

MACHAKOS COUNTY ASSEMBLY

OFFICIAL REPORT

Wednesday, 27th August, 2014

The House met at 2.36 p.m.

[The Deputy Speaker (Mr. Nganga) in the Chair]

PRAYERS

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

SITTING TIME AND QUORUM

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Honorable members the operations of this House are governed by the relevant laws and procedural matters. This Assembly relies on Standing Orders. Pursuant to Standing Order number 25 and 27 of the County Assembly Standing Orders, by a resolution made on 10th April 2014, the Assembly approved the calendar of the Assembly, 2014. Standing Order number 27(1), States that “unless the speaker for the convenience of the County Assembly otherwise directs, the County Assembly shall meet at 9:00 a.m. Wednesday and at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday but more than one sitting may be directed during the same day.

Hon. Members I have noted with concern that plenary sessions are beginning way past the same time due to lack of quorum. Standing Order number 31(1) provides that a quorum of the Assembly or of a committee of the whole assembly shall be one third of its members.” Section two of the same Standing Order states that “if there is no quorum present when the chair is taken at the time appointed for the meeting of the assembly immediately after saying the prayer, the Speaker shall order the bell to be rung for ten minutes and if there’s no quorum present at the expiration of 10 minutes, the Speaker may direct that the bell be rung for a further 5 minutes and if there is still no quorum present, the Speaker shall adjourn the Assembly for the week to the next sitting. Therefore honorable members, I urge you to observe time because the Office of the Speaker, will have no choice but to invoke the Standing Orders in future sittings.

INDISCIPLINE

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Further, Hon. Members, it has come to my attention that some Members are conducting themselves in a disorderly manner in contravention of the law as well as the County Assembly’s powers and privileges. Members were warned through a communication from the Chair last month against using derogatory language towards members of staff and conducting themselves in a manner that does not depict their ‘honourable’ status. Today, several members went into the Serjeant-at-Arms office and tore the attendance registration sheet.

Hon. Members, pursuant to Article 196 (3) of the Constitution of Kenya, Parliament shall enact legislation providing for the powers, privileges and immunities of county assemblies, their

committees and members. Furthermore, Section 17 of the County Governments Act states that “the national law regulating the powers and privileges of Parliament shall, with the necessary modifications, apply to a county assembly.” In the absence of a substantive Machakos County Assembly Powers and Privileges Act, the National Assembly’s Act prevails.

Section 23 of the National Assembly Powers and Privileges Act stipulates clearly that “any person who assaults, interferes with, molests, resists or obstructs any officer of the Assembly while in the execution of his duty shall be guilty of an offence and liable, on conviction, before a subordinate court of the first class.” Hon. Members, we must not go to the extent of engaging in offensive and criminal behavior in the name of defending our powers and privileges, otherwise the Chair will be forced to invoke the necessary laws and regulations to curb such indiscipline. I therefore direct that the Member who tore the attendance sheet sees the Speaker first thing tomorrow morning for further advice. Thank you. Proceed.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS

SUPPORT TO ALL VILLAGE POLYTECHNICS IN THE COUNTY

Hon. Manyolo: Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir, and Hon. Members. I wish to give a notice of the following motion: that this House discusses and approves the improvement of physical infrastructure and financial support to all village polytechnics within the county. Thank you.

COMPLIANCE TO EMPLOYMENT POLICY

Hon. M. Mutuku: Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir. I wish to give notice of the following motion: that this Hon. House discusses and approves the compliance of employment policy as stipulated in the Constitution of Kenya, 2010 Article 197 and the County Governments Act section 65(1) that all upcoming and existing industries and all the county governments should adhere to 70 percent employment of locals and 30 percent minority. Thank you Mr. Speaker sir.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Proceed

MOTIONS

MACHAKOS COUNTY CALENDAR OF ATHLETICS

Hon. Katela: Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir. Aware that Kenya Inter-Counties Sports and Cultural Association (KICOSCA) games were held on August 17th to 24th this year in Nakuru County and aware that the games constitute competition in music, soccer, basketball darts, pool table, squash, tug-of-war and many others; aware that Machakos County presented teams in all disciplines except athletics which had very minimal representation and further aware that our county is home to great athletes and that there is a lot of talent among the County Government employees in the sub counties as well as the County Assembly and that this talent needs to be tapped, nurtured and rewarded;

