

MACHAKOS COUNTY ASSEMBLY**OFFICIAL REPORT****Wednesday, 24th February, 2016**

The House met at 2.36 p.m.

*[The Deputy Speaker (Mr. Nathaniel Nganga) in the Chair]***PRAYERS****PAPER LAID****CONSTRUCTION OF ECD CLASSES**

Majority Leader (Hon. Mwonga): Mr. Speaker, the chairperson is not in and also the vice-chairperson is not in. I will seek that we defer to next week.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you. Matter deferred. Proceed.

*(Paper deferred)***NOTICES OF MOTIONS****CONSTRUCTION OF ECD CLASSES**

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Matter deferred for the Hon. Manyolo thing. Proceed

*(Notice of Motion deferred)***ESTABLISHMENT OF A HONEY-PROCESSING PLANT**

Hon. Kathinzi: Mr. Speaker, I wish to give notice of the following motion. That this Hon. House discusses and approves the establishment of a honey processing plant in the next financial year, to exploit the potential in the honey production areas. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Proceed, Clerk.

STATEMENTS

Hon. Muthuka: Thank you Mr. Speaker and the rest of the House. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 41 (2c), I wish to seek the following statements:

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DETAILS CIVIC EDUCATION IN 2014/15

During the first nine months of financial year 2014/15, the Controller of Budget reported an expenditure of recurrent transfers, that is ...*(inaudible)* a vote of Kshs. 140.44 Million and Kshs. 38.15 Million on civic education. This expenditure did not include outstanding commitments as at March 2015. Mr. Speaker, I wish to seek a statement on the breakdown of the amounts disbursed as per each ward during this period. I have a comprehensive schedule of civic education forums which has specific venues, dates, attendance lists and amount spent in each forum.

BURSARY DISBURSEMENT UPTO JUNE 2015

At the end of the financial 2014/15, Mr. Speaker, the Controller of Budget reported an expenditure of Kshs. 40.09 million for bursaries. I wish to seek a statement of the bursary disbursement during the period ending June 2015.

CONSTRUCTION OF ECDE CLASSES IN NDALANI WARD

Mr. Speaker, I seek to know why the department of education has never initiated construction of ECDE classes in Ndalani ward up to date and whether there are any plans to construct any plans as it has been approved by this Hon. House.

WORKS ON KISIIKI-MUUSINI-KIWANZA-NYS ROAD

Further Mr. Speaker, I wish to know from the department of transport why Kisiiki-Muusini-Kiwanza-NYS road was done partially and poorly and whether the contractor was paid and whether the residents of Ndalani are*(inaudible)* works on the said road.

COMPREHENSIVE ROAD PROGRAMME FOR NDALANI WARD

I also seek a conclusive comprehensive road programme for the people of Ndalani bearing in mind that Ndalani residents have never enjoyed the services of Machakos County road equipment.

STATUS OF KISIIKI MARKET SHEDS

Mr. Speaker, I seek a statement from the department of trade on the status of Kisiiki market sheds and when will Ndalani residents expect its completions and commissioning. Also, whether there are plans to renovate the market roads since it is becoming extremely difficult to access the market.

COMPLETION OF MAVOLONI WATER PROJECT

Further, Mr. Speaker, I wish to know when the Mavoloni water project will be completed and also I wish to be furnished with a comprehensive water programme for Ndalani ward by the department of water.

STATE OF SAND-HARVESTING SUSPENSION IN NDALANI WARD

Mr. Speaker, I seek a statement on the state of sand-harvesting suspension in Ndalani ward.

STALLED KISIIKI HEALTH CENTRE

Mr. Speaker, as of now, Kisiiki health centre stalled, I wish to seek a statement from the health department on the reasons that led to the stalling of the health centre and whether there are any plans for completion and expected completion date.

