

MACHAKOS COUNTY ASSEMBLY**OFFICIAL REPORT****Tuesday, 27th October, 2015**

The House met at 2.34 p.m.

*[The Deputy Speaker (Mr. Nathaniel Nganga) in the Chair]***PRAYERS****Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Proceed clerk.**COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR****CRA WORKSHOP FOR MEMBERS OF THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY**

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Members, I am in receipt of a correspondence from the Commission on Revenue allocation on a planned workshop for the members of the County Assembly that will be held here in Machakos on 4th November 2015. I have looked at the programme of the day and key among the day's activities will be discussions on the oversight role of the county assemblies, the Public Finance Management Act as well as issues, best practices and challenges that we face in executing our mandate.

It will also be an opportunity for us to interact with the commissioners on various matters including the CRA ceilings on ward offices rent, personal assistants for the nominated members of the Assembly, among other challenges facing the County Assembly. The day's program of activities is already with the office of the Clerk and copies will be circulated to all members in due course.

Therefore Hon. Members, purpose to attend this important forum which will be held at the Gelian Hotel from 8:30 a.m. on the 4th. Also note that the sitting allowances that Members would have been paid for the day's plenary sessions will be paid to Members who will attend the forum. Thank you.

PETITIONS

We have received two petitions:

POULTRY FARMERS IN MACHAKOS COUNTY

Small scale and commercial scale poultry farmers are requesting the Assembly to develop a legal frame work aimed at stimulating poultry sub sector in Machakos County. Through the clerk to the County Assembly pursuant to Standing Order 194 and pursuant to the Standing Order 201(1), the petition is hereby committed to the committee on agriculture and cooperative development and we expect that a comprehensive report will be tabled in the House within one month's time.

CONTRACTORS AND SUPPLIERS IN MACHAKOS COUNTY

Hon. Members I have received a petition by contractors and suppliers within Machakos County and the petition is received pursuant to Standing Orders 194 and 201(1). I also commit the petition to the Finance and Revenue collection Committee, to look into the petition and file a substantive report to the house in the shortest time possible.

PAPERS LAID

LIAISON COMMITTEE REPORT ON COMMITTEES' PROGRESS REPORTS

Hon. Katela: Mr. Speaker, Sir, I beg to lay the following paper on the table of the House today, 27th October 2015: progress report for Select and Sectoral Committee from January to June 2015.

REPORT ON NON-PAYMENT OF CONTRACTORS

Hon. Nzeki: Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir. I beg to defer the laying of the paper due to some information which has come through the petition which has been read to the Hon. House. Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you. Then by use of that petition we expect that you to file a motion and a substantive report to the House. Maybe you can give us an undertaking when we should have a response from your end.

Hon. Nzeki: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I am requesting to be given seven days because I have to call the Minister for finance then again we will have to sit with the contractors and suppliers. So fourteen days is enough.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Alright, you are within the time frame that has been provided; you can make your reference to Standing Order 201(2). So we expect you to respond in the earliest time possible.

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

NOTICE OF MOTION

LIAISON COMMITTEE REPORT ON COMMITTEES' PROGRESS REPORTS

Hon. Katela: Mr. Speaker, Sir, I wish to give notice of the following motion: that this Hon. House discusses and approves the Liaison committee report on the progress reports of Select and Sectoral committees as laid today 27th October 2015 in the House.

STATEMENT

EL-NINO PREPAREDNESS

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Members, a statement on Elnino preparedness was issued on 8th October 2015 before the House went on recess and I learned that the statement was not circulated and I therefore direct the office of the Clerk to distribute the statement to Hon. Members in readiness for its discussion this coming Thursday, 29th October 2015. Thank you, hon Members.

MOTION

LIAISON COMMITTEE REPORT ON COMMITTEES' PROGRESS REPORTS

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Mr. Speaker, Sir, aware that the Liaison Committee is mandated with ensuring that Select and Sectoral Committees submit their yearly reports as required by Standing Order 180 (1); aware that the Liaison committee received and discussed the progress report of Select and Sectoral committees on 1st October, 2015; Mr. Speaker, sir, pursuant to Standing Order 180 (2), the Liaison Committee submits its compiled reports of the progress reports for the period starting January to June, 2015, Mr. Speaker, Sir, I wish to move a motion that this Hon. House discusses and approves the compiled committee report on the progress for the aforementioned period. Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir. I call upon Hon. Kalunde to second my motion.

Hon. Kalunde: Mr. Speaker, Sir, I stand here to support the motion. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Proceed.

