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COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF MACHAKOS
OFFICIAL REPORT

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The House met at 11.32 a.m.

[The Speaker (Hon. (Mrs.) Kiusya) in the Chair]

PRAYERS

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR
ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSONS AND
VICE CHAIRPERSONS OF NEW COMMITTEES

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Members, you recall that yesterday, 15th November, 2022 you did approve a report of the Selection Committee on appointment of Members to serve in the Water and Irrigation Committee and Decentralized Units and County Administration committee. These committees have this morning met and pursuant to Standing Order 159 elected the following:

1. Water and Irrigation Committee

a) Hon. Daniel Muindi - Chairperson

(Applause)

b) Hon. Winfred Mutua - Vice Chairperson

(Applause)

2. Decentralized Units and County Administration committee.

a) Hon. Brian Kisila - Chairperson

(Applause)

b) Hon. Joseph Mulinge - Vice Chairperson

(Applause)

I take this opportunity to wish them well as they discharge their duties of the offices they have been elected to serve. Thank you, Hon. Members.

PAPER LAID

REPORT ON PUBLIC FINANCE MANAGEMENT (MACHAKOS COUNTY
GOVERNMENT EXECUTIVE STAFF CAR AND MORTGAGE FUND) REGULATIONS, 2022

Hon. Speaker: May I request Hon. Francis Ngunga to proceed and lay the Paper.

Hon. Francis Ngunga (Mua, MCCC): Good Morning Members and thank you, Madam Speaker, for the opportunity. I stand before the Hon. House today to lay the following Paper on the Table of the House today Wednesday, the 16th day of November 2022; Delegated County Legislation Committee Report on consideration of Public Finance Management (Machakos County Government Executive staff car and mortgage fund) Regulations, 2022. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Ngunga.

(The Paper was laid on the Table)

NOTICES OF MOTIONS
MACHAKOS COUNTY GOVERNMENT EXECUTIVE STAFF
CAR AND MORTGAGE FUND REGULATIONS, 2022

Hon. Speaker: May I proceed again to ask Hon. Francis Ngunga to proceed and give your notice of motion.

Hon. Francis Ngunga (Mua, MCCC):

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 Government Executive staff car and mortgage fund) Regulations, 2022 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 provide financing for the purchase, construction or development of a residential property and for the purchase of private cars by qualifying members of the Machakos County public service staff and employees;

Hon. Speaker, I wish to give notice of motion that pursuant to the Standing Order No. 189B, this honorable House approves Delegated County Legislation Committee report on consideration of the Public Finance Management which

are to be read as Machakos County Government Executive staff car and mortgage fund Regulations, 2022.

Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Francis Ngunga. May I also request Hon. Stephen Mwanthi, the Deputy Speaker to proceed and make the notice of motion?

REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO COMPILE A REPORT
FOR PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO STANDING ORDERS

Hon. Stephen Mwanthi (Ekalakala, WDM-K): Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker, that aware that the Procedure and Rules Committee as established in Standing Order 187 is mandated to consider and report on all matters relating to Standing Orders;

Aware that pursuant to Standing Order 227(1), the Committee via a letter dated 31st October, 2022 received a request for proposed amendments from Hon. Anne Ndilo which was tabled before the Committee, the following day on 1st November, 2022;

Aware that alongside the said request the Committee had another urgent business on proposed amendments which it was still considering for tabling in the House the following week;

Informed that pursuant to Standing Order 227(4), the Procedure and House Rules Committee after receipt of a request for amendments is required to report to the House within 21 days;

Noting that the stated timelines for the request of proposed amendments for Hon. Anne Ndilo will expire on Monday 21st November, 2022 and the Committee has not completed compiling a report following its busy schedule;

Hon. Speaker, I wish to give notice of the Motion that this House approves that the Procedure and Rules Committee be granted extra 21 days to finalize the report for tabling in the House as provided in Standing Order 227(4).

Thank you, Madam Speaker.

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

MOTIONS
EQUIPPING MATUU LEVEL IV HOSPITAL
WITH ESSENTIAL FACILITIES

Hon. Speaker: May I invite Hon. Judas Ndawa to proceed and move the motion.

