

REPUBLIC OF KENYA
MACHAKOS COUNTY ASSEMBLY

OFFICIAL REPORT

Tuesday, 2nd July, 2019

The House met at 2.40 p.m.

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

PRAYERS

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Good afternoon members.

PAPERS LAID

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Members under this Order, we have two Papers to be laid as listed in the appendix. The first one is by Hon. Kieti, Chairperson, Trade and the second one is by the Hon. Musau, Chairperson, PAIC. We start with Hon. Kieti.

REPORT ON MACHAKOS COUNTY INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2018-2022

Hon. Kieti: Thank you so much, Hon. Speaker. Hon. Speaker, I wish to lay the following Paper on the floor of the Assembly today, Tuesday 2nd July, 2019; the Report of the Committee on Trade, Economic Planning and Industrialization on the Second Machakos County Integrated Development Plan, 2018-2022. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Kieti. Hon. Musau.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF YATTA WATER AND SEWERAGE COMPANY FOR THE YEAR
ENDED 30 JUNE, 2016

Hon. Musau: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Hon. Speaker, I beg to lay the following Paper on the table of the Assembly today, Tuesday, 2nd July 2019; the Report of the Auditor General on the Financial Statements of Yatta Water and Sewerage Company for the Year Ended 30th June 2016. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Musau. Mr. Clerk, proceed.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Members, under this Order, we have two notices of motions again to be given by the two Hon. Members, Hon. Kieti and Hon. Musau. We start with Hon. Kieti.

REPORT ON MACHAKOS COUNTY INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2018-2022

Hon. Kieti:

Hon. Speaker, THAT aware that Section 104(1) of the County Governments Act No. 17 of 2012 provides that a County Government shall plan for the County and no public funds shall be appropriated outside a planning framework developed by the County Executive Committee and approved by the County Assembly;

Aware THAT, Section 108 of the same Act provides that there shall be a five year county integrated development plan for each county which shall have-

- a) Clear goals and objectives;
- b) An implementation plan with clear outcomes;
- c) Provisions for monitoring and evaluation; and
- d) Clear reporting mechanisms.

Noting THAT the second Machakos County Integrated Development Plan 2018-2022 was submitted to the Assembly on 10th August, 2018 and then committed to the Committee on Trade, Planning and Industrialization for consideration and eventual tabling and adoption by the House;

Mr. Speaker, I wish to move the notice of motion that this House discusses and approves the report of the Committee on Trade, Economic Planning and Industrialization on the Second Machakos County Integrated Development Plan, 2018-2022.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Cosmus Kieti. Hon. Musau.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF YATTA WATER AND SEWERAGE COMPANY FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE, 2016

Hon. Musau: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir.

Mr. Speaker, THAT aware that Article 229(7) of the Constitution states that “audit reports shall be submitted to Parliament or the relevant County Assembly;” Further aware THAT pursuant to Article 229(8) of the Constitution, within three months after receiving an audit report, the Parliament or the County Assembly shall debate and consider the report and take appropriate action;

Cognizant THAT the Committee on Public Accounts and Investments is established pursuant to Standing Order 185 and is mandated to examine reports, accounts and workings of the County Public Investments;

Remembering THAT in February 2019, the Committee undertook interrogation exercise of the Audit Report on Financial Statements of Yatta Water and Sewerage Company for the year ended 30th June, 2016 and subsequently compiled a report;

Mr. Speaker, I wish to give Notice of Motion that this Hon. House discusses and approves the Report of Auditor General on the Financial Statements of Yatta Water and Sewerage Company for the year ended 30 June, 2016.

Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you Hon. Musau for that notice of motion. Mr. Clerk, proceed.

STATEMENT

BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE FOR 3RD JULY, 2019 TO 10TH JULY, 2019

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Members, under this Order, we have one statement of the House Business committee to be laid by Hon. Betty Nzioki on behalf of the Majority Leader. Hon. Betty.

Hon. (Ms.) B. Nzioki: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise on behalf of our Majority Leader and I am a member of the House Business committee. Mr. 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 ten minutes, present and lay on the table, a statement informing the House of the business coming before the House.

Mr. Speaker, the House Business Committee met on 1st July, 2019 and balloted business for this week pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 151 as follows:

Wednesday, 3rd July, 2019

Afternoon at 2.30 p.m.

