

REPUBLIC OF KENYA
MACHAKOS COUNTY ASSEMBLY

OFFICIAL REPORT

Tuesday, 6th October, 2020

The House met at 2.46 p.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 as listed in the appendix by Hon. Moffat Maitha and the second one by Hon. Betty Nzioki.

REPORT OF PETITION BY URBANUS MATIVA ON MEMBERSHIP OF MAVOKO MUNICIPALITY
BOARD

Hon. Maitha: Hon. Speaker, I beg to lay the following Paper on the Table of the Assembly today Tuesday, 6th October, 2020; Justice and Legal Affairs Committee Report on public Petition by Mr. Urbanus Mutinda Mativa against the following:

1. Gazette Notice No.3633 dated 10th April, 2019 as relates to the appointment of Mavoko Municipality Board Members by Dr. Alfred Mutua, the Governor, Machakos County Government;
2. The nomination, approval and appointment of Mr. Antony K. Ngunga as a Board Member of Mavoko Municipality.

Thank you, Hon. Speaker

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Moffat. Hon. Betty Nzioki.

REPORT ON DEPARTMENTAL PERFORMANCE FOR 2019/20

Hon. (Ms.) B. Nzioki: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Hon. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 190(5), I wish to lay the following Paper on the Table of the Assembly today, 6th October, 2020; report of the Culture, Social Welfare and Tourism Committee on Departmental Performance for the FY 2019/20. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

NOTICES OF MOTIONS

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Members, we have two businesses; the first to be transacted by Hon. Moffat Maitha and the second by Hon. Betty Nzioki.

REPORT OF PETITION BY URBANUS MATIVA ON MEMBERSHIP OF MAVOKO MUNICIPALITY
BOARD

Hon. Maitha:

Hon. Speaker, that aware that Section 15 of the County Government Act, 2012 provides that a person has a right to Petition the County Assembly to consider a matter within its authority including enacting, amending or repealing any of its legislation and aware that the Assembly received a public Petition by Mr. Urbanus Mutinda Mativa against Gazette Notice No. 3633 dated 10th April, 2019 as relates to the appointment of Mavoko Municipality Board Members by Dr. Alfred Mutua, the Governor, Machakos County Government and the nomination, approval and appointment of Mr. Antony K. Ngunga as a Board Member of Mavoko Municipality pursuant to the Standing Order 194;

Noting that, In conducting its investigations; the Committee met with key parties in relation to the Petition including the Petitioner, the accused, Mr. Antony K. Ngunga, the Chief Officer, County Law Office and the Chief Officer, Department of Housing and urban Development;

Further aware that the committee reviewed relevant documents from various government institutions including the Directorate of Criminal Investigation, Higher Education Loans Board, Machakos County Department of Housing and Urban Development, Machakos County Law Office, Mavoko Municipal Board and the Petitioner in exercise of ensuring the right to fair administrative action as stipulated in Article 47(1) of the Constitution;

Hon. Speaker, I therefore wish to give the notice of motion that this Hon. House discusses and approves report of the Justice and Legal Affairs Committee on public Petition by Mr. Urbanus Mutinda Mativa against the following; Gazette Notice No. 3633 dated 10th April, 2019 as relates to the appointment of Mavoko Municipality Board Members by Dr. Alfred Mutua, the Governor, Machakos County Government and The nomination, approval and appointment of Mr. Antony K. Ngunga as a Board Member of Mavoko Municipality.

Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Moffat. Hon. Betty Nzioki.

REPORT ON DEPARTMENTAL PERFORMANCE FOR 2019/20

Hon. (Ms.) B. Nzioki: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker, that aware that the County Assembly's oversight function is one of the cornerstones of democracy;

Aware that oversight is a means for holding the County Executive accountable for its actions and for ensuring that it implements policies in accordance with the law and budget passed by the County Assembly;

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)(b) mandates sectorial Committees to study the programme and policy objectives of the departments and the effectiveness of the implementation;

Aware that the Committee on Culture, Social Welfare and Tourism received the Departmental Report for the FY 2019/20 from the Department of Tourism, Youth, Sports and Culture;

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, this Hon. House discusses and approves the Tourism, Youth, Sports and Culture Departmental Report for the FY 2019/2020.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

STATEMENT SOUGHT

CONSERVATION AND PROTECTION OF COUNTY GOVERNMENT PUBLIC LAND FROM GRABBING

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Members, we have one business by Hon. Betty Nzioki.