PROGRESS REPORT FOR COMMITTEES FROM JANUARY TO JUNE 2015

Preamble

Mr. Speaker, the Liaison Committee is established under Standing Order 191 (1) which states that *“There shall be a select Committee to be known as the Liaison Committee which shall consist of the Chairperson of Committees as the Chairperson and the Chairpersons of all Committees of the Assembly.”*

Mr. Speaker Sir, pursuant to Standing order 180(1) *“Unless a more regular interval is prescribed under any written law or these Standing Orders, each select Committee shall submit half yearly progress reports to the Liaison Committee”*. Mr. Speaker Sir the Liaison Committee received and discussed the Committee progress reports from January to June 2015 on 1st October 2015. The Committee hereby submits a compiled report of the same.

Mandate of the Liaison Committee

Mr. Speaker, Sir, pursuant to Standing Order No. 191 (2) the Liaison Committee is mandated to

- i. Guide and co-ordinate the operations, policies and mandates of all Committees;
- ii. Deliberate on and apportion the annual operating budget among the Committees
- iii. Consider the programmes of all Committees , including their need to travel and sit away from the precincts of Assembly;
- iv. Ensure that Committees submit reports as required by these Standing Orders;
- v. Determine, whenever necessary, the Committee or Committees to deliberate on any matter and
- vi. Give such advice relating to the work and mandate of select Committees as it may consider necessary.

Committee Membership

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| 1. Hon. Nathaniel Nganga | - Chairperson |
| 2. Hon. Sammy Nduva | - Member |
| 3. Hon. Joseph Muli | “ |
| 4. Hon. Alphonse Wambua | “ |
| 5. Hon. Joseph Itumo | “ |
| 6. Hon. David Manyolo | “ |
| 7. Hon. Peter Nzioki | “ |
| 8. Hon. Winston Kanui | “ |
| 9. Hon. Leonard Katela | “ |
| 10. Hon. Joseph Kalunde | “ |
| 11. Hon. (Ms.) Cecilia Sereka | “ |
| 12. Hon. Joshua Mwonga | “ |
| 13. Hon. Isaac Muinde | “ |
| 14. Hon. Felix Ngu | “ |
| 15. Hon. (Ms.) Jacqueline Nziva | “ |

16. Hon. Michael Mutuku “
17. Hon. Oliver Nzeki “
18. Hon. Edrick Ngunzi “

SECTORAL COMMITTEES

Health and Emergency Services Committee

Mandate of the Committee

Mr. Speaker, Sir, the Committee on Health and Emergency services as established pursuant to the Second Schedule of the Standing Orders defines its mandate as follows: - to deal with all matters related to County health services including in particular County health facilities and pharmacies, ambulance services, promoting of primary health care, licensing and control of undertakings that sell food to the public, cemeteries, funeral parlors and crematories and refuse removal, refuse dumps and solid waste disposal; firefighting services and disaster management.

Committee Business

Meetings

Mr. Speaker, Sir, during the period, the Committee held ten (10) meetings and discussed the following agenda:-

- Health scheme fund regulations
- Half Year reports for FY 2014/2015 from the Department of Health and Emergency Services
- Visitation of level 5 Hospital
- Interrogated the 2015/2016 Budget for the Department of Health and Emergency Services.

Reports Tabled

Mr. Speaker, Sir, during the period in consideration the committee has not tabled any report to this Hon. House. The Committee reviewed the health regulations in a consultative meeting with the Department of Health and Emergency Services. The regulations are awaiting gazette so that they can be brought to the house for commitment to the delegated legislation Committee.

Workshops/Benchmarking

Mr. Speaker, Sir, the committee benchmarked with Mombasa County Assembly Committee on Health and Emergency Services. At the same time, the Committee visited Coast General Hospital and noted the following;

- The hospital has embraced Facility Improvement Fund (FIF) Policy and confirmed its effectiveness in running of the day to day demands of the hospital.
- The monies collected by the hospital are used to pay the security services, supplies and casuals working in the hospital.
- Staff motivation is highly encompassed within the hospital i.e. there is a special vote for surgeons who work for long hours and 10 o'clock tea for all staff working in the hospital.
- The hospital has a NHIF office and NHIF funds comes directly to the hospital.
- All donations meant for the hospital are remitted to the hospital's bank account for the intended purpose.
- The hospital is a procuring entity. The level 4 hospitals also procure on their own using the tender number for Coast General Hospital.
- The hospital's board includes all the key stakeholders, representatives of the hospital Departments and the Chair to the Health and Emergency Committee.

The Committee recommends that the above be implemented by the Department of Health and Emergency Service.

Tourism and Culture Committee

Mandate of the Committee

Mr. Speaker, pursuant to the Second Schedule of the Standing Orders, this committee is mandated to deal with all matters related to cultural activities, public entertainment and public amenities, including betting, lotteries, casinos and other forms of gambling, racing, liquor licensing, cinemas, video shows and hiring, libraries, national heritage, museums and cultural activities and facilities and county parks, beaches and recreation facilities and local tourism, culture; control of drugs and pornography; and annual animal control and welfare, including licensing of dogs and facilities for the accommodation, care and burial of animals.