Report of Trade, Economic Planning and Industrialization Committee on the Second Machakos County Integrated Development Plan (CIDP), 2018-2022 by Hon. Cosmas Kieti, Chairperson.

Tuesday, 9th July, 2019

Morning at 10.00 a.m.

Report of Labour, Public Service and ICT Committee on Budget Implementation Status report for the first three quarters of FY 2018/2019 by Hon. Francis Kalumu, Chairperson.

Afternoon at 2.30 p.m.

Report of the Education Committee on initiation of school feeding programme to Public ECDE Centres by Hon. Daniel Kiilu, Chairperson.

Wednesday, 10th July, 2019

Morning at 10.00 a.m.

Report of Budget and Appropriation Committee on the Report of the Controller of Budget on the Implementation of the County Budget for the half year of FY 2018/2019 by Hon. Dominic Ndambuki, Chairperson.

Afternoon at 2.30 p.m.

Report of Agriculture Committee on Status of Climate Smart Agriculture Initiative in Machakos County by Hon. Moses Mitaa, Chairperson.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you Hon. Betty Nzioki for reading the statement of the House Business committee.

MOTIONS

SUPPLY OF WATER TO MASINGA RESIDENTS BY A LOCAL COMPANY

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon Members, under this Order is a motion which was moved in the morning by Hon. Robert Kisini, the chairperson on Environment, Lands, Energy and Natural Resources committee and the Speaker had proposed the motion in the morning and adjourned the debate to this afternoon, so Hon. Members, what you are going to do now is I am opening the floor for commencement of the debate on that issue so that you can be able to finalize on that motion which was moved with amendments from Hon. Judas Ndawa. The floor is open for debate, Hon. Members. Hon. Judas.

Hon. Ndawa: Thank you. Mr. Speaker. I want to start by congratulating both chairpersons and both committees for this report. Mr. Speaker, our Constitution, Article 43(1)(d) talks about what a being a right but not a privilege, so Mr. Speaker when we talk about water we talk of something which is provided for in the constitution and we need to be very serious on the matter. Mr. Speaker the report is very okay the only few issues which are not captured is that in the report, if we go to the meeting with residents of Masinga, when the committees went to meet the people of Masinga they did not take time to visit the people of Yatta Sub-County.

Mr. Speaker the water comes from Machakos County and is being managed by people from Kitui County and where the water comes from we have scarcity of that product. So we are requesting because the policy of Kenya is very clear it says feed the nation then export, I don't understand the reason as to why we should export this super product from our county to our neighbouring county and let our people stuff or stay without water.

So Mr. Speaker the committee has done a good recommendation that the water should also benefit the locals of Machakos County, I totally agree with that report and support. The only issue when you go to the heading I have just read on meeting with the residents of Masinga item number five, the residents unanimously supported the proposal that the county government liaises with relevant water bodies to assign a local company the mandate to supply water to the residents of Masinga sub-county and its environs.

Mr. Speaker the word environs to me is misplaced. It would have been okay if they had said to supply the residents of Masinga Sub County and Yatta Sub County; that could be a better word because when you talk of environs, it can be environs on the other side, that is Mbeere Sub-County or Embu Sub County.

The other issue that I have noted Mr. Speaker, is that on the committee observation item number three, the committee observed that the main objective of the project is to improve reliability and accessibility of enough quantity of water for domestic and commercial uses for Masinga, Kivaa, Yatta, Kithimani, Ikombe, Ekalakala and environs. Mr. Speaker, I don't know whether the word Yatta is standing for a ward because if we talk of Yatta and we name some other wards and eliminate one ward, it means Yatta stands for that ward which is eliminated. Mr. Speaker, it would be prudent if we said it would benefit the residents of Machakos Matuu then we name the other wards which are named here.

Mr. Speaker, the word Matuu or the name Matuu is known. It even supersedes the name Yatta. Sometimes back, Nairobi was more famous than Kenya and in Yatta sub county, Matuu is famous than Yatta sub county because it is the commercial town of that sub county, so Mr.

Speaker, I want to thank the chair who was sitting in the morning because he allowed the amendments to be made so that we can have these other wards benefit from this noble project. Mr. Speaker, I want to agree with this committee that the water benefits both sub counties of Machakos.