Hon. (Ms.) B. Nzioki: Thank you, Mr. Speaker

Hon. Speaker, Section 9(1) of the Land Act No. 6 of 2012, provides that any land may be converted from one category to another in accordance to the provisions of this Act or any other law.

Section 9(2)(d) provides that community land may be converted to either private or public land in accordance with the law relating to community land enacted pursuant to Article 63(5) of the Constitution.

Further, subsection (3) provides that any substantial transaction involving the conversion of public land to private land shall require approval by the National Assembly or County Assembly as the case may be.

Hon. Speaker, the County Government has lost big chunks of land to private developers through grabbing or illegal processes; aware that some Government offices lack enough land for expansion due to this and further public land meant for markets and towns expansion have been grabbed.

Hon. Speaker, pursuant to the Assembly Standing Orders 41, I wish to seek the following Statements:

1. What County Executive is doing to ensure that the County Government Public Land is conserved and protected from grabbing.
2. What is the County Government doing to ensure that all lost land is restored to the County and any conversion of land from public to private ownership follows the legal process as highlighted in Section 9(2)(d) of the Land Act.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Betty and as is the custom, normally when we get a Statement of this nature before the House, the Chair allows for Members to contribute to the Statement before it is committed to a committee and I therefore wish to open the floor to anybody who would want to contribute on this specific Statement, Hon. Members. Hon. Kisila.

Hon. Kisila: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I think this is a very good statement by the Hon. Betty. In Mwala, we are some of the biggest victims of such acts where public land has been taken and allocated to individuals and private developers. So, I think it is a very good Statement that a thorough review and audit is done and where there is land which has been taken for private use which belongs to the public should be reverted immediately. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. Kamitu: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. In addition to this Statement and again to what *Mheshimiwa* Brian has said, Hon. Speaker we are all aware during the transition period.....in fact, in government procedures is that; during the transition period, any government land would have been handed over to the county officially and this is also where we failed.

So, it is also my opinion and a concern that this is a very important Statement that should be followed so that we may identify all parcels of land that belongs to the county, all lands that are under the national government there is also a procedure that also those parcels of land were for the national government they should be handed over as per the Constitution to the county government for ease of running and for ease of identification. Further to that, any land that has been identified for the county should also have the procedure of getting title deeds for those parcels of land. Thank you Hon. Speaker.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Alex Kamitu. Anybody else who want to comment on the Statement by Hon. Betty? Thank you, Hon. Members for your participation on the Statement. This Statement is committed to the committee on Environment, Energy, Lands and Natural Resources to report back to this House on or before the 27th day of October, 2020.

One thing which I would like to commend on this before I go to the next motion is that, what Hon. Kamitu has raised, there was the Transition Authority which was formed to ensure there was that smooth transition and I happen to be a Member of a committee which is seeing the assets on the national government in the county and during one of the committee meetings which we held with people from the national government, it became apparent that the Transition Authority report on the assets which were owned by the municipal council and which were handed over, that report has been provided to this assembly since November, 2018 and therefore I would like to request this Committee on Environment, Energy, Lands and Natural Resources to be able to pursue and get that report from the secretariat so that report also can form part of the report which you are going to table before this House on the said date.

So, the report which we want to see is a report which includes the report which was given to the Assembly by the Transition Authority. Thank you.

MOTION

REPORT ON THE STATUS OF WARD DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS FOR 2018/2019 AND 2019/2020

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Members, we have one business to be transacted by Hon. Justus Katumo, Chairperson Wards projects committee and he is going to execute its from where he is seated.

Hon. Katumo: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker, that aware that the Constitution of Kenya 2010 creates a decentralized system of government wherein two of the three arms of government namely the legislature and the Executive are devolved to the 47 political and administrative counties as provided for under Article 6 and specified in the first schedule; Also are that the primary objective of decentralization is to devolve power, resources and representation down to the local level.