Hon. Mbili Ndawa (Matuu, M CCP): Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker THAT aware that one of the objects of devolutions pursuant to Article 174(f) of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010 is “to promote social and economic development and the provision of proximate, easily accessible services throughout Kenya;”

Aware that the Fourth Schedule of the same Constitution mandates County Governments with matters of County Health facilities, promotion of primary health care and funeral parlors;

Hon. Speaker, cognizant of the fact that Matuu Level IV Hospital serves the residents of lower Mwala, Yatta and Masinga Sub-Counties hence a large catchment area;

Aware that all the victims of accidents along Thika-Garissa Highway and Kanyoonyoo-Embu road are first attended to at Matuu Level IV Hospital before they are referred elsewhere if there is need for such referral;

Further aware that the hospital lacks key essential facilities like an ICU unit, CT scan machine, Oxygen Plant, Casualty wing and Mortuary to be able to efficiently attend to the population;

Hon. Speaker, I wish to move the motion THAT this house approves that the County Government of Machakos sets aside funds to equip Matuu Level IV Hospital with:

1. A modern ICU with 4 to 5 bed capacity;
2. CT scan Machine;
3. Installation of Oxygen Plant and piping be done to the ICU, Maternity, Pediatric Ward, medical wards and Out Patient Department;
4. Modern Casualty wing with 15 to 20 modern beds; and
5. Completion of the mortuary.

Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I would wish to call upon Hon. Dominic from Muthwani to second my motion.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Ndawa.

Hon. Dominic Maitha (Muthwani, WDM-K): A big thumps up to the minority leader for this noble move of moving a motion that is basically meant to save lives. I stand here as a living testimony of the presence of the above facilities in a private hospital that saved my life three weeks ago. If it was not for the oxygen that was supplied to me immediately I got into that hospital, Madam Speaker, maybe it would be otherwise. I am imagining a situation whereby a hospital in such a location is missing the same Madam Speaker, it is a big disconnect and I wish to applaud the Hon. Minority Leader for coming up with such a live saving motion that is going to impact the lives of so many people and so many Kenyans in his ward.

I support the motion 100 percent and the soonest a supplementary budget can be brought to this House we are going to approve that budget so that the following can be achieved to continue saving lives. I second the motion in totality. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

(Applause)

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Mheshimiwa Dominic.

(Question proposed)

The floor is yours Members. Majority Leader?

Hon. Nicholas Nzioka (Machakos Central, WDM-K): Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise to support the motion by Hon. Judas Ndawa, the Minority Leader. Health is a universal right for everybody and equipping Matuu Level IV hospital with this ICU and attendant equipment, I take it that we are creating a regional level IV hospital because the Hon. Member has indicated it will serve lower Mwala, Yatta and Masinga. It is already very expensive to access medical health care. The people from these Sub-Counties are forced to travel to Machakos Level V to access medical care.

We will have lessened the burden for a lot of people as well as decongesting the Machakos Level V so the people of these three sub-counties will have an advantage of accessing cheaper government services. Secondly, the hospital lies in a very busy highway and people are losing lives because they have to be transported either to Machakos Level V hospital or to Thika. With this modern facility, we will be saving lives and also saving the county a lot of money in ambulance services. I would like to support and also request that in future, Matuu Level IV be upgraded to a Level V hospital. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

(Applause)

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Member. Hon. Kavyu.

Hon. Francis Kavyu (Kinanie, M CCP): Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise to support the motion on the basis of that if the activities that the Hon. Member is requesting effected in the above said facility, that would be a live saving exercise because most people die on transit to Machakos Level V for services that if were available at Matuu Level IV, more lives would be saved. For instance, if you are taken to Matuu Level IV and you require simple service like a CT Scan, you are transported all the way to Machakos Level V for that services then you are taken back for treatment at Level IV.

Equipping the facility will save cost in terms of ambulance services because most of them are transported with the county ambulances. So that will save some cost and also will relieve the ambulances so that they can respond to critical emergencies owing to the matter that the Thika-Garissa highway is normally very busy and sometimes there are fatal accidents that happen so we wish to support his so that the people of Masinga, Yatta and Mwala and to some extent all those who get accidents along Garissa highway can get quick service and also the people of those sub-counties can also feel the impact of devolution and health being one of those services. I support the motion.

(Applause)

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Mheshimiwa Kavyu. Mheshimiwa 001 Katangi.

