

MACHAKOS COUNTY ASSEMBLY**OFFICIAL REPORT****Wednesday, 24th September, 2014**

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*[The Speaker (Mr. Mung'ata) in the Chair]***PRAYERS****COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR****OCCUPATION OF NEW CHAMBER**

Hon. Speaker: Good morning Hon. Members. The communication I have is brief. I would thank you all for your humility and condoning that we use this small room. We are likely to occupy our new chambers in the next 14 days. Works will be jump started from tomorrow.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS**PURCHASE OF FIRE-FIGHTING EQUIPMENT**

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Raphael.

Hon. R. Mutuku: Mr. Speaker, Sir, I beg to give notice of the motion that this Hon. House discusses and approves purchase of fire fighting and emergency services equipment to all the Sub Counties within Machakos County.

CIVIC EDUCATION TO RESIDENTS

Hon. Speaker: Proceed. We have the matter for Hon. David Manyolo.

Majority Leader (Hon. Mwonga): Mr. Speaker, I have communication from Hon. David Manyolo from Matuu. Mr. Speaker, I beg to give notice of the following motion that this Hon. House discusses and approves conducting civic education to residents of Machakos County on the functions of the County Government and National Government. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you very much. Proceed.

MOTIONS

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PURCHASE OF FIRE-FIGHTING EQUIPMENT

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Raphael Mutuku.

Hon. R. Mutuku: Mr. Speaker, Sir, that aware that the County Government of Machakos is very large, aware that the County has inadequate fire-fighting equipment, aware that the equipment are not literally distributed, aware that Mwala, Yatta and Masinga and Kathiani Sub-Counties do not have any fire fighting equipments attached to them. Aware that in case of any fire outbreak the same cannot be mitigated, aware that in some Sub-Counties there are two or more fire-fighting equipment, some can be stationed in four mentioned Sub-Counties.

And aware that Yatta and Masinga Sub-Counties are forced to get these services from Kiambu County, this hon. House discusses and approves purchase of fire-fighting and emergency services for each Sub-County in Machakos County and further employ and train staff to operate them. Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir. Mr. Speaker Sir I wish to request Honorable Mary Ndinda to second my Motion.

Hon. (Ms.) Ndinda: Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir. I want to second this motion of supplying of emergency fire-fighting equipment because as we know, this County is wide and we have got some wards which are in the interior part and in case of any fire which might break, may be in schools or hospitals, we have impassable roads where a vehicle cannot go immediately and put off the fire. So I humbly request that we may have a supply of enough or sufficient fire-fighting equipment and also I support that motion of having trained firemen. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you very much. The motion is properly laid and discussion is open. Let us begin by proposal, those in support of the motion.

Hon. Kathinzi: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I would like to inform this house that this motion, as it is being laid today, it might not be fair for us to discuss things which have already been done. Yesterday Masinga Sub-County received one fire engine, and then today we are told to approve a motion that the County starts buying equipments.

So can we get information how this fire-fighting equipment came to Masinga Sub-County yesterday and this house has never approved this particular equipment to be bought by the County. So can we get information before we proceed with this particular motion? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Kathinzi, it is not enough to say. Do you have evidence? Do you have photographs to demonstrate that indeed there was fire equipment on the ground in Masinga? And it indeed you have---

Hon. Kathinzi: Mr. Speaker, if you go to the website or to the ground, you can even call the Sub-County administrator.

Hon. Speaker: Are you telling the Speaker to go to the website?

Hon. Kathinzi: No, no Mr. Speaker. I withdraw that but I am saying the machine---

Hon. Speaker: You are out of order Hon. Kathinzi. Proceed.

Hon. T. Kilonzo: Mr. Speaker, I have learnt that some members of the staff concerning fire fighting have been also sent to all the Sub-counties. That one I am aware I have heard and I am aware that there are fire engines in the Sub Counties. Can we then know how the machines were bought or we budgeted for them and we have forgotten? Can we be told by the relevant Committee whether it is true the fire fighting machines are on the ground?

