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MACHAKOS COUNTY ASSEMBLY

OFFICIAL REPORT

Tuesday, 27th October, 2020

The House met at 3.50 p.m.

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

PRAYERS

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Clerk can you confirm whether we have quorum. Ring the bell for quorum for 10 minutes and whips can you check if we can get more people inside.

(Quorum Bell rung)

Only the Whips are allowed to go out please, Serjeant at Arms. Hon. Members, the Whip informs me we have quorum now so stop the ringing the bell and close the doors we start.

PAPERS LAID

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Under this Order, we have two business to be transacted by Hon. Moses Mitaa, the Chairperson Agriculture and Majority Whip of the House; Hon. Moses.

REPORT ON MACHAKOS COUNTY COOPERATIVE ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT FUND BILL
2019

Hon. Mitaa: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. Hon. Speaker, I wish to lay the following Paper on the Table of the Assembly today, 27th October, 2020; the Report of Agriculture Committee on the Machakos County Cooperative Enterprise Development Fund Bill 2019. Thank you, Hon. Speaker

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you Hon. Moses; you may read the next one.

REPORT ON PERFORMANCE REPORT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR
2019/2020

Hon. Mitaa: Again Hon. Speaker, I wish to lay the following paper on the table of the Assembly today 27th October, 2020; the Report of Agriculture Committee on Performance Report for the Department of Agriculture for the FY 2019/2020. Thank you, Hon. Speaker

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you.

NOTICE OF MOTION

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REPORT ON PERFORMANCE REPORT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR
2019/2020

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Under this Order, we have one Motion to be moved by Hon. Moses Mitaa.

Hon. Mitaa: Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker, that aware that the mission for the Department of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries in Machakos County is to promote innovative, commercially-oriented and modern Agriculture through development and enactment of enabling legal framework;

Aware that Article 183(3) of the Constitution of Kenya provides that, the County Executive Committee shall provide the County Assembly with full and regular reports on matters relating to the County;

Informed that in exercise of the functions vested on County Assembly in Article 185(3), the County Assembly through the Committee of Agriculture requested for the performance report for the Department of Agriculture for the FY 2019/2020; Cognizant that pursuant to Standing Order 190(5) the committee analyzed the status report of the Department and consequently compiled a report;

Hon. Speaker, I wish to give Notice of Motion that this Hon. House discusses and approves the report of the Committee of Agriculture on performance report for the Department of Agriculture for the FY 2019/2020.

Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Moses.

MOTIONS

REPORT ON MACHAKOS COUNTY STADIUM PROGRAMME

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Members, we have one business to transact and it is to be done by Hon. Geoffrey Kamulu, Chairperson, Youth, Women, PWDs and Sports Committee

Hon. Kamulu: Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker, that aware that Article 185(3) of the Constitution of Kenya 2010 provides that a County Assembly, while respecting the principle of separation of powers, may exercise oversight over the County Executive Committee and any other County Executive organs;

Recognizing that Youth, Women, PWDs and Sports committee is established pursuant to

Standing Order 190 and the Second Schedule of the Standing Orders define its mandate as follows; to deal with all matters related to Youth welfare, Women affairs, empowerment of women, matters of equality, affirmative action and gender related issues and sports activities and facilities;

Appreciating that the committee while undertaking its oversight role engaged the Chief Officer, Youth and Sports on the Machakos County Stadiums programme with an objective of ascertaining its current implementation status with regard to approved budgets and also establish the viability of the project;

Further appreciating that the committee conducted fact-finding missions to the physical locations of the stadiums;

Hon. Speaker, I wish to move the motion that this House discusses and approves the Youth, Women, PWDs and Sports Committee on the Machakos County Stadiums programme.

Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: You need to get a seconder.

Hon. Kamulu: Hon. Speaker, we are bringing it for the second time; it was seconded the other time and referred as the property of the House. Is it in order?

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Just get somebody to second.

Hon. Kamulu: I request Hon. Jacinta Luka to second the report.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Jacinta.

Hon. (Ms.) Luka: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I second the motion. Thank you.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Go ahead Hon. Geoffrey and read the report.

