

REPUBLIC OF KENYA
COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF MACHAKOS

OFFICIAL REPORT

Tuesday, 29th June, 2021

The House met at 10.37 a.m.

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

PRAYERS

PAPERS LAID

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Members, under this Order we have two Papers to be laid with the first one by Hon. Fredrick Muthoka and the second one by Hon. Dominic Ndambuki.

REPORT ON IMPLEMENTATION STATUS OF THE MACHAKOS
COUNTY TRADE LICENSING ACT, 2014

Hon. Muthoka: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Hon. Speaker, I beg to lay on the Table of the Assembly today Tuesday, the 29th day of June, 2021; the report of Implementation Committee on implementation status of the Machakos County Trade Licensing Act, 2014. Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Muthoka. Hon. Dominic Ndambuki.

REPORT ON THE CONSIDERATION OF THE BUDGET ESTIMATES
OF THE COUNTY FOR 2021/2022

Hon. Ndambuki: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. Hon. Speaker, I wish to lay the following Paper on the Table of the Assembly today, Tuesday 29th June, 2021; the report of the Budget and Appropriations Committee on the consideration of the Budget Estimates of the County for the FY 2021/2022.

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

NOTICES OF MOTIONS

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Again Hon. Members, under this Order we have two notices of motions; the first one by Hon. Fredrick Muthoka and the second one by Hon. Dominic Ndambuki.

REPORT ON IMPLEMENTATION STATUS OF THE MACHAKOS

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COUNTY TRADE LICENSING ACT, 2014

Hon. Muthoka: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker, that aware 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 report on all matters relating to the County; Further, aware that Article 185(3) of the Constitution provides that a County Assembly, while respecting the principle of the separation of powers, may exercise oversight over the County Executive Committee and any other County Executive organs;

Noting that Standing Order 188(2) and (3) mandates the Committee on Implementation to scrutinize the resolutions of the Assembly (including adopted committee reports), petitions and the undertakings given by the County Executive Committee and examine—

(a) Whether or not such decisions and undertakings have been implemented and where implemented, the extent to which they have been implemented; and whether such implementation has taken place within the minimum time necessary; and

(b) Whether or not legislation passed by the Assembly has been operationalized and where operationalized, the extent to which such operationalization has taken place within the minimum time necessary.”

Hon. Speaker, aware that the Committee may propose to the Assembly, sanctions against any member of the County Executive Committee who fails to report to the relevant select Committee on implementation status without justifiable reasons; Acknowledging that in executing its mandate, the Committee requested for information from the Department of Finance and Economic Planning on the implementation status of the Machakos County Trade License Act, 2014;

Further aware that the Committee invited the Chief Officer for the relevant department to a Committee meeting and discussed the Act with a view of ascertaining its implementation status;

Hon. Speaker, I wish to give notice of motion that this Hon. House discusses and approves the Report of Committee on Implementation on the Implementation Status of the Machakos County Trade Licensing Act, 2014.

Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Fred. Hon. Dominic.

REPORT ON THE CONSIDERATION OF THE BUDGET ESTIMATES
OF THE COUNTY FOR 2021/2022

Hon. Ndambuki:

Hon. Speaker, that aware that the Budget Estimates FY 2021/22 were submitted to the County Assembly on the Wednesday, 4th May, 2021 and committed to the Budget and Appropriations Committee for analysis and eventual tabling before the House;

That aware that, the Constitution, the Public Finance Management (PFM) Act, 2012, sets out the fiscal responsibility principles to ensure prudent and transparent management of public resources;

Cognizant that the Budget and Appropriations Committee facilitated public participation, sectoral committee interrogations and further invited members of the public to submit written memoranda on the Budget estimates FY 2021/22 and consequently, considered all the views and recommendations of sectoral committees in preparations of this report;

Hon. Speaker, I wish to give notice of the Motion that this Assembly adopts the Report of the Budget and Appropriations Committee on the Budget Estimates for the County Government and the Assembly.

Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

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

STATEMENT

BUSINESS FOR THE HOUSE FROM 29TH JUNE, 2021 TO 6TH JULY, 2021

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Members, under this Order we one business to be transacted by Hon. Mark Kimanthi Muendo, the Majority Leader.

(Microphone at the dispatch box was sanitized)

Serjeant at Arms, you need to be on standby to sanitize the mics.

Hon. Muendo: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. Hon. Speaker, the House Business Committee met on Monday, 28th June, 2021 to ballot business for the House pursuant to the provisions of the Standing Order 151(5). The Committee balloted business for the House as follows:

Tuesday, 29th June, 2021

Morning at 10.00 a.m.

- a. Report of Implementation Committee on the Status of the Implementation of the Machakos County Trade Licensing Act, 2014 by Hon. Fredrick Muthoka, Chairperson, Implementation Committee.
- b. Motion pursuant to Standing Order 25(4) that the House resolves to adjourn the sitting of 29th June, 2021 at 2.30 p.m. to enable Hon. Members hold a session with the Executive to discuss Budget estimates for 2021/22.

Afternoon at 2.30 p.m.

Meeting with the Executive on Budget estimates for 2021/22.

Wednesday, 30th June, 2021

Morning at 10.00 a.m.

- (a) Motion that this Assembly adopts the Report of the Budget and Appropriations Committee on the Budget Estimates for the County

Government, and Assembly tabled in the Assembly by Hon. Dominic Ndambuki, Chairperson BAC;

(b) The Machakos County Appropriation Bill, 2021, First Reading;

Afternoon at 2.30 p.m.

(a) The Machakos County Appropriation Bill, 2021, Second Reading by Hon. Dominic Ndambuki, Chairperson BAC;

(b) The Machakos County Appropriation Bill, 2021, Committee of the Whole House;

(c) The Machakos County Appropriation Bill, 2021, Third Reading by Hon. Dominic Ndambuki, Chairperson.

Tuesday, 6th July, 2021

Morning at 10.00 a.m.

Motion that pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 39(3)(a) this House discusses the Senator's Message laid in the House on 26th May, 2021.

Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

MOTION

REPORT ON IMPLEMENTATION STATUS OF THE MACHAKOS COUNTY TRADE LICENSING ACT, 2014

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Members, under this Order, we have one business to be transacted by Hon. Fredrick Muthoka, Chairperson of Committee on Implementation.

Hon. Muthoka: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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Further aware that the Committee invited the Chief Officer for the relevant department to a Committee meeting and discussed the Act with a view of ascertaining its implementation status;

Hon. Speaker, I wish to move the motion that this Hon. House discusses and approves the Report of Committee on Implementation on the Implementation Status of the Machakos County Trade Licensing Act, 2014.

Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I wish to call my able Vice-Chair Hon. Rozina to second the Motion.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Rozina.

Hon. (Ms.) Kanini: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I do second.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Muthoka, you may read the report.

Hon. Muthoka: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Report of Committee on Implementation on the Implementation Status of the Machakos County Trade Licensing Act, 2014. Mr. Speaker, the first page is about introduction. Hon. Speaker, Article 183(3) of the Constitution of Kenya 2010 provides 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) of the Constitution, provides that a County Assembly, while---

Hon. Muendo: Point of Order, Hon. Speaker.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Point of Order.

Hon. Muendo: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Since we have a lot of business to transact with the Executive although I am not directing; my thinking is that this introduction we might not need it a lot because this is what we normally have and as you guide, I was suggesting we go to the core business instead of this introduction. Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Muendo, I had looked at the report and seen that it is 10 pages and I am aware that we are supposed to be at the Governor's office by noon and I am quite aware that Hon. Muthoka, 10 pages would not take you 10-15 pages to read out. Based on the suggestion, I can allow that he goes straight to the Implementation Status of the Machakos County Trade Licensing Act, 2014 and maybe not read the mandate although the mandate and the membership of the committee is important for the ownership of the report.