Hon. Felix Ngui (Katangi, WDM-K): Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise to support this motion. I happen to come from Yatta Sub-County where we have Matuu Level IV hospital and I wish to confirm that during the Covid-19 pandemic, we lost so many lives because of lack of oxygen and this is the only hospital that we have in that Sub-County and I want to thank the Minority Leader for bringing such a motion.

Madam Speaker, the essence of devolution in the Constitution promulgated in 2010 was to bring services close to *wananchi* and it is warranting that 10 years down the line, these services have not come close to *wananchi*. So this motion is timely and I support that this hospital be equipped with these facilities so that we continue saving the lives of our people and we get services closer to *wananchi*. With that Madam Speaker, I support with the recommendation that the CECM in charge of health should move with speed and make sure that this is done within the shortest time possible. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

(Applause)

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Member. Hon. Francis Ngunga.

Hon. Francis Ngunga (Mua, MCCC): Thank you, Madam Speaker, and thank you, Hon. Mbili for finding it fit that you bring to the attention of the House the state of Matuu Level IV hospital that looks like it is in dire need of attention. Madam Speaker, I want to look at this motion in a different angle because when you look at Matuu Level IV hospital, you should not be looking at it in isolation. I am looking at the Level IV hospitals in our County to be lacking the same facilities.

So, Madam Speaker, if we are to make a lot of sense in terms of helping our people, I would be asking the mover of the motion if it will possible to expand this motion so that it incorporates Kangundo Level IV hospital, Mavoko Level IV hospital and the last time I was doing some job there I think it the hospital is in dire need. We also have Mwala Level IV hospital so that if we are to have an engagement with the CECM, he will be addressing us in terms of all Level IV hospitals and all the facilities are having.

Of course, Madam Speaker, I am aware there is a supplementary budget that is in the offing so I am asking this House to move with speed so that this motion finds its way to the CECM health so that by the time we engage with them, we can apportion the money and the matter is addressed.

Madam Speaker, matters of health should not be compromised and those of us like Mheshimiwa Dominic has indicated and Members here have in one way or another had patients in hospitals and it becomes very tricky especially when you lose your loved one because of small things like lack of oxygen and small scans and of course when someone is involved in an accident for example all the way from Matuu to and transporting the patient to Machakos and we lose so many patients on the way.

So Madam Speaker, I am standing here to support this motion but of course with amendments that we incorporate all Level IV hospital---

Hon. Mbili Ndawa (Matuu, MCCC): Point of information, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Proceed, Mheshimiwa Ndawa.

Hon. Mbili Ndawa (Matuu, MCCC): Thank you, Madam Speaker. I just want to inform my brother her Hon. Ngunga that the Standing Orders of this County Assembly provide for the time that an amendment is supposed to be made. According to Standing Order 52(2) if you want to make an amendment, you write to the Speaker at least two hours before the order is read in the

House. So it is too late to amend. Thank you.

Hon. Francis Ngunga (Mua, MCCP): Madam Speaker, I am corrected but of course, in the spirit of brotherhood, these things are doable and in the spirit of saving lives these things are achievable. Two hours can still be found---

Hon. Winnie Mutua (Nominated, WDM-K): Point of information, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Proceed, Mheshimiwa Winnie.

Hon. Winnie Mutua (Nominated, WDM-K): Madam Speaker, this is a House of procedures and it is not about brotherhood and that is why we legislate on matters so if we say it is a House of brotherhood, I will bring a motion about my brothers and sisters and we will accept. So, can you take note and be informed that this is a House of order.

Hon. Speaker: Okay, thank you for your contribution.

Hon. Francis Ngunga (Mua, MCCP): Madam Speaker, I did not want to be aggressive but I said that I was actually arguing about matters of life and I think Madam Speaker we are almost trivializing this issue and I do not want us to take that direction. When I talked about Level IV hospitals, I think these are issues that are almost tied at the bosom of the motion is all about.

I do not know whether we have plenty of time so that we are going to debate on an item by item so that when a motion is related to another, surely, Madam Speaker, wisdom is that the Assembly is sitting---

Hon. Stephen Mwanthi (Ekalakala, WDM-K): Point of order, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Francis Ngunga (Mua, MCCP): Madam Speaker, I ask for your protection---

Hon. Stephen Mwanthi (Ekalakala, WDM-K): Madam Speaker, I am standing on a point of order under Standing Order 27---

Hon. Speaker: Let me protect him.