Hon. Speaker: When the motion was laid properly for discussion, I opened debate for those in support of it and for those opposing. The position the Chair has taken is, I am taking proposals. If your position is that the motion is invaluable, then you raise those points in opposition phase. I am sorry about that, and then those in support of the motion proceed. Let me hear Hon. Ndeto. In support of the motion.

Hon. Ndeto: Thank you Mr. Speaker. This idea of purchasing fire-fighting and emergency services is not a bad idea, it is a good idea because damages are happening in schools, business premises and we need this equipment. The only thing that we need to put in mind and in consideration is; what is current situation of the fire fighting department within Machakos? And before we, may be pass or oppose this motion, it will be of good if with the powers conferred to you Mr. Speaker and this house, that we find the status of the current situation of the fire fighting department. Which Sub-County has and which does not have the equipment. Thank you.

Hon. Speaker: The mover of the motion. It now comes back to you. Can you tell us exactly what informed your motion?

Hon. R. Mutuku: Mr. Speaker, Sir, the fourth schedule of our constitution is very clear. It gives the functions of the National and county governments, and it is very clear that in part two, functions of the County government that fire fighting services and any disaster management is supposed to be controlled by the county government. We cannot undertake such issues without a policy, without a direction from the Assembly and if we approve this motion, it will now give the relevant department an eye opener that they move with speed and implement in areas where we do not have such equipments because like in Kathiani, I am not aware whether it is there.

In other areas it is not there. If in Masinga, it is there, I am not aware. My point is we need to have these equipment in all Sub-Counties to avoid a situation where fire breaks out and the relevant authority which are there, are forced to move to other Sub-Counties to get these services. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: I think the persuasion of the Speaker and the Chair is that hon. Raphael Mutuku has made his point. There are Sub-Counties which have this equipment already and perhaps if they were bought without permission of the House, then members can raise those issues in other forums. But Hon. Mutuku is saying that this policy be established by the County Assembly of Machakos. And the motion must proceed.

Hon. Kamitu: To the Hon. Speaker, Sir, and this house is that I am in support of this motion because of the following points. It is always good that we are supposed to be proactive. So Hon. Mutuku, the way he has brought this motion is that Machakos County is growing. We have Sub-Counties which have got towns which are coming up and we are supposed to take the account of those small towns or the big towns like Mavoko that have got fire-fighting services and then we know as Hon. Mutuku has put it, those other Sub-counties or small owns coming up require fire-fighting services because this is an essential service.

Of late, we have heard of fire outbreaks in schools and in case we have this equipment within the Sub-Counties, we shall be able to prevent situations where fire, as you are aware, destroys property and many important things within a town. So I sincerely and strongly support that our Sub-counties that do not have these fire-fighting machines should acquire some through the Assembly. I strongly stand to support the motion. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you very much.

Majority Leader (Hon. Mwonga): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. First and foremost, I will start by thanking the mover of this motion and say it is timely and Mr. Speaker, I want to make a clarification. No fire-fighting machine has been delivered to Masinga Sub-County. Mr. Speaker, what is happening right now, we have a team from the emergency services department which is going round the whole county sensitizing the public on how to use the ambulances which we have and the fire fighting machines which are available to the County, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, it is this convoy which was in Masinga yesterday and in the convoy they have a fire engine. So, Mr. Speaker, the Hon. member for Kivaa, may be, was misinformed that a fire engine has been delivered to Masinga which is not true, Mr. Speaker and in that position I am speaking with a lot of authority because when I have walked out, Mr. Speaker, I have consulted the head of emergency department.

Now, I want to support this motion. It is a very good motion, Mr. Speaker, knowing that we have eight Sub-Counties and all the eight Sub-Counties have very many wards, are made of four to five wards and we have no fire engines. If we had one Mr. Speaker, about three weeks ago, a dormitory went on fire in Masinga Boys' Secondary School and it was burnt completely because there was no fire engine available Mr. Speaker. So Mr. Speaker, I want to urge these members we stand up together, join our hands and forget our political persuasions and support this noble idea of giving services to our Community. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you very much. Hon. Itumo.