You can read the introduction, the mandate and then skip the legal framework and then you continue with the Implementation Status of the Machakos County Trade Licensing Act, 2014. I believe you should be doing that in 10 minutes. Thank you.

Hon. Muthoka: Well-guided, Mr. Speaker. Most of the introduction is about the powers and privileges of the Assembly and the mandate of the committee which most of us have been trained on.

1.3 Committee Composition

Hon. Speaker, the Membership of the Implementation Committee as currently constituted comprises of the following Hon. Members:

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| 1. Hon. Fredrick Muthoka | - Chairperson |
| 2. Hon. Rosina Kanini | - Vice Chairperson |
| 3. Hon. Irene Mbivya | - Member |
| 4. Hon. Angela Munyasya | “ |
| 5. Hon. Geoffrey Kamulu | “ |
| 6. Hon. Mohamed Ali | “ |
| 7. Hon. Caleb Mule | “ |
| 8. Hon. Moses Mitaa | “ |
| 9. Hon. John Musyimi | “ |
| 10. Hon. Justus Kiteng’u | “ |
| 11. Hon. Eric Musembi | “ |
| 12. Hon. Joshua Muli | “ |
| 13. Hon. Francis Kalumu | “ |

2.0 LEGAL FRAMEWORK

2.1 is the Provision of Reports to the Assembly and Functions of the County Assembly which we all know. 2.2 is Powers of Committee of the Assembly and 2.3 Trade Licensing which is our core business.

Hon. Speaker, the Fourth Schedule of the Constitution part II paragraph 7 provides the powers and functions of the County as trade development and regulation, including markets, trade licenses (excluding regulation of professionals), fair trading practices, local tourism and cooperative societies.

3.0 IMPLEMENTATION STATUS OF MACHAKOS COUNTY TRADE LICENSING ACT, 2014

3.1 Overview of the Act

Hon. Speaker, the Machakos County Trade Licensing Act 2014 was approved on 3rd December, 2014 by the County Assembly of Machakos. The Act was assented by the Governor on 22nd December, 2014 and published in Kenya Gazette on 29th December, 2014. The Act seeks to provide for the guidelines for the grant of trade licenses in the County.

Hon. Speaker, the main areas of the Act which the Department of Trade was required to implement to make the Act operational include:

- (i) The County Executive Committee Member responsible for Trade shall designate an officer of the County Government as the Chief Licensing Officer.
- (ii) Establishment and maintenance of a register of trade license which shall be available for inspection by the public during official working office hours.
- (iii) The County Executive Committee responsible for Trade with approval of the County Assembly may make Regulations for better carrying out of the provisions of the Act.
- (iv) The County Assembly shall determine the applicable fee relating to trade license when considering the County Finance Bill.

3.2 Discussion with the Executive on the Implementation of the Act

Hon. Speaker, the Committee observed that the Act made reference to the County Executive Committee Member for Trade to implement majority of the parts of the Act but currently most of trade licenses or business permits were issued by the Department of Finance and Economic Planning. In this regard, the Committee resolved to invite officers from both Departments to provide the implementation status of the Act.

3.3 Invitation of the Chief Officer, Finance and Revenue Collection to the Committee

Hon. Speaker, the Committee invited the Chief Officer, Finance and Revenue collection, Madam Catherine Ngarachu to an online meeting via Skype on 15th May, 2020 at 3.30 p.m. The Chief Officer was required to appraise the Committee on the progress of implementation of report on the Act. The Chief Officer gave details on the implementation of the Act as provided below.

3.3.1 Designation of an Officer of the County as Chief Licensing Officer

Hon. Speaker, Section 3(1) of the Act provides that, the County Executive Committee Member for Trade shall designate an officer of the County Government as the Chief Licensing Officer. Section 5(1)(a) of the Act provides that, an application for grant of a trade license shall be lodged with the Chief Licensing Officer. In addition, Section, 5(2) of the same Act provides that, an application for grant of a trade license may be made in an electronic format. Further, section 5(3) provides that, the Chief Licensing Officer may, before determining an application, require the applicant to provide additional information or documents necessary to enable the application to be determined.