Further aware that other counties like Nairobi, Nakuru, Uasin Gishu, Kericho, Narok, Bungoma just to mention but a few, presented very strong teams at the Nakuru KICOSCA games, noting that our teams for cultural dance, music set piece and basketball, were position three each and the folk song was position two and that these teams were awarded trophies despite

having several difficulties such as lack of costumes, late arrival for the games among others, concerned that our county needs to remain county number one, I wish to move the motion that this Hon. House discusses and resolves that the County Government of Machakos holds annual sub-county competitions just before the KICOSCA games to come up with strong teams to represent the county. I call upon Hon. Raphael to second the motion.

Hon. R. Mutuku: Thank you Mr. Speaker sir. I rise to support the motion that this House discusses the inter-counties sports competition which should be held yearly before the KIKOSCA sports so that through the competition, the county can be able to come up with a very strong team that can compete favourably during the competition. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you. I now invite contribution towards the motion. Any member willing to contribute to the said motion? Yes Hon Sila?

Hon. Sila: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I am in support of this motion but it was supposed to be brought forward by the Chairman, Culture and Committee services not Labor Chairman.

Hon. Manyolo: Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir. May I first inform Hon. Sila that any member can move a motion which has essential importance to everyone? Mr. Speaker sir, this motion is so good and I understand we may come up with a strategy on how we are going to improve this. One from the wards not from the villages. Then we lay a strategy on how we will get the best team. We have ward competitions, from the wards we go to sub-counties then from the sub-counties we come to county then we get a team which will represent Machakos County against the other counties. Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Ndinda.

Hon. (Ms.) Ndinda: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I am standing in support of this motion and in relation with the KIKOSCA games, although the team which was in Nakuru did not have enough time to practice, out of what they did we discovered that they have several talents which we can tap. It's not only to the staff of Machakos county but even to our people who are in the ward level; just the way Machakos county is number one I am sure if we can start these preparations very early where we have yearly events, we can be able to identify our young boys and girls who are out of school and have got no employment and by nurturing them we can get the best athletes, we can get the best footballers, best volley ballers and out of that it can become a source of income to them where we will not talk about issues of lack employment.

The other thing is that it is also good that we push it on so that we can nurture them to become number ones because I don't believe in number two and through that out of their efforts they can be rewarded for their talents. So I second it. Thank you.

Hon. Kamitu: Thank you Mr. Speaker sir. I am in support of the motion touching on competition from the ward level and as you are aware, we have seen some of our athletes from Machakos County who are now going out in the world competing internationally. In support of this motion, if you go down to the sub county level, out rightly we are going to get very good athletes, we are also going to get very good boys whom we are also going to engage in cultural

festivals within the wards and sub-counties, and it is in that regard we normally say the early bird catches the worm.

So this is the time we should start; as early as possible so that we may identify our boys, our sisters, our children who are currently engaging themselves in drug taking, in some alcoholic activities but when we engage them, and we are going to engage them as early as possible, we are going to tap these boys. We are going to get the best boys and girls out of our county and as we say we are going to get very good boys and girls to represent Machakos County in the final competition. Thank you very much Mr. Speaker. I stand to support the motion.

Hon. M. Mutuku: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I would like to say it is really a good idea to have inter sub-counties competition. It is high time this honourable House planned for the same so that we budget some money in future for the same because I recall the previous KICOSCA game was not well planned and members who went and participated went without preparation. Basically with as good plan, we can have a vertical plan where we have grassroots competitions, middle level then as we meet the other counties, I think our team having practiced a lot, will be in a position to compete with other counties.

So Mr. Speaker, Sir, it is very important because sports like those ones normally expose the county and also is another way of marketing the county to the other counties in Kenya. Mr. Speaker sir, it is also a source of career for the many staff who normally participate and who are residents of Machakos county. So it is very important this House sees the logic behind this and also for the house to go forward and see how it can approve some money in future for the same. Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon Muli

Hon. Muli: Thank you Mr. Speaker sir for giving me this opportunity. My learned honourable brothers who have talked ahead of me are discussing about the issue of uplifting athletics and sports within the villages and I need to be guided because I am hearing different sentiments and the statement which I have here is county sports competition each year for staff. Does it mean it is for the staff or is it an issue of the wards and sub-counties where we are heading? The statement here is competition each year for staff of Machakos County Government or do I have a different statement from the motion which you have Mr. Speaker?

