.

Report on of transport, roads and public works committee on the status of county major roads by Hon. Daniel Mbevi chairperson transport, roads and public works committee.

Afternoon at 2.30 p.m.

Motion that the county government of Machakos in collaboration with Kenya Forest Service, puts up measures to clear all the tall trees along roads which pass through Katunga forest complex since the national ban on logging expired by Hon. Dominic Ndambuki MCA Kathiani Central ward.

The Machakos County Supplementary Appropriation Bill 2019; first reading by Hon. Ndambuki chairperson Budget and Appropriations committee.

Wednesday 20th November, 2019

Morning at 10 a.m.

Report of the budget and appropriations committee on the first Supplementary Budget Estimates for 2019/2020 by Hon. Dominic Ndambuki, chairperson Budget and Appropriations committee.

Afternoon at 2.30 p.m.

Report of the budget and appropriations committee on the first Supplementary Budget Estimates for 2019/2020 by Hon. Dominic Ndambuki, chairperson Budget and Appropriations committee (Continuation of debate).

Report of educational tour to Malaysia by Hon. Robert Kisini, Chairperson Environment committee.

Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Betty, for the statement.

MOTION

REPORT ON CONSTRUCTION OF COUNTY MAJOR ROADS

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker: On this Hon. Members, we have one motion by Hon. Daniel Mbevi, chairperson transport roads and public works committee; Hon. Masesi still holding brief for the Chairman.

Hon. Masesi: Thank you, Madam Speaker, once more. I would like to read the motion of the committee transport roads.

Hon. Speaker, that aware that roads and transport plays a crucial role in promoting economic, social and cultural development of a region and that improvement in road connectivity not only assures the development but also accelerates the process of development;

Noting that improving the general road network in the rural areas has been used as a measure to alleviate poverty and attain Vision 2030;

Appreciating Article 174(f) of the constitution of Kenya 2010 states that one of the objects of devolution is to promote social and economic development and the provision of proximate, easily accessible services throughout Kenya;

Further, the Fourth Schedule of the Constitution mandates counties to deal with matters of county transport including county roads;

Madam Speaker, noting that for this connectivity to be achieved the current government of Machakos embarked on an exercise of upgrading several major roads bitumen standard;

Hon. Speaker, I wish to move the motion that this Hon. House discusses the transport, roads and public works committee report on construction of county major roads.

I wish to call upon Hon. Irene Mbivya to second the motion.

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker: Thank you Hon. Masesi. Hon. Irene Mbivya.

Hon. (Ms.) Mwende: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I wish to second.

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Irene, for seconding,. Thank you, Hon. Members. I wish to call Hon. Masesi to read the report on transport committee.

Hon. Masesi: Thank you, Madam Speaker. With me is the report, of Committee on Transport, Roads and Public Work on Construction of County Major Roads.

1.0 INTRODUCTION

Hon. Speaker, road transport plays a crucial role in promoting economic, social and the cultural development of a region. Improvement in road connectivity not only assures the development but also accelerates the process of development of a region. Thus road is one of the greatest fundamental institutions of humanity. Improving the general road network in rural areas has been used as a measure to alleviate poverty and attain Vision 2030.

Beyond alleviation of poverty, the importance of rural roads extends to all aspects of the development of rural communities including demand for and access to health, education and information.

Hon. Speaker, Article 174(f) of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010, states that one of the objects of devolution is to promote social and economic development and the provision of proximate, easily accessible services throughout Kenya; further the Fourth Schedule of the same Constitution mandates counties to deal with matters of County Transport including County roads.

2.0 COMMITTEE MANDATE

Hon. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 190(5)(a) and (5)(g), the Committee on Transport is mandated to investigate, report, recommend and even propose legislation under its mandate.

Further, in the Second Schedule of the Standing Orders, this committee is specifically mandated to deal with all matters related to County transport, including county roads, housing, street lighting, traffic and parking, public transport and ferries and harbors, excluding the regulation of international and national shipping and matters related thereto; county public works and services.

