

**REPUBLIC OF KENYA**  
**MACHAKOS COUNTY ASSEMBLY**  
**OFFICIAL REPORT**

**Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> November, 2017**

The House met at 2.28 p.m.

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

**PRAYERS**

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Mr. Clerk, proceed.

**PAPER LAID**

VETTING OF NOMINEES BY COMMITTEE OF APPOINTMENT

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Hon. Members, we have papers as listed in the appendix and I will call upon the Majority Leader to lay the paper on the Table.

**Hon. Muendo:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. On behalf of the Majority Leader, Francis Ngunga, I beg to lay the following paper on the floor of the House 7th November, 2017; report of Committee on Appointments on the vetting of nominees for the appointment to the positions of County Executive Committee members. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I lay.

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Thank you Hon. Muendo who has tabled that Paper on behalf of the Majority Leader. We acknowledge receipt and I direct the clerk to circulate the report to Members on the 8th November, 2017 at 10.00 a.m. Proceed.

**NOTICES OF MOTIONS**

VETTING OF NOMINEES BY COMMITTEE OF APPOINTMENT

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Hon. Members, we have two notices of motions the first one is to be tabled by Hon. Francis Ngunga or the member designated for that.

**Hon. Muendo:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. On behalf of the Majority Leader, Francis Ngunga, I wish to give notice of the following motion, that this House discusses and approves the report of Committee on Appointments on the vetting of Nominees for the appointment to the positions of County Executive Committee members. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I lay.

UPGRADE OF MUTHWANI ROADS

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** There is another motion by Hon George King'ori, MCA Muthwani ward.

**Hon. King'ori:** Mr. Speaker;

Aware that the mission of the department of Transport and Public Works in Machakos County is to facilitate provision and maintenance of quality infrastructure, transport, buildings and other public works;

Further aware that there is need to promote and sustain socio-economic development through developing and effectively managing a sufficient and robust quality road system;

Acknowledging that the County Government of Machakos during the financial year 2013/2014, the target collection was Ksh. 2.3 billion but only Ksh. 1.17 billion was realized and that during the financial year 2014/2015, the County own revenue was targeted at Ksh 2.7 billion but the actual amount realized was Ksh 1.35 billion;

Informed that good roads network enhances exploitation of resources in the County;

Aware that Muthwani ward is one of the financial baskets of Machakos County with millions of money generated by quarry works therein;

Aware that some of the key roads leading to the quarries are in pathetic situation and are impassable during the rainy season;

Further aware that the poor state of these roads impact negatively on revenue by causing low turnover of lorries entering the quarries;

Remembering that a report on revenue enhancement in Machakos County tabled in this House last year showed that one lorry barrier in the area collected an average of Ksh. 65,000 per day translating to Ksh. 23,725,000 per year;

Mr. Speaker, I wish to give notice of motion that the County Government of Machakos upgrades the Kincar-Zebra road, Joska-Ndovoini-Muthwani road and Kwale-Ngelani-Kamulu roads in the financial year 2017/2018 in order to improve the livelihood of residents and promote revenue collection from Muthwani ward and the surrounding areas.

Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir.

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Thank you. Notice is issued and that motion will be moved under order number eight so we shall discuss it then. Proceed.

### STATEMENT

BUSINESS FOR THE HOUSE FROM 7<sup>TH</sup> TO 9<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER, 2017

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Hon. Members we have statement to be moved by the Majority Leader or his designate.

**Hon. Kiteng'u:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I stand under Standing Order 41(2)(a), where during the statement hour, a member of the HBC designated by the Committee for the purpose shall, every Thursday or on the last sitting day, for not more than ten minutes, present and lay on the Table a statement informing the House of the business coming before the House in the following week.

Mr. Speaker, the HBC met on Thursday, 2nd November, 2017 and pursuant to the provisions of the Standing Order 151 balloted business for the week starting today 9th November 2017 as follows:-

Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> November, 2017

Afternoon;

Motion that the County Government of Machakos upgrades the Kincar-Zebra road, Joska -Ndovoini-Muthwani road and Kwale-Ngelani-Kamulu roads in the financial year 2017/2018 in order to improve the livelihood of residents and promote revenue collection from Muthwani ward and the surrounding areas by Hon. King'ori.