Hon. Speaker, the Chief Officer informed the Committee that the County had embraced the use of technology in application of trade license pursuant to Section 5(2) of the Act. This can be accessed through website <http://machakosgovernment.co.ke> for online services where single permit applications can be done online.

The Committee was also informed that once the steps for online application of trade license were completed successfully, the determination of the trade license takes place instantly or within minutes.

For instance, the process of New Single Business Permit Application on the website <http://machakosgovernment.co.ke> is as follows:

1. Download and fill the Single business permit application form.
2. Send the application to the email revenue@localhost or WhatsApp to 0791333809
3. Inspection of the premises is done by inspection officers to determine the fees to be charged.
4. The form is approved and an invoice is generated and sent to the customer to make the payment.
5. Payment is made through prescribed Paybill numbers, Banker's Cheque, Bank transfer or RTGS.

The single business permit is emailed to the customer and advised to pick hard copy from the nearest ward office.

At website <http://machakosgovernment.co.ke>, there is a complaints section which has an online form that can be filled by those who wish to lodge any complaint. For the residences who do not have internet, they can call the department through 0748079365 or 0756799995. The Committee was also informed that the County has a fully-fledged ICT department which handles all ICT issues, including the assurance of the safety and security of the networking systems and

websites in the County. This also ensures that data obtained when applying for trade license is secure.

3.3.2 Establishment and maintenance of a register of trade license

Hon. Speaker, Section 13 of the Act provides that the Chief Licensing Officer shall establish and maintain register of trade licenses which shall be available for inspection by the public during official government working office hours. The register shall contain such information as the Chief Licensing Officer may determine, but shall not include confidential commercial information.

Hon. Speaker, the Chief Officer informed the Committee that the Directorate of Revenue Collection under the Department of Finance and Revenue Collection maintains a register at the sub-county level of the entities that have paid or should pay trade licenses.

3.3.3 Subsidiary legislation relating to fees and Charging for Trade Licensing within the County

Hon. Speaker, Section 16 (1) of the Act provides that the County Executive Committee Member responsible for Trade may with approval of the County Assembly make regulations generally for the better carrying out of the provisions and purposes of this Act.

Hon. Speaker, the Chief Officer informed the Committee that in the Act, the responsibility of enacting the subsidiary legislation was bestowed upon the County Executive Committee Member responsible for Trade. The Committee observed that the Chief Officer had implemented the other sections except this one even though the Act referred to the County Executive Committee Member for Trade. The Committee further noted that there was a conflict of the law and its implementation. The Act needs to be amended to refer to the Chief Officer responsible for the matters of trade license to make the regulations.

3.3.4 THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY TO DETERMINE THE APPLICABLE FEE RELATING TO TRADE LICENSE WHEN CONSIDERING THE COUNTY FINANCE BILL

Hon. Speaker, the Chief Officer informed the Committee that the Department had always submitted proposals of applicable fees relating to trade licenses when submitting the Finance Bill to the Assembly for approval pursuant to section 132 of the Public Finance Management Act 2012. In addition, the Assembly has been considering the proposals of the trade license fees and approving them with or without amendments as contained in the Finance Bills.

4.0 COMMITTEE OBSERVATIONS

Hon. Speaker, the committee made the following observations:

1. The Machakos County Trade Licensing Act 2014 was partially implemented. The Committee established that traders were able to apply for trade licenses electronically as provided by Section 5(2) of the Act. Even though there was no Officer designated as the Chief Licensing Officer as per Section 3(1) of the Act, trade licenses were being issued by Directorate of Revenue Management under the Department of Finance and Revenue Collection.
2. The trade license register is critical as it assists the County in fiscal planning and determination of the amount of local revenue to be collected to finance county budget. The Department had also implemented this partially by having the registers at the Sub-County level. There was need to consolidate these registers to

have a one County register and upload it on a website which the public can access. The register should be updated quarterly.