3.0 COMMITTEE COMPOSITION

Hon. Speaker, this Committee comprises of the following Members:

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| 1. Hon. Daniel Mbevi | -Chairperson |
| 2. Hon. Irene Mbivya | -Vice Chairperson |
| 3. Hon. Caleb Mule | -Member |
| 4. Hon. Cosmus Masesi | “ |
| 5. Hon. Anthony Mulu | “ |
| 6. Hon. John Musyimi | “ |
| 7. Hon. Margaret Mbithi | “ |
| 8. Hon. Patrick Kituku | “ |

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| 9. Hon. Pauline Munguti | “ |
| 10. Hon. Grace Mutwiwa | “ |
| 11. Hon. Margaret Ndalana | “ |
| 12. Hon. Tariq Mulatya | “ |
| 13. Hon. Justus Kiteng’u | “ |

4.0 THE MATTER UNDER CONSIDERATION

4.1 BACKGROUND

Hon. Speaker, it is worth noting that for connectivity to be achieved, the County Government embarked in an exercise of upgrading several major roads to bitumen standard. The aforementioned roads are;

1. Kithini-Vota road.
2. Seveni-Kionyweni road.

The Committee was informed of these works during budget estimates interrogations for the FY 2019/ 2020. The works had started in the FY 2018/ 2019 and were ongoing.

4.2 SITE VISIT

Hon. Speaker, during a committee meeting, Members resolved to conduct a site visit to ascertain the status of the ongoing construction of the roads by the County Government of Machakos. Hon. Speaker, the committee conducted site visits in September, 2019 to confirm the status of the roads as presented by the department. This include

1. The length of the roads.
2. The stages of completion.
3. The quality of the work done.

5.0 COMMITTEE FINDINGS

5.1 Seveni-Kionyweni-Miu Road

Hon. Speaker, this road is in Muthetheni ward and its length is 16.5 km and the width of 10 m formation level to finish with 8m carriage. The estimate cost of the project is at Ksh. 205, 750,000.

5.1.1 Scope of work

Hon. Speaker, the scope of work for this road is as follows:

1. Excavation to level (road formation)
2. Provision of 150mm well compacted layer of approved gravel as sub-base.
3. Provision of 150mm well compacted layer of approved gravel as base.
4. Provision of 14-20mm pre-coated chippings as first seal.
5. Provision of 6-10mm pre-coated chippings as second seal.
6. Provision of precast 900mm DIA pipe culverts on identified sections.
7. Provision of precast 600mm DIA pipe culverts on identified sections.

Hon. Speaker, at the time of the site visit, the committee noted the following:

- i. The top soil had been stripped off, excavation to level (road formation) and compaction had been done through use of county equipment and the only cost incurred was fueling.

- ii. *Pavement layers*
 The department provided all materials and laid a well compacted 150mm thick sub-base layer of approved gravel on surface. This was also through the use of county equipment and only fueling costs was incurred
 The department also provided all materials and laid a well compacted 150mm thick base layer of approved gravel on surface through use of county equipment and incurred fueling costs only.
 As at the time of the site visit, there was also ongoing works of reprocessing of base layer to prepare surface for priming which was at 30 per cent completion.
- iii. *Provision of first seal*
 Purchase and delivery of MC-30 in 200 litre drums completion status was at 30 per cent.
 Purchase and delivery of 80/100 penetration grade Bitumen in 180litre drums was also at 30 per cent completion.
 Purchase and delivery of 14-20mm Pre-coated chippings completion status at 30 per cent.
 Application of MC-30 had also been done to 30 per cent. This was also by use of county equipment incurring only fueling costs.
 Laying of 14-20 pre-coated chippings as first seal had been but only 30 per cent using county equipment thus only fueling costs incurred.
- iv. *Provision of second seal*
 The department intends to purchase and deliver 1,584 drums of 80/100 penetration grade Bitumen in 180litre drums. At the time of the site visit, the department had only managed to purchase and deliver 25 per cent of this.
- v. *Drainage structures*
 The committee noted that these works had been contracted out but an assessment of crossing culverts and rehabilitation of existing drifts had been done. The estimated cost of this contract is Ksh. 15,913,000. The completion status as at the time of the site visit was 70 per cent.
 Hon. Speaker, the committee noted that the overall completion Status of this road project was at 40 per cent at the time of visit.