Hon. Itumo: Thank you Mr. Speaker, first for catching your eye. I stand to support this very important motion in the sense that as you may realize that most institutions are burning and collapsing due to fires when we actually do not have fire engines. So Mr. Speaker, it is very important for us to discuss and pass this motion so that we prevent such damages. Mr. Speaker you may realize also some of the Sub-Counties in this Machakos County have been covered by Metropolitan and previously before the existence of County governments, there are those fire engines that were brought or were issued by the Metropolitan.

May be some of us are confused of such fire engines. Like the place where I come from that is Kangundo Central ward, we had two but they were issued before the existence of the County Governments. Mr. Speaker, I stand to support this crucial motion and I urge all the members to join hands, approve this motion and let us pass without any obligations. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Yes.

Hon. M. Mutuku: Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir. Let me also applaud the mover of the motion. The motion is timely because yesterday we also had a fire in Athi River last night and truly, if it was not for the fire fighters, it could have consumed the whole slum settlement of City Carton. Therefore, Mr. Speaker, the cost of buying that equipment compared to the benefits, truly speaking, the benefits are too high, as you are aware where there is fire, the chances are too high to lose life.

Where there is fire, the chances are too high to lose properties. Mr. Speaker, Sir, buying the equipment is one of the signs of civilization and I think this County will be moving in the right direction if every Sub-County will be having its own fire fighting equipments. Therefore, Mr. Speaker, Sir, I hereby support the motion. Thank you.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Kathinzi, your hand was up

Hon. Kathinzi: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I had risen earlier indicating and giving the communication but I think the Majority Leader has given the direction and if truly that is the position, then there is no one who would say he doesn't want the machine to be in his ward. In fact, for Masinga Sub-County the engine should be taken to Kivaa Ward. So therefore the only thing I would like to add in support in this motion is that we need to get the actual data on how Sub-Counties don't have these machines.

If two or three Sub-Counties have gotten the same engines from the Metropolitan department, then we need to slash down to the only Sub-Counties where they don't have those machines but the position is very clear, we have been having very high cost in terms of burning of dormitories, burning of hospitals and all such of things. So therefore Mr. Speaker, I stand now to support this motion but with the necessary amendments that only to the Sub-Counties where we do not have those machines. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you Hon. Kathinzi but understanding the matter at hand is that the motion lays the policy. So implementation will be appropriately done after collecting data. But I think your fears will be captured by the implementation team. Yes.

Hon. Nzoka: Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir. It has been said and I don't want to repeat much. When I was a Councilor, by then we received one in Kangundo and now it is not there. It has been brought to Machakos. It is good every Sub-County to have its own and again what we are lacking. I want to support it with other amendments that we should have personnel to work with the machines because it was funny when a dormitory caught fire in Tala, there was no assistance of that fire engine because the personnel were not there and again there was no water bowser.

We have a problem. We you can have that small fire engine which has no capacity of carrying water so we need it to be accompanied by bowsers of water so when they are putting off the fire we can have some water bowsers on standby to assist in water. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir.

Hon. Speaker: Yes but the wording of the motion, I don't know whether you were here when the motion was moved, says in the last two paragraphs 'that the House discusses and approves purchase of fire fighting and emergency services for each Sub-County in Machakos County and further employ and train staff to operate them.

Hon. Ndeto: Thank you for the direction we are taking as a House over this motion. Mine is just that, as I support the motion to add and request the mover and also the entire house, if it can come with a comprehensive policy of enacting this motion and especially looking backwards there are some things which this house has approved like for example, there is a day we met in this house and approved the purchase of second hand vehicles and we know what has been happening since then to date. So I would request that as we formulate and pass this motion, we also come up with a policy of the kind of fire-fighting equipment that we need within the County. Thank you.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you. Immediately the motion is passed, it will be referred to a Committee and regulations should be established. Any further point in support? Any other point in opposition? Then I proceed to put the question.

(Question put and agreed to)

Hon. Manyolo: Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir.

Hon. Speaker: Sorry, before you proceed the motion on fire-fighting equipment will be referred to the appropriate Committee on delegated legislation. Proceed, Hon. Manyolo. Sorry about that.