3. The committee noted that the department is yet to submit the said subsidiary legislation for consideration by the House.
4. The County Assembly has been considering applicable fees relating to trade licenses on a yearly basis through the Finance Bills.

5.0 COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

Hon. Speaker, the Committee makes the following recommendations:

1. There was need to amend the Machakos Trade Licensing Act 2014 to ensure its implementation was seamless. The Act has made reference to the Executive Committee Member for Trade whereas most of the trade licensing activities are under the County Executive Committee Member for Finance and Economic Planning. Thus, the Bill would be implemented seamlessly if it referred to the Executive Committee Member responsible for issuance of trade licenses.
2. The implementation of this Act is very critical as it will streamline operations of issuing trade licenses and it cannot be abandoned awaiting amendments. The Department of Finance and Economic Planning which is implementing most of these provisions should:
 - (i) Consolidate the trade license registers at the Sub-Counties to one County register and upload it on a website which the public can access. The register should be updated quarterly. The register should also be available for inspection by the public during official working office hours pursuant to Section 13 of the Machakos County Trade Licensing Act 2014.
 - (ii) Designate an officer of the County Government as the Chief Licensing Officer pursuant to Section 3(1) of the Machakos County Trade Licensing Act 2014.
 - (iii) Submit regulations for better carrying out of the provisions of the Act to the County Assembly for approval pursuant to Section 16(1) of the Machakos County Trade Licensing Act 2014.

6.0 CONCLUSION AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Hon. Speaker, the committee is grateful to the office of the Speaker and that of the Clerk of the County Assembly for the support accorded during the committee sittings. I wish to express my appreciation to the Hon. Members of the committee who sacrificed their time to participate in the committee activities and preparation of this report.

Hon. Speaker, it is therefore my privilege and duty on behalf of the Implementation Committee to table this report on the floor of this Hon. House for consideration and approval.

Thank you, Hon. Speaker. Prepared by Loise Kithuka. *Asante*.

(Applause)

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Fredrick Muthoka. I am going to propose the Question so that you can own the report and as you have seen this report, once Members have internalized it, we will have continuation of debate in another sitting as we continue on the discussion we will have on the Budget Estimates depending on the days or the time we have been allocate to go and meet the Executive.

(Question proposed)

We shall continue on debate on this Motion and it will be balloted afresh in the next sitting that will be available.

PROCUDRUAL MOTION

ADJOURNMENT OF AFTERNOON SITTING OF 29TH JUNE, 2021 TO
ALLOW MEMBERS MEET WITH THE EXECUTIVE

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Members, under this Order we have one business to be transacted by the Hon. Majority Leader Mark Kimanthi Muendo.

Hon. Muendo: Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker, that aware that the Second Assembly commenced its Fifth Session on 9th February, 2021 pursuant to Standing Order 24;

Acknowledging that Standing Order 25(1) provides that the House Business Committee shall with approval of the Assembly, determine the calendar of the Assembly;

Aware that Standing Order 151(5)(a) states that the House Business Committee shall prepare and if necessary from time to time adjust the Assembly Calendar with the approval of the House;

Hon. Speaker, I wish to move the motion that pursuant to Standing Order 25(4), this House resolves to adjourn the sitting of Tuesday, 29th June, 2021 at 2.30 p.m. to allow Hon. Members to meet with the Executive to discuss Budget Estimates for the Financial Year 2021/2022.

Hon. Speaker, I request the Minority Leader to second this Motion.

Thank you.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Mark Muendo. Hon. Alex Kamitu.

Hon. Kamitu: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I second. Thank you.

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

(Question proposed)

Hon. Members, you may comment on the Motion. Yes, Hon. Judas Ndawa.