Hon. Kamulu: Thank you Hon. Speaker. This is the report of Youth Women, PWDs and Sports Committee on Machakos County Stadiums programme.

Hon. Speaker, the department of Youth and Sports initiated the Machakos County stadium programme in the financial year 2018/19. In the County Integrated Development Plan the county government planned to construct one stadium in each sub-County. In the financial year 2018/19 and 2019/20 the county government endeavoured to construct four stadiums in the County specifically in Masii, Kinyui, Ikombe and Mavoko wards within the financial years.

The relevance of the programme is to promote sporting activities and nurture talents amongst the youth within the County. Studies show a reduced risk for substance use in young people who play sports versus those who do not, including alcohol use, smoking and illicit drug use; patterns of drug abuse among teens suggest that physical activity, and in particular team sports, strengthens a person's resistance to substance use disorder.

The reduced risk of substance use through team sports participation is also likely impacted by the fact that students who choose to exercise regularly and enjoy team activities are more likely to make healthy decisions in general. Being surrounded by a healthy community of teammates, coaches, and other social aspects of participation in organized sports also maintains a network of support from others making healthy life decisions.

Hon. Speaker, sports involvement may also contribute to the social and personal development of youth. It has also been proposed that youth sport provides benefits for socio-emotional development, identity work, character building, and moral development, including the expression of values and sportsmanship behaviors. Many people involved in sport also believe that sport participation offers opportunities for learning and development that can directly transfer into other areas of life such as school and work.

Hon. Speaker, Article 183(3) Of the Constitution of Kenya 2010 stipulates that the County Executive Committee members shall provide the county assembly with full and regular report on all

matters relating to the County. Further, Article 185 3 states that the County assembly while respecting the principle of separation of powers may exercise oversight over the County executive committee and any other county executive organs.

Hon. Speaker, quarterly reports are important tools in assisting the oversight mandate of County Assemblies as they provide useful information such as absorption rate of Funds allocated, status of development projects and performance levels of departments; Chief Officers of the various county departments are required by the County Government Act, 2012 to provide timely quarterly reports to the County Assembly to aid its oversight role.

Hon. Speaker, pursuant to the above stated legal provisions, the youth, women, PWDs and sports committee requested for status report from the Chief Officer with regard to the implementation status of the Machakos County stadiums programme. The construction of each stadium was budgeted for at Ksh. 50 million bringing to a cumulative total of Ksh. 200 million being appropriated in the FY 2018/19 and FY 2019/20 budgets.

TERMS OF REFERENCE

Hon. Speaker, the committee adopted the following terms of reference:

- a) Overview of the approved budget for the stadium programme.
- b) Actual programme expenditures and current implementation status.
- c) Committee observations and recommendations.

MANDATE OF THE COMMITTEE

Hon. Speaker, the Youth, Women, PWDs and Sports committee is established pursuant to Standing Order 190 and the second schedule of the Standing Orders define its mandate as follows: to deal with all matters related to Youth welfare, Women affairs, empowerment of women, matters of equality, affirmative action and gender related issues and sports activities and facilities.

COMMITTEE COMPOSITION

Hon. Speaker, during the compilation of this report the committee was comprised of thirteen Hon. Members as listed below:

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| 1. Hon. Geoffrey Kamulu | - Chairperson |
| 2. Hon. Jacinta Luka | - Vice Chairperson |
| 3. Hon. Justus Katumo | - Member |
| 4. Hon. Margret Ndalana | “ |
| 5. Hon. Christine Koki | “ |
| 6. Hon. Antony Mulu | “ |
| 7. Hon. Michael Mutiso | “ |
| 8. Hon. Margret Mwikali | “ |
| 9. Hon. Grace Mutwiwa | “ |
| 10. Hon. Fredrick Muthoka | “ |
| 11. Hon. Agatha Mutunga | “ |
| 12. Hon. Irene Mbivya | “ |
| 13. Hon. Phoebe Koki | “ |

SUBMISSION BY THE CHIEF OFFICER-YOUTH AND SPORTS

Hon. Speaker, the committee invited the Chief Officer to a committee meeting on 14th September, 2020 and discussed on the implementation status of the Machakos County stadium

programme. The table below highlights the status of the four stadiums with regard to the contract details and amount as presented by the chief officer;