5.2 Kithini-Vota Road

Hon. Speaker, this road is in Mua ward and the length intended to be covered is 7km with a width of 10m formation level to finish with 8m carriage. The estimated cost of the project is at Ksh. 153,450,728.

5.2.2 Scope of work

1. Excavation and carting away to spoil of Black Cotton Soil along the road corridor of average depth of 1.5m.
2. Excavation to level (road formation).
3. Backfilling and compaction in layers of space obtained above.
4. Provision of 150mm well compacted layer of approved gravel as sub-base.
5. Provision of 150mm well compacted layer of approved gravel as base.
6. Provision of 14-20mm pre-coated chippings as first seal.
7. Provision of 6-10mm pre-coated chippings as second seal.

8. Provision of precast 900mm DIA pipe culverts on identified sections.
9. Provision of precast 600mm DIA pipe culverts on identified sections.

Hon. Speaker, during the site visit the committee noted the following:

i. Earthworks

Excavation and cutting away of black cotton soil had been done to only 30 per cent completion status. Backfilling the above with approved material and compacting in layers had been done.

ii. Pavement layers

The department provided all materials and laid a well compacted 150mm thick sub-base layer of approved gravel on the surface obtained. This was done through the use of county equipment and only fueling costs were incurred. Reprocessing of base layer to prepare the surface for priming was at 0 per cent at the time of the site visit.

iii. Provision of the first seal

Hon. Speaker, the committee noted that all the works associated with the laying of the first seal had not been started.

iv) Provision of second seal

Madam Speaker, nothing had been done on this phase as at the time of the visit.

v. Drainage structures

Madam Speaker, the committee was informed that this works had been contracted out but an assessment of crossing culverts and rehabilitation of existing drifts had been done. The estimated cost of this contract is at Ksh. 54,000,000 and at the time of the site visit the completion status was at 20 per cent. The committee noted that asphalt concrete had been laid on the first one Km also through contractual services. Madam Speaker, the overall completion of this road project was at 20 per cent.

COMMITTEE OBSERVATIONS

Madam Speaker, based on the site visit conducted, the Committee made the following observations:

1. That the completion status of Kithini-Vota road was at 20 per cent which translates to about 1 km of the road being completed.
2. The completion status of Seveni-Kionyweni-Miu road was at 40 per cent which means about 4km of the road has been completed.
3. That the residents in the areas where the roads are being constructed complained of the construction taking too long thus inconveniencing them. That at the time of the site visit, sections where the road construction was still incomplete had heaps of red soil which makes it difficult for motorists to use the road.

4. That the approved budget for the vote on major roads for the FY 2019/20 is Ksh. 105,000,000. The committee noted that the estimated budget for completion of this two roads projects were Ksh. 244,516,033 which is broken down as follows:
Seveni-Kionyweni-Miu Road – Ksh. 121, 000,000
Kithini-Vota Road – Ksh. 81,686,838
Pending bill of Ksh. 41,829,194.90 carried forward from the last financial year.
From the above, it is clear that there is a deficit of Ksh. 139,516,033 and that these roads cannot be completed during the current financial year.
5. That the roads projects had been contracted partially; that is, the tarmacking and drainage works had been contracted and the other road works like grading, leveling and murraming were being done by the County Government.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

Madam Speaker, the committee recommends the following:

