

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

**Wednesday, 28th March, 2018**

The House met at 2.35 p.m.

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

**PRAYERS**

**Hon. Speaker:** Good afternoon, Hon. Members. It is an apology, today we seem be disrupted in our beginnings because of the guests who are with us and that explains why we are starting a few minutes late and so we will start our sittings for this afternoon. Mr. Clerk, proceed.

**NOTICE OF MOTION**

**UPGRADING OF FEEDER ROADS WITHIN 10 KM RADIUS OF MACHAKOS TOWN**

**Hon. Museku:** Thank you, Madam Speaker;

Madam Speaker, that aware that the mission for 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;

Madam Speaker, further aware that after devolution the Machakos Town became the headquarters of the County thus increased demand in population, housing and amenities within the radius of 10 km from Machakos Town;

Aware that this has increased pressure on transport infrastructure resulting in congestion due to high levels of in-commuting from the surroundings areas, including nearby markets and villages;

Cognizant that in 2017/2018, the Department of Transport, Roads, Public Works and Housing received a budget allocation of Ksh. 1,011,430,062 as Development vote;

Acknowledging that Machakos County, in 2017 hosted the KICOSCA games, CECAFA, Masaku Sevens rugby games and Agricultural Society of Kenya show and considering that these games promote Machakos County both Nationally and internationally by creating revenue resources;

Considering that proper transport policies lead to satisfactory service delivery, block loopholes leading to unnecessary loss of revenue and maximize revenue collection;

Remembering that feeder roads help to ease congestion and ensure faster movement and thus minimize accidents;

Madam Speaker, I wish to give notice of the Motion that Machakos County Government in the Financial Year 2018/2019 upgrades all feeder roads within a radius of 10 Km from Machakos town to murrum status in order to enhance economic growth of the town and also eradicate congestion in Machakos Town.

Thank you, Madam Speaker.

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you, Hon. Museku.

### STATEMENTS

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Members, under this business there is one Statement that it listed in the appendix that you are holding but there is another one that was brought later to me and I have used the powers that are vested upon the Chair to admit that statement even though it is not in the appendix. It is a short one; you will be able to see it. Has it been circulated to the Members?

You will be able to hear on what the Member has to say on that latest Statement. It is a matter of County importance. Hon. Members, I am calling upon the mover of the first statement to come and table it. Hon. Kaloki.

**Hon. Kaloki:** Thank you.

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Kaloki, just resume your seat briefly. The Statement that is in the appendix is by Hon. Jeremiah Munguti and the Standing Orders would require that we give that on the first priority because it is the one already on the appendix but the one for Hon. Kaloki will still come but after the one of Hon. Jeremiah Munguti. Hon. Jeremiah, please take the Table.

### NON-COLLECTION OF BUS PARK FEES FROM COMMERCIAL VEHICLES

**Hon. Munguti:** Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 41(1), I wish to seek the following statement.

1. Why the Department of Finance and Revenue Collection is not collecting Bus Park fee from commercial vehicles?
2. What measures has the Department put in place to reimburse the deficit occasioned by the failure to collect the Bus Park fees?

Thank you, Madam Speaker.

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you, Hon. Jeremiah Munguti. Hon. Members, this is a matter that touches the core of local revenue collection and we have the Finance Committee and this Statement is committed to the Finance Committee; the Chair is not here but the records will inform him.

The Finance Committee should deal with this matter and as soon as possible and report to this House on the 11th of April, 2018; it is urgent. I do appreciate that later the House maybe going on a short recess but that does not stop committees from working. It is so ordered. Hon. Kaloki.

IMPLEMENTATION STATUS OF MACHAKOS COUNTY QUARRYING ACTIVITIES ACT AND  
ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURES ACT 2016

**Hon. Kaloki:** Madam Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 41(1), I wish to seek the following Statement.

1. The implementation status of the Machakos Management of Quarrying Activities Act 2016.
2. The implementation status of the Machakos County Government Administrative Structures Act 2015.

Thank you, Madam Speaker.

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you, Hon. Kaloki. Again a Statement that touches on the core of the operations of the County Government and this is a matter that is committed to the implementation committee and the implementation committee is required to interrogate the matters and bring a report to this House on the 18th April, 2018.

**MOTION**

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radius of 10 Km from Machakos Town to murrum status in order to enhance economic growth of the town and also eradicate congestion in Machakos Town. Thank you, Madam Speaker and I call on Hon. Peter Mutiso to second my Motion.