No	Stadium	Location	Contractor	Contract sum (Ksh)	Payment done (Ksh)	Pending amount (Ksh)	Status	Remarks
1	Kinyui Stadium	Matungulu East - Kinyui Market	Framepack Company Limited	49,740,000.00	19,327,658.00 (For the first certificate) – Voucher No(Y&S/19/20/011/D	30,112,342.00 (Amount raised for the 2nd certificate is 12,440,708.00)	40% complete	Terraces construction is ongoing, club house roofing is on-going.
2	Ikombe Stadium	Ikombe – Kinyaatta market	Anabra Enterprises	49,740,000.00	14,363,765.00 (For the first certificate) – Voucher No. Y&S/001/18/19/D	35,376,235.00 (Amount raised for the 2nd certificate is 24,320,235.00)	50% complete	Partitioning of the washrooms is ongoing. Plastering and key for the club house is ongoing.
3	Mavoko Stadium	Athiriver – Makadara Market	Framepack Company Limited – 1st contractor Honor Logistics Limited – 2nd contractor after readvertisement	44,616,639.20 44,717,695.50	None None	4,873,680.00 (amount due as per quantified works done by the 1 st contractor) 44,717,695.50	10% complete	The slab has been done.
4	Masii Stadium	Mwala Subcounty	Point mark Valuers	49,045,478.00	None	4,705,280.00 (amount due as per quantified works done)	10% complete	The project was re-advertised. Pitch done. Club house foundation done.

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The Chief Officer informed the committee that at Kinyui stadium, the first certificate of Ksh. 19 million was raised on 1st November, 2019 and paid on 30th December, 2019 via voucher number (Y&S/19/20/011/D, payment of the second certificate of Kshs.12 million was at the finance office awaiting payment.

At Ikombe stadium, the first certificate of Kshs.14 million was raised on 2nd May, 2019 and paid on 6th June, 2019 via voucher number Y&S/001/18/19/D, the second certificate of Ksh. 24 Million was also being processed for payment at the finance department.

At Mavoko stadium, the Chief Officer informed the committee that no payments had been done; he informed the committee that the first contractor was unable to execute the project citing financial challenges that had been occasioned by the Corona pandemic. On 22nd November, 2019, the project was re-advertised and awarded and the contractor had started work. The Chief Officer further informed the committee that the contractor had set a timeline of six weeks to complete the project subject to availability of funds.

At Masii stadium, the Chief Officer informed the committee that no payment had been done as the contractor was unable to execute the project and it had since been re-advertised but not awarded. The Chair was concerned that the project had stalled and enquired on what measures the department had set up to execute the project, the Chief Officer responded that the Governor had personally pushed for completion of the project . He further informed the committee that completion of the project was in the work plan for this financial year.

Hon. Speaker, Section 22 of the Persons with Disability Act, 2002 states that every public building should be made accessible to persons with disabilities; the committee was concerned on the compliance of the above stated law with regard to construction of the stadiums after which the Chief Officer informed the committee that the contract terms provided ensured that the stadiums are accessible to persons living with disability.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Chair, maybe to assist you. Hon. Members, in the report which you have before you, you have actually the committee observations and findings and I would request the Hon. Chair to go and read the committee recommendations because the report is with us can now read for ourselves. Hon. Chair, kindly go to committee recommendations, that is on page 8; the others Hon. Members, I implore you to refer to the report at hand. Hon. Chair.

Hon. Kamulu: Thank you, Hon. Speaker; then let me complete this sentence. Hon. Speaker, the Chief Officer informed the committee that the scope of work for each stadium entailed construction of a pitch, clubhouse, VIP lounge, Changing rooms, doctors and referees room, toilets and innovation centers. Hon. Speaker, as directed I now go to the committee recommendations.