Hon. Ndawa: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, supporting the motion before us, I do not know if the Table Clerk looked at the Motion properly because according to me it is as if the Motion is defective. We are not supposed to adjourn a sitting we not in; we are supposed to adjourn a sitting in which is going on and to resume on Wednesday. We cannot adjourn the afternoon sitting when we are in the morning sitting; may be you can order the Table Clerk to look at the Standing Orders properly. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Judas, there are two things; the first is that the Motion in afternoon sitting had previously been balloted for by the House Business Committee and it was a continuation of the business in the afternoon and that is what had been passed by HBC. However, discussions today highlighted that we needed to adjourn and not sit in the afternoon because whereas we had thought previously that we will meet with the Governor from 12 noon to about 2.30 p.m. being a meeting that we will engage on budget items, it might spill over to later in the afternoon.

Therefore, the reason that motion is being moved is so that we can adjourn now and resume tomorrow. It is a typographical error in as far as the Motion is concerned but the spirit of the Motion as far as I am concerned is that we are adjourning and that is the most important thing which the Motion is trying to do. We are adjourning from this sitting now to resume tomorrow so Hon. Members, you may debate on the Motion. Any member with a comment on this? Hon. Justus Katumo.

Hon. Katumo: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I support the Motion by saying that it is very important and from the experience that we have gained in the last three to four years in this Assembly that it is important to discuss issues to do with the budget with the Executive so that we can speak in one voice. We are serving the same people and that is residents of Machakos County and we want the best of them and this being the final year or the final budget that we can work and negotiate to make sure that we can do our best and we can revive our dreams of coming back in this House.

It is very important that we can withhold our business in this Assembly so that we can have a chat or vivid and clear talk with the Executive so that we can unlock and make sure that we have a way forward in the coming financial year. Adjourning does not mean that we are evading our work; it is very important for us. Other Counties are doing the same and we should also pick from there and make sure that we talk and therefore this Motion seeks to give us an opportunity in the afternoon so that we can meet with the executive and we can square it out so I support. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Justus. Can I have the mover of the Motion to respond because it is a Procedural Motion? Hon. Mark. Muendo.

Hon. Muendo: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. Let me say that when we were in Mombasa, I and the Minority Leader were tasked to look for the Governor for this Assembly to meet him and discuss the Budget Estimates for 2021-22 which is very important. Hon. Speaker, it is very important as you know our Constitution, the only person who can make sure that development is being done in our wards is only His Excellency the Governor.

Therefore, unless we meet the Governor to present our case, I do not think there is anybody else who can authorize this spending. Hon. Speaker, on the same note, we were invited by the Governor that we meet him today at noon and it almost time. Hon. Speaker, what I request is the Hon. Members to be there on time because we have struggled here with the Minority Leader to get this opportunity.

(Applause)

I think it is very important for Members to go there ready to discuss matters to do with Ward Development Fund. I understand the Estimates indicate Ksh. 30 million per ward but the

Governor will guide us from there on what we can do and make sure that we get that funding even if it is Ksh. 1 or 2 million because delaying of passing of the budget will not help anybody but since we are going to meet the Governor, I hope we are going to have ample time to present our case and if there is no time, we will ask the Governor to give us time because we need to know whether our Ward Development Fund is going to be implemented and how.

Hon. Speaker, the other issue is that we have not met the Chief Officers the way we did when we got the Ksh. 10 million that we requested in Mombasa and I think this House still needs to meet them; different department that should tell us how they are going to implement projects; if it is water or roads and then we see the way forward so my request is that if we adjourn to meet the Governor, it is very important.

We have not met him for the last two years and maybe he has forgotten there are Hon. Members here and also even if we are going out, there cannot be a *Mheshimiwa* who can miss 2,000 people to vote for His Excellency if he want to go for the higher seat. Therefore, we are not people who have already died; we are still surviving and we have our people. Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Mark Muendo.

(Question put and agreed to)

(Applause)

ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Members, have a fruitful meeting.

The House rose at 11.28 a.m.