The last one is further observation item number five. There is potential of growth of secondary businesses, that is hotels in Masinga, Kivaa, Ekalakala, Ikombe, Kithimani and to an extent, Yatta Sub-County. Matuu is not featuring anywhere and that is why I was very keen on this. My electorates, who are the appointing authority, are very keen listening to what we are talking in this Assembly and when Matuu is not mentioned anywhere; I may not be able to go home this evening because I will have failed. So Mr. Speaker, it is good you allow that the word Matuu feature everywhere so that the residents of Matuu can be sure of their problem being solved by this noble report which has been tabled in this Hon. House.

Mr. Speaker, when the motion was brought before, it was committed to that committee. We deliberated at length and members from Masinga Sub County and members from Yatta Sub County agreed all of us that we should not let the water go to Kitui unless we are taken care of. The other issue Mr. Speaker is about committee recommendation item number one. They are saying pursuant to the Fourth Schedule of the Constitution of Kenya on the functions of National and County Governments, storm water management is a function of County Government. In line with this, the County Government of Machakos in the FY 2019/2020 should budget to rehabilitate the existing Masinga dam project.

Mr. Speaker, this statement is not very clear because when you talk of rehabilitating the Masinga dam, Masinga dam is not owned by our county; it belongs to the national government and when we say we want to rehabilitate or we want to do something, we must be clear. I thought---

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Point of Order by Hon. Jeremiah.

Hon. Munguti: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I want to inform the Member that when we say rehabilitation, we mean there are some areas where the piping of the water was vandalized and that is what we mean by rehabilitation of the system of the water as it was flowing in the sub county of Masinga. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Jeremiah. Hon. Judas Ndawa, you may continue please.

Hon. Ndawa: Thank you very much Mr. Speaker and thank you very much Hon. Jeremiah for that information, I take it positively and I believe it has cleared the doubts that I had. Mr. Speaker, in every Sub-County we have towns that make up that Sub-County. When we talk of Masinga and we do not mention the Masinga Town, we do not mention Kivaa, we do not mention Kithyokoo, we are not talking about Masinga.

When we talk of Yatta Sub-County and we do not mention Matuu, we do not mention Ikombe, we do not mention Kithimani and we do not mention Kisiiki which is in Ndalani Ward, we do not mention Yatta Sub-County. So, Mr. Speaker, I kindly and humbly request that as we work out on this report, let us consider having water flowing to those major towns within Yatta and Masinga Sub-Counties. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Member. Just before you continue with the debate, I would just like to lay a clarification to the plea of the Hon. Member. The minute the Hon. Member moved an amendment, he had to include Matuu and Yatta as a Sub-County in general and that meant that all the Wards which are inside there should be included.

I therefore will be directing the office of the Secretariat when they are doing the report, to ensure that wherever there are specifics, make sure you mention all the Wards within the area. If it is Yatta, do not mention Ikombe and then Kithimani and then you do not mention Matuu; make sure you mention all the wards within that in the report so that the concerns of the Hon. Member are taken care of. Thank you very much. Hon. Justus.

Hon. Kiteng'u: Thank you Hon. Chair. Hon. Speaker, I would like to bring to your attention that I moved the motion and the motion now seems to take direction on reticulating the KITWASCO water to the entire two Sub-Counties. There is a point which is missing here, whereby I had requested the KITWASCO water to be given the mandate to manage their own water, Machakos so that we may have like MAWASCO water Company whereby the water which goes all the way to Kitui, you find Kitui can have their master water between the boarder in my ward, somewhere near Gomola and they have a master meter which can be able to read their water going to Kitui and then we have our own water in Machakos whereby we can be able to pay the water here in MAWASCO, Tana Athi. Because Hon. Speaker, we have suffered enough in Masinga whereby the water officers in Masinga, they all come from Kitui. We have five members in the management of the water and no one hails from Machakos.

(Applause)

The staffs all who work within our Masinga Sub-County, all come from Kitui making it difficult for us to feel represented in KITWASCO in the Board. So, Hon. Speaker, I request the County Government of Machakos to move with speed in the negotiation with Kitui so that we can run our own water because the source of the water comes from Masinga and we have like five dams where we have Masinga, we have Kindaruma, we have Gitaru, Kiambere and we have other two Hon. Speaker and the same water does not benefit Machakos because of one, Hon. House, you must note that we do not do irrigation with the same water, we only use for domestic drinking only and there is this recent project whereby it has been captured in the report showing that there is this water coming from Kamuthumba; it has been pumped from Masinga then to Kamuthumba then directs again to Ekalakala.