Minority Leader (Hon. Kasoa): It is my opinion Mr. Speaker that this motion be referred to the relevant committee so that it can be digested and they come with good structures. That's my own opinion. Thank you.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you. Hon Oliver?

Hon. Nzeki: Thank you Mr. Speaker sir. In fact yesterday we discussed about this, and I said that KICOSCA is not supposed to be played or participated by non- members of the staff. So i understand here it is the staff. If you talk about the wards, in my ward you may find two people so it is better we start from the sub-county, then we collect all the staff working in the sub county and start from there but not tapping from youths; there is no question of youths. If we talk of

youths, let them participate then we employ them and that means we have to budget for new employees. Thank you Mr. Speaker sir.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon Ngunzi

Hon. Ngunzi: Thank you Mr. Speaker sir. I am of the opinion that this motion would have come to the house appropriately if it came through the department of Culture. This is because there are details that we would want from the chairman and not directly from Hon Katela. There are things that he does not understand; let it go and come through the committee on Culture and that would be appropriate Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: What is your point of order?

Hon. Katela: Mr. Speaker sir, with all due respect---

Hon. Deputy Speaker: And with your point of order you also need to substantiate whether it is targeting the members or.

Hon. Katela: Yes. The motion says very well that it is targeting the members of staff and yesterday I talked of some lapse in...

Hon. Deputy Speaker: So it doesn't involve...

Hon. Katela: Yesterday I talked about some lapse in language. It is targeting the members of staff. My brother over there is the one who contributed and suggested that we might include - we might, lapse in language - we might include the youths in the wards. That is an opinion from my brother Hon Kamitu but the motion itself, I am wondering why Ngunzi has come up raising a hand and he didn't even have a copy of the motion; he doesn't even know what he is saying. He is just shooting down the motion because I don't know..... no you don't know. I mean...Protect me Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Let's hear the point of order

Hon. (Ms.) V. Mbithe: Thank you Mr. Speaker sir. I want to speak to Hon Katela: Hon Ngunzi is a Hon. Member.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: You need to speak through the Speaker.

Hon. (Ms.) Mbithe: Mr. Speaker Hon Ngunzi is a Hon Member of this House. He doesn't need to be addressed as Ngunzi. Thank you Mr. Speaker sir.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: What I would advise members, for those that are raising an opinion about the matter being referred to a committee, it is not an opinion; you should raise it as a proposal that you propose the matter to be referred to a committee, but if you express it as an opinion, that remains to be a mere contribution. Therefore we can continue hearing... I can see Hon Peter Nzioki's hand is up.

Hon. Nzioki: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I stand to support the motion. We have just concluded the KICOSCA games and for those who were there we did badly and I think this

motion has come at the right time because we will have time to prepare for next year's games. Mr. Speaker there will be time now for us to prepare and finance the team so that next year we may have a good position when participating in the games. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you. Hon Ngunzi.

Hon. Ngunzi: thank you Mr. Speaker. May I propose that this motion be deferred to the Committee on Culture? I'm proposing, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: You need to call somebody to second your proposal. Yes, Hon Sila.

Hon. Sila: I stand to second.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Then I want to hear those who are in support of the new proposal.

Hon. Nduva: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I think this motion will be discussed adequately if the motion is directed to the Committee on Culture then they bring it after discussing at the committee level so that the whole House discusses. Thank you Mr. Speaker, this is my proposal.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Yes, your point of information?

Hon. Katela: Mr. Speaker, it's only in the last term of the house when we talked of some sleeping chairmen and this House cannot be held at ransom by some members who are sleeping and whose committees are not active. The chairman of that Committee, protect me Mr. Speaker, the chairman of that committee has never been in the house since we opened.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Order Members, order. Hon Katela

Hon. Katela: Yes sir.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: You need to substantiate what you mean when you talk of sleeping chairmen.