Hon. Francis Ngunga (Mua, MCCP): Yes. Madam Speaker, I ask for your protection because some of these point of orders---

Hon. Speaker: This is what I would suggest Mheshimiwa Ngunga. Now that it is a House of procedure as you have just said and that the time that you should have brought the amendment is already overtaken, I suggest you bring a substantive to cater for the remaining Level IV hospitals in the shortest time possible so that we debate on it and have it passed.

Hon. Francis Ngunga (Mua, MCCC): Thank you, Madam Speaker. I am well-guided but my only challenge would be that in this Assembly---

Hon. Stephen Mwanthi (Ekalakal, WDM-K): Point of order, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Okay. Point of order.

PROCEDURAL MOTION
EXTENSION OF SITTING TIME

Hon. Stephen Mwanthi (Ekalakala, WDM-K): Madam Speaker, I am standing on a point of order under Standing Order 27. I was not giving order to Mheshimiwa.

Madam Speaker, that aware Standing Order 27(2) provides that the Speaker, shall interrupt business at 12.30 p.m. for the morning sitting;

Aware that Standing Order 27(3) provides that the House may resolve to extend its sitting time;

Aware that Standing Order 27(4) requires motion to extend sitting time to be allowed at least 30 minutes before time appointed for adjournment;

Hon. Speaker, I beg to move the motion that the House resolves to extend its sitting until the business at hand is resolved.

Thank you, Madam Speaker. I call upon Hon. Majority Leader to second.

Hon. Speaker:

(Question proposed)

I will only invite a few Members to debate on that motion. Mheshimiwa Brian.

Hon. Brian Kisila (Makutano/Mwala, MCCC): Madam Speaker, I represent the people of Mwala and the new Chairman for Decentralized Units.

(Applause)

Madam Speaker, I stand here to support the motion.

Hon. Speaker: Not the new but the only chairman!

Hon. Brian Kisila (Makutano/Mwala, MCCC): The only Chairman in the House of a new Committee. Madam Speaker, I support the motion and it is a pity that we are calling Matuu a Level IV hospital and it is a pity that a lot of hospitals have been branded Level III and Level IV hospital---

Hon. Speaker: Let us finish with the motion.

Hon. Brian Kisila (Makutano/Mwala, MCCC): I am supporting, Madam Speaker. It is a pity that we are calling Matuu a Level IV hospital without these machines---

Hon. Speaker: We finish on the motion on---

Hon. Brian Kisila (Makutano/Mwala, MCCC): Madam Speaker, I support the extension of time and maybe I can continue.

Hon. Speaker: Another member to debate on the issue of extension of time?

Hon. Francis Ngunga (Mua, MCCC): Madam Speaker, I was on the floor.

Hon. Speaker: You wanted to?

Hon. Francis Ngunga (Mua, MCCC): Yes. I had not finished.

Hon. Speaker: I am finishing on the extension of time.

Hon. Francis Ngunga (Mua, MCCC): Oh. Okay.

(Question put and agreed to)

Hon. Speaker: Mheshimiwa Ngunga, proceed.

(The House resumed business as per the Order Paper)

Hon. Francis Ngunga (Mua, MCCC): Thank you, Madam Speaker, for that indulgence where Hon. Stephen Mwanthi sought extension of time. Congratulations Mheshimiwa John Brian Kisila; you have really wanted to serve the government and now you have an opportunity and by the way Hon. Speaker, I want to congratulate Mheshimiwa Brian for he has been given a Committee that is an anathema in this County. I am sure that now Machakos town is going to be a clean town. Thank you, Mheshimiwa.

Madam Speaker, while winding up on my contribution, I wanted to challenge Members who come from those regions; you know Mheshimiwa I represent the city and I live in the city, I represent the city, I live in the city and I represent the city.

(Applause)

So I wanted to ask members who come from this region Kangundo region, Mwala region to come up in arms and ensure that these Level IV hospitals are properly equipped because it is a people that come from those regions that are victims, most of the times. We want to challenge the government in the proper way, so that we have funds set aside so that these Level IV hospitals do not only become mere buildings but places where people will go and get services. Madam Speaker, thank you for the opportunity.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you very much Mheshimiwa Ngunga. Mheshimiwa Maeke and then, Mheshimiwa Brian in that order.