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you, Hon. Museku. Hon. Peter Mutiso.

**Hon. P.J. Mutiso:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. I second the motion.

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you, Hon. Peter Mutiso.

*(Question proposed)*

Hon. Members, I invite debate on the motion. Hon. Mitaa set us off.

**Hon. Mitaa:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. I support the motion as it is bearing in mind Machakos town or city acts like our capital when it comes to terms of county matters and I think we would all be proud to have our capital in the best status like any other place so that we might attract either visitors or people who can come and do business in our county in a good environment.

So, I wish to thank Hon. Museku our deputy Chair of Chairs for the motion which I believe is timely and I request the relevant authorities to consider it as a matter of urgency and we improve the status of our capital. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you Hon Mitaa. Hon. Helen Ndeti.

**Hon. (Ms.) Ndeti:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. I support this motion. I think Machakos County is one of the counties that are considered to be within metropolitan which consists of five counties that is Nairobi, Kajiado, Kiambu and the rest. So, I think us being in the metropolitan region, we stand to make more revenue if we do the infrastructure especially roads within the 10 kilometers radius because I see a possibility of city dwellers moving and buying land within our county and also around our towns because of the various facilities that they can get and as a result this should be able to bring some economic activity and bring more revenue to the county.

So, I think this is a very important motion that we should be able to support. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you, Hon. Helen Ndeti. Hon. Kaloki.

**Hon. Kaloki:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. I second the motion, owing to the fact that for any big town, especially Machakos town being the headquarters of Machakos County to grow, for any investor to feel attracted, for any town to be admirable, feeder or access roads are key. For example, there is a road between Susu Center and the roundabout after the headquarters of the county government of Machakos; as we speak, that road is quite impassable.

If you look at where I come from in Kangundo for the last many years we have never had serious investors in Machakos town from Kangundo and Matungulu but now because of the roads that have been constructed by the national government that is Komarock-Syanthi-Kathiani

roads, the last few days we have had a number of investors moving in Machakos town because the roads are accessible.

About two three years ago, it was so expensive for us people of Kangundo to access Machakos to an extent, if you happen to have a dead body it would have been cheaper to take them all the way to Kenyatta University or Nairobi that coming to Machakos town which is nearer to Kangundo.

So, it is the high time all the feeder roads a maximum of between 10 and 15 kilometers to the town center be murramed and if possible if they can also be tarmacked the better, it is the high time the County Government of Machakos looks into their budget and allocate a serious funding for this feeder roads. I therefore support this motion.

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you, Hon. Kaloki. Hon. Kisila.

**Hon. Kisila:** Madam Speaker, I support this great motion. I am one of the investors in Machakos, some of my properties not because of that, we have a very serious problem, not even in the feeder roads, even within Machakos itself. If you leave here and you are going to were birth certificates are being issued, very small roads, you cannot even pass. So, I think this is our town, this is our city and we need to provide enough money so that these feeder roads are well tarmacked.

Madam Speaker, these calls for the budget committee and the committee on roads to sit down together so that we ensure enough money has been factored into the budget process. Otherwise, Members we stand to gain a lot if we are going to ensure all the budgeted items are factored into major items like this one; including water for Machakos town, we need to ensure this town gets enough budget. I support Madam Speaker.

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you, Hon. Kisila. Hon. Nziva.

**Hon. (Ms.) Nziva:** Thank you Madam Speaker and Members present. I support the Member who has brought this motion who is the Chair of Chairs for bringing a timely motion. When we are doing our roads, we are planning and if we don't plan, we are doomed to fail.

So, Madam Speaker, you realize that Grogan on the other side, when it was tarmacked, many development activities are taking place and there is also security, so if we do the murraming of those roads which are around the radius of 10 kilometers to Machakos town, I think we will have economic growth and we will also ease congestion of vehicles and even people. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you, Hon. Nziva. Hon. Members, allow me to call the mover of the motion to reply.

**Hon. Museku:** Thank you, Madam Speaker, thank you members for participating actively in this motion. As most of you have pointed out, Machakos Town is now a city based on the fact that it is the headquarters of the County and therefore infrastructure is bound to be strained because of the influx of people coming to perform duties in our noble city.

We are also having a lot of visitors coming in and as most of you have mentioned that whatever is surrounding us, what people see surrounding you the kind of infrastructure you have, the kind of development issues you have that is what gives them confidence to come and live in

your cities, to come and invest in your cities and therefore enhance growth of our people in this country.