Hon. Katela: Not really

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Order members, please

Hon. Katela: I apologize. It's not really sleeping chairmen but sleeping members. If I sleep...

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon Katela

Hon. Katela: Ok. I'll tone down.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: You need to withdraw that statement.

Hon. Katela: I withdraw Mr. Speaker. What I am saying is if I think of a motion which, Mr. Speaker...

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon Kalunde you are out of order. Speak through chair.

Hon. Katela: Protect me Mr. Speaker I put my point.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Protected. Let the member complete his contribution.

Hon. Katela: Mr. Speaker, what I am trying to say is any member can bring any motion, any member, is that not in the Standing Orders? So what is wrong with me bringing such a motion? Tomorrow Hon member from Ndithini can come with a motion of employing more people which is not his department and I will support it so long as the motion is for the betterment of the county. Thank you.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you, let us hear Hon Mueni.

Hon. (Ms.) Mueni: Thank you Mr. Speaker sir. I stand to support the motion. We thank Hon Katela for bringing the motion but we had also talked with the chair to bring the motion to the committee so that we may discuss about it. So he is not wrong but it's good he has brought the motion at the right time. We will do that in the committee.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you. We are discussing about the proposal to have the matter referred to the relevant committee. I need those who are in support of referral to the relevant committee. Hon Muli.

Hon. Muli: Thank you Hon Speaker. Now I have a point to make on the issue supporting the motion to be taken to the relevant committee. As we pass some of the motions here we need to be very serious on issues of how the thing will be implemented. You find that if we just pass a certain motion whereby a committee has not sat down and has not digested fully on how these things will be considered from the issues of our wards and the sub counties you will find that some areas like Ndithini will not be factored. We need to pass motions with good points and laws. We have a very active chair for Culture here and I wonder why the chairman for Labour is saying that the chairman for Culture is not able to make laws which we shall be following when we are approving this motion. I am in total support that this motion be referred back to the committee. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Let us hear Kangundo East.

Hon. Muthiani: thank you Mr. Speaker sir. Members I think we are contradicting ourselves. KICOSCA is strictly meant for members of staff and Mr. Katela is the chairman Labour Committee which is in charge of the staff so when he is talking of the staff I think he is on the right track. So Mr. Speaker sir I support the motion and ask honourable Katela to do something or factor the MCAs somewhere because when we were in Nakuru the MCAs from other Counties were very serious and had very good football teams, like Nairobi played who very well. I think as honourable members we should lead by example so it is the high time we take this matter seriously and if possible we start a soccer team although we tried to but it did not pick up so Mr. Speaker sir I fully support the motion. Thank you sir.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: I want now to put the question we put this matter to rest that as proposed by honourable Ngunzi and supported by honourable Sila, those in support that the matter be referred to the relevant committee may you in one voice say "ayes"

(Question put and agreed to)

The matter is subsequently referred to the relevant committee and realizing that this matter affects the staff of the county government and it involves the sporting activities then we have a new committee on Youth, Women and Sports that is yet to be established but was earlier under the committee on Culture. I therefore order that the two chairs sit and form a joint committee to be able to deal with the motion. So the chairman on Labour and Social Welfare together with the chairman on Culture and Sports you come up with a joint committee to pursue the matter and report back to the House in not more than a month about the progress of the same. Proceed.

SUPPORT TO ALL VILLAGE POLYTECHNICS IN THE COUNTY

Hon. Manyolo: Thank you Mr. Speaker sir. Aware that Article 6 section 2 of the Constitution recognizes that both the National and the County Governments are distinct and interdependent and that devolution is an important principle in the new structure of governance; aware that the functions of village polytechnics is vested in the County Government pursuant to the provision of Part 2 of the Fourth Schedule of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010;

Further aware that these polytechnics are key pillars to the creation of employment to the youth and achievement of vision 2030, deeply concerned that the institutions are behind in terms of infrastructure and technology due to lack of adequate finance, I repeat, due to lack of adequate finance, Mr. Speaker, Sir, I wish to move a motion that this honourable house urges the County Government to move with speed to improve the physical infrastructure and provide financial support to all the village polytechnics within the county. Thank you Mr. Speaker sir. I call upon Hon. Alphonse Wambua to second the motion.