Committee Sitings

Mr. Speaker, over this period the committee was able to manage 12 committee sittings.

Reports

Mr. Speaker, the committee was not able to table any report within this period.

Budget Interrogation

In June this year the committee members interrogated the CEC and CO, Tourism and Culture Dept. on matters of 2015/2016 Budgetary allocation.

Fieldwork Programmes

Mr. Speaker, the committee was able to undertake fieldwork activities as follows;

- On 5th March 2015, the members attended the Kenya Wild Fest 2015 at Makutano/Chumvi. The aim of workshop was to celebrate the Wildlife day and raise awareness of the Worlds Wild Fauna and Flora as per the United Nations General Assembly Agreement.
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POINT OF ORDER

Hon. Itumo: Thank you Mr. Speaker. It seems there is no quorum as far as this sitting is concerned, so Mr. Speaker I am trying to beg for an adjournment for this sitting.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Clerk, confirm whether we have quorum.Proceed.

Hon. Katela: On 18th April, 2015 the committee members visited the mapped tourism site, in Matungulu North, that is the Fourteen Falls gate with the aim investigating on modalities the County Government of Machakos can lay to collect revenue from that site.

- In March this year the committee inspected the mapped tourism sites in Mwala and Machakos sub- counties.

Education and Social Welfare Committee

Mandate of the Committee

Mr. Speaker, Sir, the Committee on Education and Social Welfare was established pursuant to the Standing order 190 and the second schedule of the standing orders define its mandate as follows; all matters related to pre – primary education, village polytechnics, home craft centers and childcare, children and social welfare.

Committee Business

Meetings

Mr. Speaker, Sir, during the period the Committee held twenty two (22) meetings and discussed the following agenda:-

- The Committee reviewed the Bursary regulations
- Half Year reports for financial year 2014/2015 from the Department of Education, Youth and Social Welfare.
- ECD Classes
- Interrogated the 2015/2016 Budget for the Department of Education, Youth and Social Welfare.

Reports Tabled

Mr. Speaker, Sir, during the period in consideration the committee has not tabled any report to this honorable House.

Workshops Attended

Mr. Speaker Sir, the committee has not attended any workshop during this period.

Planning, Trade and Industrialization Committee

Mandate of the Committee

Mr. Speaker, Sir, the Committee on Trade, Planning and Industrialization was established pursuant to the second schedule of the standing orders with specific mandate on to all matters related to trade development and regulation including markets; trade licenses (excluding regulation of professions); fair trading practices and statistics.

Committee Business

Meetings

Mr. Speaker, Sir, during the period the Committee held thirteen (13) sittings. The Committee discussed the agenda listed below and resolved as indicated:-

- Invitation by Machakos County Investment Board to attend a retreat in Mombasa to discuss Machakos Investment Bill and Machakos County Strategic Plan.
 - The committee resolved to retreat as per invitation (4th – 7th February, 2015) to Voyager Hotel in Mombasa.
 - The retreat never took place due to lack of funds.
- Market Sheds and Quarterly report (1st& 2nd) for the Department of Trade, Economic Planning and Industrialization.
 - The Committee resolved to make site visitation to all wards to check on the Construction of Market shed and other developments.
- Market Sheds Visitation
 - The committee resolved to visit all wards to check on the status of market sheds. The committee undertook site visits on 13th – 16th February, 2015; 27th – 28th, February & 2nd March, 2015; 6th – 9th March, 2015 and on 17th – 18th April, 2015.
- Report on Benchmarking Study Tour to Hong Kong.
 - The committee met to approve the report on Hong Kong trip which had been undertaken by a number of committee members on 25th November – 2nd December, 2014.
 - The committee deferred the agenda to a later date since it was not urgent and by the end of the period, the report was yet to be approved by the committee.
- Progress Report for July – December, 2014 period.

- The committee approved the report to be taken to Liaison Committee
- Compiling Report on Market Shed Visitation.
 - The Committee resolved to retreat to 67 Hotel in Mlolongo to compile the report.
- Architectural Design for the new office block for the Assembly.
 - The committee resolved that there was need to interrogate the design further at a retreat together with all Members of the Assembly. The retreat did not take place due to inadequacy of funds.
- Budget estimates for 2015/2016 Interrogation.
 - The committee interrogated the Budget estimates for the Department of Trade, Economic Planning and Industrialization and forwarded its report to the Liaison Committee.

Workshops/ Retreats

Mr. Speaker, Sir, over the period the committee had one (1) retreat at 67 Hotel in Mlolongo to compile a report on Market Sheds. The Committee compiled the report halfway because members realized that status of the market sheds construction had changed because it took the committee three months to undertake all visitations. The committee agreed to undertake another mini visitation within one week so as ascertain the actual situation. The committee is yet to undertake the mini visitation due to lack of funds.