1. The County Government through the department of Transport, Roads, Public Works and Housing should ensure that the roads are complete in the stated period. This is to avoid inconveniencing the local residence where the road works are ongoing.
2. The County Government through the department of road can try deploying members of the public to do the road construction and grading that Kazi Kwa Vijana programme. This by far will motivate the citizens, reduce wage bill on infrastructure, create jobs and reduce poverty, diversify opportunities, foster a feeling of ownership of public projects, circulate funds within the county which generally boosts economy and reduces cases of compromise as far as tender issuance is concerned.
3. In future, the County Government should avoid partial contracting to ensure that contractors are fully responsible for their works and in case the works do not meet the standards, necessary action can be done.
4. The Department of Roads and Public Works should capitalize on grading and murraming of roads since the cost of tarmacking is very high. This way more roads will be upgraded with fewer funds.
5. For these projects to be completed, the Department should ensure early allocation of funds towards these road works in the budget estimates for the FY 2020/ 2021. This can be captured in the Annual Development Plan which is currently under consideration by the Committee on Trade, Planning and Industrialization.

CONCLUSION AND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Madam Speaker, good infrastructure facilitates trade, economic development and improvement in the quality of life, especially in Kenya where roads carry over 80 per cent of passenger transport. it is therefore my privilege, on behalf of the Committee to table the Report on construction of major road in Machakos County in this Hon. House for adoption. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Masesi.

(Question proposed)

I now invite Members to debate the report. Welcome Hon. Members; Hon. Kamulu.

Hon. Kamulu: Thank you, Madam Speaker. First I would like to congratulate the Chair and the committee because of a very good report about that specified road. I have noted one thing which is actually a great hindrance to us; this issue of the county doing some activities on a specified road while sections are given to contractors. Madam Speaker, here we are unable to assess and know who has actually failed on specified performance. So, it is always good as the committee has reported and recommended that work should be given to a specified person for accountability and transparency.

Madam Speaker, in the report I have also noted that there are heaps which are not that specified road. This is a danger for accidents and confusion. I recommend that the committee goes back to the road and see whether the road has been completed because this report is not for today; they took that work sometimes back and it is our hope that the county now has completed that road as per today.

The other issue which is very clear as far as roads are concerned is that in this Assembly we noted that sometimes back the roads in the county are not good. There are areas which have never had tarmac whereas we hear some regions have that kind of activity. For example, in my ward, there is a small section around Kaveani Market where we had been crying for so long that we be given just a half or even one kilometer but nobody is listening to that; let these developments be distributed all over the wards but not specific regions.

We also recommended at one time grading and all that; we should be given every sub-county, a tipper or a tractor of its own so that making of the road can be easy and within the reach instead of having a single tractor just within that sub-county That is something which we recommended and I think even today we should repeat the same and get such.

Grading of roads is not enough; the roads in Machakos County need murrum all over. So that is a serious recommendation, for example, this time of the rains everyone is complaining that the roads are impassable. So let the county allocate adequate monies so that we can have enough murruming of all the roads in the county especially in areas like Kathiani where the region is hilly; typography there is very hilly, most of the roads impassable.

So, I recommend the report; it is a very good one but let the committee go back and see whether what they saw has been done because most of the work as we heard is done at 30 per cent. If not 30 it is 20 per cent so the balance is too much. Thank you very much

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Kamulu. Hon. Musau.

Hon. Musau: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I thank the committee and the able Chair for work well done. We do appreciate that roads are a major backbone to economy of any given county or country and good road network means facilitation of conveyance. Although we know there was a challenge in getting money to fund for the same from the National Government, I would wish that our Executive moves very fast to see that those roads are completed, Madam Speaker.

In fact, last week I was in the Seveni-Kionyweni road and I assure you things there are not so well but we do believe with the coming of the monies because they have been given by

the national government right now, the roads will be complete so that we may get value for the already spend money. It is by roads that commonly our people and our produce are conveyed to the markets and in to their destinations.