Hon. Musyimi Maeke (Kalama, CCU): I stand to support the motion and I will start by thanking the Hon. Member, the Minority Leader for bringing such a good motion before the House. We all agree that health matters in this County is something which is a big problem to us and all Members will agree that out of the many calls they receive 70 per cent of them are health-related where some members of the public are asking for help. As it has been spoken before by the Hon. Members, I think it is overdue for Matuu Level IV hospital to be, it is such a pity that all the things that have been mentioned are not in that hospital.

I stand to really ask that these things should be taken with a lot of urgency as the Hon. Member has put it clear and because you understand that we have these hospitals in place but it is sometimes like names; a Level IV hospital without the equipment and the requirements. So this motion, I know people have Matuu and let alone Matuu alone, it will also serve people from even the neighboring counties because of the strategic position so I stand to support the motion.

My prayer even to the Committee on Health is if it is possible you can do a survey. For example, I toured Kimutwa Level III hospital in my Ward and we are blessed because we have a maternity there which has only two beds and we are receiving 15 kids per month and you can imagine the strain which is there. So I believe just like the Hon. Member was saying, we have been corrected and somebody is to come and bring a motion so that a health issue should be looked into and not only about Matuu Level IV hospital but even the other dispensaries.

I thank the Governor because she has a well-stipulated manifesto concerning health. One of the things she spoke was elevation of all the Level IV hospitals and having a dispensary in all the sub-counties and locations so I stand to support the motion and we say money should be set aside for that exercise. Thank you.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you very much Mheshimiwa.

Hon. Brian Kisila (Mwala, MCCC): Thank you, Madam Speaker. Thank you, Mheshimiwa Ngunga for those kind words especially after a rough night with you yesterday.

(Laughter)

Now, you will realize that there is reason why this man is called *Kamen ka nguvu*. Madam Speaker, we are having a challenge with the hospitals; a Level IV hospital is being called a Level IV hospital on paper with a very beautiful sign outside calling it a Level IV hospital. It is a shame and I picking what Mheshimiwa Ngunga is saying; let us not play around with lives. Matuu is not a Level IV hospital, neither is Mwala neither is even the rest Kangundo; these are dispensaries which are been over glorified. Now, Madam Speaker, if we want us to tackle these issues, I sit in the health committee and I like the mover of the motion that he has looked at Matuu and I support that we do this.

In the Health Committee, we already started working on a very aggressive program of actually visiting these hospitals to ensure that the status of our hospital is what is being said it is. Madam Speaker. Matuu Level IV hospital is very strategic because it serves a very big segment including even part of Central Province. So provision of this equipment is actually overdue and I think we should provide and start with this and in the Health Committee, I think we will be moving as I will be suggesting to my Chairman, that he also go see this hospital so that we can prioritize in the supplementary budget we start with it. We need to start from somewhere and let us start with Matuu, and then we move to other areas.

Madam Speaker, the next thing, which I want before I sit down, is my Machakos Level V hospital; it is a pity that we have a hospital being called Machakos Level V while in essence, it does not even have equipment which is required to make it a Level V hospital. The Health Committee and Members are here, we visited that hospital last week and we are compiling a very serious report on our findings which we pray that this House approves emergency funds to enable us upgrade that hospital. So health, health needs to be taken seriously Madam Speaker, and we need to provide a lot of money to these hospitals.

Madam Speaker, yesterday there was a motion on some staff that is being paid monies which are double what they are actually supposed to be paid. It is a pity that most of these hospitals, including Matuu Level IV hospital, do not have enough staff and we are having people who are being paid salaries for not doing their work. So this Assembly needs to actually start taking things seriously so that we can be able to put money where it belongs instead of putting county money in people's pockets where they don't deserve.

(Applause)

So this Assembly is going to be a different Assembly and we are going to ensure if we are having a wage bill, it is going for the right purpose. Thank you, Madam Speaker. I support.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you very much. Mheshimiwa Wambua then Mheshimiwa Muoki.

Hon. Paul Wambua (Kibauni, PTP): Thank you, Madam Speaker. This motion on health does not only touch on Matuu Level IV hospital; our health facilities throughout the County are in dire need of upgrading, staffing and stocking with the necessary equipment that make our hospitals run. For instance, in Kibauni, we have a hospital that is called a Level III hospital and it does not have complete staff houses, a maternity wing that is operational, this hospital does not have a pharmacist to dispense medication and it does not have a Laboratory Assistant.