Wednesday, 8th November, 2017

Morning;

Motion to approve Report of Committee on Appointments on approval of five County Executive Committee Nominees for the County Government of Machakos by Majority Leader.

Afternoon;

Motion to approve Report of Committee on Appointments on approval of five County Executive Committee Nominees for the County Government of Machakos by Majority Leader (Continuation)

Thursday 9th November, 2017: Motion on approval of the Speaker's Panel by Majority Leader.

Statement responses by chairperson Finance committee and Chairperson Trade committee.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Acknowledged that the statement has been tabled before the House. Proceed.

### **MOTION** UPGRADE OF MUTHWANI ROADS

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** We have a motion by Hon. King'ori, MCA Muthwani ward. Move the motion please.

**Hon. King'ori:** Mr. Speaker;

Aware that the mission of the department of Transport and Public Works in Machakos County is to facilitate provision and maintenance of quality infrastructure, transport, buildings and other public works;

Further aware that there is need to promote and sustain socio-economic development through developing and effectively managing a sufficient and robust quality road system;

Acknowledging that the County Government of Machakos during the financial year 2013/2014, the target collection was Ksh. 2.3 billion but only Ksh. 1.17 billion was realized and that during the financial year 2014/2015, the County own revenue was targeted at Ksh. 2.7 billion but the actual amount realized was Ksh 1.35 billion;

Informed that good roads network enhances exploitation of resources in the County;

Aware that Muthwani ward is one of the financial baskets of Machakos County with millions of money generated by quarry works therein;  
Aware that some of the key roads leading to the quarries are in pathetic situation and are impassable during the rainy season;  
Further aware that the poor state of these roads impact negatively on revenue by causing low turnover of lorries entering the quarries;  
Remembering that a report on revenue enhancement in Machakos County tabled in this House last year showed that one lorry barrier in the area collected an average of Ksh. 65,000 per day translating to Ksh. 23,725,000 per year;  
Mr. Speaker, I wish to move the motion that the County Government of Machakos upgrades the Kincar-Zebra road, Joska-Ndovoini-Muthwani road and Kwale-Ngelani-Kamulu roads in the financial year 2017/2018 in order to improve the livelihood of residents and promote revenue collection from Muthwani ward and the surrounding areas.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I call upon Hon. Muli to second.

**Hon. Muli:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I second the motion by Hon. King'ori. Aware of the rainy season we are sure that most of the roads especially in Muthwani are impassable and the ward is one of the most productive wards in this County. I second this Motion. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Yes, Hon. Maitha.

**Hon. Maitha:** Mr. Speaker, Standing Order 51, I want to move an amendment that motion; instead of talking of Muthwani ward, we include all the wards in the county, Mr. Speaker.

*(Applause)*

This is because it is not only in Muthwani where we have bad roads but the entire county needs a lot of improvements of the roads, Mr. Speaker. I move, Mr. Speaker.

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Okay, Members. Just a minute, Hon. Maitha. I have not yet responded to that I need to give direction. I have heard the Hon. Member has stood on a point of order suggesting an amendment to include all the roads within the county of Machakos and I would like to propose to the House that we make that amendment to that motion.

*(Question proposed)*

I now invite Members to debate on this motion.

**Hon. Mulatya:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir. Hon. Speaker, I would wish to say that we are in a devolved government whereby the citizens of Machakos and Kenya at large are supposed to get their services without straining. I stand before this Hon. House to quote that the quarries and our rivers where they are getting the sand, the roads are pathetic. I come from Masinga where sand harvesting or rather scooping is on the higher side. The main challenge coming to these areas is.....one, is the roads and too much disturbance from the public by too much dust and noise.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, I would like to also call upon the Executive arm of the Government that they do away with the greedy revenue collectors because I think they are the ones making these roads to be in a very bad situation because they are supposed to come up with something like, when the lorries are coming again for another trip for the quarries or from the rivers, there are supposed to be some rules on the ground that, they should come with some murrum to put on those roads so that we can spare our roads.

So, I stand here to support this motion, Mr. Speaker, Sir.

*(Applause)*

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Hon. Betty.

