

REPUBLIC OF KENYA
MACHAKOS COUNTY ASSEMBLY

OFFICIAL REPORT

Wednesday, 16th February, 2022

The House met at 10.43 a.m.

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

PRAYERS

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR
VISITING DELGATION FROM KITENGELA INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Good morning, Hon. Members. Before we proceed, today we have visitors, with us. We have Kitengela international school here in the Assembly led by Mr. James Munyao who is the Deputy Head teacher of the school. We have students of class Four and Five; about 50 students they are studying social studies and social studies class 8 and environmental care and then we also have some teachers accompanying them. Good morning.

We are more than joyed to welcome you to the County Assembly of Machakos.

(Applause)

I am also made aware we do have Eugene, is Eugene Mutuku there with us? So how many groups do we have? Two? I understand we have two groups; we will start with this one. I would like to request Hon. Daniel Mbevi may be you could just stand up and welcome your students under that order number Communication so that they can feel welcome by one from that specific Sub-county. I think you are the only one who is nearer there, *karibu*.

Hon. Mbevi: Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

Hon. Kiilu: Point of order Hon. Speaker.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Point of order from Hon. Kiillu.

Hon. Kiilu: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I can see the students are straining to see their Hon. Member; with you permission can you allow him to come in front.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Feel free. Hon. Mbevi, come and use the dispatch box.

Hon. Mbevi: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, for giving me this opportunity to welcome our young ones from Kitengela and I take this opportunity to welcome all of you. It is very good that

you have come to see what we do here. I happen to know one of your students, *karibu sana*. So I take this opportunity to welcome you to our today's deliberation, feel free, ask questions, learn more because you are the future leaders. So I take this opportunity to welcome you, welcome and feel honored. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

(Applause)

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

PAPER LAID

REPORT ON IMPLEMENTATION STATUS OF THE MACHAKOS COUNTY AGRICULTURAL TRAINING CENTRE (ATC)

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Members, we have one Paper to be laid by Hon. Fredrick Muthoka and on his behalf Hon. Justus Kiteng'u will lay the Paper.

Hon. Kiteng'u: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. Hon. Speaker, I beg to lay on the Table of the Assembly today, Wednesday, the 16th day of February, 2022 the report of Implementation Committee on Implementation status of the Machakos County Agricultural Training Centre (ATC). Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Justus Kiteng'u, for laying that Paper and I would like to appeal to the Table Clerk; I want these documents to be reviewed before they come to the table of the House. I do not want to see documents coming here with mistakes which inconvenience the Hon. Member when he is reading because I thank him for being sharp enough to realize that today is Wednesday. The table Office is still on Tuesday you need to move to Wednesday.

NOTICE OF MOTION

REPORT ON IMPLEMENTATION STATUS OF THE MACHAKOS COUNTY AGRICULTURAL TRAINING CENTRE (ATC)

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Again Hon. Members, under this order, we have one notice of motion to be moved again by the Hon. Justus Kiteng'u, Deputy Majority Leader.

Hon. Kiteng'u: Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

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

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

Noting that Standing Order 188(2) and (3) mandates the Committee on Implementation to do the following:

1. Scrutinize the resolutions of the Assembly (including adopted committee reports), petitions and the undertakings given by the County Executive Committee and examine—
 - (a) Whether or not such decisions and undertakings have been implemented and where implemented, the extent to which they have been implemented; and whether such implementation has taken place within the minimum time necessary; and
 - (b) Whether or not legislation passed by the Assembly has been operationalized and where operationalized, the extent to which such operationalization has taken place within the minimum time necessary”.
2. The Committee may propose to the Assembly, sanctions against any member of the County Executive Committee who fails to report to the relevant select Committee on implementation status without justifiable reasons.

Acknowledging that in executing its mandate, the Committee requested for information from the Department of Agriculture, Livestock and food security on the implementation status of the Machakos County Agricultural Training Centre (ATC);

Further aware that the Committee invited the Chief Officer for the relevant department to a Committee meeting and discussed the implementation status as it was recommended by the Committee on Agriculture.

