

MACHAKOS COUNTY ASSEMBLY**OFFICIAL REPORT****Tuesday, 5th April, 2016**

The House met at 2.42 p.m.

*[The Speaker (Mr. Mung'ata) in the Chair]***PRAYERS****Hon. Speaker:** Good afternoon, Hon. Members. Let us proceed, Clerk.**COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR
TRAINING NEEDS ASSESSMENT BY CPST**

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Members, I have this communication of today. Hon. Members, as a matter of information the Center for Parliamentary studies and Training (CPST) are carrying out training needs assessment for our County Assembly. The CPST members of staff are presently within the precincts of the Assembly. Members are urged to take this rare chance and engage the CPST staff on the areas that they need training so that CPST can tailor make appropriate courses to fit the members' needs.

MAJORITY LEADERSHIP

Hon. Members, again on 30th March, 2016, I did indicate in my communication that I will be making a further communication to this Hon. House on the issue of majority leadership. I did say that I had received correspondence from the majority coalition on the change of majority leadership. However, due to the matter regarding the same subject which was pending before the High Court, I reserved my directions and deferred them to this week.

In the Machakos Judicial Review Miscellaneous Application No. 81 of 2016 Republic versus The Speaker, County Assembly of Machakos and 2 others, the court delivered its ruling

on 4th April, 2016 on an application by the third respondent. In yesterday's ruling, the court suspended its earlier orders of stay issued on 18th March. In communicating the court's decision of 18th March, 2016, I did say the following:-

‘Consequently, the Speaker hereby declares that in accordance with the court order dated 18th March, 2016, the communication of the Coalition for Reforms and Democracy (CORD) made through letter dated 2nd March, 2016 on the election of Hon. Isaac Muinde as the Leader of Majority stands.’

Hon. Members, this is the decision which was suspended. The effect of the pronouncement by the court yesterday is that, what existed before the court order of 18th March, 2016, stands. And what existed before the court pronouncement? To get the answer to this question we have to go back to my communication delivered on 10th March, 2016.

In that communication, I did indicate to this Hon. House that I had received correspondence from the majority coalition that on 10th March, 2016 Hon. Joshua Mwonga was elected as the leader of majority party in the County Assembly of Machakos and that Hon. Timothy Kilonzo had been appointed as the Majority Whip.

Hon. Members as indicated earlier, on 30th March, 2016, I received correspondence from Hon. Timothy Kilonzo who forwarded the minutes of a meeting of the CORD coalition held on 23rd March, 2016 in which they elected the majority leadership for this House. The minutes show that all the 19 members of the CORD coalition present elected Hon. Joshua Mwonga as Majority Leader. Later, by a letter dated 23rd March, 2016, Hon. Mwonga, appointed Hon. Timothy Kilonzo as the Majority Chief Whip.

The sum effect of these events therefore is to confirm that Hon. Joshua Mwonga is the leader of majority party in the County Assembly of Machakos and that Hon. Timothy Kilonzo is the Majority Whip.

(Applause)

Hon. Members, let me state here that the court has not pronounced itself finally on this matter. That is to say the case is still alive and that the court will issue its final orders at a later date. I urge Hon. Members to exercise patience as we await the conclusion of this case. As your Speaker, I will continue to diligently discharge my duties, to serve as your umpire in the great and constructive debates that take place in this assembly. Thank you very much

(Applause)

Let us proceed.

PAPER LAID
ANNUAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR 2016/2017

Hon. Nduva: Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir, I beg to lay the following paper on the table of the house today 5th April, 2016; the report on report of trade, planning and industrialization committee on Machakos county Annual Development Plan for 2016/2017 financial year. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you. Paper laid. Proceed.

(Hon. Nduva laid the Paper on the Table)

NOTICE OF MOTION
ANNUAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR 2016/2017

Hon. Nduva: Mr. Speaker, Sir, once again I want to give a notice of motion on trade planning and industrialization committee. Mr. Speaker, Sir, I wish to give notice of the following motion; that this House discusses and approves the Machakos county annual development plan 2016/2017 financial year. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you. The notice is issued. Proceed.