**Hon. (Ms.) B. Nzioki:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I stand here to support the motion. Like for example, I come from Masii Ward where still we have a problem of roads, some of my places you find that it is pathetic. For example, when my people die when it is rainy season you find that they cannot even be able to ferry the body from, let us say from the mortuary to their home. They have to make a stopover somewhere so that they can carry the caskets with their hands.

So, Mr. Speaker, Sir, I stand and support this motion because I think it is good for us all as Machakos County for the Executive to look more into the infrastructure especially in roads and transport. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

*(Applause)*

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Hon. Kalumu.

**Hon. Kalumu:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, roads are aids of trade and once you improve roads, it means that you have improved business. Once you improve roads, it means you are saving resources one of them being time because time is a resource. I stand in front of this House supporting this motion so as to improve the roads of this County so that our time of achieving the Vision 2030 can be realized.

I want to stand by saying I come from Kithimani Ward where horticulture is a business to the residents and some of the roads need to be improved so that fast delivery of the produce which are grown from that area are taken to the market. If we consider improvement of roads in this whole County, Mr. Speaker, we will have fast tracked development because anything to do with improving roads means we shall grow economically. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Hon. Judas.

**Hon. Ndawa:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I stand to support the motion. When we talk of roads, we talk of everything, when we talk of roads we talk of development and we talk of good things. My area is Matuu and I am very sure that Matuu is the only area with some areas where when patients need to get to hospitals, they cannot reach the Hospitals because of the state of the roads.

There is a place known as Kaonyweni. Kaonyweni is in Matuu Ward and in that area, one cannot reach the hospital and when it happens that you die, you cannot reach home for burial.

There is another area known as Kithekethini; Kithekethini is about 5 kilometres from Matuu Town and the whole road is what we call black cotton soil. During rainy season, you have to walk without shoes, you need to fold your folder and you have to carry a jerrican of water to go and wash your feet when you get to town.

So, Mr. Speaker, Sir, I call upon the County to move with speed to ensure some of these roads are repaired so as to enable our people or our electorates to get services. In fact, some of the electorates elected some of the Members in this House including myself and one of their main objectives of electing us is to ensure that they get passable roads. So, Mr. Speaker, I support the motion. Thank you, Sir.

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Hon. Kisila.

**Hon. Kisila:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I stand here to support the motion and I would like us to come up with a program whereby each Ward receives equitable distribution of the resources which are available and I think we need to come up with a detailed plan whereby maybe at the Sub-County level, I come from Mwala and I want to be assured in Mwala Sub-County that all the Wards, how many graders are allocated to Mwala Ward so that together with my fellow Members of the County Assembly from that area, we can work out a program of how we are going to ensure all the roads are good.

Bwana Speaker, the next point is on partnership. Sometimes we are being told there is no fuel and the graders are here; just being parked here. We have got partners, NGOs who we can partner together to be able to achieve the plan of having our roads done properly.

So, I am calling upon the Chief Officer or the CEC who will be appointed, to work together with the Member of County Assembly to ensure that we have all the parties who want to support us to achieve that mission. That is done.

Mr. Speaker, my last point is on culverts and bridges. Yesterday, I was coming from Mwala market and I was going home, the bridge has been washed. During market days, our people have to wait for the river to subside so that they can go home. We have lost a lot of people, a lot of children by a lot of water going down the river because we do not have bridges and culverts.

We want the Chief Officer to come up with a detailed program of how the bridges to connect the roads can be done. So, Mr. Speaker, my point is to support the motion at the same time I want us to make sure that every Ward in Machakos County, gets equitable resources as far as roads are concerned. I am calling upon Mr. Speaker, you direct that we get a detailed program of when these graders are coming to our wards and when we can expect them---

*(Applause)*

How long they are going to last in those wards because sometimes today a grader comes, then tomorrow it is withdrawn. In my ward in Mwala, I have got two graders which are parked there; they are out of order, they are not actually serviceable and I went there to check if I will get the grader but I was told they are out of order.

So, the next thing we need to come up with is, how do we ensure that the machinery which the County has invested in is in good working condition throughout? With those few points, Mr. Speaker, I beg to support.