Hon. Speaker, I wish to give notice of motion that this Hon. House discusses and approves the report of Committee on Implementation on the Implementation Status of the Machakos County Agricultural Training Centre (ATC).

Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I call upon---

Hon. Deputy Speaker: It is okay; that is just a notice of motion.

STATEMENT SOUGHT
REPORT ON KENYA ROADS BOARD (KRB) PROJECTS
DONE BY THE DEPARTMENT FROM 2018 TO 2022

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

Hon. Muendo: Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

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

Hon. Speaker, acknowledging that there is established Kenya Roads Board (KRB) a State Corporation established under KRB Act No.7, of 1999 that administers the Road Maintenance Levy Fund and thereby finances maintenance of roads through various agencies including County Governments.

Further aware that our County Government has been receiving allocations from the Kenya Roads Board pursuant to County Allocation of Revenue Act, 2017.

Hon. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 41, I wish to seek the following Statement from the Chairperson, Transport, Roads, Housing and Public Works Committee;

A report on the KRB projects done by the Department from 2018 to 2022 indicating the following;

- a) Contract number.
- b) Name of the contractor.
- c) Contract description.
- d) Contract sum.
- e) Ward in which the project is located.

Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you very much, Hon. Muendo, the Majority Leader of the House. Hon. Members, this is a Statement and as always as is custom of the House when a Statement of this nature comes before the floor of the House, the Chair gives Members to input on it before it is committed to the relevant committee. Do we have Hon. Member who would like to discuss on the same? Hon. Moses Mitaa

Hon. Mitaa: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I also want to applaud the students from Kitengela International School for coming to be with us. I want to applaud the teachers for their leadership and showing the students how they can improve and manage matters related to their future.

Hon. Speaker, I want to thank the Majority Leader, Hon. Mark Muendo for seeking this Statement. However, there is a similarity on a Statement I sought in 2019 and now that the Chairman is in this House and the Committee Members, I would request as they respond, they can as well update the House on how far they have gone with the Statement that I sought. If possible the two Statements can be combined and we get feedback as soon as possible. Thank you.

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

Hon. Ndawa: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to welcome our visitors today; these are the leaders who will proceed from where we are going to reach. I wish to tell that this is the highest decision-making organ in Machakos.

Mr. Speaker, on the matter before the House, the Statement is okay and there is urgent need for us to get the information because if a project was done, it will be prudent for that information to be provided so that the particular Member of that ward can confirm and say whether the project exists or it is just on paper.

The only challenge with the Statement is that we are seeking answers from the Chairperson of Transport and Roads and that MCA may not have all the information. I think the best way is to invite those manning the department be invited to the General Oversight Committee so that they can shed light because if we rely on the information we are going to be

getting from the Chairperson, that will be secondary information. We need to get firsthand information which can only be gotten from the department. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Judas Ndawa. Hon. Johana Munyao.

Hon. Munyao: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I want to support the Statement because it is timely, it comes at a time when we are transiting from KRB funds as a conditional grant to it being part of the equalization fund and it is important we get a trace of how the fund was utilized and the distribution of projects across the County so that we are sure that with the new arrangement of the same fund, we are sure that going forward things will be done in the right manner.

Mr. Speaker, seeking the Statement, we are also rehearsing because as proposed in the BBI which is being worked on, we expected CECMs in future to be drawn from this Assembly and Statements will be sought from amongst ourselves and it is the high time we started rehearsing on how to respond to such Statements when they are sought.

Mr. Speaker, it is important we get a clear report and the format of the Statement to me is the best. We want to know the projects done, their location, the amounts and the status of payment. Could they be forming part of the pending bills or have cleared with the contractors who did the projects. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Johana. Hon. Justus Kiteng'u.

Hon. Kiteng'u: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I would like to thank the Hon. Majority Leader for seeking this Statement and being a Member of the Transport Committee, I can say we have been doing our best seeking the Statement to know the procedures of KRB---

Hon. Deputy Speaker: This Statement is actually seeking a list of the contractors which have been done.