Hon. A. Wambua: Thank you Mr. Speaker sir. This is the right time to discuss this motion in this honourable House, aware that village polytechnics are very key in creation of employment for our youths and to achieve vision 2030, so I stand to second. Thank you.

Hon Deputy Speaker: Thank you. I now invite debate.

Hon. Nzioki: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I would want to have a clarification from the chair; when we were discussing the motion of honourable Katela, some members argued that he is not the chairman for that department and should not present the motion. I would think therefore the other members in the agenda of the motions should not also bring the motions because they are not the chairmen. Thank you Mr. Speaker; I would want a clarification.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon Peter Nzioki, you cannot go to discuss a matter that has been dispensed. So your contribution should be to the matter that is on the floor of the house. We have already handled the matter that is before us in regard to that motion and the fact that there were assertions that the member was not right to present the motion; they were not upheld by the

house. Rather, the request by members was that they would want to delve into the matters raised by the motion at a closer stage which is majorly the committee stage.

That is why there was a proposal to have the matter handled at the committee stage before final submissions and recommendations are sent to this house. So there is no reason why you would say that members are not allowed to bring motions. All members can bring any motion that has effect to the House. On the new motion, you can proceed. Thank you

Hon. Nzioki: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I stand to support this motion brought up by Mr. Mutole... the Hon. David Manyolo from Matuu, Mr. Speaker. I totally support this motion. For example Mr. Speaker, there is no polytechnic in my ward and if this motion is supported, I will rightfully maybe have a polytechnic or two by the end of the term. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Munyao: Thank you Mr. Speaker. First of all let us say this is a good idea and a good motion Mr. David Manyolo has brought to this house, putting in mind that we have so many form four leavers who have no experience or technical know-how on how to support themselves and if they can join our technical schools, they can improve their lives. Secondly Mr. Speaker, Sir, I think if we can introduce this system of technical skills in our villages, we will reduce the taking of unnecessary drugs because I think these young men and ladies take these drugs because they have a lot of time sitting idle in the villages and they have nothing to do and when we support them in youth polytechnics, I think Mr. Speaker, Sir, these members of our community will benefit more.

As you know, if you can go to our villages and start searching for these skills, I think you will not get a real technical officer who can support our people in the villages. For example Mr. Speaker, now in Machakos county there are advertisements for plumbers and I think in Machakos town when I went to the Department of Water there is a real shortage of plumbers and electricians. I think if we train our people we will do good to them. Thank you Mr. Speaker sir.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon Kitheka.

Hon. Kitheka: First and foremost I say respect to the chair and the house Mr. Speaker. My contribution to this motion directly goes to what has been entrenched to the Constitution because the issue of village polytechnics, the issue of ECD schools have been devolved so the issue we should be discussing in this House Hon. Speaker is the policy framework of how we should improve these institutions not how we can joke with anything else about the schools.

So Mr. Speaker, I kindly request this house to move this motion to the right committee so that it can provide the policy legislation which can be used in the improvement of these institutions instead of us discussing here and then we will not be in a capacity to exhaustively discuss it. I kindly request it to be sent to the right committee then brought to the House for us to pass the policy in this House. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Nzeki Munyaka.

Hon. Nzeki: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I stand in support of the motion but I can remember we passed our budget and in our budget we put some money to support the village polytechnics. So Mr. Speaker sir, the motion is good but already we have devolved the funds to

the polytechnics. I ask the relevant committee for ECD to discuss the whole thing about the money being devolved to the village polytechnics. Thank you Mr. Speaker sir.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon Ngunzi.

Hon. Ngunzi: Mr. Speaker sir, I want to address the honourable members of this house on an issue that is pertinent. One, Machakos County does not currently have technical institution. Machakos Technical Training College has been upgraded into a university. That was the only technical training institute that was there in the county. This therefore means that there is a dire need to upgrade the existing village polytechnics in all the 40 wards immediately and one thing that I would also want to urge members is that village polytechnics have been known to admit standard 8 dropouts; those who score poorly in KCPE are admitted into village polytechnics that are under-equipped.