CIVIC EDUCATION TO RESIDENTS

Hon. Manyolo: Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir. I thank the Majority Leader for agreeing to give the notice of motion. Mr. Speaker, Sir, I beg to move the following motion.

Hon. Speaker: I thought you should begin by seeking apologies for coming late.

Hon. Manyolo: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I apologize for coming late. Mr. Speaker, Sir, I beg to move the following motion, that aware that members of the public face challenges on where to forward problems to be addressed, Mr. Speaker, Sir, aware that pursuant to the Constitution of Kenya 2010, Article 183 as read with the County Governments Act, Section 5, clearly stipulates that the functions of the County government, further aware that the Hon. members have had to take the initiative to advice members of the public on who and where to get services.

I wish to move a motion that this honorable house discusses conducting of civic education to residents of Machakos County in order to educate them on the mandate of the County government and the mandate of the National government. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir. I call upon Hon. Raphael to second the motion.

Hon. R. Mutuku: Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir. Mr. Speaker, Sir, we are aware after the dispensation of the new constitution, most of our residents do not understand the functions of each officer. They do not understand our functions and that is why up to today the members of county Assembly are addressed as councilors yet councilors are from the defunct local authorities. Mr. Speaker, Sir, it could be of importance that we move with speed and educate our electorate..... (*inaudible*)

Hon. Kathinzi: The functions of the county assembly should be well stipulated in the civic education so that we do not face a lot of challenges when we are dealing with our citizens. So therefore Mheshimiwa Manyolo, *hongera sana*. This is a well thought motion that I support. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you. Let us hear Hon. Mueni

Hon. (Ms.) Mueni: Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir. I stand to support the motion because our people down there, they don't know their rights and it is good to teach them what is supposed to be done to them and not to be complaining about the MCAs because sometimes they complain to us and some things we are not the ones to do them.

Hon. Muthuka: Thank you Mr. Speaker and the rest of the house. I stand here to support this motion, since information is power; our people need to be empowered. And the only way to empower them and to clear the confusion which has been witnessed within our society, it is the high time that we educate the residents. It is the high time that we educate our electorates so that each function, each state officer, they are aware of what kind of work they do.

As you know, this is the legislature. Our work is simply to legislate, represent and oversight. So most of them, they don't know the difference between the Executive and also the legislature. And also they don't know the devolved functions, the national government and also to the county assembly.

I wish that we move with speed and approve this motion and at the same time, we need also to consider the kind of groups we engage in educating these residents so that the groups can be neutral and professional so that information is passed to our residents. Thank you. I support it.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you. Just for the information of the house, there is a draft for the public participation and all this points will be engaged in that bill. And we can proceed having that in mind.

Hon. Maitha: Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir and the house at large. I think Mr. Speaker; this motion has really come in the high time that this house needs it and the residents of

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Machakos County need information to clearly understand the roles and functions of the two arms of the county government.

As I echo what the hon. Muthuka has said and in support of the mover of motion, I just want to say this; our people are not informed. And maybe, what I might say is this, Mr. Speaker, though it might not please others, we want the electorates down there to understand clearly the functions of a member of County Assembly.

The three functions, as per the constitution, we want the residents there to understand the functions of the Executive arm of the government. Because, today it is evident, and this hon. members will prove me right or wrong, that information has even gone round in some of the wards that, some senior government officials are spreading propaganda that development is not coming to your people because your MCA is not supporting the government. That is giving the wrong information to the public. We need the public to understand, the implementation of projects within Machakos County is fully vested in the Executive arm of the government.

And by so doing, what I want to say is this. Let the electorates understand this; development will not come because of the MCAs. The work of the hon. member of the county assembly is to give budget to the Executive arm of the government and then in support of the Executive arm of the government, implement that project. And in case the implementation process has got issues, that is when the legislative and oversight role of the County Assembly comes in.

So, it is in good faith and if this motion is properly implemented, you will be shocked in the next two to three years, no one will be talking of the Executive arm of the government. No one will be pointing accusing fingers on the county assembly. But because of mis-information, electorates still believe the construction of roads, implementation of water projects, implementation of agriculture projects is fully vested in the arm of the county assembly which is totally wrong.

