

MACHAKOS COUNTY ASSEMBLY**OFFICIAL REPORT****Wednesday, 16th September, 2015**

The House met at 10.05 a.m.

*[The Speaker (Mr. Mung'ata) in the Chair]***PRAYERS****Hon. Speaker:** Good morning Hon. Members. Let us proceed Clerk.**MOTION****ESTABLISHMENT OF BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTRES****Hon. Speaker:** Yes, Hon. Veronica.**Hon. Veronica Mbithe:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker and the House at large. I wish to move the motion that this House discusses and urges the County Government of Machakos to establish business development centres. I ask Hon. Joseph Itumo to second.**Hon. Joseph Itumo:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. I do second the motion presented by Hon. Veronica.**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you. Proceed and move the motion.**Hon. Veronica:** Mr. Speaker, aware that the government of Machakos and United Nations Development Programme in conjunction with various counties have embarked on establishment of county business development centres, commonly referred to as biashara centres in Kenya; further aware that biashara centre is an initiative in the second medium term plan of Vision 2030 which envisages the creation of centres of excellence to provide economic empowerment to women, youth and small businesses, noting that the ultimate goal of biashara centre is to achieve inclusive economic growth in the counties and creating meaningful jobs thus a better life; aware that micro and small medium enterprises generate roughly 85 per cent employment and 20 per cent of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) in Kenya; informed that Taita County launched its biashara centre in Voi township on 11th March, 2015 which was the first one in Kenya; cognizant that a county's wealth lies in its people, I wish to move the motion that the Machakos County Government establishes two county business development centres, that is biashara centres, in the next financial year. Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you very much. Debate on the motion is open. My reading of the motion was maybe to have it referred to the relevant committee but I will urge one of you to come up with that suggestion.

Hon. Joseph Kalunde: Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir. This is a very good initiative to build business centres in perhaps all the wards or in our big towns. I stand to support the motion and also suggest that it should be referred to the relevant committee so that it can be thrashed clearly. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you. I want to be reminded the committee that handles trade and planning. Is the chairperson here? ... The chairperson is here. Let us hear from the chairperson.

Hon. Sammy Nduva: Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir. I am the Chairman, Planning committee. Mr. Speaker I stand to support this motion and say that it is a good idea that these kinds of centres be established in our business and market centers.

Mr. Speaker I think it will be of importance that the matter be discussed at the committee level so that we can look at those county which already have the same initiative so that while undertaking it, we will have sufficient ideas on how to set up the centres.

So Mr. Speaker, I stand to support and accept if the matter is referred to the committee of Trade and Planning, that the matter will be discussed and later tabled to this Assembly for deliberation. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you. Yes.

Hon. Joseph Itumo: Thank you Mr. Speaker. To add on that, I would also like to request the House that the mover and seconder of that particular motion be invited to that committee for great contribution, Mr. Speaker. Thank you.

Hon. Speaker: The ruling of the Chair is that the matter will be referred to the Trade and Planning committee to deliberate on the matter and if it finds reason, it will invite the various members. Otherwise a committee will invite anybody interested, Hon Itumo. So that is the prerogative of the chair. Thank you.

ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Speaker: That is the end of the business this morning. The house adjourns until this afternoon. Thank you very much.

The House rose at 10.13 a.m.