Therefore bad roads means failure to reach destination, wastage of time and at times, you can imagine even the ambulances are not able to traverse some roads, Madam Speaker. So it may also mean some loss of life because of the delay of delivery of the sick ones to the designated hospital. Madam Speaker, wishing Machakos could have the best roads; it could have the best economy.

A place like Mbiuni ward is the home of horticulture but I tell you and the House that most of the produce in horticulture just rots when the roads are not passable, Madam Speaker. It is therefore my.....(Inaudible) people are putting a lot of effort to produce they want to improve economically but the roads to take their produce to market are impassable. I would cal the Executive to move with very high speed so that we may become the county number one. Thank you, Madam Speaker waheshimiwa.

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker: Thank you Hon. Musau. Hon. Irene Mbivya.

Hon. (Ms.) Mwende: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I wish to congratulate you on the good job that you are doing and I am a Member of this committee and I wish to say that good roads lead to an improved community and an improved nation and the recommendations and observations generated in this report are very clear and I wish they can be followed to the letter so that the work can be completed. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Irene Mbivya. Hon. Judas Ndawa.

Hon. Ndawa: Thank you Madam Speaker. I would wish to congratulate the committee for such an elaborate report which has been brought to this House. The recommendations are 100 per cent if adhered to I am very sure Machakos will be different from how it is today. Madam Speaker, the only issue I would like to bring to the attention of the House is that when we talk about roads, sometimes you repair road this time and come next season, the road goes back to the same status.

When I was in school, my economics teachers told me that some needs recur even after satisfaction. You satisfy this need today, in the evening you have the same problem. You satisfy a need at night as you wake up you have the same need with you.

(Laughter)

So, Madam Speaker as we challenge the executive to ensure that the roads are passable, let us also so know that some needs recur. Some projects are permanent like the time we were given on a potato project; (??) those who gave out ECDE classrooms, those projects will remain even if you are not in the office but if you gave out your money to go and grade and maybe murrum a certain road, come next season, you will require more funds to go and do the same project. Otherwise, the recommendations are good.

The other thing during the rainy season it is evident that there is a lot of noise especially on the issue of roads. When the rains come, a lot of noise during dry spell everybody is quiet so Madam Speaker, the House is very much aware that the tug of war which was there between the

National Assembly and the Senate is the one which affected all the Counties leave alone Machakos.

All the Counties were affected because of that delay and I believe this is the reason why some of the projects are not completed but I believe and I strongly believe that the project will be completed in the due course. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Ndawa. Hon. Moses Mitaa.

Hon. Mitaa: Thank you, Madam, Speaker, for granting me this opportunity to also contribute to the report by the Transport Committee. First of all thanking the committee for the elaborate job they have done. Hon. Speaker, the issue of infrastructure especially roads, is very critical towards the growth of our County and Hon. Speaker, I think it would be prudent if we put more effort towards ensuring that our roads are passable at any given time as much as I can concur with my colleague Hon. Ndawa that during rainy season, it is when most of our roads tend to be impassable.

Hon. Speaker, I think what I can request the committee to do is maybe to check on the current status especially from the programs which we have had since the time each sub County was allocated a programme, Madam Speaker, I think it will be good if they would maybe in engage the CEC and his department roads department and maybe come up with a report showing how far we have gone.

If it is grading, how many kilometers each Ward has been graded and even on the issue of the projects which Hon. Members gave, it would be good if the report will be tabled in the house for a clear follow-up, Madam Speaker. Otherwise, I thank the committee and I wish them well as they embark on other engagements. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Moses Mitaa. Hon. Betty Nzioki.

Hon. (Ms.) B. Nzioki: Thank you, Madam Speaker. First and foremost, I want to congratulate the committee for the good work; it shows how dedicated we are for our duties and responsibilities to serve the people of Machakos County. Madam Speaker, I want to speak more about my Ward that is Masii Ward, as many of the Hon. Members have given their recommendations concerning the status of our roads. Madam Speaker, because I do believe that there is a handshake, I want to request the office of the Governor that he can extend the KRB roads to each Ward so that at least our people can appreciate the job that they are doing.