COUNTY LEVEL OF INDEBTEDNESS

Mr. Speaker, I seek a statement on the level of indebtedness of the county, that is the outstanding debts, in Kenya shillings, up to date and that is why I wish to be furnished with county debt management plan.

REPORT ON INVENTORY OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

Mr. Speaker, Sir, I moved a motion in the floor of the Hon. House on 4th November, 2014 which was sought this Hon. House to discuss and approve inventory of all assets and liabilities if the Machakos county. The motion was referred to decentralized units committees to bring a report in 14 days. The committee has never tabled a report on the same. I wish a statement on when do I expect this crucial report. Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you Hon. Stephen. The number of statement sought is totaling to 11 and I believe some of these matters are pending before various committees and the office of the Speaker has noted such issues and an allotment on the responses that are supposed to be issued will be communicated by the Office of the Speaker on Tuesday, next week. The various offices and reports that are ready on the status of them and should be tabled before the House so the Speaker, will ensure communication on this on Tuesday, next week for the various departments.

However, the chairpersons of the various committees who have heard about their issues, need to start working on them forthwith as we anticipate the tasking of them to bring this reports by next week. Proceed.

Majority Leader (Hon. Mwonga): Mr. Speaker, as(*inaudible*) was directed by the Speaker, to issue response on a statement in response to a statement which has been raised by Hon. Stephen Muthuka, member for Ndalani and I wish to seek some more time, I wish to issue the statement on Wednesday, afternoon. Thank you, Sir.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Please ensure it is without fail, that next week on Wednesday, you issue a response on that statement. Proceed, Clerk.

MOTIONS

COST-SHARING FORMULA ON TRACTOR PROGRAMME

Hon. Muli: Mr. Speaker, Sir, pursuant to Standing Order 47 (1), aware that agricultural industry is the dominant activity in Machakos County and that farm mechanization is a crucial input for improving crop production whereby, without farm power and appropriate tools that can support the production of marketable surplus, farmers will struggle to emerge from subsistence farming.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, aware that the county government of Machakos has committed resources in programmes aimed at alleviating food shortage by initiating several subsidy programmes among them providing tractors that will plough farm free of charge so as to expand the size of land under cultivation and aware that the county government purchased 40 tractors and released 38 to till farms for farmers in the county where approximately 1,000 farmers were selected to benefit from the imitative with each tractor expected to plough eight acres per person.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, aware that the move projected at eradicating poverty in the county and enhance food stability, most farmers, most farmers have termed the programmes as unsustainable in the long run due to the following challenges:-

1. It is alleged that most of the tractors lack fuel at such times at such times when urgently needed to assist the farmers in tilling their *shambas* thus delaying majority who rely on rain-fed agriculture.
2. In most cases, the tractors have to travel to sub-county headquarters for fueling which is rather uneconomical.
3. Most of the tractors have broken and lack the necessary spare parts thus reducing the number of tractors available to farmers.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, aware that the majority of farmers continue to use traditional means of cultivation instead of using the tractors, I wish to move a motion that this Hon. House discusses and approves that the county government comes up with a reasonable cost-sharing formula on tractor programme to make it sustainable.

Mr. Speaker, I call upon Majority Leader to second me. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Majority Leader.

Majority Leader (Hon. Mwonga): Mr. Speaker, I am wondering why the mover of this motion has called me to second the motion, Mr. Speaker, and I hinted to you that I opposed to the motion so I am not seconding, Mr. Speaker. Thank you.

(Laughter)

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Clerk.

Hon. Muli: Point of information, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Clerk.

(Consultations)

Hon. Members, as you know according to the Standing Orders, I am trying to look at the relevant Standing Order, when you move a motion, it is supposed to be seconded and if your motion is not seconded or the seconder of the motion fails to second it, like it has happened, then at that juncture, the motion technically fails.

(Applause)

Therefore, that matter can only be re-introduced after six months. Proceed.

ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Therefore, that is the end of the business. The House adjourns until tomorrow. Thank you.

The House rose at 2.53 p.m.