Acknowledging that various laws have been enacted by both the national parliament and the County Assemblies to create strategies for the implementation framework and the adoption on which objectives of devolution can be achieved

Hon. Speaker, also aware that Section 4(1) of Machakos County Ward Development Fund Act No. 2 of 2014 establishes the Ward Development Fund. The objects and purpose of this Act was to ensure that a specific portion of the County annual budget is devoted to the wards for purposes of development, wealth creation and in

particular the fight against poverty at the ward level. However, the Fund has not been operationalized.

Hon. Speaker, aware that the County Assembly resolved to create a “resource envelope” that saw Hon. Members identify projects through public participation in their respective Wards and then work hand in hand with the executive in the execution of the said projects;

Hon. Speaker noting that the Assembly has continuously allocated funds to this resource envelop to facilitate ward priority projects in the financial year 2018/19 and 2019/20 with a respective budget of Ksh. 10 million and 15 million per ward;.

Hon. Speaker, I wish to move the motion that this Hon. House discusses and approves the Report of joint Committee on Implementation and ward projects on the Implementation Status of ward priority projects for the FY 2018/19 and 2019/20.

Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I would like to request Hon. Angela Munyasya to second the motion.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you. Hon. Angela Munyasya.

Hon. (Ms.) Munyasya: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I second the motion. Thank you.

Hon. Katumo: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. Joint committee report on ward projects and implementation on implementation status of the ward priority projects for 2018/19 and 2019/20

Hon. Speaker, the Ward Development Fund is established under the Machakos County Ward Development Fund Act No. 2 of 2014. The objects and purpose of this Act is to ensure that a specific portion of the County annual budget is devoted to the wards for purposes of development, wealth creation and in particular the fight against poverty at the ward level. Section 4(1) of that Act establishes the Ward Development Fund which shall be administered by the officer administering the fund under the direction of the County Ward Development Fund (WDF) management committee.

Hon. Speaker, the County Assembly had continuously allocated funds for this kitty in the previous budgets of 2015/16 and 2017/18. However, due to a number of reasons raised by the Controller of Budget, the Fund has not been fully operationalized. The committee engaged the Controller of Budget and conducted benchmarking with Makueni and Kisumu County Assemblies on the operationalization of the Fund and observed that their similar Funds had not actualized due to concerns raised by the Controller of budget and as a result they had adopted a resource envelope strategy whereby Members of County Assembly in consultation with their electorates through public participation would identify priority projects for implementation in a particular financial year.

Hon. Speaker, this Hon. House adopted the same resource envelope strategy in the financial 2018/19 and 2019/20. The main purpose of this report is to provide this Hon. House with information on the implementation status of the ward priority projects that were identified for implementation in the FY 2018/19 and FY 2019/20.

TERMS OF REFERENCE

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

1. To provide an overview of the Ward Development Fund Act.
2. Resource envelope for financial year 2018/19 and 2019/20.
3. Implementation status as presented by the County Secretary and respective Member of County Assembly.
4. Findings and observations.
5. Recommendations and conclusion.

OVERVIEW OF THE WARD DEVELOPMENT FUND ACT

Hon. Speaker, the Machakos County Ward Development Act was first established in the year 2014 with a purpose of providing for the establishment, administration and use of Ward Development Fund and for connected purpose. However, the Act could not be operationalized due to issues raised by the Controller of Budget that needed to be addressed first. As a result the Assembly amended the Act and passed the Machakos County Ward Development Fund (Amendment) Act, 2015 in order to incorporate concerns raised by the Controller of Budget.

Later in 2016, the Controller of Budget again raised concerns that some of the issues earlier raised had not been addressed in the amended Act of 2015. After which the Assembly amended the Act (2015) once more and passed the Machakos County Ward Development Fund (Amendment) Act, 2016.

AMENDMENTS OF THE ACT

Hon. Speaker, in compliance with the recommendations of the Controller of Budget, the Assembly made the following amendments to the Act to ensure that it is in line with the Constitution and other legislation.