Madam Speaker, the way Hon. Mitaa has said, I would request the committee to visit each Ward so that they can give us the status of our roads at least for them to know even for the executive to know what is happening on the ground especially this rainy season.

Madam Speaker, I think it is good for us now to put more efforts, especially on infrastructure because people are crying day and night and the roads are impassable but it is my hope that the executive is going to follow the recommendations to the letter for the betterment of our roads in our County. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Betty. Hon. Thomas Mutinda.

Hon. Mutinda: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I take this opportunity to thank the committee for the good work done and Madam Speaker, I think it is the high time the county

takes an audit and identifies the different types of roads which are in our county we have the Kenya roads which are in our County, we have the Kenya Urban Roads Authority roads, we have the KeRRA roads, we have the county roads and maybe the community roads and it is important that we do an audit so that we may know which road belongs to which body.

Madam Speaker, there are those roads which belong to the county and they come to join with those which belong to KeRRA so sometimes you go in our ward or in a road and you find that a road for county has been done but the one for KeRRA has not been done so there should be that moving in tandem so that wherever we are making roads also KeRRA is making so that all roads are passable.

I am audit needs to be done so that all roads are identified and each body takes control and takes care of its road. Madam Speaker, when you go to a Ward like my Ward Wamunyu, the town has not been tarmacked, Wamunyu Town, Yathui Town, and they are just very few which have not been tarmacked others have been tarmacked, now we are tarmacking rural areas and urban roads have not been tarmacked.

So it is an area of concern and I request that the County Government does tarmac of those towns so that we come to the standards where other towns have got to cause we also have to attract investors, we also have to attract tourists; as you know our place is a place of carvings and those are things which can support our people economically. So, Madam Speaker, I thank you and say that it is the high time the county moves forward and does the necessary. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Thomas Mutinda, from Wamunyu Ward. Hon. Caleb.

Hon. Mule: Thank you, Madam Speaker. The MCA Matuu has said that some needs recur even when fully satisfied but others take longer to recur when satisfied. I was requesting that if this Assembly and the Committee recommends that we do more tarmac because if we have more tarmac roads in our county that need to repair roads will not recur often and again Madam Chair, I can feel the mood of the House that every Member is supporting the report. So, you can put the question, please, Madam.

(Laughter)

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Caleb for trying to assist the Chair in putting the question. I now call the Mover to reply.

Hon. Masesi: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I am happy and I would wish to appreciate the Members for their passionate contribution towards the report. Madam Speaker, the report reminds me that the executive needs to do something on members who did not benefit the last financial year on the Kenya Roads Board (KRB) roads which I believe the budget committee has taken care of that; at least Madam Speaker, for there to be some equity among the KRB roads to all Members of this County Assembly.

Madam Speaker, the reason now I was thinking the executive needs to re-look at the roads programme which we have across our Sub-Counties and maybe they give us a budget to make sure that the grading is accompanied by murraming of the spot parts which are muddy during the rainy seasons. Madam Speaker, we are doing the grading and as we talk although I

wish and believe that if the grading could be accompanied by some murrum, that could have been very fine.

Madam Speaker, this report is not that old; the Committee went on the site on September this year so I would like to assure members the report is almost up to date because it is only the month of October which lapsed and again I believe if we are given the duty again as a committee we will go again to the field and bring the present state of these roads.

Otherwise, I would like to request the Members to give some more budget for the roads since we have started them to make sure that there are some completion and good results. Otherwise, the area Members of the said roads need to look at the state of the work and make sure that we get quality work as County Government. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Cosmus Masesi.

(Question put and agreed to)

(Applause)

We will forward this report to the executive for implementation.

ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Members for debating very seriously and now the House adjourns to the Tuesday the 19th day of November 2019 at 2.30 p.m. Thank you.

The House rose at 12.40 p.m.