STATEMENT
HOUSE BUSINESS FOR 5TH TO 7TH APRIL, 2016

Hon. Kavuu: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Sir, I stand under Standing Order 41(2) (a), where during the statement hour, a member of the House Business Committee as requested by the committee for the purpose shall every Thursday or on the last sitting day, for not more than ten minutes, present and lay on the table a statement informing the house of the business coming before the house in the following week.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, the House Business Committee met today and balloted business for the following week as follows;

- Tuesday, 5th April 2016 (afternoon): A report of Trade, Planning and Industrialization Committee on Machakos county annual development plan 2016/2017 financial year.
- Wednesday, 6th April, 2016 (morning): a report of budget and Appropriation Committee on Supplementary budget 2016.
(Afternoon): a report of Budget and Appropriation committee on County Fiscal strategy Paper 2016/2017 financial year.
- Thursday 7th April 2016, Report of health and Emergency Committee on the status of Kangundo Hospital and motion of adjournment for house recess.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you. The statement is delivered. Proceed.

MOTION

ANNUAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR 2016/2017

Hon. Nduva: Mr. Speaker, Sir, aware that every county shall prepare a Development Plan in accordance with Article 220 (2) of the Constitution of Kenya 2010; aware that the county executive committee member for planning shall not later than 1st September in each year submit a development plan to county assembly for approval and send a copy to the Commission of Revenue Allocation and National Treasury; aware that the Machakos county Annual Development Plan (ADP) 2016/2017 Financial year was prepared pursuant to PFM Act section 126 and submitted to the Assembly by the department of Trade, Economic Planning and Industrialization on 5th October, 2016; aware that the Trade, Planning and Industrialization Committee considered the ADP and made recommendations, Mr. Speaker, Sir, I wish to move the motion that this Hon. House discuss and approves the Machakos County Annual Development Plan for 2016/2017 financial year. I would like to ask Hon. Ruth Ndumi to second the motion.

Hon. (Ms) Ndumi: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir. I stand to second the motion that this House discusses and approves the Machakos County Annual Development Plan for 2016/2017 financial year. Mr. Speaker, Sir, the ADP outlines the programmes which our county will be undertaking in the next financial year and it is important that the House goes through them and approves them. Mr. Speaker, Sir, planning is the key to success for any organization and the

committee has made a number of recommendations which the house should look into keenly. The committee has recommended the creation of(inaudible) Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, the motion is properly laid. Let us proceed and hear the report but before we proceed with the Hon. Chairperson, looking at your motion, I can see it is talking about 5th October, 2016. I don't know whether that date is yet reached.

Hon. Nduva: It should be 2015, Hon. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: The amendment is taken. Let us proceed. Let members have a copy of the report.

Hon. Nduva: Mr. Speaker, Sir, if you allow, I will read the report on trade, planning and industrialization committee on Annual Development Plan for financial year 2016/2017.

Introduction

Mr. Speaker, Sir, Annual Development Plan (ADP) was prepared and submitted as per the Public Finance Management (PFM) Act section 126 (2) which requires the ADP to reflect county government's priorities and plans and to describe how the county government was responding to changes in financial and economic environment. The ADP should include programmes to be delivered and each programme should have details such as:-

- The strategic priorities to which the programme will contribute.
- The services or goods to be provided.
- Measurable indicators of performance where feasible.
- The budget allocated to the programme.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, the section 126 (2) of the PFM Act also requires that the ADP spells out payments to be made on behalf of the county government, including details of any grants, benefits and subsidies that are to be paid and to give a description of any significant capital development. Further, detailed description of proposals with respect to the development of physical, intellectual, human and other resources of the county including measurable indicators where those are feasible and a summary budget in the format required by regulations and any other matter required by the constitution should be included.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, the PFM Act section 126 (3) requires the County Executive Committee member responsible for planning to submit the development plan to the county assembly for its approval and send a copy to the Commission on Revenue Allocation and the National Treasury. Further, section 126 (4) of the PFM Act requires the County Executive Committee member responsible for planning to publish and publicize the ADP within seven days after its submission to the county assembly.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, the Annual Development Plan (ADP) was initially submitted to the Assembly by the Department of Trade, Economic Planning and Industrialization on 5th October, 2015 and after some deficiencies were detected the Department was asked to rectify them and the final copy was brought to the Assembly on 25th January, 2016.