My take is as we endeavor to upgrade Matuu Level IV hospital and I would ask the Health Committee; yesterday I was talking to one of my colleagues I cannot remember who and I was saying the Health Committee should take time to go through the 40 wards and take stock of our medical facilities. I have facilities in my Ward that do not have a toilet. I have a facility where water is brought in by donkeys. It is very sad, especially when you imagine a mother will come to give birth in a hospital that does not have water.

Madam Speaker, my take is that this House has the responsibility of allocating sufficient budget for purposes of good health to our people. Yesterday when we were discussing about the motion to impeach some four board members---

Hon. Francis Kavyu (Kinanie, MCCC): Point of information, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Point of information taken. Mheshimiwa Paul, have a seat.

Hon. Francis Kavyu (Kinanie, MCCC): Madam Speaker, I would like to request the Hon. Member to stick to the motion in the House because he is bringing in other matters, even though they are important, I would like the Member to restrict himself to the motion of the day.

Hon. Speaker: Very important. Mheshimiwa Paul, please restrict yourself to the motion.

Hon. Paul Wambua (Kibauni, PTP): I am restricting myself to the statement that is under discussion but you also note that what we discussed yesterday also touches what we are discussing today because it is a matter of staffing, where we do not have staff in our hospitals. It is a matter of staffing where a Level III hospital does not have a Pharmacist or a Laboratory Assistant so, these matters go together and Madam Speaker I support. Thank you very much.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you. Mheshimiwa Muoki and you are the last person to contribute to this debate.

Hon. Muoki Musila (Ndithini, WDM-K): Thank you, Madam Speaker, for giving me a chance to support this motion. Matters health, I take them seriously. This particular hospital we are talking about Matuu Level IV hospital, I remember talking to the mover of the motion and even the other day when the Governor was in our area, having a public participation, the Deputy Speaker was in attendance and others and I did propose that if Matuu Level IV hospital could be a Level V hospital so that we can have a Level IV hospital in down in my area.

I would also have wished the mover of the motion would have stated not Masinga or even in the subsequent discussions we will be having, whenever we want to do anything in Masinga, please state Masinga and Ndithini.

(Loud consultations)

I am very particular on this because these are two distinctive areas, geographically, economically and everything.

Hon. Speaker: Mheshimiwa, support the motion then you can move.

Hon. Muoki Musila (Ndithini, WDM-K): I support the motion but I am saying---

Hon. Speaker: Do not add anything.

Hon. Muoki Musila (Ndithini, WDM-K): Yes, I am not adding I am just saying I am having stronger reasons of supporting the motion of Matuu Level IV hospital getting the equipment that it deserves so that it can serve my people of Ndithini ward, Muthesya and parts of Ndalani whom we all share same economic problems. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: I now wish to call upon the mover of the motion to reply.

Hon. Mbili Ndawa (Matuu, MCCC): I will start by thanking the Hon. Members who have spoken on this noble motion in support. I want to say thank you because if we save Matuu it means next time we will go to another facility and I think that is the way to go. Hon. Speaker, the issue of health is not a privilege; it is provided for in Article 43(1)(a) of the Constitution of Kenya. It says every Kenyan is entitled to the highest attainable standards of health. If it is provided as a right, we need to give it the weight it deserves.

Hon. Speaker, the facility we are talking about has 42 bed capacity and it is the third largest hospital in the County starting with Machakos Level V, Kangundo Level IV and then

Matuu is ranked No. 3. The facility acts as a referral for that sub-region and we have talked of part of Mwala, we have Masinga and Mheshimiwa from Ndithini is requesting that we say Masinga/Ndithini and also Yatta Sub-County.

Apart from these sub-counties we are talking about we also serve North Eastern that is Garissa County and Embu County. Motorists from Garissa to Nairobi whenever there is an accident, all those victims are attended to at Matuu Level IV hospital. Those traveling to Embu to Garissa or to Nairobi, once there is a problem they are brought to Matuu Level IV Hospital. The reason I am requesting for this approval is because the hospital serves as a catchment area with a population of 321,105 people. 67.5 per cent of those people are women and children. That makes a total of 216,705 according to Kenya National Bureau of Statistics report that we got recently.