*(Applause)*

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Hon. Member, I would like to direct you, you do not direct the Chair; you just give suggestions.

**Hon. Kisila:** I withdraw, Mr. Speaker.

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Thank you.

**Hon. Kisila:** I was telling you to direct the respective Committee.

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

**Hon. Mbevi:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I stand here to support the motion that, all roads in our County are actually in bad conditions and need to be upgraded. I want also to support what Mheshimiwa Kisila has already said, we come up with a structure and I think on this one being the Chairman on that department of roads, I think we need to come up with a structure which covers all the wards because the roads are in bad condition in almost all the wards and I also support the motion because you find that, when the roads are in bad conditions, even when it is not rainy season, most of the vehicles, especially the trucks tend to divert from the poor roads to use peoples' lands which is not designed for a road.

They keep off the road because it is in poor condition, they opt to use peoples' lands and especially in Mlolongo which is my ward, you find that we have a lot of cases between Companies, personal, private vehicles with people who have land there, that is the investors.

So, I think, given that the roads were and are in good conditions, we would not have such cases and I am sure most of the Members here can witness that. These trucks, if the road is impassable, they have no choice but to use people's land and obviously brings a lot of hatred, a lot of court cases which are of no necessity. So, I stand here to support the motion that, all roads should be upgraded. Thank you, very much.

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Hon. Musyoka.

**Hon. Mutinda:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I stand to support the motion that, all roads be graded and I think it is important that this House ensures that there are standards in the types of roads we are going to make because I think the County makes.....I do not know whether it makes or buys but if it makes, it has to make roads of a certain standard where there are culverts, where there are everything so that we do not go grading every year because if we grade every year and rains come, they just sweep but we can start their but then later we move to the standards ensuring that, culverts are put and the roads can last longer.

I think we have to come up with standards, we have to come up with drawings and designs through the CEC and the Chief Officer in roads and infrastructure so that once a road is made that money is not wasted.

I think it has to include the drifts because some roads you will find the roads can be made but once you get to the rivers there are no drifts. During rainy seasons, they are not passable, so we should be ensuring, if it is from my Ward to either Mwala or from my Ward to Muthetheni or

to Kibauni, as we cross to that other Ward or to that other place, they start continuity of the same road so that the roads continue to be passable and we make sure that they can last.

The other thing is, we have to ensure that, the grading, the normal grading is done in the heavy grading one because the other one which has been done and water is washing away the roads as if the roads are turning to be rivers. You go as you walk you find a road is getting deeper. So, it is turning to a river. We have to avoid that so that we can be seen to be trying to solve the problem. It is important that we have roads all over, it is important that roads, especially those that are leading to places like where we have sand harvesting, like my place, River Athi , there is some sand harvesting done there and other places where there are revenues.

I think there must be that regular maintenance of the roads because the frequency of use is high and if the frequency of use is high and the maintenance is not high, you will find the problem will not be easily solved so, some of these things we have to ensure that maintenance is either done after every rainy season, if we do not achieve the culverts and such so that we have good roads so that our people can transport their products to markets, we use good roads and by that way our County will have served our people.

The other thing is to have groups; this House ensures that the feeder roads are set for groups. The youth groups, the Kazi Kwa Vijana" such groups to be doing manual labor for the roads because not all roads can be graded through the use of graders. So, that those feeder roads we do them and our boys will get money and that way we will have solved the problem of unemployment in one way or another and we find our people are involved as much as we are doing development we find there is income generating on the process. Mr. Speaker, I beg to support. Thank you.

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Point of information.

**Hon. Mulatya:** Mr. Speaker, Sir, as I fully support this Motion, I would wish that the places whereby we have the quarries and sand harvesting be given the first priority before we consider other areas because this is where the County gets the revenue and the roads are impassable. Thank you.

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Hon. Member, was that a point of information to the Member or to the House?

**Hon. Mulatya:** To the House.

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** I thought you were contributing to the motion. Thank you.

**Hon. Mulatya:** Thank you.

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Hon. Mueni.