If the polytechnics were properly equipped and strictly admit form four leavers who do not join University, then we would have institutions that are giving us quality granduands so I want to urge the members to refer the motion to the relevant committee that should give us what it actually deserves to have those institutions fully equipped and the soonest possible Mr. Speaker. Thank you.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon Collins

Hon. Mbithi: Thank you Mr. Speaker I think without so much ado Mr. Speaker, with all due respect, after I speak maybe you pose the question so that we move the discussion to the relevant committee. However as we do that Mr. Speaker, I understand that our government is very much aware of the functions which were devolved and in those functions the ECD and the technical institutions are part of that.

The only thing that we should be talking about is what is in place for those institutions because last year, the Department of Education, we went to all the wards identifying the tertiary institutions we have around and up-to-date, despite the fact that the county knows what it should do as far as the devolved functions are concerned, up-to-date there is nothing which has taken place and I think that is why the motion is being brought to this house. So as you pass the motion maybe it would be very important for the relevant committee still to discuss what has happened to the budgeted finances for the tertiary institutions for the 2013/2014 budget. Thank you.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon Veronica

Hon. (Ms.) V. Mbithe: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I stand to support this motion and also defer it to the committee because it is an urgent matter under general outcry in our nation, and not only in our nation but in the diaspora. I remember Mr. Speaker sir.....

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Just before you continue

Hon. (Ms.) V. Mbithe: Yes

Hon. Deputy Speaker: You began by saying you defer the matter.

Hon. (Ms.) V. Mbithe: Sorry, I withdraw that. I meant that---

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Just to assist you

Hon. (Ms.) V. Mbithe: Yes, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: You may propose for the matter to be referred; it is not the work of the Speaker to refer the matter but rather a proposal should be put to be seconded and supported through contribution by members

Hon. (Ms.) V. Mbithe: Thank you Mr. Speaker sir. I propose that this motion be taken back to the committee for ECD being a very important matter because it is a general outcry because our youths are lacking employment not only in Kenya but in the entire diaspora because our systems of education are wanting. By this I mean that our systems of education are mostly tailored to suit the white-collar jobs whereby we find that those positions are very minimal, Mr. Speaker sir. Having our polytechnics fully equipped will cater for our youths that will have skills even to engage in self-employment and employ others.

Mr. Speaker sir, as my colleague has just spoken about our technical institution in Machakos County having being upgraded into a university, this means that we really need to move very fast as a county; as we say that we are county number one, we should shine even in our academics finding that our education system in the county should suit the needs. For example we have agricultural needs; we have to have good agricultural skills. As I was speaking Mr. Speaker sir, I remembered that the president last weekend was in a conference Uganda and most of the youths were asking this question about the skills in agriculture as East Africa is an agricultural area.

He answered that the governments are starting to work hand in hand to make sure that these skills are available. Mr. Speaker, Sir, as we move forward and employ this idea that our village polytechnics are fully equipped with the proper skilled management and also the equipment, it will be a very big move even to cater for what is happening in the county. Thank you Mr. Speaker sir.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Kalunde

Hon. Kalunde: I stand to support the motion and also support the speakers who have proposed that the motion should be forwarded to the relevant committee for further discussion. Mr. Speaker, most of the speakers who have spoken, three quarters of them are in favor of this motion being taken to the relevant committee for discussion. Therefore Mr. Speaker, I think it's the right time, if I may suggest that you put the question to it so that we can stop wasting a lot of time on something which has already been given way through. Thank you.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Let's hear Hon. Muli before we call the mover of the motion.

Hon. Muli: Thank you Mr. Speaker for seeing my hand and also for chairman for Early Childhood, Vocational Training and Social Welfare. In fact I think you were trying to measure the supportive issue with the members and I think we have observed it. But we thought that because you have brought the motion to the House, we have to equip you with certain points in your committee which you have to look at. There are certain areas whereby the polytechnics - for

example in my area a polytechnic called Tumutumumu - has one teacher only for welding and that polytechnic has no electricity.

Also the point you have brought here to consider majority of the areas where we need to bring a proper policy framework to check all those polytechnics which were built but are not functional and they don't exist. We have to have your committee move as fast as possible because in Ndithini ward we have two polytechnics which are not functioning, being called polytechnics. On the issue of your committee, you have also to remember that we are in the digital era and there are many analogues within our wards that are standard eight drop outs.