- a) **Involvement of Members of the County Assembly (MCAs):** The original Act contained provisions that required the involvement of the MCA in the Ward Development Committee and Ward Fund Committees. This meant that MCAs were to be involved in the implementation of the Fund contrary to the principles of separation of powers between the executive and the legislature. These provisions were removed and the implementation of the Fund is the exclusive mandate of the executive.
- b) **Establishment of separate institutions for the Fund:** The original Act created separate offices to manage the Fund. This was going to be expensive to implement. The Act was amended to provide that the County Executive is to implement. Existing county executive officers would oversee the administration of the Fund.
- c) **Ward Fund Committees:** The original Act created Ward Development Committees for every ward. This was bound to be expensive, cumbersome and would eat into the development budget. This provision was also removed.
- d) **Public Participation:** The original Act was amended to require that the public, through the leaders in each ward be involved at all levels of the implementation of the ward projects. This is particularly so during the identification and prioritization of ward projects.
- e) **Ward Accounts:** The original Act provided for the opening of a bank account for each Ward. This was not workable since the financial systems changed but also because it was going to be costly and logistically difficult to operate the accounts so the provision was removed.
- f) **Allowances for Members of the Committees and Staff:** Since the Fund did not have institutions separate from the County Executive, it was not necessary to make separate provision for the remuneration of the Members of the different committees and staff. After the amendments it is envisaged that any expenses incurred in the administration of the Fund will be defrayed directly from the County Treasury.
- g) **Provision of Bursaries:** Since bursaries are not development expenditure the original Act was amended to remove their provision under the Act.
- h) **Provision for emergency cases:** The Act was amended to remove reference to emergency funds since the Public Finance Management Act makes provision for the same.

Hon. Speaker, the above issues were addressed by the Machakos County Ward Development Fund (Amendment) Bill, 2016. However, on the 12th October, 2016, the Assembly received a letter Ref: COB/MKS/004/1(8) from the Office of the Controller of Budget. In the letter,

the Controller of Budget advised that the position of ‘Officer of the Fund’ created in the Machakos County Ward Development Fund (Amendment) Bill, 2016 needed to be done away with and instead it was proposed that the County Government should use the existing administrative structures as provided for in the County Governments Act, 2012. The move was aimed at ensuring that there would not be duplication of roles and would also avoid increase in wage bill to the County.

Hon. Speaker, implementation of the Machakos County Ward Development Fund (Amendment) Act, 2016 has been a thorny issue and as result County Assemblies opted to operate a ‘resource envelope’ that saw Hon. Members identify projects through public participation in their respective Wards and then work hand in hand with the executive in the execution of the said projects. It is in this spirit that the County Assembly of Machakos engaged the Executive with an objective of executing ward priority projects in the financial year 2018/19 and 2019/20 with a respective budget of Ksh. 10 million and Ksh. 15 million per ward.

Resource Envelope (FY 2018/19 and FY 2019/20)

Hon. Speaker, the County Assembly engaged the executive with a view of establishing a resource envelope that would foster development at the ward levels. The agreed strategy involved identification of ward priority projects through public participation, forwarding the identified projects officially to the executive and budgeting for the projects in the respective departments.

In the financial year 2018/19 Ksh. 10 million was budgeted per ward while Ksh. 15 million per ward was budgeted for in the financial year 2019/20. With reference to the communication from the Chair No. 009 of 2019 dated 13th March, 2019, the Hon. Speaker informed the Members of County Assembly that the County Government intended to execute development projects in all the 40 wards in the financial year 2018/19.

To achieve this objective, each elected Hon. Members was notified to submit ward priority projects worth Ksh. 10 million from his or her ward to the Ward Projects Committee for compilation of a report and subsequent forwarding to the Office of the Deputy Governor. Further, the Hon. Speaker also made the same communication with regard to the ward priority projects earmarked for implementation in the financial year 2019/20 amounting to Ksh. 15 million per ward.

Implementation Status of the Ward Priority Projects

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.

Further, Standing Order 181 provides that within 60 days of a resolution of the House or adoption of a report of a select committee, the relevant Executive Committee Member under whose portfolio the implementation of the resolution falls shall provide a report to the relevant committee of the House in accordance with Article 183(3) of the Constitution.

Pursuant to the above provision, the committee requested for implementation reports with regard to the ward priority projects from the office of the secretary for the financial year 2018/19 and financial 2019/20. The responses were received from the departmental Chief Officers on 31st January, 2020 and 5th March, 2020.