Hon. Kiteng'u: Yes, Mr. Speaker. Actually we have been trying to seek all these information from the department and we have been getting minimal information. I will defend my Chair on that because we always, through our Clerk Assistants, write to the departments and they give very minimal information. My take is, as you give the directive on the Statement, it is the high time as Members we make sure each and every Committee has the right information on whatever is happening because I understand that the last KRB which was awarded in 2020/2021 and the distribution of the projects was poorly done. I understand the amount was not distributed to the 40 wards but to less than 14 wards.

As you can see, one project was being given for Ksh. 18 million and another Ksh. 3 million depending on the ward. No matter little the money is, next time we will urge the Executive to try and distribute to all the wards equally. I understand in some wards, the roads are in pathetic situation as we seek information from Executive, as a House, we also need to give the guidance that distribution of the resources not matter where the money is coming from is very important and they should distribute to all the wards so that we have equitable distribution of resources. I support the Statement and it should be directed to the department of Roads and Transport. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you. Hon. Musau

Hon. Musau: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I wish to thank Hon. Muendo for seeking such a Statement. With your approval, I wish to seek an amendment of the same to include the level of implementation of the projects; to what percentage they have been done because Mr. Speaker, in my ward up to day there is a project that is incomplete and I think the same may be happening on other wards. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Musau. Hon. Thomas Mutinda.

Hon. Mutinda: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I will start by welcoming the group from Kitengela International School and urge them to start developing appetite for leadership at this stage and welcome them as we go on. Mr. Speaker, I want to thank the Majority Leader for seeking the Statement and say it is important we know whether the rules of KRB changed. Previously, there was the issue of having projects which impact and that was the guideline from KRB board and now once you see the one for the current year, projects where of less than Ksh. 3 million. It should enquired on so as to know whether their rules changed or what is happening because a project in roads for less than Ksh. 3 million is a very small project. Therefore that should be made clear to this House.

Mr. Speaker, there are the projects which have been done; the standards should be checked. There are places where murram has been put but after a year or two the murram is again no more. Those are issues which should be coming clear because we might have done a project two or three years and it is no more. So the standards would be checked to see whether we are giving our people value for money. Like now, the issue of roads in Machakos is a problem and it so much should be unearthed to know what the problem is. The Department of roads is given over a billion and what is translating down to the wards is very little.

So far we only have the Ksh. 3 million projects and nothing more and if you multiply that by the 40 wards, that is Ksh. 120 million, but the Department has over Ksh. 1 billion funds. So, where is the other money going and I also know it is the Department which takes care of infrastructure and offices but in this era where we are working with computers it is not the right time to be doing buildings vigorously. A lot should come clear to this House so that we can see a way forward and again, do more of what impacts our people. Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you. Hon. Pauline Mene.

Hon. (Ms.) Mene: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Kitengela International School welcome to the Assembly I noticed you when you were coming in and you were very smart and I noticed it is a mixed school and I want to encourage the girls that we have gone ahead of you, we have made it and so you can make it. Mr. Speaker, on the subject that is on the floor of the House, I wish to request you as the Chair because I saw the other day when we had the committee of the whole, it bore fruits.

I am in the transport committee and that Statement was once sought and we got very minimal information from the CECM. Now it has been sought again and I do not think we will get any information but I saw that when we had the General Oversight Committee, we got quite substantial information from the CECM so I would request that probably we should hold

a General Oversight Committee and address the issue on the floor of the House. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you very much, Hon. Pauline Mene. I would like to call the Chairperson Hon. Mbevi whose committee it will be directed to. So maybe you just comment on it before I commit it. Hon. Daniel.

Hon. Mbevi: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In fact, I just wanted to appear as Chair but what I wanted to say has been said by Hon. Mene. In fact, this Statement was sought and with the minimal information that we got from the Executive I wish the same that as we wait for your directions Mr. Speaker, my humble request is if the direction could get to the General Oversight Committee because that is the only way and where we can discuss these matters because it cuts across all the wards. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Chairperson for transport committee. Hon. Members, I thank you, for the contribution you have made towards this Statement. It is important again to make a summary as to what the Hon. Johanna Munyao has said that this is the first year when we do not have KRB but KRB has been absorbed in equitable share so it comes as part of equitable share and therefore, it is only prudent to have an exit audit whereby we are able to see or be able to gauge information on how the fund operated during the time when it was in existence in the Second Assembly.