This water was meant for irrigation and up to now, the Hon. Member from Ekalakala can attest that the water has not been commissioned; we do not use the water and we need the County Government to negotiate and move with speed so that we can help the people of Masinga with water. Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

(Applause)

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Member. I think before we continue, looking at the motion itself Hon. Member and the Chairperson for that Committee, it is the report of the joint Committees of Environment, Lands, Energy and Natural Resources Committee and Devolution and Intergovernmental Relations Committee that County Government of Machakos liaises with the relevant water bodies to assign a local Company the mandate to supply water to residents of Masinga Sub-County and Yatta Sub-County.

Now, when I look at the recommendations, if I am not wrong, which have come from the Committee from what the Hon. Member is saying, the recommendations which are coming out here, if I am to give guidance, is, I do not see a recommendation touching on the issue of the company which is supposed to be MAWASCO as he is talking about or the recommendation of the real motion.

You understand where I am coming from Hon. Members? That, the title is, that the County Government of Machakos liaises with the relevant water bodies to assign a local company the mandate....but I have not seen anywhere in your recommendations where you are assigning the mandate. That is where the Hon. Member is coming from. So, maybe there might be a need for inclusion in the recommendations that, that aspect which the Hon. Member is talking about, which is in coincidence, which actually is the main thing in the report, is captured. So, maybe as we do our debate it is important for us to be guided by what the Hon. Member is talking about. Hon. Cosmus Masesi.

Hon. Masesi: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. First and foremost Mr. Speaker, I would like to appreciate the report by both Committees led by both Chairmen. It is a well-thought report and I must say that water is life. Mr. Speaker, I am just trying to emphasize on the same because if we go by the status quo, we will lose the meaning of devolution whereby counties have to take care of their own resources.

Mr. Speaker, I have been looking for that recommendation whereby we need to manage our own resources instead of our own resources being managed by other Counties. In fact Mr. Speaker, it is also a source of income which I want to believe has been losing a lot. This county needs to move very fast because it is the same case which is happening at Fourteen Falls, that facility is within our County and yet it is being managed by another County, Kiambu. So, Mr. Speaker, I want to believe we need to put all our forces together and make sure that, Mr. Speaker, something is done.

Lastly, Mr. Speaker, I have been thinking of...we have a water company in Matungulu Sub-County and also we need to come up with a policy whereby we need to regulate the committees, the membership of those board members. In our case like in Matungulu, we have members who have overstayed as Members of those Boards taking like 25 years. Someone being a member for 25 years in a Board; Mr. Speaker, that can mess us all. So, I want to believe we should also include that there must be some policies and guidelines on how a board and the timelines of a board to be valid in a certain board. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. Mwanthi: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, let me start by applauding both committees that drafted this report. It is short and very clear and it is our expectation that, most of the recommendations that they have brought are valid and should be followed. Mr. Speaker, as a Member of County Assembly representing Ekalakala, I will refer you to the report number six, that is page six. That is meeting with the Chief Officer, number three states that the County Government is currently doing an audit of infrastructure in readiness for change of ownership. Once the transfer of the Kamuthumba-Masinga-Ekalakala line is completed, the residents of Machakos County will no longer need to travel to pay bills in the neighboring counties.

Mr. Speaker I think I am one of the members; Ekalakala is one of the areas that has been facing problem through this Kitui Company operating or still charging our people. I think they are the ones who are operating that water. Through that, you find that we already have this water

already reticulated to Ekalakala and there is a very big tank there whereby the contractor who was given that work of reticulating this water from Kamuthumba to Ekalakala has not yet handed over.

If you go to the same report down there number seven, you will find that the committees met the residents of Masinga on the agenda on 4th February. Mr. Speaker, from February 4th to date, our people are expecting that they should start using that water. It is already reticulated; it is already at Ekalakala market as other things follow. It was a national government project that the national government spent Ksh. 170 million reticulating that water; it is a very long area. As we support the entire report, I would request that the County Executive be requested to try and hurry the process so that those people may benefit from that water.