Committee recommendations

Hon. Speaker informed by the fact finding missions, interrogation and discussions with the Chief Officer, the committee makes the following recommendations;

1. Full implementation of the stadiums

The committee urges the department of Youth and Sports to fully implement the stadiums programme as this will go a long way in developing talents amongst the youth and also ensure that the youth refrain from drugs abuse. The committee noted that some projects had been re-advertised

and this was a cause factor for the slow implementation of the stadiums; there is need to ensure that the contractors who are awarded have the capability of executing the projects.

The Chief Officer, Youth and Sports should also prepare implementation work plans with regard to the timing, procurement aspect and financing. Proper planning for the projects will ensure that funds and contractors are available early in the financial year and also prevent a situation of pending bills to arise.

2. Accessibility of the stadiums to PWDs

The committee recommends that in line with Section 22 of the Persons with Disability Act, 2002 the stadiums should be constructed in a manner that is accessible to the persons living with disability; this can be achieved by providing accessible PWDs designated entrances and routes, signage that identify restrooms and exits, wheelchair sitting locations and also inclusion of PWDs in sporting activities by setting up gaming facilities that are PWD-friendly such as playing courts.

3. Support of local football clubs

The department of youth and sports should come up with a policy that will nurture local talents for instance by sponsoring local football clubs either by purchasing footballs and uniforms for them. The essence of the construction of the stadiums is to promote sports within the county and the department needs to go further and ensure that the local talent is nurtured by creating an environment where sporting tools and equipment are readily available to registered local football clubs within the county.

4. Create awareness on importance of sports

The department of Youth and Sports should hold campaigns that will sensitize the youth on the importance of sports and the consequences of indulging in drugs abuse. The department should endeavor to hold tournaments and attach appealing prizes to the winners; this will go a long way in enticing the youth to participate in sports and as a result refrain from drugs abuse.

5. Implementation of the persons living with disabilities Act

Implementation of the Act will ensure creation of a board that will manage the affairs of the PWDs and provide a framework for a coordinated approach by all government departments and institutions in the mainstreaming of disability across all planning, designing budgeting, implementation and monitoring of services and development programmes;

The board will ensure that persons living with disabilities are actively involved in sporting activities and also ensure compliance in construction of persons living with disability projects.

Conclusion

Hon. Speaker, full implementation of the Machakos County stadiums programme is critical to the nurturing of sporting talents and more so ensuring that the youth are kept occupied in sporting activities thus disengage them from vices such as drug abuse. The department should endeavor to complete the other stadiums as envisaged in the County Integrated Development Plan.

Hon. Speaker, it is therefore my privilege and duty to present this report to this Hon. House for consideration and approval. Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you, very much, Hon. Geoffrey Kamulu for that report.

(Question proposed)

Hon. Members, you may debate on this motion. Hon. Dominic Ndambuki.

Hon. Ndambuki: Thank you, Hon. Speaker for the opportunity to contribute and I wish to thank the committee for youth for the good work that they have done in putting together report that details the progress report for the various stadiums that we have across the County. Hon. Speaker, this House had initial information that, the County Government of Machakos was planning to construct eight stadiums but with the pace that we are at it seems we will be contented with four stadiums.

Hon. Speaker, looking at the average cost of one stadium is about Ksh. 50 million or Ksh. 60 million and so far, if the four stadiums were to be completed within the next two years, the County Government of Machakos will have spent not less than Ksh. 200 million. That is massive investment that we need as a Government to ensure that the people of Machakos will not have just invested money somewhere without expecting returns.

Hon. Speaker, it goes without saying that County Government of Machakos is not looking at the immediate returns on the investment in terms of monetary gains and local revenue collection but other benefits that will come with the stadiums like nurturing of talents as the Chair has alluded to before.

However, the department of tourism and culture and sports needs to come with clear policies and guidelines on how they will partner with the National Government especially sports stadia department or directorate at the National Government to ensure that they drive traffic towards this stadiums that we have because if leave it to the local running of the County Government, we might find that, this was just like any other white elephant project where we invest money and we do not get returns.

Hon. Speaker, I happened to have visited one of the stadiums just to look at the progress of the work that is being done there and from the report we have heard that it is only one stadium that is moving with some good pace, the progress is better which is at 50 percent completion rate. This is the third year where the stadiums are being constructed and we still have a year or so before the end of the current tenure of Government of Machakos.