The committee analyzed the implementation reports forwarded by the Chief Officers and observed that there was a lot if mismatch on the projects said to have been implemented. The Chief Officers had reported implementation status of general development projects and did not focus on the ward priority projects.

Hon. Speaker, the committee, recognizing and appreciating that the Hon. Members of County Assembly in consultation with their electorates were the authors of the ward priority projects and that the projects emanate from their respective wards, resolved to get the actual implementation status from them.

Hon. Speaker, the excel document attached shows the ward priority projects identified for implementation as forwarded to the Office of the Deputy Governor in the financial year 2018/19 and 2019/20 and their respective implementation status.

Findings and Observations

Hon. Speaker, the committee made the following observations;

1. The Committee observed that there was almost zero implementation for the ward priority projects for the financial year 2019/20. In the FY 2019/20 main budget, the ward priority projects had been allocated Ksh. 15 Million per ward however, the executive was not able to implement the projects citing a directive from His Excellency the President to stop the implementation all development projects in the country to create funds to fight Covid-19 pandemic. In the first supplementary budget, the ward priority projects were allocated Ksh. 3 million per ward which was not implemented. During the second supplementary budget the ward projects were again allocated Ksh. 1.5 Million which also has not been implemented up to date.
2. The committee was informed that dispensary projects identified as ward priority projects had stalled and on other instances were not initiated following an advice from the His Excellency the Governor that construction of new health centers would consequently result in recruitment of more health workers and further inflate the already ballooned wage bill in the County.
3. The Committee also observed that the ward priority projects, when fully implemented would have the greatest and most relevant development impact to the community. This is because the projects had been identified through public participation in the various wards. The committee noted that most of the ward priority projects were centered on education, health, water agriculture and infrastructure which are key factor in socio-economic development.
4. The Committee noted that the ward priority projects in the FY 2018/19 and FY 2019/20 had been appropriated Ksh. 400 Million and Ksh. 600 Million respectively. This in the opinion of the committee was a small fraction with regard to the total development budget of Ksh. 4 billion. The committee was concerned that despite the small ward projects budget, their respective implementation status was minimal.
5. The committee noted that there was a lot of mismatch in the ward priority projects presented by the Hon. Members. In some instances, ward priority projects implemented by the executive differed from what was contained in the ward projects committee report. Members had in some certain forums been requested to forward projects without the involvement of the ward projects committee thus affecting oversight and reporting on the implementation status.
6. The committee requested for implementation status reports from the County Secretary for the financial years 2018/19 and 2019/20 and observed that the projects listed and planned for implementation did not include the ward priority projects; it is in this view that the committee resolved to get actual implementation status reports from the respective Member of County Assembly.
7. The committee noted that there were some pending billings done in the FY 2018/19. Most of the projects were either completed or ongoing, certificates rose but payments not done. This created a scenario of stalled projects thus denying development to the wards and the county at large. The committee acknowledges that funds were appropriated to clear pending bills in line with a directive issued by the president of the republic of Kenya. The committee was concerned that pending bills still existed and non-payment of contractors despite budgetary provisions.

Committee Recommendations

Hon. Speaker, the Committee makes the following recommendations:

1. The committee recommends that county executive committee Members department of Finance and Economic Planning and the Chief Officer, County Treasury should table an expenditure report of the Ksh. 600 Million budgeted for implementation of the ward priority projects in the financial year 2019/20 within 60 days after receipt of this report. Further, the committee recommends that the County Secretary should forward work plan reports on how each department intends to implement the ward priority projects earmarked for implementation in the current financial year of 2020/21.
2. Informed by the mismatch observed in presentation of ward priority projects, the committee recommends that all ward priority projects should be presented to the ward projects committee for compilation and forwarding to the executive so as to foster effective oversight and reporting.
3. The Committee recommends that the County Executive through the County Secretary forwards to the Assembly a report on all the stalled ward projects in the FY 2018/19, why they stalled and work plan on how the County Executive intends to complete the stalled projects within 60 days of receipt on this report. This would help in reduction of white elephant projects in the County.

CONCLUSION

Hon. Speaker, it is evident that the ward priority projects are development projects that have a direct effect to the social-economic life aspects of the citizens; when fully and effectively implemented, the living standards of the citizens will be improved and also foster economic growth at large; The ward priority projects are geared at promoting infrastructure, health, Education and transport; these are critical arrears that affect the growth of an economy and as such, the county government should ensure projects identified as ward priorities are fully executed.