Transport, Roads, Public Works and Housing Committee

Mandate

Mr. Speaker, this committee is mandated to deal with all matters related to County transport, including county roads, housing, street lighting, traffic and parking, public transport and ferries and harbors, excluding the regulation of international and national shipping and matters related thereto; county public works and services.

Committee Sitings

Mr. Speaker, over this period the committee held a total of 13 sittings to deliberate on the following issues;

- Phase one roads Project report
- Designated Parking Bill, 2015
- Interrogated the Chief Officer, Roads Department on the phase II Project
- Budget interrogation for the FY 2015/2016

Reports

Mr. Speaker, in the month of March 2015, the committee was able to table one (1) report to the Assembly i.e. the report on Phase one roads project.

Fieldwork Programme

Mr. Speaker, in the month May 2015, the Committee carried out Inspection of phase 2 road projects in various parts of the county. In the same month the committee hosted a group of transport committee members from the Senate and carried out an inspection of Makutano-Kithimani Road.

Retreats

Mr. Speaker, this committee retreated in Mombasa for three days with their counterparts in the said county and discussed on several issues regarding the sector.

Finance and Revenue Collection Committee

Mandate of the Committee

Mr. Speaker, Sir, the Committee on Finance and Revenue Collection was established pursuant to the second schedule of the standing orders with specific mandate on to all matters relating to the management of county public finance and revenue collection.

Committee Business

Meetings

Mr. Speaker, Sir, during the period the Committee held twenty (20) sittings. The Committee discussed the agenda listed below and resolved as indicated:-

- Income and Expenditure Report 2013/2014
 - The committee resolved that the Department of Finance and Revenue Management submits bank statements, LATF report.
- Income and Expenditure Report Referred back to the committee
 - The committee resolved to ask the Department of Finance and Revenue Collection to submit another report and to invite her to shed light on it.
- Quarry Report
 - The committee went through the report on quarry visitation it had undertaken in November 2014 and resolved to re-visit the quarries once more before tabling the report to the House.
 - The visitation did not take place during the period under review due to shortage of funds.
- Petition by Mavoko Business Community

- The committee resolved to hear the business community together with the Chief officer Finance and invited them for a meeting.
- The meeting took place
- Report on Petition by Mavoko Business Community
 - The committee approved the report for tabling in the House. The report was eventually tabled and adopted.
- Response on statement on the Status of Emergency Fund
 - The committee considered the response and agreed that it was adequate to be taken to the House. The statement was issued in the House and was adequate.
- Compiling Income and Expenditure Report 2013/2014.
 - The Committee resolved to retreat to Mombasa to compile report on the Income and Expenditure Report 2013/2014 after it was referred back to the committee by the House. The committee retreated to compile the report.
- County Revenue Baseline Survey
 - The committee was informed that Office of the Controller of Budget was undertaking the survey in the County and agreed to support the same
- Machakos County Revenue Administration Bill, 2015
 - The committee was informed that the Bill had been read for the first time. The committee agreed to discuss the Bill before undertaking public participation.
- Report of Income and Expenditure 2013/2014
 - The committee agreed not to table the report in the House before the documents requested were submitted. By the end of the period under review the committee had not received the requested documents.
- Response to a statement on Revenue Collection Automation
 - The committee resolved to invite the CEC for finance to shed more light on the statement and also to Benchmark with Nairobi County.
- Machakos County MCAs Foreign Trips
 - The committee resolved to invite the member who requested the information to shed light on why he needed the information.
- Budget Estimates 2015/2016 Interrogation

- The committee interrogated the budgets of; Department of Finance and Revenue Management, Office of the Governor and that of the County Assembly and forwarded reports to the Liaison Committee.
- Request by County Treasury to Access Bank Facility
 - The committee resolved to invite the CEC and Chief Officer Finance to shed more light on the borrowing.
 - The CEC and the Chief Officer appeared before the Committee.
- Report on Request by County Treasury to Access Bank Facility
 - The Committee approved the report to be tabled in the House.

Reports Tabled

Mr. Speaker, Sir, during the period in consideration the committee prepared and tabled two (2) reports in the House namely:-

- Report on Income and Expenditure for 2013/2014 financial year.
- Report on Request to Access Bank Facility by County Treasury

Workshops/ Retreats

Mr. Speaker, Sir, over the period the committee had one (1) retreat at Jambo Village Hotel to compile a report on Income and Expenditure on 2013/2014 financial year. The Committee compiled the report but was unable to table it to the House because some supporting documents were missing.