My plea is the department of tourism, culture and sports to make sure that they hasten their paces and ensure that before the end of next financial year we have those stadiums ready for use because it will beat the initial purpose of them being there if after five years the stadiums are not ready for use.

Mr. Speaker, it is also good that the department of culture, tourism and sports as they look at modalities of trying to drive traffic towards where the stadiums are built because some of them are not within towns they are outside towns. They look at ways of ensuring that they create a micro economy within where the stadiums have been built to ensure that the local *wananchi* of that area reap benefits from the presence of the stadiums that are there.

Hon. Speaker, again the committee of youth, sports, with the permission of the House, should liaise with the Chief Officer to ensure that they monitor closely the progress of the construction of those stadiums so that they can put them on checks to ensure that they are completed within time so that as a Government we can have something that we can deliver to our people in time. Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you. Hon. Moses Mitaa.

Hon. Mitaa: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I first want to applaud Hon. Geoffrey Kamulu, Chairperson, youth, women, PWDs and sports committee for bringing this updated report to this Hon. House. Hon. Speaker, the issue of stadiums is actually a very noble project and as Hon. Dominic Ndambuki has stated, it was our anticipation that by the end of this Government we would have eight stadiums but it is unfortunate that with less than 20 months to the end of the term for this Government and with the current status of the developments which are being undertaken in the four sub-counties, it is clear that the Government will not be able to complete some of the four stadiums which they have started and at the same time I am not seeing any possibility of the remaining sub-counties, my sub county Kangundo being one of them I am not seeing any likelihood of us benefiting from this noble project.

It is a challenge and we have actually informed our people that we will be enjoying these facilities and as my colleague has stated, we hoped that they will transform our areas because our youth are playing on grounds which are not even, in short the grounds our youth are using they are not proper for any sporting activities and our hope was that we will be enjoying state-of-the-art stadiums across Machakos County.

Hon. Speaker, we will have to be contented with what is there and what I would request the committee especially the committee of implementation is to try and see whether we can put the people who are responsible for construction of these stadiums and especially the ones which have already been started so that they hasten completion of the stadiums.

It was mentioned somewhere sometimes back that these stadiums will be international standard. We visited the Ikombe stadium and they took the measurements and the Engineer on site indicated to us that, that stadium can host any event and looking at it, it has some other benefits because I am trying to assume that stadium hosting either some tournaments or international games, the kind of transformation, the kind of revenue will pluck from the usage of that stadium.

So, Hon. Speaker, I want to support the report and I request the indulgence of this House, through the Implementation committee so that we try to hasten the executive and see at least the four which have already been started completed because we would not want the Governor or his Government to leave behind white elephant project. So, I thank the committee and I hope and pray for the best. Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you. Hon. Daniel Mbevi.

Hon. Mbevi: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I stand to support the report and appreciate the good work that the committee through the Chairman has done. My comment would be just to ensure that the stadiums are complete because of obvious reasons that concern our youth. We very well know that, we have a lot of unemployment in our Country and most of the youth are very much idle and if the stadiums are complete, I think it is the only best and good place for our youth who can engage themselves in their free time.

My other humble request to the committee is to ensure that the projects are fully completed because of the finances that have been used on the same because if we talk of Ksh. 200 million and then it is spent and the projects are not complete, it might be a very big blow to the County and to our electorates. So, I would wish if the four can be completed, can even bring a lot of economy to our County.

So, my comment is just that the committee ensures that the four projects are completed so that we can see how we can re-coup the monies spent before because we know stadiums are also rented, people can come and pay from outside and also it is my humble request and a challenge to

the executive to ensure that they source or they market our stadiums outside the County so that we can have proper utilization of the projects. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you. Hon. Justus Katumo.

Hon. Katumo: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, for the opportunity although I stayed outside I wanted just to give my vote. Firstly, thank you, for the committee and the Chairperson where I belong. Secondly, this is a report that we were supposed to have brought some time back but because of some missing information we had to go back and bring the report but I have to say when you go through the report and you see the status of some of the stadiums, it leaves a lot to be desired because this was projects that were to be done in 2018/2019 and they are of course blowing over to 2020/2021.