It does not need any more, it is just commissioning of that water and people From Ekalakala, all along from Kaewa-Masinga-Nzukini, Ekalakala will benefit from that water. It is a six inch pipe which is bringing that water and to me, if you get six inch water, we will have solved a lot of problems of water along that region. My kind request is that if the process may be hurried up, Mr. Speaker, I must tell you that every day I must receive not less than two calls from the residents as it cuts across a wide area, so each and every village wants to know how far it has gone.

If I give you an example of last night, some residents were telling me that they are going to vandalize those pipes because they are passing where they are, thinking that the water is being used at Ekalakala market yet it has not been commissioned for use, but the water is already there, piping has been done and water is there, we are just waiting for commissioning of the same so that our people may benefit. That way I will not need more boreholes if that water can be given to our people then still we get that master meter that should be dealt with by our county officials.

You realize that our people in Kivaa, the ones who are receiving that water Mr. Speaker, sometimes you can just find a family paying up to Ksh. 60,000 per month. The people who are serving them there is because they do not come from our county so they have less time to work for them. They are mostly working for their Kitui people rather than our people and that is why we are requesting the same to be given to County Government of Machakos, we have a master meter that is, if will be charged, let it be charged from our own meter and then maybe we can be paying the county electricity bills and such other things.

It is not good for our people to be paying the same water at Kitui town because that is where we have the offices and you can imagine someone coming from Ekalakala going all the way to Kitui just to pay a water bill. We need to have our offices there in Masinga so that our people may benefit and get that commodity. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you Hon. Steve. Hon. Tariq.

Hon. Mulatya: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This KITWASCO water has been a disaster in our area. It originates from my ward and there is a lot of discrimination when it comes to this water. First, in our wards, it is associated with a lot of politics; it came in politically and it is still being run politically. That is why I congratulate Hon. Member from Kivaa ward for coming up with a brilliant idea of this water being run by Machakos as an independent county.

Hon. Speaker, you will find that we have a lot of break downs of pipes in our areas and once the pipe breaks, the residents have to go and buy the pipe or us as the Hon. Members from the area, we have to come to the department of water in Machakos County to acquire the pipes for them. I support that we make it independent.

Hon. Speaker, I think committee did not go thoroughly on this issue because where it started, there is a hill in my ward called Kangonde hill, I think it is the highest point in Yatta plateau geographically. The initial plan was to pump that water to Kangonde hill so it can comfortably go to Ikombe ward, go to Matuu ward, go all the way to Mbiuni, but it was pumped to a lower hill, which is Kamuthumba, which is not able to bring that water all the way to Matuu market.

As we discuss this, the committee should also look into it so that in future, they make good engagements with Kitui County and to also involve our Governor because we need heavy investment here Hon. Speaker, Hon. House, because the plant is too small. We need a big one so that at least even if we say we give this water to Machakos County to run, what are they running? We were there with Environment committee, we were there. You saw that the plants are very little; actually they only fit Masinga Central. I think we should be talking about those plants there being given to Masinga Central only, and then they create a bigger one. I'm not saying practically to do that, but I am trying to show how small the plants are.

The chairs of the committees should come, sit down and deliberate and go to previous plants of this ward's distribution of this water, because once they get the basis and the initial plans, I think we are going to go far on this one, Hon. Speaker. Thank you and I support the report.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Tariq. Hon. Jeremiah.

Hon. Munguti: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. Mine will just be very little input as the Chair for Devolution. Mr. Speaker, you will agree with me that water is an essential commodity and it is a fundamental right for every person to get clean and adequate water. For this matter, our committee of Devolution together with Environment came up with these observations and it is very clear that Mr. Speaker, the observations which were made by the committee were quite elaborate and for the Members, I am requesting that we support the report so that it can be implemented from the Executive side.

When we engaged the Executive through the CO of water, Mr. Speaker we learnt that the issue of transferring the KITWASCO water company from Kitui to Machakos was at an advanced stage and as we speak, already we have formed a MAWASCO company which is going to lead the Masinga water so that our people can get adequate water through the two sub counties as Hon. Ndawa was putting it.

Mr. Speaker, you will agree with me that Hon. Mulatya commented on the high hill which the water was supposed to be put but it was through the National government and they decided it should be elevated to Kamuthumba and in our discussion with the Chief Officer, we said that, that water should be tapped. Instead of going to Kitui, it must be retrieved back to Masinga so that Ekalakala ward can receive, Ndalani ward can receive, Matuu ward, Kivaa and other Machakos wards which border Masinga Sub County. So there should be no cause of alarm as Hon. Ndawa was saying the environs can mean people from Mbeere.