So we are talking of the projects which were awarded from 2017 up to 2022 under the KRB process. I therefore, direct that this Statement be responded to..... first of all, it is committed to the General Oversight Committee---

(Applause)

The General Oversight Committee is going to be chaired by the Hon. Speaker of this House. We would like the Statement to be forwarded to the CECM in charge of transport and the Chief Officer in charge of that department to appear before the General Oversight Committee in the next 14 day so that they can be able to provide the information sought by the Hon. Members and also answer any questions which the Hon. Members might have.

It should be clear on the.....I am addressing the Table Clerks that the issues that are being sought there are a tabulation of all projects which have been undertaken by the Kenya Roads Board from 2017 to 2022 indicating the information which has been requested by the Hon. Member.

- a) The contract number.
- b) The name of the contractor.
- c) The contract description.
- d) The contract sum.
- e) The contract sum.
- f) The ward in which the project is allocated.

There is a Hon. Member who said they need to also provide the status of the implementation and that needs to be included in the letter which I need to see before it goes. I would also request the Hon. Members of this Hon. House to furnish the Clerk Assistant of the

transport committee with the projects which have been undertaken by KRB in your ward so that we also have our own data base here directly from the Hon. Members which we shall use to compare against whatever information that the Executive is going to provide to the General Oversight Committee.

So my request is that you send a message to all Members of this Hon. House to furnish the Clerk Assistant to the transport committee a list of KRB projects which have been undertaken in their ward and the status of completion. There is an issue which I do not want to forget, I have just seen it here. On the status of payments for all of them, ensure we get to know the status of payments whether all of them have been paid but believe you me one thing which will come out of this as you will see when we meet here KRB are always paid. It is very difficult to get a pending bill under KRB because of what you will see under the list of items to be provided here. Thank you very much.

MOTION

REPORT ON THE PUBLIC FINANCE MANAGEMENT (MACHAKOS COUNTY EMERGENCY FUND) REGULATIONS, 2021

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Members, under this Order, we have one business to be transacted by the Hon. Patrick Kituku who is the Chairperson of the Delegated County legislation Committee or in his absence Hon. Kieti I understand will hold brief for Hon. Patrick Kituku. Hon. Cosmas Kieti.

Hon. Kieti: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I am standing in for Hon. Kituku.

Hon. Speaker, that aware that Article 94(5) of the Constitution provides that no person or body, other than Parliament, has the power to make provision having the force of law in Kenya except under authority conferred by this Constitution or by legislation;

Further aware that Article 95(6) of the Constitution provides that an Act of Parliament, or legislation of a county, that confers on any State organ, State officer or person the authority to make provision having the force of law in Kenya, as contemplated in Clause (5), shall expressly specify the purpose and objectives for which that authority is conferred, the limits of the authority, the nature and scope of the law that may be made, and the principles and standards applicable to the law made under the authority;

Acknowledging that the Public Finance Management (Machakos County Emergency Fund) Regulations, 2021, were published in the Kenya Gazette vide Legal Notice No. 18 of 2012 and submitted to the Clerk of the County Assembly for consideration in line with section 11 of the Statutory Instruments Act, 2013;

Cognizant that the Regulations seek to establish an efficient institutional framework for the management of disasters and emergencies as well as facilitate and co-ordinate the development and implementation of an integrated disaster preparedness and emergency management system in the county;

I wish to move the motion THAT this Hon. House discusses and approves the committee report on Delegated County Legislation on consideration of the Public Finance Management (Machakos County Emergency Fund) Regulations, 2021.

I wish to call upon Hon. Nzomo to second the motion.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Musyimi.

Hon. Musyimi: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I do second the motion.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you, very much Hon. Kieti. You may read the report and I would suggest that Members have the report with them and therefore, you will read the composition of the committee and then I would request you move on to No. 7 which is implementation status of the report on status of agricultural training center. We start from page 7 going forward. I think that is okay on that report because it only has about 10 pages from there so read the committee membership and then you start from No. 7.