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 COMPOSITION

Mr. Speaker, Sir, the committee has thirteen (13) members as follows:-

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| 1. Hon. Sammy Nduva | - Chairman |
| 2. Hon. (Ms.) Ruth Ndumi | - Vice Chairperson |
| 3. Hon. Joshua Mwonga | - Member |
| 4. Hon. Cornelius Kitheka | “ |
| 5. Hon. Stephen Muthuka | “ |
| 6. Hon. Francis Matheka | “ |
| 7. Hon. Phillip Ndolo | “ |
| 8. Hon. Collins Mbithi | “ |
| 9. Hon. (Ms.) Nina Mbithe | “ |
| 10. Hon. (Ms.) Phoebe Koki | “ |
| 11. Hon. Gideon Kavuu | “ |

12. Hon. (Ms.) Cecilia Sereka “
13. Hon. Alex Kamitu “

COMMITTEE OBSERVATIONS

Mr. Speaker, Sir, the Committee retreated to Sai Rock Mombasa on 19th to 22nd November, 2015 and 31st March to 3rd April 2016 to discuss the Annual Development Plan for 2016/2017 financial year. The Committee invited Members of the County Assembly to share their wealth of knowledge on the document. The committee went through all the planned programmes by all the County departments, the County Public Service Board and the Assembly and made observations. The analysis of the Development Plan per department is as follows:-

COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Mr. Speaker, Sir, County executive has a mandate of supervising the administration and delivery of services in the county; oversee formulation and implementation of policies and conduct monitoring and evaluation of all policies, programs and projects to determine their effectiveness. The department has two main programmes namely:-

- ❖ General administration and support services to increase efficiency of delivery and effectiveness of services delivery in the department.
- ❖ Coordination and supervisory services across departments including research and baseline surveys reports.

The committee observed that the Executive coordinated and supervised water mapping exercise and various road projects among others; activities that were supposed to be undertaken by various departments which amounted to taking the departments' mandate. The committee observed that the estimates of executive of Ksh. 659,678,500 were very high and should be reduced.

PUBLIC SERVICE, ICT, LABOUR AND COOPERATIVE DEVELOPMENT

Mr. Speaker, Sir, the department comprises two departments namely: department of Public Service, ICT and Labour and department of Cooperative Development. The ministry is tasked with providing leadership in Public Service Management, enhancing efficiency and productivity within the County Public Service, promoting accountability to facilitate delivery of results and development of County ICT infrastructure to facilitate communication. Mr. Speaker,

Sir, the programmes and projects for department of Public Service, Labour and ICT are as follows:-

- ❖ General administration and support services to increase efficiency and effectiveness in service delivery.
- ❖ Information, Communication Services and ICT infrastructure :
 - to increase connectivity within department offices and Sub-counties
 - to have CCTV surveillance in major towns.
 - to develop ICT strategy and policy documents.
 - to implement business systems – emails, GS applications.
 - to roll out E-government services.
 - to have internet connectivity and data center.
- ❖ Training, Research and Development
 - By training 10 senior staff and 25 technical officers.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, the programmes and projects for department of Cooperative development are listed below:-

- ❖ General administration and support services
 - Cooperative development.
 - Capacity building by training directors and members of cooperatives.
 - Extension and support services.
 - Co-operative governance through inspections, reports, laws and policies.
 - Audit services for cooperatives to check law compliance.
- ❖ Cooperative marketing and value addition.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, the committee was concerned whether the County will continue pumping funds to CCTVs which were not functioning and had not assisted in nabbing any law breakers. On thorough interrogation of the CCTV programme, the committee noted that there was need for maintenance of the existing CCTVs and therefore the programme would need

minimal funding at the budgeting stage. The committee also observed that estimates for general administration were very high at Ksh. 700,000,000 against a total of Ksh. 870,000,000 for the department and called for rationalization of the figures.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, the committee also noted that there was no programme to address the ballooning wage bill and proposed an additional programme for voluntary retirement, laying off. They also proposed that training should be centralized in one department. Mr. Speaker Sir, the committee observed that there was farmers' outcry about cooperatives yet there was a department dealing with matters of cooperatives.