We have also elderly people and we need to consider those polytechnics to have their standards of training. We can even have very general ones like the elderly being educated on how to operate the phones, write SMS and all these things. Therefore we request your committee to have a policy framework as you bring to this house to pass so that everybody having targeted Vision 2013 can now be in a position of maintaining themselves. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Manyolo: Thank you Mr. Speaker and the house at large. Thank you members for contributing to this motion but the essence of the motion was to urge the county government to move with speed to ensure that all the village polytechnics are equipped. You know we have problems of adequate finance within us and that is why I had brought this motion. I am also the chairman of Early Childhood, Vocational Training and Social Welfare so I understand the motion was brought by the committee.

May I also tell Hon. Ngunzi to bring a motion, not co-opting another motion within another motion. You have to bring a motion that we discuss how we are going to have Technical Training Institutes within the county. Mr. Speaker sir, I also put a point of clarification to honourable Muli that it is Vision 2030 not his Vision 2013. Mr. Speaker I understand this motion is good for us to discuss how the county government will move with speed to give out and improve the village polytechnics. Thank you Mr. Speaker sir.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you. I now put the question on the proposal from honourable veronica that the matter be referred to the relevant committee for further interrogation and you bring us a report to this house. I understand that there is a budget for polytechnics within our budget and it is in order that you investigate the far we have gone with budget implementation and bring us a report on the state of affairs of the village polytechnics.

(Question put and agreed to)

Therefore Hon David the matter needs to be dispensed off discussed in depth at committee level then you bring a report back to the house at the earliest time possible. The next motion.

COMPLIANCE TO EMPLOYMENT POLICY

Hon. M. Mutuku: Thank you Mr. Speaker sir and the entire house at large. I need to move the following motion: Mr. Speaker sir, aware that Machakos County has held several forums to attract and invite investors in Machakos County; aware that the investors will benefit from infrastructure, and other facilities within Machakos County and aware that our residents are

in dire need of employment; aware that most of the investors, both local and non-local are bringing employees from other counties to work in their establishment within Machakos County.

Aware that the Kenyan Constitution, 2010 Article 197 and the County Government Act section 65 schedule 1(b) state that both minority and majority be considered in employment, I wish to move a motion that this House discusses and approves the compliance of existing laws that owe the upcoming and existing investors within Machakos County and the County Government should employ 70 per cent of the local residents and 30 per cent from other counties in the spirit of the Constitution, 2010 of devolving resources and economic empowerment to the local county residents. Thank you Mr. Speaker sir.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, the issue of employment is a very weighty issue and many people tend to interpret it differently. I would like the honourable members and this honourable house not to make errors in interpretation. Mr. Speaker sir as you are aware, this county government of Machakos was voted in by the electorates or the residents of Machakos County. It is very important for the residents to be given what belongs to them. There is always a saying which states, give Caesar what belongs to Caesar and God what belongs to God.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, many investors and in particular in Mavoko Sub County are not respecting the spirit of 2010 Constitution where 70 per cent jobs should be given to the locals and 30 per cent should be given to the non-locals. You realize many investors within Machakos and in particular Mavoko Sub County are doing the opposite.

You find 70 per cent are non-locals and 30 per cent are the locals. It is the best practice especially for the work which can be done by the locals to be given to the locals and the work which cannot be done by the locals to be given to the non-locals. By empowering the locals, the county is going to harvest a lot of benefits. It will improve the standards of living of the locals who voted in the Government of the day of Machakos County. It will also make the locals improve in terms of their purchasing power because a local who is not working often tends to many times be a thief.

Mr. Speaker sir, by the investors and the county government engaging 70 per cent of the locals, it will also improve the problem of unemployment within the Machakos County. Over and above that, it will also make the circulation of money within the county improve As you know when we engage so many and leave less, definitely economically it reduces the circulation of money within a particular economic zone. Over and above that honourable house, by engaging the locals, we will improve the economic growth and economic development of this county. It is my hope that this house discusses this motion and come up with a committee or an inspection team to investigate and verify the status of the compliance of the 70 per cent for the locals and 30 per cent for the non-locals. With those few remarks let me thank you Mr. Speaker sir. I wish to call upon Hon Joseph Kalunde, member for Mutituni ward to second the motion. Thank you.