Youth, Women and Sports Committee

Mandate of the Committee

Mr. Speaker, Sir, the Committee on Youth, Women and Sports was established pursuant to the Standing order 190 and the second schedule of the standing orders define its mandate as follows; to deal with youth welfare, women affairs, empowerment of women, matters of equality, affirmative action and gender related issues and sports activities and facilities.

Committee Business

Meetings

Mr. Speaker, Sir, during the period the Committee held fourteen meetings and discussed the following agenda:-

- Disbursement of the Social welfare fund
- Half Year reports for Fiscal year 2014/2015 from the Departments of Education & Social Welfare and Tourism and Culture
- KICOSCA budget

- Interrogated the 2015/2016 Budget for the Departments of Education & Social Welfare and Tourism and Culture

Field Visits

Mr. Speaker, Sir, the Committee visited Youth Centers in Machakos and Mavoko and is planning to visit the Kangundo Youth center so that a comprehensive report can be tabled in this house for adoption.

Foreign Trips

Mr. Speaker, Sir, a delegation comprising of the Chairperson, One Member and One Clerk Assistant attended the rugby international games at Hong Kong from 26th to 30th March 2015. The report on the trip will be tabled in the house the soonest.

Reports Tabled

Mr. Speaker, Sir, during the period in consideration the committee has not tabled any report to this honorable House.

Agriculture and Cooperative Development Committee

Mandate Of The Committee

According to the Second Schedule of Standing Order No. 190 , the committee is mandated to deal with all matters related to agriculture, including crop and animal husbandry, livestock sale yards, county abattoirs, plant and animal disease control, irrigation, fisheries, cooperative societies and veterinary services(excluding regulation of the profession).

Meetings Held by the Committee

Mr. Speaker, during the period of six months from January to June 2015 the committee worked tirelessly to attain the assembly mandates which are executed through the committees.

Committee Meetings

Mr. Speaker, the committee met twelve times during the period of January to June and it was able to achieve the following;

- The Committee had a round table meeting in the assembly precincts organized by the providence whole care international, an organization which was seeking for the support by Honorable members in creating public awareness on safe ways of disposing e-waste and also help in Law enactment to regulate manufacturing and importing of electrical and electronic appliances.

- The Committee also sat to deliberate on status report of July-December, 2014 from the Department of Co-operative Development where by the Chief Officer had noted that, the department has had no funding since devolution despite budgetary allocations and the reported achievement were as a result of the officers' personal sacrifice to duty with their salaries.
- The Committee held a discussion with the chief officer and the County director of Co-operative development on issues concerning poor performance of Co-operative societies in the County.
- Members had intense discussion on challenges which were facing coffee farmers in the County while marketing their produce. The committee members resolved to come up with modalities of visiting coffee growing areas within the county and came up with the possible solutions which were to draw back most of the coffee farmers who had diverted their marketing channels to Murang'a County.
- The committee had several visits to coffee farming areas within Machakos County with aim of establishing the challenges which face coffee farmers and further tabled the report on the floor of the house for consideration.

Committee Trainings

Mr. Speaker, Sir, during the period the committee has been in a position to attend the following workshops;

- The Committee had a round table meeting with the providence whole care international at *le technisch* on e-waste management in the county.
- Further, the committee attended a two day participatory scenario planning workshop to deliberate on March/April rain patterns which was to be expected during the season in Machakos County

Reports Tabled

Mr. Speaker, Sir, during the period, the committee tabled a report on coffee farming in the County.

Pending Matters

- The Committee had organized a benchmarking tour to Muranga County to learn more about co-operative development but since the Assembly was faced with financial constraints, the

office of the clerk advised the members to wait until next financial year when the funds will be available.

- The committee had also organized to visit all Co-operative societies in the County.

Justice and Legal Affairs Committee

Mandate of the Committee

Mr. Speaker, Sir, the Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs was established pursuant to the Standing order 190 and the second schedule of the standing orders define its mandate as follows; Constitutional affairs, the administration of law and justice, including the elections, ethics, integrity and anti corruption; human rights and intergovernmental relations.

Committee Business

Meetings

Mr. Speaker, Sir, during the period the Committee held fourteen (14) meetings and discussed the following agenda:-

- Legality of the Machakos County Economic Forum Board
- Legality of the County Attorney Office
- Demolition of Kiosks in Major towns of the County

Field Visits

Mr. Speaker, Sir, the Committee visited Mavoko Sub County to hear grievances from individuals whose kiosks had been demolished by the County Government of Machakos.

Reports Tabled

Mr. Speaker, Sir, during the period in consideration the committee has not tabled any report to this honorable House but a report on the demolition of Kiosks will be brought for adoption.

Labour, Public Service and ICT Committee

Mandate of the Committee

Mr. Speaker, Sir, the Committee on Labor, Public Service and ICT was established pursuant to the Standing order 190 and the second schedule of the standing orders define its mandate as follows; “All matters relating to labour, trade union relations, manpower or human resource planning; information, Communication and Technology.