So I support this motion and what I would say is we need now to come up with proper policies and mechanisms of how we are going to implement it. For example, I witnessed about a week ago, we had a public participation in the stadium, in Machakos County. Mr. Speaker, it was so disappointing that, those who attended that public participation, 80 per cent of that public participation was composed of members of County Assembly and the staff.

It becomes so disappointing that the people we are supposed to disseminate information to don't come and the people who are disseminating the information are the ones dominating that meeting.

So Mr. Speaker, we need to come up with proper mechanisms on how we will reach the largest number of participants so that we can disseminate the information, such that by the time they leave, at least they can go and give the same information to others who need that information. I support this motion, Mr. Speaker, in totality. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you. Those are good remarks.

Majority Leader (Hon. Mwonga): Mr. Speaker, I want to start by commenting on what has been raised by the immediate contributor Hon. Dominic Maitha.

Mr. Speaker, in the public participation on the Finance Bill, I want to say, members of the public attended very well and if there are areas where they did not attend and the members of the assembly and the staff where more than the attendants, I want to say, maybe in the areas where the MCAs did not sensitize about the issue of the finance bill.

Mr. Speaker, in my sub county, that is Masinga, we had over 500 people and it is in the record with the officers of this assembly. Mr. Speaker, I want now to contribute on the---

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Maitha talked about Kenyatta Stadium, were you in attendance?

Majority Leader (Hon. Mwonga): Sorry Mr. Speaker, maybe I did not get him very well. I thought he was contributing. We did not have public participation in Kenyatta stadium. The public participation for Machakos Sub County was in Mutituni.

Hon. Speaker: On that matter, I rule that we don't divert debate. Let us proceed on issues.

Majority Leader (Hon. Mwonga): Thank you Mr. Speaker. Now back to the motion.

Hon. Speaker: Hon Maitha, there is a manner of communication in the house.

Majority Leader (Hon. Mwonga): Thank you Mr. Speaker. I want to start by thanking the mover of this important motion and start by saying that, civic education is a crucial tool to all classes of people. It is not only, and we should not say that we have civic education only aiming at the local Mwananchi, commonly known as Wanjiku, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, let me quote about what happened yesterday in Makueni. What happened in Makueni is totally a show of how things can happen when we have no civic education Mr. Speaker.

When we are talking of civic education, we should emphasize that we invite all classes of people, even the Senators Mr. Speaker, so as to know their role. We also invite the MPs and even the hon. M.CAs to attend these forums, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I want to summarize by quoting the book of Hosea 4: 6. It says 'my people perish for lack of knowledge.' Thank you. I stand to support.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you very much. I think the point is made. We as well need it.

Hon. Katumo: Thank you Mr. Speaker, and my colleagues. I stand to support this motion. There is need to erase the confusion that is taking place, especially in counties in terms of functions.

We need the people out there to know the functions that part of the County government and the National Government. We have had problems with our residents and the people that we represent because they do not know where to go for services that they want to be attended to.

There is need to conduct this civic education and especially in addition towards the end of the term to make sure that we enhance the participation of our residents especially in Machakos County.

There is a problem when people want to be attended and services given to them, because they don't know who makes the decisions and for what reason and in whose interest and there is need therefore to make our residents aware of the places and the offices and the officers in which they can get the services. So I support this motion that we need civic education to enhance the participation and the understanding and erase the ignorance that our people, even us included, have. Thank you.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you very much. I think lastly, hon. Ndeto.

Hon. Ndeto: Thank you Mr. Speaker, for this opportunity to contribute to the motion brought to this house by the hon. member for Matuu. Mr. Speaker, I support this motion, and as I support this motion, I want to draw the attention of this house that when we were doing the budget consultation with the public, the civic society when we were in Machakos, they raised this issue.

They said, according to the budget that we took to them, there was no allocation for civic education. They raised this important issue and as I support this motion, I also request this hon. house, in future or even today, to bring a supplementary budget in which we can re-allocate some money for the civic education.