Hon. Kalunde: Mr. Speaker, the motion which has been brought to this house does not even require to be discussed for a long time because it is a motion which so many people would support even if they were not members of this house. Mr. Speaker, I would even want to widen the motion to the extent that after employing the locals, at a rate of 70 per cent and the foreigners 30 per cent, I would even want the mover to widen the motion by also requesting the county Government of Machakos to extend their investment to the locals as well.

What I mean by saying investment is that we know that we want to extent or improve the works and businesses in Machakos county and you find that quite a number of tenders for this

county are being given to people who are not residing in the same towns and I believe that according to the national Constitution of the country, it says clearly that if there is a factory being built at Mutituni, the locals from Mutituni are supposed to be given that job to do. So Mr. Speaker, I would like this motion to be widened to also provide for the locals to be given chances even if we have to give to Mr. Katela a tender to build a factory in Mutituni. Mr. Speaker, I second the motion.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. John Sila.

Hon. Sila: I am in totality supporting the mover of the motion since it's a good idea but I prefer the motion to be referred to the relevant committee which is Labor and Social Welfare to come up with a good framework before it is brought to this honorable house. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Who is seconding your motion?

Hon. Sila: Hon. Katela

Hon. Katela: Mr. Speaker, Sir, I stand to second Hon. Sila that there is a relevant committee on employment which is of course Labour and the motion should just be referred back to the committee and of course the mover of the motion suggested very well that we should form a small committee, in which I think he should be considered also, not to kill his idea, so that we can go round first and have data. We cannot just say 70 per cent over 30 per cent and we don't know how many have been employed. We should get data from the factories; it's a good idea but it should start from the committee level. Thank you.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon Alphonse Wambua.

Hon. A. Wambua: Thank you Mr. Speaker. This is a very good motion to this house. Aware that this house has 59 members and if you can see the house now, there is no quorum. So Mr. Speaker I propose we defer this motion for this time; it would be better for this house. Thank you.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon Oliver.

Hon. Nzeki: The mover of the motion has talked about local investors. If you happen to go to those who are manufacturing cement, those who are manufacturing steelworks, you can't find a Mukamba who is a local there because they are weaklings. You will find other tribes there because they can't do hard jobs so I can't support a motion whereby you will just kill the 70 firms. Again---

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Order, let the member interpret.

Hon. Nzeki: Yes, I was just saying that we don't want to kill the local investors because our locals cannot work in those factories. Protect me, Sir.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Let the member contribute.

Hon. Nzeki: On the issue of Machakos County Government, we have to get data from the Public Service Board so in this case you can't just discuss it in this house. It has to go back to the relevant committee then it be brought to this house. Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir.

Hon. Kamitu: Thank you Mr. Speaker sir. I thought Hon. Nzeki will stand and support the point that the house is out of quorum because we don't have enough members and again Hon speaker, support your communication because us as members we are noticing and we are talking of members coming in just to sign the book and go out. So I would kindly echo that point that as Hon Members Mr. Speaker sir...

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon Kamitu--

Hon. Kamitu: We should be serious and...

Hon. Deputy Speaker: You are out of order.

Hon. Kamitu: Okay, Sir. Otherwise we are out of quorum so I stand to support Hon Alphonce.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Kiviu.

Hon. Manyolo: Thank you Mr. Speaker sir and the house at large. I stand to inform you that there is no quorum in the house. Can the house be adjourned?

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Mr. Clerk, confirm whether we have quorum. In the meantime, there being no further contribution to the matter, I would want to put the question on the proposal by Hon John Sila that the matter be referred to the committee on Labour And Social Welfare for further interrogation, investigation within the employers within the county and the county Government as an employer and present the facts with proper recommendations to this House for further action that will be taken by the House. Therefore I put the question.

(Question put and agreed to)

ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Deputy Speaker: The matter is referred to the relevant committee and I would urge all those committees that have matters referred to them to work in earnest to ensure that all those the issues are addressed and reported back to the House as soon as possible. The House is adjourned until tomorrow 2.30 p.m.

The House rose at 3.45 p.m.