Hon. Kieti: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Before I continue let me also welcome Kitengela International School and encourage the boys because Hon. Pauline encourage the girls. The boy child is always forgotten and as a father I also want to encourage the boys to work hard. God created man and made the woman out of the man and you are the leaders of tomorrow so feel welcome.

(Applause)

Hon. Speaker, this is the report of the select Committee on Delegated County Legislation on consideration of the Public Finance Management (Machakos County Emergency Fund) Regulations 2021.

1.2 COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

Hon. Speaker, the Committee membership comprises:

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| 1. Hon. Patrick Kituku | - Chairperson |
| 2. Hon. George Kingori | - Vice Chairperson |
| 3. Hon. Pauline Munguti | Member |
| 4. Hon. Josphat Kasyoki | “ |
| 5. Hon. Cosmas Kieti | “ |
| 6. Hon. Daniel Kiilu | “ |
| 7. Hon. Stephen Mwanthi | “ |
| 8. Hon. Daniel Mbevi | “ |
| 9. Hon. Thomas Mutinda | “ |
| 10. Hon. John Nzomo Musyimi | “ |
| 11. Hon. Margaret Mbithi | “ |
| 12. Hon. Ikusya Kaloki | “ |
| 13. Hon. Constance Mbula | “ |

1.3 Committee Secretariat

The Secretariat facilitating the Committee comprises-

1. Ms. Sarah Mwanja (Clerk Assistant)
2. Ms. Faith Kilonzo (Clerk Assistant)
3. Mr. Joseph Mutiso (Hansard Reporter)
4. Mr. Joel Kiptum (Serjeant at Arms)

Hon. Speaker, with your guidance---

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Just go ahead.

Hon. Kieti: With your guidance, as you have said the report has 18 Regulations and since the Members have the report with them, I will go straight TOo page 7. I think all the regulations are well outlined upto the 18th one on page seven.

3.0 COMMITTEES OBSERVATIONS

The committee examined the Machakos County Emergency Fund regulations, 2021 against the Constitution of Kenya, the Public Finance Management Act, 2012 and the Statutory Instruments Act, 2013 and made the following observations:

1. Statutory timelines that were published in the Gazete as required hence within the statutory timelines as contemplated under Section 11(1) of the Statutory Instruments Act, 2013

CONSULTATIONS AND PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

That Article 10 and 118 of the Constitution, Section 5(a) and the Schedule to the Statutory Instruments Act, 2013 requires the Regulation-making authority to conduct public participation and sufficient consultations with the stakeholders and persons likely to be affected by the Regulations and this was demonstrated.

REGULATORY IMPACT STATEMENT

The Regulations do not require a Regulatory Impact Statement within the meaning of Section 6, 7 and 8 of the Statutory Instruments Act, 2013 as they are not likely to impose significant cost on the community.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Hon. Speaker, having examined the Machakos County Emergency Fund Regulations, 2021 against the Constitution of Kenya, the Public Finance Management Act, 2012 and the Statutory Instruments Act, 2013, the Committee recommends that the House approves the said Statutory Instruments in accordance with Section 110(1) of the Public Finance Management Act, 2012.

Hon. Speaker, it is therefore my privilege, on behalf of Delegated County Legislation committee to table this report for consideration and adoption. Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

(Applause)

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

(Question proposed)

Hon. Members, you may debate on these Regulations. Hon. Moses Mitaa.

Hon. Mitaa: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I first want to applaud the committee on Delegated County Legislation for tabling this report before the House for approval. Hon.

Speaker, as you can see these Regulations were published on Kenya Gazette No. 18 of 2012 and again submitted to the Clerk County Assembly for consideration in line with Section 11 of the Statutory Instruments Act, 2013. Hon Speaker, it is unfortunate that since this time, Machakos County has not approved these Regulations and we have been victims of emergencies.

Our residents have frequently suffered from erratic weather conditions; we have experienced floods, we have experienced disasters related to fire especially in areas around Mavoko/Mlolongo that area, we have also experienced drought. Recently we had invasion by locusts and it is only through enactment of these Regulations that the County Government, through the Executive, can access these funds this year after year have been allocated in the budget but it could not be utilized.