I think the idea was good but if, of course, the executive together with the County Assembly do not work together to make sure these projects are completed in due time, we might find ourselves doing some white elephants where we have projects that are stalled, that of course do not meet the standards that were specified.

Mr. Speaker, the question of PWDs that has arisen within the committee is because when we were doing site visits and especially myself I went to Mavoko and then Masii and I met the Director of Sports doing rounds and checking on the progress of the work and when I tried to ask her why we do not have even some workers who are PWDs and the consideration that they are making to make sure that those facilities are disability-friendly, she could not respond positively.

Therefore, there is need going forward according to that provision of the law that we have quoted and especially the Act of 2003 that every public building should be accessible to people with disabilities.

Secondly, Mr. Speaker, we must agree the spirit in the air is that we are moving together as a nation, we are moving together as a people and therefore we are not leaving anyone behind. If you are building stadiums for our youth and for everybody in Machakos County, then we should also consider having facilities that will also tap the talent and nurture the same for PWDs. You cannot just build a track, you cannot just build a huge stadium where myself I cannot enjoy of course the resources of this county where we belong.

Therefore, that recommendation that says also we should consider, the county government should consider having courts and special places for people with disability is very much welcome and I support it and therefore I think the County Government should move with speed to make sure we complete. Actually, the initial idea was to have eight stadiums and these were the initial four and if we linger around dealing with the status of the four, then what will happen to the rest? Therefore, I support the report. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you, can the mover of the report respond please? Hon. Geoffrey.

Hon. Kamulu: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. Let me take this opportunity to thank the Hon. Members and especially the members of the committee for their participation and also the observations the Hon. Members who have actually contributed have noted. Actually, we have noted that as a committee. Hon. Speaker, sports is a very necessary activity in any country. It is also very necessary in our County and it is our prayer that the executive will complete the four sports stadiums as we have recommended and also start initiating the other

four so that the County can be in a level where we can host African Cup of Nations without getting help from any other County. Hon. Speaker, with eight actually we will be in a very good position.

Hon. Speaker, we are very much concerned with the youth that is why we are recommending that the county have a program where we can provide the registered teams with sports clothing, balls and so forth. Also on levelling the fields which are on the grassroots, Hon. Speaker, if that one will be done, as a County, we will be in a very better place.

Otherwise I congratulate the Hon. Members because I been noting that you have activities of sporting in your localities although it is very expensive to you but we have to bear with it as we continue urging the county to chip in and reduce the work load from the MCAs because we are the people who are doing it currently. Otherwise, thank you, Hon. Members; I beg you to support the program so that the youth can benefit. Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you very much, Hon. Geoffrey Kamulu.

(Question put and agreed to)

REPORT ON STATUS OF ONGOING CONSTRUCTION OF COUNTY GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Members, under this Order, we have one business. This business is to be transacted by Hon. Daniel Mbevi, Chairperson of transport, roads and public works committee. Hon. Members, in view of the lengthy day we have had so far today, I have had a discussion with the Chairperson and we have agreed he is going to read the motion after which he will be seconded I will propose and then Hon. Members you will be able to go and read the report for yourselves and he should be able to come and read the recommendations to this Hon. House in the next sitting so that we can be able to internalize report because it is a lengthy report. It is about 20 pages and then we come and debate on the next sitting. Hon. Daniel Mbevi.

Hon. Mbevi: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I stand here with a report of the transport, roads, public works and housing committee on the status of ongoing construction of county government buildings.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Move the motion please.

Hon. Mbevi: Yes, I wish to read the motion.

Hon. Speaker, Standing Order 190(5) provides for functions of sectoral committees which among them include to investigate, enquire into, report on all matters relating to the mandate---

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Is that the motion Hon. Member? Kindly look at...they should give you a copy of the motion. Give the Hon. Member a copy of the motion please. I think what you are reading is the report itself so let the---

Hon. Mbevi: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, for that correction. Thank you. I wish to read the motion which is a report of the transport, roads and public works committee on the ongoing construction of county government buildings.