**Hon. (Ms.) Mueni:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir. Mine is to support the motion by saying that when the roads are bad, even the business is bad and the Mheshimiwa has brought the motion the right time. Roads are the ones that made the people who were in this House to go



home. Even I think some Members here do not reach to their houses or homes with the vehicles they come here with. Even you, Mr. Speaker, I have been telling you about my road which goes to my house and it is in your Ward.

*(Laughter)*

So, be very careful, those are some of the things which are very important. The roads are very important, it is like the food we eat every day in our houses because some women when they come here to go to their homes, they do not get to reach at their various homes and telling their men that they were in the market, it brings issues of trust---

*(Applause)*

So, I think the first thing is to make the roads of wards for members in this House so that the Members can come back. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Thank you, Hon. Mueni. It is indisputable that, yes you are in my Ward and point taken.

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Hon. Alice.

**Hon. (Ms.) Nzioka:** Asante Bw. Spika kwa kunipa nafasi. Nimesimama kuunga mkono mswada ambao Mheshimiwa King'ori amelele. Bw. Spika, kama vile ambavyo unajua, barabara ni sehemu moja ya miundo msingi katika Kaunti yetu. Sehemu kama Mlolongo/Syokimau, wodi kama Muthwani, ni sehemu ambao inalete raslimali nyingi katika Kaunti yetu.

Bw. Spika ningekuomba hivi karibuni kamati ya fedha itembee Syokimau/ Mlolongo mahali kuna kware ambazo kokoto inapatikana waone vile ambavyo kaunti yetu inapata pesa nyingi kutoka hapo. Bunge lililopita tulitembea sisi kama kamati muda ama shemu tu ya masaa matatu walikusanya milioni moja na pesa zingine zaidi. Hizo ni pesa ambazo zinafanya kaunti yetu kuwa kaunti maarufu, kaunti ambayo inaweza kufanyia watu wake kazi.

Bw. Spika hizo barabara hazipitiki hizo pesa kama kaunti hatuwezi pata. Ni vyema kama Kauntim, waekezaji ambao wanatuletea pesa pia nao wapate huduma bora. Itakuwa sisi tunafanya kazi ambayo sio nzuri kuokota pesa na hatupatiani huduma. Kwa hivyo ningeuomba wabunge wenzangu ata kama ingewezekana sisi kama bunge sehemu kama ya Syokimau /Mlolongo sehemu kama Muthwani, sehemu kama Masinga ya Kati twende muona mahali kaunti huwa inapata pesa.

Sehemu kama Masinga, changarawe inachukuliwa usiku mchana lakini mahali waekezaji wanapitisha magari yao kuokota mchanga, shida kubwa. Kwa hivyo mimi nimesimama kuunga mkono na sisi kama wabunge, kama mswada umeletwa kamati tekelezi ichukue nafasi na ichukue wakati mwafaka kuona yakwamba kwamba miswada yote ambayo tumeleta kwa bunge inatendeka.

Isiwe nikama wimbo tunaleta miswaada na hakuna jambo lolote ambalo linatendeka. Kwa hivyo nimeunga mkono kusema barabara zote za kaunti zitengenezwe na hasa sehemu ya Mlolongo /Syokimau, Muthwani na Masinga. Asante, Bw. Spika.

(Applause)

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Hon. Jeremiah.

**Hon. Munguti:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir, I stand here to support the motion and if I may say it has come at the right time as you have said we correct it or we amend it to be all the roads in the county. First, I would like to say this is a very nice motion and owing the fact that we collect a lot of revenue in Athi River, Muthwani and other parts of this county that all the roads with all due respect should be upgraded and due to that fact, I am also here to support the motion by also requesting this House if all the roads can be actually upgraded.

If you look at the road Muthetheni-Miu road from Masii, it feeds many people from Machakos to Kibauni that is the only nearest road that you can use and the road is impassable as we speak now. Now the rains are on all the vehicles are using alternative routes from Machakos to Wamunyu and you use the road to Kibauni. Reason being that the road is in a poor state. Also we have Mbaikini-Muthetheni Makueni road. A road which was made in 1985 and since then it has never been upgraded.

So, actually if I may request the House all these roads should be upgraded. I also had a very keen observation. One road in Muthetheni which traverses Muthetheni-Itithini Kithuia road all the way to Kalawa, when it rains like today, it has rained a lot of rain actually the roads are impassable.