It is unfortunate that our people have been suffering on a very important law which would have been taken into consideration and with the seriousness it deserves and has it implemented. So it is on that point that I want to thank the Committee for seeing it good to cushion our people the difficulties they encounter whenever emergencies occur. Hon. Speaker, I call upon my colleagues to see the need on approving these Regulations so that also the Executive can move with speed and implement on the same because I want to state from an experience.

Even right now we have an issue which is ongoing in our county and as Chair of Agriculture Committee, we have areas where there is fall of Africa army worms and we are finding it hard to purchase pesticide, we are finding it hard to access funds to help our farmers and as you know the food in our farms is not yet ready for harvesting and these army worms are really creating a lot of damage especially on maize. So, if these regulations were in force the department of agriculture would have easily applied for funds which would have been used on trying to help our farmers get out of the problem.

Hon. Speaker, again we had floods, I am a victim in my ward. In December, 2021 when there was a lot of rains, we have some houses which actually were destroyed by floods and we find the residents could not do anything. They wanted our help as a County Government and as long as they kept on calling and seeking assistance, again we could not help them neither we could purchase blankets or food. There is a lot which these funds can help and now that the money has been allocated in the budget, I find it good that we champion for full implementation of these Regulations. Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

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

Hon. Mbevi: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am a member of this committee and I think if I may comment on this issue, my area is the most affected area in Mlolongo because of the construction of the *mabati* houses which are all over in Mlolongo and I would wish if this is implemented because as we talk now, many people have been rendered to actually lose a lot of money and also subjected to auction because if a *mabati* house burns and in Mlolongo we use them as shops to do our business, once they catch fire, many people lose their properties and they are surrendered to auction because some of them depend on small loans and you find that if there is nothing to cushion their lives after the fire, they are rendered into a very difficult situation.

Actually, before Christmas, we had one investor whose plot got burnt and he had over ten tenants who had put their businesses there. It got burnt and I even went ahead and contacted our Deputy Governor and he could not help. So it could be very well if this is implemented and that money put into use to get our people getting the support of that fund. So I wish to support that

and probably plead with the authority that is concerned to ensure that they approve the funds. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Daniel. Could the mover of the motion, Hon Kieti respond?

Hon. Kieti: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I want to thank Members for their contribution and it is my wish that we are going to approve this motion so that these Regulations come in force so that our people do not continue suffering. Mr. Speaker, we have experienced so many disasters as Hon. Mitaa has cited including landslides which have killed and destroyed property and this has caused a lot of harm to our people and even at the moment we are also experiencing Covid-19 which was not expected when it came in sometimes 2020 and since there was no kitty to cater for such kind of an occurrence, I think the County Government found it hard to handle Covid-19 when it first came.

So having an emergency kitty will help a lot in case of any disaster or any happening that is likely to affect the residents in our County and also to affect the property in our County. We have looked at all the Regulations, they are in order and there is nothing that should scare us from approving this report on county emergency funds. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

(Question put and agreed to)

(Applause)

Hon. Members, you have now approved the Regulations which are now going to be forwarded to the CECM in charge of finance for implementation. This means therefore that effective the next budget which we are doing now for 2022/2023; the emergency funds kitty should have funds in it because right now the House has approved the Regulations which were being waited for. A Hon. Member here has actually highlighted a very important thing that those Regulations were forwarded since 2013 and gazetted 2012 and 2013 and since then they have not been implemented.

What that tells you is that there might have been some push back on trying to implement this very critical fund because without an emergency kitty then if you don't plan then you plan to fail. If we get any emergency whatsoever we have been actually grappling in the dark and I now hope that with this House having established these Regulations, Machakos County in as far as emergency preparedness is concerned, is going to be in better state.

ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Deputy Speaker: With that Hon. Members, the House is adjourned to resume again on Wednesday, the 16th February, 2022 at 2.30 p.m. Thank you, Hon. Members.

The House rose at 11.40 a.m.