The facility serves 28 Level II hospitals and Level III hospitals facilities in Yatta sub-county and it also serves 13 Level II hospitals and Level III hospitals in Masinga sub county. The ongoing financial year, we have handled cases of accidents and the patients we have received for this year alone is 1,958 victims and out of those we lost 33.

Hon. Speaker, once there is need for referral, the patients are referred to Machakos Level V hospital. Initially we used to take them to Machakos and Thika but when we declared that Machakos is county No. 1 Thika Level V is not taking our patients; they are saying we should use our resources within the County. So we are only left with one option of Machakos Level V hospital. Hon. Speaker, the distance from Matuu from Matuu to Machakos is over 80km.

Hon. Mutisya Kivuva (Nominated, WDM-K): Point of order, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Point of order or information?

Hon. Mutisya Kivuva (Nominated, WDM-K): I want to request the mover of the motion that we are convinced and we have agreed so make it short we want to go for lunch. Just make a minute then you move on. Thank you.

(Laughter)

Hon. Speaker: Okay. Mheshimiwa Dominic.

Hon. Dominic Maitha (Muthwani, WDM-K): Madam Speaker, Hon. Dee is totally out of order; you cannot interrupt a mover of a motion when he is trying to give expounded researched information to support this motion. He is out of order.

Hon. Speaker: He only wanted to state that we are convinced. Members are convinced.

Hon. Mbili Ndawa (Matuu, MCCP): Thank you very much. Reading from the mood of the House, I can see all the Members are convinced but I must say and it is good to note; in Matuu Level IV hospital we refer more than 15 patients to Machakos Level V on a daily basis. Madam Speaker, I was just trying to give these statistics so that you can see the urgency and seriousness of the matter. I am requesting the House to agree with me and kindly make an

application to our Hon. Governor H.E Governor Wavinya that once we approve this I am requesting the Hon. Governor considers this motion and give the priority it deserves. Thank you, on. Speaker.

(Applause)

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Member.

(Question put and agreed to)

APPROVAL OF REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME
FOR COMMITTEE ON PROCEDURE AND HOUSE RULES

Hon. Speaker: May I request Hon. Stephen Mwanthi, Deputy Speaker, to proceed and move that motion.

Hon. Stephen Mwanthi (Ekalakala, WDM-K): Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker, that aware that the Procedure and Rules Committee as established in Standing Order 187 is mandated to consider and report on all matters relating to Standing Orders;

Aware that pursuant to Standing Order 227(1), the Committee via a letter dated 31st October 2022 received a request for proposed amendments from Hon. Anne Ndilo; which was tabled before the Committee, the following day on 1st November 2021;

Aware that alongside the said request the Committee had another urgent business on proposed amendments which it was still considering for tabling in the House the following week;

Informed that pursuant to Standing Order 227(4), the Procedure and House Rules Committee after receipt of a request for amendments is required to report to the House within 21 days; Noting that the stated timelines for the request of proposed amendments for Hon. Anne Ndilo will expire on Monday, 21st November, 2022 and the Committee has not completed compiling a report following its busy schedule;

Hon. Speaker, I wish to move the Motion that this House approves that the Procedure and Rules Committee be granted extra 21 days to finalize the report for tabling in the House as provided in Standing Order 227(4).

Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I call upon Hon. Minority Leader to second.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Minority Leader.

Hon. Mbili Ndawa (Matuu, MCCP) seconded.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Minority Leader.

(Question proposed)

I now invite Members to debate the motion. Members the floor is yours. Silence means! Mheshimiwa Brian.

Hon. Brian Kisila (Makutano/Mwala, MCCC): Madam Speaker, you can see the mood we are okay. You can put the question.

(Applause)

Hon. Speaker: I now request the mover to reply.

Hon. Stephen Mwanthi (Ekalakala, WDM-K): Thank you, Madam Speaker. Thank you. Hon. Members. This was a request, Madam Speaker. You remember that Procedure and Rules Committee had another business of amending our Standing Orders to accommodate the two committees that were created by this Hon. House and so it did not have time to go through the request that was made by the Hon. Member and thus now calling for more time to go through compile a report and table it in this Hon. House. Thank you, Hon. Speaker and Hon. Members.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Mheshimiwa.

(Question put and agreed to)

ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Madam Clerk for that guidance. The House now adjourns to Wednesday 16th November 2022 at 2.30 p.m.

The House rose at 12.30 p.m.