All the vehicles which were using that road there is get stuck on that road and we want to hire trucks to come and scoop the mud. So, it is my humble request that all the roads be upgraded owing the fact that in this 21st Century of we are introducing the agri-business and in Muthetheni where actually it is like the Israel country where we have two rivers which criss-cross Muthetheni, we have Thwake and Miu river.

People have started cultivating or actually doing horticulture and all these cash crops are going into waste when it comes to the issue of transport. So, it is my plea that these roads be upgraded and let all the Hon. Members take these as a good initiative and come up with a plan. As I support this motion also I would like to say, like Hon. Musyoka has said, from Wamunyu Mutinda that some of these feeder roads actually should be considered to be done by our youth so that we may create employment for our youth.

Hon. Members I stand before this House to support this motion and request members to support it. Thank you.

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Okay. Hon. Kisini.

**Hon. Kisini:** I also do stand to support this motion and to congratulate the member who has brought this motion before the House. One of the things why I support is that, if you visit that area, it is so surrounded by black cotton soil and when the rains are there, they are impassable so it is my appeal that even instead of upgrading we tarmac those areas more specially the Muthwani ward and the Syokimau-Katani. We have witnessed and we know that it is one of the highest incomes where the county gets money and it is also good to reciprocate.

So, I want to say that it will be very good if as the member had requested and had done some mathematics that per lorry per month Ksh. 23 million per year. That is a very good income and that is only per lorry per toll. So it is also good we improve those tolls after we tarmac the roads so that we can also control the income which we get from those areas.

I also want to support what has been supported or has been brought by our Hon. Member, Kisila. We come up with a masterplan of all the roads because I know it was one of our campaigning tools in our manifestos and we see to it that in every ward roads are upgraded and maybe most of the materials or concrete which we used to develop those roads at our wards comes from that area. So, we come up with a master plan and we separate or we come up with those roads which are going to be tarmacked and those roads which are going to be upgraded and then I think and I know that in our main budget roads or roads department carries almost one third of our budget.

So I am requesting the chairman of budget to see to it that this budget is not only meant for the mere budget for the sake of it but it is implemented.

*(Applause)*

One third is big money and it is very good to see to it that we do not budget for the money and this money is not used to the relevant department or to the relevant fields. So, I am requesting the chairman finance and the chairman budget to see to it that whatever is budgeted goes to the right directed budget. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

*(Applause)*

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Hon. Kieti

**Hon. Kieti:** Thank Mr. Speaker, Sir. I also stand to support the motion that was brought by Hon. King'ori. One, I want to say that as we consider areas where we have the quarries, we come from areas where we have coffee farming and coffee farming is one of the areas where our citizens are getting income and also our county and therefore as we consider those areas with quarries, it is good that we consider all the roads within the county irrespective of where the road is because they are all serving the citizens of Machakos.

I would like to say that it is the roads are being graded, proper supervision is required because budgets have been done and the works are given to some individuals, the contractors, but when they get on the ground they just do very simple work done and the engineers certify that the work has been done. So, I know and I believe that a lot of money has been wasted on the roads just by the contractors who go grading our roads.

So, we need proper supervision so that any work that is been done is able to benefit the Mwananchi within the period before the next grading is done because some roads are done this grade season by the time we get to the next rain season the roads are impassable. The other thing is that where possible I support the idea of using our young men or ladies in preparation of these roads because the amount of money that can be spend or can be paid to a contractor is money that can be used to service about three roads.

So, in one road about 10 km which can be done by the grader, the money paid to the contractor for 10 km you may find that if we use the Kazi Kwa Vijana the same amount of money can be used to repair almost 100 km of our roads. So, I support the idea of Kazi Kwa Vijana when the budget is being prepared so that we do not relay mostly on the graders we also relay on manual work to save on the cost. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I support the motion.

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Hon. Fredrick.

**Hon. Mbuva:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I stand to support the motion and I think now the mover can move the motion because almost the whole house is in agreement of the motion.

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** I think I am going to have two more contributions and then after that I will request the mover to move the motion. Hon. Cosmus.