Committee Business

Meetings

Mr. Speaker, Sir, during the period under review, the Committee held nine meetings and discussed as follows;

- Report on the Former UBS employees
- CCTV cameras report from the Department
- Statements on non-payment of casuals workers

Reports

Mr. Speaker, Sir, during the period under review the committee tabled one report on former UBS employees.

Trips

Mr. Speaker, Sir, the committee did not make any foreign trip during the period under review. The committee managed to retreat at 67 Hotel to deliberate on some issues. The committee also went round the county to establish functionality of CCTVs with an aim of producing a report on the same.

Environment, Lands, Energy And Natural Resources

Mandate of the Committee

Mr. Speaker, Sir, Pursuant to the Second Schedule of the Standing Orders, this Committee is mandated to deal with all matters related to the implementation of specific national government policies on natural resources and environmental conservation, including soil and water conservation and forestry and control of air pollution, noise pollution, other public nuisances and outdoor advertising; land survey and mapping; boundaries and fencing; electricity and gas reticulation; energy regulation; water management systems in built up areas and water sanitation services.

Committee Meetings/Business

Mr. Speaker, Sir, the following business was conducted by the committee during the said period.

- On 4th February 2015, the committee met to discuss the Machakos county lands board, the purchase of water tanks, and dumping and sewage disposal
- On 16th February 2015, the committee the met to discuss energy projects, forestation and surveying land and roads.
- On 24th February 2015, the committee met to discuss and deliberate on the Machakos lands board that was laid and passed by the assembly.
- On 24th March 2015, the committee visited Machakos dumping sites at Yimitheu area and invited the chief executive officer of the department.
- On 25th June 2015 the committee met with the chief officers of lands, energy and water departments to discuss the 2015/16 budget for each department.

Decentralized Units And Urban Areas Committee

Mandate of the Committee

Mr. Speaker, Sir, Pursuant to the second schedule of the Standing Orders this committee is mandated to deal with all matters relating to the delineation and management of decentralized units, urban areas and municipalities.

Committee Sitzings

Mr. Speaker, sir, over this period the committee held a total of 8 sittings to deliberate on the following agendas;

- Audit of assets and liabilities of the County
- Benchmarking Exercise

Bench Marking

Mr. Speaker, Sir, within this period, the committee went to Bench mark with Nakuru County Assembly, on issues pertaining to the mandates of the committee.

Audit of Assets and Liabilities of the County

Mr. Speaker, Sir, the committee initiated an exercise to audit the assets and liabilities of the Machakos County inherited from the 5 defunct councils but all has been in vain due to non-compliance from the relevant department.

SELECT COMMITTEES

Budget and Appropriation Committee

Mandate of the Committee

Mr. Speaker, Sir, pursuant to the Second Schedule of the Standing Orders, the mandate of the Committee shall be to:

- Investigate, inquire into and report on all matters related to coordination, control, and monitoring of the county budget.
- Discuss and review the estimates and make recommendations to the assembly.
- Examine the County Budget Policy Statement presented to the Assembly.
- Examine Bills related to the County budget, including Appropriations Bills.
- Evaluate tax estimates, economic and budgetary policies and programmes with direct budget outlays.

Meetings and Achievements

Mr. Speaker, Sir, in February 2015 the committee met to discuss the car loan and mortgage schemes for state officers and other public officers. Mr. Speaker Sir, in March 2015, the committee met to discuss and deliberate on 2015/16 county fiscal strategy paper. In the same month, Mr. Speaker sir, the budget and appropriation committee met to discuss the emergency fund account. This were successfully moved and passed in the house for implementation by the Executive.

On 4th April, 2015 the committee met to discuss and deliberate on the Machakos county budget review and outlook paper which was successfully moved and passed by the Assembly. Mr. Speaker on 8th April, 2015 the committee met to discuss and deliberate on the County Supplementary Bill which was laid, discussed and passed by the house.

On 15th April, 2015 the committee met to discuss and deliberate on the report of the controller of budget on Machakos county budget implementation review report for the financial year 2013/14. Mr. Speaker, on 3rd to 5th June, 2015 the budget and appropriation committee met to examine and discuss the budget estimates for the county and engaged the executive committee members and chief officers of the county government.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, on 16th June, 2015 the committee met to receive submissions from the sectoral committees on related sectoral departments budget proposals; these were to support prepare the 2015/16 financial year budget.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, on 21st June, 2015, pursuant to Standing Order No. 120 [3], the committee engaged the public across the county to participate and give their views in the making of 2015/16 budget. The committee recommended using the public opinion in the budget making process. The executive committee member of finance was invited to give views and clarify on recurrent and development expenditure drawn in the budget. This involved analyzing the county budget proposals and drawing of the budget report. The budget was successfully passed by the house.