The committee noted that the department of Cooperatives was misplaced and the Governor should think of placing it under Agriculture or Trade. Members also noted that the department should come clear whether the programme for training was for farmers or members of the boards.

TRADE, ECONOMIC PLANNING AND INDUSTRIALIZATION

Mr. Speaker, Sir, the strategic objective of the ministry is to establish a sustainable and vibrant business and investment environment, spearheading formulation and implementation of sound economic policies and carrying out periodic monitoring and evaluation. Mr. Speaker, Sir, the programmes and projects for the department are as follows:-

- General administration and support services for increased efficiency and effectiveness
- Trade development
 - Establishment of 40 Jua kali sheds.
 - Completion of Mavoko offices block, weights and measures complex (1) and business development centers (8).
 - Construction of 80 public toilets in market centers.
 - Capacity building of youth and women groups by training the on entrepreneurship and access of Youth and UWEZO funds.
 - Trade development joint loans issued to SMEs.
 - Establishment of a Business Development and Investment Center to fast-track time of issuing investors with business and construction permits.
- Industrial development

- Industrial resource mapping, industrialization policy and master plan.
- Construction of industrial park/factory.
- Construction of one (1) fruit processing industry.
- Purchase of specialized equipment (stone crusher)
- Economic Planning and Statistical Services
 - Doing feasibility studies on major projects to be initiated.
 - Monitoring and evaluating of all county projects to increase their completion rate.
 - Periodic surveys to improve policy formulation.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, The committee noted that the programmes of toilets and Jua kali sheds should be undertaken through the Ward Development Fund. The committee observed that capacity building of youth on UWEZO funds should be suspended as UWEZO fund was a national agenda and not a county affair. The committee recommended that the sheds that have not been constructed, the funds should be directed to the wards through the Ward Fund and that the programme of Ward Fund should be created in this department.

FINANCE AND REVENUE MANAGEMENT

Mr. Speaker, Sir, the department intends to improve on revenue collection, improve allocations of resources to various County departments and safeguard county assets. Mr. Speaker, Sir, the programmes and projects department are as listed:-

- Public Financial Management
 - Resource mobilization to increase revenue source.
 - Budget formulation, coordination and implementation and timely submission of budget estimates, fiscal strategy paper and budget review outlook paper to the Assembly.
 - Supply chain management services by having pre-qualified tenderers and tenders.
 - Accounts services by maintaining books of accounts and preparing financial reports.
 - Audit services through auditing departments.
 - Capital transfer to Ward Development Fund.

- Human resource management and support services by:
 - Training and motivating staff to offer efficient services for customer satisfaction.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, the Committee noted that the programme on Supply Chain management did not address the issue of inventory-taking and also disposal of assets. The committee called on accommodation of the sub-programmes in the Supply Chain management. The department should also have a programme on revenue enhancement and that revenue clerks should be paid on time, given appointment letters, motivated and rationalized as they are very many.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, the committee further observed that capital grant to Ward Development Fund should be enhanced to at least Ksh. 2 billion and moved to the department of trade, economic planning and industrialization.

DECENTRALIZED UNITS, COUNTY ADMINISTRATION AND ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Mr. Speaker, Sir, the mandate of the department is provision of efficient and effective service delivery to the people of Machakos, maintaining law and order and provision of affordable energy. The key objectives of the department are to provide comprehensive security; to manage solid, liquid waste and sanitation; to decentralize the devolved functions; to provide fire-fighting and disaster management services and to enhance power supply and distribution.

The department is made up of two departments namely: department of Decentralized Units and County Administration and department of Energy and Natural Resources. Mr. Speaker, Sir, the programmes and projects for the department of Decentralized Units and County Administration are as follows:-

- General administration and support services aimed at:-
 - Human resource management and support services to increase efficiency and effectiveness in service delivery through monthly trainings
- Administration of field services which entails:-
 - Improved and better implementation of Government policies, participation of the public on matters of government policies, adherence of county laws, improved solid waste disposal, complement of national security in protection of life and property.