**Hon. Masesi:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. We are all aware that one of the key and major factors in consideration to any good business site is accessibility. Mr. Speaker, good roads will lead to low maintenance costs as pertaining the vehicles we have and also increase the income and more so the revenue collection law, Mr. Speaker, within our county.

Mr. Speaker, if I may say Kangundo to Nairobi highway road, although it lies with the National Government, Mr. Speaker, I wish that this county could play a role and talk to the National government and see how we can improve the state of that road, Mr. Speaker. Again my ward or my sub county Matungulu sub-county, we produce if not the best, it is among the best quality coffee we get within our country, Mr. Speaker.

Our roads are in a very pathetic state and there is anything, Mr. Speaker, this House could prioritize is working on the kinds of roads, Mr. Speaker, we have across our county. Mr. Speaker, I want to support the motion and more so the amendments to the same. I want to assure that as a chairman finance and revenue collection, we are fully up to the task and we will do what is necessary to make sure that revenue collection within our county, the updates are brought to this house timely. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Hon. Nick.

**Hon. Mutuku:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. First of all to support this motion and what Hon. Maitha said. It is extended to cover the all the roads in all the wards. Mr. Speaker, Sir, as I speak right now, this morning one of the roads in my ward was washed away in a place called in a place called Kwa Kisai and the pictures were taken by the residents and they have been shared in all the *whatsapp* groups in my ward. In fact I was forced to send one of my PAs with a jembe and a fork to try and be seen as to doing something on the road while I know very well he can do nothing.

*(Laughter)*

Mr. Speaker, Sir, I also request if the county government can have some emergency funds for such cases when such kind of emergencies happen and the road is not passable. If we can have a kitty which is readily available for such kind of emergency cases, I am sure there is a team for the roads being chaired by one of the Hon. Members, to come up with a kitty or a budget that can be used in such situations.

Also in my ward as you know is one of the key areas where we have sand harvesting. There is one road called Katangi-Kaliani road; many lorries come there to fetch the sand and of course they pay some genuine taxes to the County Government and that road as we speak right now, is impassable. I have been trying to look for a lorry because locals have already dung some murrum and they were asking me for a lorry to come and ferry the murrum from where they have

ding it to the main road and it was all not possible because when I check everywhere all the lorries have broken down and there is no fuel.

So, please Hon. Speaker, please let us treat this matter with the seriousness it deserves because many of the roads in the wards are impassable and those feeder roads when these problems happen, the MP says this is the work of the MCA he is only responsible for the National roads. So, I support the motion let us support these kind of roads. Thank you.

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Okay thank you, I know call upon the mover of the motion Hon. Kingori to reply.

**Hon. King'ori:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker, thank you members for responding very well to this motion. I want also to add that, yes we need upgrading of those roads, yes I agree totally but I also request the House to consider Muthwani as the first priority. The reason is people are laughing is because they do not know the urgency it needs to take tarmac or roads to Muthwani.

One, maybe in the next few days the people of Muthwani will have to block those roads so that they can be addressed. Why? They are not passable I can even show you pictures of how people are living in Muthwani during the rainy season and the dry season and that is why I did not include each and every ward because I know how hard those people living in Muthwani are feeling during the night and during the day because of those impassable roads which are used by 900 lorries daily.

I remember very well that if development doesn't come in Muthwani, maybe the next three month there will be no revenue in Machakos. Just let me ask you why; the roads now have trenches even the lorries themselves won't be running because of the way those roads are very pathetic. I would also want members to understand why I am saying this is because I live in Muthwani and I know how much we can gain if we can tarmac those roads that leads to those quarries.

There are 10 quarries in Muthwani, and no single murrum road or any road in Muthwani, there is no tarmac even a single kilometer and yet we collect millions from Muthwani ward. We support Machakos County for our development, we support Machakos County for your payslips to be read and yet in Muthwani we have no single not even a meter of tarmac. Those roads I am talking about, if I can show you pictures which have been sent by the community in that area you will know the difference between life and death because is either you live or get the services.

So now, members I request those who will be assigned this job to make sure or to see to it that they visit Muthwani to see it firsthand because this is urgent and it needs to be addressed as quickly as yesterday, not as possible as yesterday so when you talk about roads.