Hon. Speaker, that aware that Article 174(f) of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010 provides that one of the objects of devolution is to promote social and economic

development and the provision of proximate, easily accessible services throughout Kenya;

Hon. Speaker, acknowledging that Article 183(3) of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010 provides that the County Executive Committee shall provide the County Assembly with full and regular reports on matters relating to the County;

Further aware that Article 185(3) states that the County Assembly while respecting the principle of separation of powers, may exercise oversight over the County Executive Committee and any other County Executive Organs

Hon. Speaker, cognizant of the fact that Standing Order 190(5) (a) mandates sectorial Committees to investigate, inquire into, and report on all matters relating to the mandate, management, activities, administration, operations and estimates of the assigned departments;

Aware that the Committee received a report from the department of Transport, Roads and Public Works on the ongoing construction of County Government building and also aware that funds have been continuously budgeted for the projects in the since FY 2018/19 to date;

Further aware that the Committee conducted site visits to ascertain the status of the projects indicated in the report, held meetings with the Chief Officer and compiled a report.

Hon. Speaker, I wish to give notice of the motion that the House discusses and approves the transport, Roads and Public Works Committee Report on the ongoing construction of County Government buildings.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I call upon Hon. Kamulu to second my motion.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Geoffrey?

Hon. Kamulu: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I second the motion.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Members, as earlier said, I am now going to propose the question so that the report becomes a property of the House.

(Question proposed)

Hon. Members, I direct that the Members go and read the report and that the next sitting the chair will be able to table the report and we will be able to hold the debate on the report during the next sitting.

PROCEDURAL MOTION

ADJOURNMENT FOR SHORT RECESS FROM WEDNESDAY, 28TH OCTOBER, 2020 TO MONDAY, 9TH NOVEMBER, 2020

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Members, under this Order, we have one business to be transacted by Hon. Moses Mitaa the Majority Party Whip in this Assembly. Hon. Moses Mitaa?

Hon. Mitaa: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I wish to lay the following motion, Hon. Speaker.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Move.

Hon. Mitaa: To move the following motion.

Hon. Speaker, that aware that this Hon. House approved the Calendar of the Assembly to guide sittings of the House for the fourth session pursuant to Standing Order 25(1);

Noting that the approved Calendar of the Assembly for the Fourth Session indicates that the Assembly will go for a short recess from 28th October, 2020 to 9th November 2020;

Aware that the recess will afford Hon. Members time to interact with their electorates;

Appreciating that Standing Order 25(3) provides that on a day when the Assembly is scheduled to adjourn to a day other than the next normal sitting day in accordance with the Assembly Calendar, the leader of the Majority party or Minority party or any member of the House Business Committee shall move a motion of adjournment which shall be debated for not more than three hours after which the Assembly shall adjourn without question put;

Hon. Speaker, I wish to move the motion that pursuant to the approved Calendar of the County Assembly of Machakos for the fourth session, this Hon. House goes on a short recess from Wednesday, 28th October, 2020 to Monday, 9th November, 2020.

Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I wish to request Hon. King'ori to second my motion.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Hon. George King'ori.

Hon. King'ori: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I second.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Members, is there any Hon. Member who wants to comment on this motion? It is a procedural motion and our calendar says we go on a short recess from today and resume on the 9th of November, 2020. Hon. Geoffrey?

Hon. Kamulu: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. Hon. Speaker, I want to comment on the motion actually on that recess Hon. Speaker, it will be in order for us Hon. Members to go and meet our electorate especially this time when the pandemic coronavirus is on the increase. Hon. Speaker, we have noted that most of the people in the community are now relaxing thinking that coronavirus is no longer there but it is on a surge.

So, Hon. Speaker, this one will give us an opportunity to go and ascertain that this disease exists and there is need for us to continue observing the health protocols so that we do not expose ourselves to the same. So, Hon. Speaker, this is a very good move for us to go on a short recess. Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you. This being a procedural motion and that member having supported the House is now adjourned to resume on Tuesday, the 10th day of November, 2020 at 10.00 a.m. Enjoy the rest of your evening.

The House rose at 5.02 p.m.