If we pass the motion, we also come up, through the ministry of finance, with a supplementary budget and allocate money for the same. Thank you.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you. On that point, indeed they have already filed some documents in my office and they will be deliberated.

Hon. Kamitu: Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir. As I stand here, very important sentiments have been mentioned by the hon. members. I would only request this house also, if the exercise is going to be taken, also the constitution should also be written in vernacular, where the civic education should also be written in vernacular so that our electorates who do not understand English or Swahili may have the same version.

Again it is also my humble request, if also the same civic education should also come as a circular to all our institutions, that is the primary schools and secondary schools, where this same constitution should be passed to our small kids from the nursery schools because if it is done so, maybe within the next 10- 15 years, all Kenyans will have gotten the meaning of this constitution. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you very much.

Hon. (Ms.) Ndinda: I stand in support of the motion, where I also want to say, as we consider Mwananchi, the MCAs should also consider all the employees of Machakos County. Let this civic education go round to all offices, so that everybody may be knowledgeable and also, the training should be simplified to that old men or women who cannot get every education, so that it can be understood in an easier manner. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you very much for that. Hon. Mueni at the back.

Hon. (Ms.) Mueni: Thank you Mr Speaker, Sir. I also stand to support the motion and to ask you, if you can start the civic education here, because when we differ here, we are being enemies all around, even outside. So I ask you kindly to start the civic education here.

(Laughter)

Hon. Speaker: I agree.

Hon. Kitheka: Thank you Mr. Speaker. First and foremost I acknowledge in totality what that hon member has said and that should be put in place.

Secondly, Mr. Speaker, for us to have informed citizens within us and even within the assembly, I truly wish Mr Speaker, we consider article 118 of the constitution, which states clearly that we must engage the public in what we do in the assembly so that at least there can be public access and participation, for us to execute our duties perfectly.

Otherwise, I wish to congratulate the member who has come with this motion which is good and will help our people. So Mr. Speaker, with what the hon. member has said, I wish we consider clearly Article 118 of the constitution. Thank you very much Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you very much. I take note of that.

Hon. Nzeki: Thank you very much. I really congratulate the member for Matuu for bringing this good motion but I just wanted to have a way forward that this house forms a committee of devolution so as to deal with civic education. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you. I will ask Hon. Mueni to say it again. I don't know what was in her mind when she said I should begin.

Hon. (Ms.) Mueni: Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir. I think you don't know whether we are enemies in this House.

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Hon. Speaker: Yes.

Hon. (Ms.) Mueni: We are very much enemies because when we differ in ideas, it doesn't mean that we are not friends. The term for some of us will end in five years and we will be out there and we shall be meeting and knowing that this was so and so. But when we are here, Infact some people here do not greet one another.

Me I knew you before you before we came here and we are friends from outside. So we have to create that thing because when we come here, some people will be outside and others will be saying 'you don't be given a job because you were like this and that.'

So we have to learn to be friends and to know that we go to church and first we have to love one another. So before you tell people out there your work is this, you have to know what your work is first.

Because when I go to somebody's ward like Hon. Felix, he has to know that I am a friend to him, he has to give me a chance. But you can go to some places and fail to be given a chance because you are an enemy to that person.

Before we came here, we did not know one another, but now we know each other better. Even when temperatures are high, we know you, when they are down, we know you, so we have to understand one another and know how we can handle one another.

Because in this house we are big enemies and if you don't want this thing to be like Makueni, Mr. Speaker, I ask you kindly, to call these people and talk to them. As you are an educated Speaker and I told you, you are an able Speaker, not like the one of Makueni.

(Laughter)

Hon. Speaker: I think the house will take that as the first lesson on civic education. Hon. Rachel, I saw your hand up.

Hon. (Ms.) R. Nduku: Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir. I want to support this motion, but there is something which hon. Kamitu, Tala ward, has said about vernacular. I was thinking, if we conduct civic education in vernacular, it should be done in broadcasting channels because as you know, Machakos county people are very busy people. Now when we call people on public forums, especially on budget forums, we get very few people and it may not bear fruits because the people don't come to civic education forums.