- Solid Waste Disposal by:-
 - Solid waste collection and disposal services.
- Hygiene and Sanitation through
 - Construction of modern toilets in every town and market.
- County Image by:-
 - Landscaping and beautification of the County to increase visitors in to the County
- Security Services by:-
 - Boosting police presence in the County through provision of fueled patrol vehicles.
 - Implementation of *Nyumba Kumi* through partnership with national government.
 - Setting up of Machakos forensic centre in PPP with a University.
- Inspectorate training to improve service and revenue collection
- Dog Unit to training dogs to be able to perform different tasks.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, the Programmes and Projects for the Department of Energy and Natural Resources are as listed:-

- County electrification through rural electrification by lighting streets/ roads and markets to enhance security.
- Conservation on natural resources by:-
 - Rehabilitation of degraded rivers to conserve natural resources and safeguard ecology and well preserved rivers through construction of weirs, drifts and gabions.
 - Afforestation by procuring and distributing 300,000 tree seedlings to increase tree cover from 3.3 per cent to 6.7 per cent.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, the Committee felt that there was need for additional programmes as follows

- a) Programme to maintain county vehicles especially the security cars to prevent grounding.
- b) Programme for ward and village administration.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, the committee questioned the programme of dog units and noted that it was not a priority in the county and recommended for minimal fund during budget time. Members observed the programme of tree planting (afforestation) should be well-managed. The committee further noted that the programme of toilets was overlapping and there was need to have only one department undertake the project. The committee recommended that the programme of constructing toilets to be moved from here and be put under Ward Fund.

AGRICULTURE, LIVESTOCK, FISHERIES, LANDS AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

Mr. Speaker, Sir, the ministry is made up of two departments namely: Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries Department and Lands and Urban Development Department. The ministry plans to ensure food security and incomes; advanced agro-based industries and agricultural exports; and enhance sustainable use of land and water resources as a basis for agricultural enterprises and promote sustainable use and management of land resource in the County. Mr. Speaker, Sir, the programmes and projects for the Department of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries include:-

- General administration and support services through provision of first aid kits, workshop tools, office furniture, equipment and stationery and three double cabin pick-ups.
- Crop development and management by:-
 - Ploughing 10,000 acres, distributing subsidized seeds to 40,000 farmers; 12,000 fruit trees, and 20,000 bags of subsidized fertilizer to farmers; undertaking pests and disease surveillance and construct one silo.
- Livestock resources and management development by:-
 - provision of indigenous chicks, training farmers on apiculture, rabbit production, dairy farming, provision of extension services in 8 sub-counties, distribute pasture seeds, purchase of 2 balers, 2 rakes, 2 mowers and construction of 2 hay banks; purchasing milk pasteurizing machine.
- Fisheries Development through:-

- Construction of one cold storage in Masinga dam, distribution of 600,000 fingerlings and 60 metric tonnes of fish feed and purchase of a patrol motor boat for Masinga dam.
- Veterinary services by:-
 - vaccinating 107,000 animals against foot and mouth disease and black quarter; vaccinating 56,000 chicken against Newcastle, vaccinating 10, 000 goats against contagious caprine-pleuro pneumonia, vaccinating 50,000 dogs against rabies, inspecting 40 slaughter houses and renovation of Mavoko slaughter house and rehabilitating 10 cattle dips.
- Agriculture Training Center by capacity building farmers, establishment of fruit tree nursery, breeding indigenous poultry chicks and breeding fish.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, the programmes and projects for the Department of Lands and Urban Development are:-

- General administration and support services through:-
 - Human resource support services to increase efficiency in service by having service charter, employment of sub county planners in each sub – county, purchase of 4 vehicles to enhance planning for development control, creating customer care desk at lands registry, digitizing land records
- Land Policy and planning by:-
 - Acquisition of land through identification of land for various county projects namely: land for murrum at least 5 acres, 5 acres for fruit processing land at Masii and alternative site for relocation of ATC
- Urban planning and Development through:-
 - Planning and Development of for 13 markets, preparation of zoning plan for 8 towns, approve Kyumbi and Mlolongo plans and review of Matuu plan.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, the Committee recommended that the department should stop issuing free inputs such as seeds, chicks, tractors, pastures. The committee called on suspension of the programmes on tractors, seeds, fertilizers, chicks, fingerlings, fish feeds and pastures. This is because there has been very little impact since they were launched three years ago and they have led to wastage of funds. The committee observed that no single positive impact that can be traced three years down the line.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, the committee recommended instead of these programmes the department should think of Artificial Insemination and vaccination of animals. The department was called to purchase farm produce of last season from farmers to cushion them from exploitation from traders. The programme on ATC should be put as a current transfer to the institution. In addition, the committee recommended that there was no need to acquire 5 acres per sub-county for murrum but instead the materials can be obtained from the public when a need arises. The lands department was also put on notice that it had not acquired hospital land for Mwala and Kangundo and advised to do so immediately.