*(Applause)*

Mr. Speaker, I would request---

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Just a minute. Could we have order please in the House? Continue, Hon Member.

**Hon. King'ori:** I could request the committee on environment also to visit the area so that they can see what my people go through during the day and night because of those quarries

yet they don't have even somebody who cares apart from their MCA because I am here to request this House to see to it that those roads I have mentioned here are tarmacked.

*(Applause)*

Why? If we tarmac these roads we shall triple or make more money in this county that even we shall not even need the money that come from the national Government to support Machakos County because we have a lot of resources in Muthwani that support the whole of Kenya.

In fact, the tarmacs you are talking about, those materials comes from Muthwani and yet we do not have even a single tarmac road in Muthwani. Not even a kilometer of tarmac, that is very bad. In fact, this House should move at speed and visit Muthwani any day even today it just rained the other day, you can just see how people are living. In fact, you cannot drive in China road. Why? If you try you will also die there because it is now a sea of mud in Muthwani and I wonder is this what we call development. Is this what we call business?

If it is business of making money, these roads should be tarmacked so that we can save the people who live there and we can also earn ourselves. I would urge, Mr. Speaker, in order to know what we are talking about, we don't have to use the poverty in Muthwani to gain for the county. I would ask this House to guard the people of Muthwani because they need you, they cry for you, they think about you, they take you highly and they consider you very much that you will save them from the trauma they go daily.

I want this House to please, I beg, help the people of Muthwani, help those people, those young people who were born yesterday they need to know what their father do and they will ask you, the second parliament of this House. *Utasema nini?* How will you tell your people that the people of Muthwani---

*(Applause)*

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Point of order, Hon. Kisila.

**Hon. Kisila:** I think the member has exceeded his 10 minutes and I think we need to close, please.

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Continue, Hon. King'ori you may conclude. Point of order.

**Hon. Masesi:** Mr. Speaker, I think we made some amendments to that motion. I wish the Hon. Member can stick to the amendments made to the motion.

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Hon. Masesi, I think it is quite in order for the member to emphasize on his road as you emphasize for the entire county. So, I would like to request the Hon. Member to go ahead and conclude in the essence of time please. Hon. King'ori.

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Hon. Mueni. What is the point of order?

**Hon. (Ms.) Mueni:** Mr. Speaker I think you have heard the member; he is crying. Why give him more time to continue talking?

*(Laughter)*

Why can't you release these people of this House, the committee of finance, tomorrow go there?

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Hon. Mueni, I don't think you were standing on a point of order. I don't think that is a point of order. I think you are out of order, Hon. Mueni to accuse the other member of crying. It is out of order.

**Hon. (Ms.) Mueni:** I am considering him I am crying even with him.

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Hon. Mueni, I have said it is out of order.

**Hon. (Ms.) Mueni:** Yes.

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Continue, Hon. King'ori and conclude please.

**Hon. King'ori:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I know and I believe this House will do what is responsible for it and also the executive itself because it also belongs to Machakos County and it is also part of Kenya; please consider us the people of Muthwani. Lastly, Mr. Speaker, I would also ask the chairman of environment to stand firm to those quarries so that they can also do their responsible duties of giving back to the society which had been enacted in law by this House in 2016.

There is no school in Muthwani and people are gaining from us. Yes, they get money, yes it is their right but they have a social responsibility to give back to the society. There is no single school, no single school coming from---

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Hon. Member, I think you stick to the motion please.

**Hon. King'ori:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I beg to withdraw. Now about roads.

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Hon. King'ori, I said please conclude because in the essence of time you have exceeded your time please. Thank you.

**Hon. King'ori:** I also thank these members now. I want to conclude now. I want to thank you members and I know your speaker will do what is right and members will do what is right. Thank you.

*(Applause)*

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Thank you, Hon. King'ori, for your contributions and for moving that motion. I now put the question.

*(Question put and agreed)*

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** This motion is now committed to the committee on transport and public works for further consideration after its approval by the House the committee should report to the house by 30th November, 2017 at 2.30 p.m.

*(Applause)*

### **ADJOURNMENT**

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** The House now adjourns to Wednesday, 8th November, 2017 at 10.00 a.m.

The House rose at 3.41 p.m.