So my concern was, if this civic education can also be conducted through the media and through our local vernacular radio stations, it can be of great help to our people in Machakos County. Thank you, Mr. Speaker Sir.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you. I think the motion did not limit the method so the methods can be as many as possible. I think we are all in consensus unless hon. Kathinzi there is---

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Hon. Kathinzi: Thank you Mr. Speaker and I also congratulate you for allowing Mheshimiwa Mueni to give a special speech according to the behavior and the kind of civic education you as the leader of this particular assembly you need to put into place.

Mr. Speaker, I have witnessed several occasions whereby you even stretch a hand to greet a Mheshimiwa and he or she says no 'I don't want to greet you, you are my enemy. You are the enemy of what I want to do in this assembly.' I have witnessed it. Even as we walk out here ---

Hon. Speaker: Are you saying this is happening?

Hon. Kathinzi: This is happening. Even today, Mr. Speaker I would like to---

Hon. Speaker: Allow hon Kathinzi to proceed.

Hon. Kathinzi: I think I am speaking in position of how civic education will even guide us on the ways and means of conduct in this particular house. Two or three weeks ago, I was seated with Mheshimiwa Manyolo, Mheshimiwa Kavuu is not here and Hon. Munyaka. We were discussing how we can form a third force to neutralize the behavior of members in this particular assembly.

Hon. Speaker: You are saying there is already a second force?

Hon. Kathinzi: Yes they are two. We wanted to form a neutral force where we can be able to put members together, agree and move forward and also read the constitution and Standing Orders so that we can make the useful time to make sure that we proceed in this house.

So therefore Mr. Speaker, I think that is part of the civic education. Maybe you would want to have some forums, maybe on a Friday morning, we need to have some morning glory and then we proceed with the civic education, so that we can-----us as members need to understand our roles in this particular assembly. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you. I think I am moved by the idea of the morning glory. Finally-

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Hon. Maitha: Thank you Mr. Speaker for giving me a chance. I have just thought of something, regarding the issue of civic education. It will be in the best interest when this assembly is creating a budget through the supplementary budget for the same, that we maybe consider we employ at least two people who are very well-versed with human rights, those people who can even be seconded by the civil society and then we post those two people in almost every ward.

We will have created employment and this people will be like, in almost every week, they can visit certain areas such as churches, public functions, harambees and others and they will be able to disseminate that information properly.

So I think it is in the good interest of the public that, when this assembly will be passing the supplementary budget, if it is not there, they consider budgeting for employment of at least two people, in almost every ward and this people can even be circulating information such that they can give information fully.

And then on quarterly basis, we try to figure out, how is the public responding to that and then we take this people to training. I think it will be in the best interest of this assembly. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: The point is well taken. Then we can hear the mover.

Hon. Manyolo: Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir and hon members. I am jubilant for members have supported the motion fully and it is true that the motion was essential to everyone. Mr. Speaker, Sir, we have to move with speed because most of the electorates down there don't know the principles of the county government and of the national government, what appertains to the national government and what appertains to the county government.

It is good because the members have passed the motion and have supported it. I know we will move fast. Mr. Speaker, Sir, it is true, the matter brought forward by hon. Mueni. It is true that there are members who don't talk to each other. And the Bible says, in the book of Revelation: remember the height of your fault and repent. So you have to remember what you did to your friend and then you repent and then, create mutual understanding to be free.

It is good because we depend on each other. And the Bible also says, in the book of Isaiah, 'it is high time you remember what God has instructed you and do the good instead of the bad.' So Mr. Speaker, Sir, for the good of us, we have to even today or tomorrow, conduct civic education for the members, for mutual understanding and the betterment of our county. Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you very much hon. Manyolo. And I proceed to put the motion brought by hon. David Manyolo, member of county assembly for Matuu ward that the motion succeeds.

(Question put and agreed to)

ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Speaker: Hon members, that is about the business of the morning and thank you for that good morning. I am happy today for your contributions. Have a good morning. Thank you.

The House rose at 10.14 a.m.