HEALTH, ENVIRONMENT AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

Mr. Speaker, Sir, the ministry plans to be a national leader in provision of efficient and affordable medical care system and emergency services. Mr. Speaker Sir, the programmes and projects for the department are as follows:-

- Curative and rehabilitative services by:-
 - Increasing the number of hospital deliveries from 60 per cent to 80 per cent. Increasing the number of those receiving family planning commodities from 60 per cent to 75 per cent, reducing deaths of children under 5 years in health facilities from 19 per cent to 18 per cent, increasing the number of women attending ante-natal care from 55.5 per cent to 85.5 per cent, reducing malaria inpatients and outpatient morbidity from 17 per cent to 15 per cent per cent per cent, increasing the number of patients receiving ARVs to 60 per cent from 55 per cent.
- Promotive and preventive services through:-
 - Increasing immunization coverage from 85 per cent to 90 per cent, increasing rate of TB cure and treatment completion from 80 per cent to 90 per cent, reducing HIV

prevalence from 3.9 per cent to 2.5 per cent, increasing latrine coverage from 80 per cent to 90 per cent, increasing cervical cancer screening from 5 per cent to 15 per cent; reducing the number of adults with BMI greater than 25 from 20 per cent to 15 per cent, reducing the number of persons with high blood pressure from 1.7 per cent to 1 per cent, reducing patients diagnosed with mental illness from 0.014 per cent to 0.009 per cent.

- Emergency services through timely response to emergencies.
- General administration and planning by:-
 - Recruiting 40 additional ambulance operators and paramedics and training them, motivating staff by effecting and paying arrears of 25 health workers promoted and effect promotion of the remaining ones.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, the committee noted that most of the programmes in the department were on drugs and called for completion and equipping of 40 community hospitals; environmental management and a Programme on HIV and AIDS Management Fund as created by the Machakos County HIV and AIDS Management Act, 2015.

The committee questioned the construction of health headquarters and the committee agreed that the matter be dealt with during budgeting. They argued that it was not right to abandon construction of hospitals to put up a headquarters. The committee noted that the ambulance operators and paramedics were under-utilized and they had refused assignment of extra duties of assisting in health facilities.

The committee called for employment of 80 nurses instead of the paramedics and ambulance operators. The committee also recommended for implementation of health regulations enacted by the Assembly to assist in management of funds collected in health facilities.

ROADS TRANSPORT, PUBLIC WORKS AND HOUSING

Mr. Speaker, Sir, the ministry is responsible for construction and maintenance of roads, educational and health facilities and general buildings. Mr. Speaker Sir, the programmes and projects for the Department are as follows:-

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- General administration and support services to increase efficiency in service delivery through training staff
 - Road development, maintenance and management by
 - marking 1,000 km of road lanes, grading 4000 km of roads and restoring 150 km of roads, improving 600 km of roads, rehabilitating and construction 70 km and designing 100 km of roads
 - Housing development and Human Settlement by:-
 - Developing housing units and establishing of County housing management unit.
 - County Government Building for provision of services delivery
 - refurbishment and development of a sessional paper on integrated County development policy framework and development approval
 - County fleet management by developing transport policy, repair and maintenance programme and installing of car tracking systems.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, the committee observed that the programme on road development and maintenance did not capture tarmacking of the Ekalakala and Koma Rock roads which were launched in 2014. They also noted that the County Government had put an advert in August, 2015 of the roads to be tarmacked and the department did not have a programme for them. The Committee recommended for an additional programme of tarmacking roads that were launched and also those that were advertised and for Ksh. 500 million to be allocated to the programme.