Therefore, Mr. Speaker, what I want to say is that since the bigger dams that we have in the country is a function which is actually coordinated by the County Government and the National Government, Machakos County can fast track through the National government in the ministry of Devolution, that we get another plant for reticulating this water, we get a treatment plant for Machakos county. One thing I have learnt, the reason why the Kitui people were getting this water with a lot of ease is because they have funded the projects. Like now the Kindaruma

dam is being done to be taken to Mwingi Sub-County of Kitui County and this has been fully funded by the County Government of Kitui.

It is also my request that this House, through the Implementation committee, fast tracks, through the Executive, that we also look for a way to go to the devolution department of the National Government that we can fund this water so that we get a treatment plant which is owned by Machakos County for our people to get adequate water in both sub counties.

Also Mr. Speaker, we looked keenly on the issue of creation of employment; when we are going to form our own company, MAWASCO, we are going to create employment for our youth because much of this water is being sold through the kiosks and our young ones will be employed in these kiosks and they will get their daily bread for that matter. It is through this that we also looked on the welfare of women and children.

You know in every homestead, the family will not be complete without women and children and these women have been looking for water for quite a distance but when this water is supplied in all these wards, this water will be available to the women and children who are going to school and therefore Mr. Speaker, we are going to solve or reduce the conflicts among the two counties, that is Kitui and Machakos.

Otherwise, I want to say the Members can support this report so that it can be of great help to our people. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Jeremiah. I call upon the mover of the motion to respond please.

Hon. Kisini: Thank you Mr. Speaker for that time you have given us. Thank you Hon. Members for the good deliberations you have made on the report. I want to apologize again to the Members because of the heading which was not as per the two joint committees and the corrections we have made, I take it with ease and also on behalf of the committees of Environment and Devolution.

I also want to thank the Chair for guiding in so many aspects in the report. One, the inclusion of the ward Matuu and taking care of Yatta, correcting the words environs to subject it to towns. I also again want to thank the Chair for the observation that maybe the mover of the motion who had brought it to put a clear wording that what he wanted, especially in the recommendations.

Hon. Members, you have deliberated well and there is need for Masinga and Yatta people to get water because it is annoying that the neighboring county is getting sufficient water while the real water comes from their place and they don't get it sufficiently. The other thing about jumping across the county and going to pay bills to another county is also not good. So Hon. Members, I request you to pass the report so that we can have our own company and our own management. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Kisini, Chairperson Environment, Lands, Energy and Natural Resources.

(Question put and agreed to)

(Applause)

Hon. Members, before we go to the next item, I just want to point out that in the recommendations of the report, now that it has been adopted by the House, we need to see clearly, the recommendation of formation of a MAWASCO type of a company that is a local company in Machakos managing those waters.

The other key aspect has been raised on the issue of equipment that if there is a possibility of the water being taken to a higher place and it reaches a wider distribution, then a budget needs to be set aside for that. We should not have it in a lower hill if there is a higher hill, where it can go. Kangonde, which is the border of Kithyoko and Kangonde, there is a hill. If it can be put up there, then it will be able to reach a wider area, then I think that proposal needs to be put across.

The other issue which I did not understand and which needs to be done with haste is that if the water is already in Ekalakala and is in the tanks, why is it not being utilized? That is something which needs to be addressed with utmost urgency. We cannot have a facility which is in place, the water is there and all that needs to be done is commissioning. This needs to be brought to the attention of the highest office in the Executive so that they can plan for its commissioning as quickly as possible to benefit the people of that area.

INCLUSION OF POVERTY ALLEVIATION PROGRAMMES IN THE CIDP

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Members, we have one motion by Hon. Moffat, Matungulu West ward.

Hon. Maitha: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. After consultation with the Office of the Speaker and that of the Clerk, I wish to request this House that this motion be moved to next week so that it can be fine-tuned. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you Hon. Member for Matungulu West for your request before the House for the motion to be adjourned after further consultations so that it can be fine-tuned. I therefore direct this motion be taken back to the House Business committee for balloting to a different date when it will be brought before the House for discussion.

ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Members, this House stands adjourned to Wednesday, 3rd July 2019 at 10.00 a.m. Enjoy your evening.

The House rose at 3.32 p.m.