On 30th June, 2015 the committee met to discuss the second supplementary that was laid, deliberated and passed by the house.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, the budget, and appropriation committee opened a window for all committees to make their independent budgets for 2015/16. This would make it possible for the committees to plan on how to undertake detailed scrutiny and fast track performance of the spending agencies under their respective jurisdiction. The Sectoral committees should prepare to interrogate the policies behind the programmes that the departments implement.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, the committee involved each departmental committee to deliberate upon and make recommendations to the Budget and Appropriation committee in relation to the respective department's budget under their jurisdiction.

Public Accounts and Investment Committee**Mandate of the Committee**

Mr. Speaker, this committee is responsible for:-

- The examination of the accounts showing the appropriations of the sum voted by the County Assembly to meet the public expenditure and of such other accounts laid before the County Assembly as the Committee may think fit.
- The examination of the reports, accounts and workings of the County Public Investments;
- The examination, in the context of the autonomy and efficiency of the county public investments, whether the affairs of the county public investments, are being managed in accordance with sound financial or business principles and prudent commercial practices:

Provided that the Committee shall not examine any of the following, namely:

- Matters of major County or National Government policy as distinct from business or commercial functions of the public investments;
- Matters of day-to-day administration; and
- Matters for the consideration of which machinery is established by any special statute under which a particular county public investment is established.

Committee Sitzings

Mr. Speaker, over this period the committee held a total of 4 sittings to polish on the Auditor General special audit report which was due to be laid in the floor of the house.

Reports

During the period under review, the committee submitted one report “Special Audit Report” to the house and was adopted and approved.

Implementation Committee**Mandate of the Committee**

Mr. Speaker, this committee shall scrutinize the resolutions of the Assembly (including adopted committee reports), petitions and the undertakings given by the County Executive Committee and examine –

- Whether or not such decisions and undertakings have been implemented and where implemented, the extent to which they have been implemented; and whether such implementation has taken place within the minimum time necessary; and

- Whether or not legislation passed by the Assembly has been operationalized and where operationalized, the extent to which such operationalization has taken place within the minimum time necessary.

Committee Sitings

Mr. Speaker, over this period the committee held a total of 9 sittings to deliberate on the following issues:-

- Removal of Governor's portraits
- Stoppage of purchase of water tanks
- Interrogation of Chief Officer on LASDAP projects

Fieldwork Programme

Mr. Speaker, in the month of May 2015, the Committee carried out inspection of county projects with Governor's portraits in the entire county to establish whether the motion on removal of the same had been implemented.

Retreats

Mr. Speaker, in the month of April the Committee retreated at Fahari Hotel to discuss on projects and their status as per that time.

Delegated County Legislation Committee

Mandate of the Committee

Mr. Speaker, this committee enjoys a wide range of mandates as far as matters of statutory instruments are concerned, some of which includes;

- Considering if the statutory instrument is in accord with the provisions of the constitution, the Act pursuant to which it is made or other relevant law (S.O 189 (3)(a)
- Considering if the statutory instrument involves expenditure from the County Revenue Fund or other public revenues.(S.O 189(3)(g)
- Determining if it is defective in its drafting or for any reason the form or purport of the statutory instrument calls for any elucidation (S.O 189 (3)(h)
- If it inadequately subjects the exercise of legislative power to Assembly scrutiny (S.O 189 (3)(p)
- If it appears to make some unusual or unexpected use of the powers conferred by the constitution or the Act pursuant to which it is made, S.O 189(3)(i) etc.

Meetings

Mr. Speaker, over the period under consideration the committee held seven (7) sittings.

Reports

Mr. Speaker I am happy to report that in June, this committee presented one report on Chief Executive Committee and Chief Officers Car Loan and mortgage scheme regulations, 2015. This report was approved in the Assembly.

Retreats

Mr. Speaker, on the same month of June, the committee held one retreat at 67 Airport View hotel to do thorough scrutiny of the car and mortgage scheme regulations, 2015.

Procedure and Rules Committee

Mandate of the Committee

Mr. Speaker, Standing Order 187 empowers this committee to operate as follows:

- To consider and report on all matters relating to these standing orders.
- Propose amendments to these Standing Orders.
- Propose rules for the orderly and effective conduct of committee business.

Committee Sittings/Business

Mr. Speaker, over this period the committee managed to hold a total of nine (9) sittings.

Reports

Mr. Speaker, during this period the committee presented one report which was on amendments to standing orders to establish the committee on Devolution and intergovernmental relations.

Retreats

Mr. Speaker, in June the committee retreated to 67 Airport View Hotel for a workshop led by Senior Officers of the National Assembly. Areas of consideration included;

- The Assembly powers and privileges
- The County Assembly Service Bill
- General matters of Assembly procedure

Committee on Selection

Mandate of the Committee

Mr. Speaker, Sir, the Committee on Selection was established pursuant to the standing order no. 152 with specific mandate to nominate members to serve in Committee, save for the membership of the House Business Committee and Committee on Appointment.