I therefore, urge all of you to support this motion so that we can be able to make Machakos City great as it should be. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

*(Applause)*

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you, Hon. Museku.

*(Question put and agreed to)*

Hon. Members, we again have the other motion by the Hon. Francis Ngunga.

SHORT RECESS FROM 28<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2018 TO 10<sup>TH</sup> APRIL, 2018

**Hon. Kiteng'u:** Thank you, Madam Speaker---

**Hon. Speaker:** So, Hon. Kiteng'u you are holding brief for Hon. Ngunga.

**Hon. Kiteng'u:** For the Majority Leader.

**Hon. Speaker:** Right, for the record purposes, proceed.

**Hon. Kiteng'u:** Yes. Hon. Speaker;

That aware that this second Assembly commenced its second session on 13th February, 2018;

Aware that the House has transacted crucial business including approval of various committee reports, engagements of officers from the County Executive arm as provided in section 39(2) of the County Governments Act of 2012, facilitation of public participation on Machakos County Finance Bill 2017 pursuant to Articles 198(b) and 201(a) of the Constitution of Kenya;

Noting that the House approved an Assembly Calendar which guides the House when to have a break and when to resume sittings;

Aware that the House is scheduled to go on recess from 29th March, 2018 to 9th April, 2018;

Hon. Speaker, I wish to move the motion that this Hon. House adjourns its sittings from today Wednesday, 28th March, 2018 and resumes on Tuesday, 10th April, 2018 as stipulated in the House calendar.

Thank you, Madam Speaker.

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you. The first motion that you approved, the one that was moved by the Hon. Museku you approved it but I did not commit it to any committee. So I am directing that the motion already the property of this House be committed to the committee on transport and public works. I can see the Hon. Chair is here and your committee should report to this House on or before 30th May, 2018.

So, now we go back to the motion by the Hon. Kiteng'u, do not look dazed as to what is happening Hon. Kiteng'u I went back to the first motion. Alright, so now on the motion that has

just be moved by the Hon. Kiteng'u on behalf of the majority Leader Hon. Francis Ngunga, let me invite debate Hon. Members to hear your views on that motion. Hon. Kisila?

**Hon. Kisila:** Madam Speaker, I need Hon. Members to hear me on this one. I have had a chat with my Minority Leader and I have also had a chat with the Deputy Governor who is the CEC Finance and as it is today, the County is on a standstill because this Assembly has not approved the supplementary budget. I do not think it is a fault of the Assembly but I am just kindly requesting if we can squeeze one day next week, through the budget committee, so that we can scrutinize the supplementary budget and kindly approve it because as it is even salaries cannot be paid.

Even development projects are on standstill and all of us Hon. Members we have been elected by the electorate to come and defend them and ensure they get the development. The more time we lose it means we will have very little time even to commit development money to the projects.

So, Madam Speaker, I am kindly urging members to consider that request from the Executive so that we can look at how quickly we can squeeze in time to be able to go through the supplementary budget and after we are happy with it we pass it as early as next week, Tuesday Madam Speaker.

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Kisila, that request is not lost to the Chair of this House and I think you remember in the communication I gave in the morning, I said that the Chair is calling for a Kamukunji after this sitting so that we can deliberate on those concerns because as you put it, they go to the very service of the people of the County. So it is not lost to me and there are plans also on how we are going to address it so that we do that work. I know we have time lines within which we do the work. Alright.

Hon. Members, this being a procedural motion there is no voting but it is good that members air their views on it so we will be guided by the calendar of this House. We are going to adjourn and we will resume on 10th April, 2018. In the meanwhile, be reminded that committees continue to sit and if need be the House can be called on a Special Sitting.

*(Applause)*

## ADJOURNMENT

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Members, with that the House stands adjourned to the 10th of April, 2018. What is the Members' concern Mr. Muange; can you find out? Hon. Masesi, you can speak for yourself what is your concern?

**Hon. Masesi:** Yes, Madam Speaker. I do not know whether it is me who was late but I was checking on the issue of Statement---

**Hon. Speaker:** We have dealt with them. It is under---

*(Laughter)*

Hon. Members, I appreciate we have had a very long day. In fact, it feels like three days put together so it is understandable. We have come to the end of business today and as a matter of fact now for the period before we go on the short recess and we will take a break.

I wish you a Good Friday, it is just the day after tomorrow and a happy Easter but we will be communicating in the meanwhile. So, remember we have a Kamukunji immediately after and it will be very brief. Have a good evening.

The House rose at 3.06 p.m.