Hon. Speaker, it is therefore my privilege and duty to present this report on implementation status of the ward priority projects for FY 2018/19 and FY 2019/20 to this Hon. House for consideration and approval. Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Justus Katumo, Chairperson Ward Projects Committee for a report well-read.

(Question proposed)

Hon. Members, you may debate on the motion. Hon. Angela Munyasya.

Hon. (Ms.) Munyasya: Hon. Speaker, it is about time that we, as an Assembly, executed or are seeing as executing what we pass in this Assembly. Hon. Speaker, this is year three since this Assembly came into formation and Hon. Members are at pains trying to explain to the electorate what is happening on the ground because the electorate are not aware what our real jurisdiction is.

So you find that Hon. Speaker, the electorate expect us to be able to execute or to ensure that what they have on the ground is executed which is part of our mandate but when the Hon. Members in this Assembly are not involved in identifying and getting projects executed then it becomes a pain both for them and the Members on the ground. So, I do thank Hon. Chairperson and his team for this report which is timely and really relevant to our mandate. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Angela Munyasya. Any other Member in the outside chamber who would like to contribute on this? Any Member who would like to contribute on the ward projects in the outside chamber? Can I have Hon. Alex Kamitu?

Hon. Kamitu: Thank you, very much Hon. Speaker. Hon. Speaker, this report is very explicit, it is to the point and I happen to be a Member of the ward projects committee and Hon. Speaker, it is very true that there is nothing good in regard to the electorate when they see during the public participation they normally give their priorities and equally it is very important Hon. Speaker, to see that the projects identified by the electorates are implemented to the note.

So, Hon. Speaker, the committee recommendations are very valid and those four point of our recommendations should be followed because Hon. Speaker, you are also aware about the timeline. It is very important like what we did it is very important that our Hon. House our MCAs in this House actually pass the budget for 2019/2020 and the most effective method as we requested the executive it is to ensure that after the financial year, that is June, by now we would be seeing the tender committees should have been advertised and the like so that things that are passed by this Hon. House are honoured by the executive.

So my humble request Hon. Speaker, as per the recommendation of this report is that we should follow note and follow the recommendation by this ward committee. Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

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

(Question put and agreed to)

Hon. Members, this motion which you have now passed, I direct that the secretariat writes to the Executive with the recommendations which have been made by that committee on the implementation and get us a status report as required by the law and our Standing Orders for the executive to give us a feedback within 60 days as per the requirement.

Hon. Members, as I comment before I finish, this is a very important report which has been brought before the House by the joint committee on implementation and ward projects. It is my expectation that Hon. Members do look at the report carefully and analyses the findings which have been put there. Go through the attachments which have been done there, which were confirmed by each ward and see for themselves the issues which they have raised and have not been done.

My expectation from the Hon. Members would have been when such a report comes before the House, because it represents the priority projects they have given themselves, that the participation would be much more with each Member actually going to their ward list as it is here and talking about the projects which have not been done in their ward. So when such reports come before the House and Hon. Members are expected to go through those reports and actually be able to participate effectively because this is the only time you can be able to, as it is, give a reflection back to your electorate that the projects you have given have not been done and why they have not been done and the place to be asking for that is via such reports which are here.

I therefore, would request the Hon. Members to go through the reports which have been given and be able to question why those projects which they had submitted for those two financial years have not yet been concluded or finalized or even implemented at all. As the Hon. Minority Leader Hon. Alex Kamitu has said, it is important for the recommendations which have been done by the Hon. Chair and the joint committee to be followed so that we can be able to get these projects executed to the letter.

We do have a supplementary budget before us and we do have an Appropriation Bill which was already approved. My plea to the Chair is that he needs to also push jointly with the Budget Committee to see that the projects which have been submitted for the current financial year 2020/2021 are implemented as early as possible and that the relevant officers are met and implementation work plans provided the earliest possible time.

ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Deputy Speaker: With that Hon. Members, the House adjourns to Tuesday the 13th day of October, 2020 at 10.00 a.m. Enjoy the rest of your evening

The House rose at 3.37 p.m.