Committee Business

Meetings

Mr. Speaker, Sir, during the period the Committee held two (2) sittings. The Committee discussed the agenda listed below and resolved as indicated:-

- Nomination of Members to new committees
 - The committee nominated members to the Assembly Broadcasting and Library Committee and also to Devolution and Intergovernmental Relations Committee.
- Balancing of Committee Membership
 - The committee did balancing of committee membership to improve efficiency.

Reports Tabled

Mr. Speaker, Sir, during the period in consideration the committee prepared and tabled one (1) report in the House namely:-

- Report on Committee on Selection on Balancing and Nomination of Members to committees. The report was withdrawn and is yet to be tabled.

Workshops/ Retreats

Mr. Speaker, Sir, over the period the committee had two (2) retreats at Sai Rock Hotel in Mombasa to nominate members to new committees and also undertake balancing in the committees.

SUMMARY OF SITTINGS, REPORTS AND BILLS TABLED BY COMMITTEES BETWEEN JANUARY AND JUNE 2015

COMMITTEE	NUMBER OF SITTINGS	NUMBER OF REPORTS	NUMBER OF BILLS
Tourism and Culture	12	0	0
Labor, ICT and Public Service	9	1	0
Transport Public Works and Housing	13	1	0
Education and Social Welfare	22	0	0

Finance and Revenue Collection	20	2	0
Trade, Planning and Industrialization	13	0	0
Decentralized Units and Urban Areas	8	0	0
Agriculture and Cooperative Development	12	1	0
Youth, Women and Sports	14	0	0
Environment, Lands and Natural Resources	5	0	0
Health and Emergency Services	10	0	0
Justice and Legal Affairs	14	0	0
Rules and Procedure	9	1	0
Selection	2	1	0
Delegated	7	1	0
PAC&PIC	9	1	0
Implementation	9	0	0
Budget	10	4	1

Analysis

- The most active Sectoral committee during that period was Finance and Revenue Collection. It presented the most reports to this Hon. House. The Committee was also among those which held the most meetings.
- The least active Sectoral Committee during the period under consideration was Environment, Lands, Energy and Natural Resources. It held the least Committee Sitings. The Committee neither presented any report nor discussed any bill during this period.
- The most active Select Committee over that period was Budget and Appropriation Committee. It held the most Committee sittings and presented the most reports and bills for adoption by this honorable house.

- The least active Select Committee over the period under review was Delegated legislation Committee. The Committee is among the Select Committees which held the least meetings. The Committee neither presented any report nor discussed any bill during this period.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, the Liaison Committee has noted that there are Committees leading in the number of meetings during the period under review yet no report or bill from such Committees was presented in this honorable house for discussion. The Liaison Committee urges all the members to be responsible for creating agendas in Committee meetings.

Challenges Faced By the Committees

Mr. Speaker, Sir, almost all the committees faced the following challenges during the period:-

- Lack of quorum during committee meetings resulting to adjournment
- Present members signing on behalf of an absentee member
- Failure by the executive committee member and the chief officers to:-
 - honor the committee's invitation or
 - Submit the status reports and any prerequisite documents on time.
- Financial constraints resulting to being unable to undertake the committee duties as per their mandates.

Recommendations

Mr. Speaker, Sir, the Committee recommends the following;

- The registration of members during Committee meetings should be digitalized by using the biometric method to avoid situations where members are signing for others.
- Members to observe time during Committee meeting to evade circumstances where meetings are adjourned due to lack of quorum.
- Committee Chairs to crack the whip on members who fail to attend Committee meeting for four consecutive sittings pursuant to standing Order 167.
- The Liaison Committee has noted that there are some Committees which have undertaken project supervision Exercise but have not yet tabled report to this Honorable House for adoption. Mr. Speaker the Liaison Committee recommends that such reports be tabled in the floor of this honorable House within the next one Month.

Acknowledgment

Mr. Speaker, Sir, the Liaison Committee is grateful to the office of the Speaker and that of the Clerk to the County Assembly for the support accorded during the committee sittings. I wish to

express my appreciation to the Hon. Members of the committee who sacrificed time to participate in the activities of the committee and in preparation of this report.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, it is therefore my privilege, on behalf of the Liaison committee, to table this report and recommend it to this Hon. House for adoption. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you. The report is properly laid and I am advised that we are devoid of quorum and due to that then I will defer the debate of the committee to tomorrow first thing in the morning.

ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Deputy Speaker: So there being no other matter, the House adjourns until tomorrow. Enjoy your evening.

The House rose at 3.44 p.m.