EDUCATION, YOUTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES

Mr. Speaker, Sir, the department has strategies to improve access to childhood education, empower youth and provide social support to the less fortunate in the County. Mr. Speaker Sir, the programmes and projects for the Department are as follows:-

- General administration and planning through support services to increase efficiency in service delivery.
- Basic education support by:-

- Employing 1000 ECDE instructors by December 2015, holding 15 outreach programs by February, 2016, construction of 80 ECDE centers, distributing sanitary/ hygiene support to 1000 centers and administering trial exam.
- Youth Development Services by rehabilitating and equipping 38 polytechnics and increasing enrolment in the institutions by 20 per cent; construction of 3 youth innovation centres, holding 8 youth summits/forums, one per sub-county; holding county competitions on ball games, in-door games and athletics and having annual county youth celebrations.
- Gender and Social Development through Empowerment of vulnerable groups by:-
 - Establishing a database of Persons with Disability (PWD), Elderly, Child care, HIV/Aids, support vulnerable groups through affirmative action, financial and skills development and material support.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, members recommended that programme on outreach to be deleted since it related to the current financial year and not 2016/ 2017 financial year. In place of these programme, members recommended insertion of programmes to complete construction of stalled ECDE classes and payment of youth polytechnic instructors. Members also noted that the MSWEB and trial exams programmes should not be funded.

WATER AND IRRIGATION

Mr. Speaker, Sir, the department plans to ensure adequate and reliable supply of water and sewerage services, irrigation development and water storage. The programmes and projects for the department are:-

- General administration and support services to improve service delivery by construction workshop at the Headquarters, renovation of 8 office blocks in all sub-counties and construction of GIS lab at the Headquarters.
- Water supply and Sewerage through:-
 - Sewerage systems and sanitation management to ensure 80 per cent connectivity to sewer lines.

- Management of water supplies by increasing accessibility to water in each ward.
- Water Resources Management and Water Storage by:-
 - Water harvesting programme in public schools, dispensaries and community centers by supplying 10,000 litre tanks to the institutions.
 - Management of water sources through construction of 1000 dams, 1000 boreholes and all households connected with clean treated water.
- Development and promotion of irrigation schemes through:-
 - Rehabilitation and expansion of existing canals and development of new ones to increase area under irrigation

Mr. Speaker, Sir, the committee was concerned that the department was putting a lot of funds in sinking new boreholes yet there were existing boreholes with a lot of potential which required little amount of money. They recommended that the department rehabilitates these existing boreholes and also reduce the number of boreholes to be sunk. The committee recommended more earth dams to be constructed since they improved the water table of a place. They further recommended that instead going for the underground water and interfering with the ecosystem, the department should think of how to tap and distribute water from Masinga dam and River Athi.

The Committee observed that this waters were enough for the whole of County and it was not fair to have the water go to Kitui leaving the County residents without water. The committee recommended addition of a programme to manage springs since they provide a lot of water and they are being grabbed and vegetation being cleared. The committee also felt that distribution of water to all households was not attainable by 2017 and called on rationality of the programme of distributing clean water to all households.

The committee observed that substantial funds had been set aside for water supply and sewerage in the previous years but none had gone to sewerage. As such, the committee called for splitting of the programme into two with a definite sum of money going to each to avoid overshadowing of sewerage.

TOURISM, SPORTS AND CULTURE

Mr. Speaker, Sir, the department is in the front line in promotion of culture and sports development and posterity of the county by prioritizing international and domestic tourism,

tourism product divergence and standardization, drug and substance control, sports development, infrastructure development for production of film art and music. The programmes and projects for the department are:-

- General administration and planning for:-
 - Team-building and training activities, purchase of power generator, office extension and renovation and construction of parking bays; installation gutters and tanks for rain harvesting and purchase of double cabin pick-up.
- Heritage and culture through:-
 - Preservation and promotion of Kamba culture by holding cultural festivals and activities.
 - Participation in KICOSCA games.
 - Celebration of National days by showcasing and integrating Kamba culture, performances, foods and heritage in national functions.
 - Supporting community groups dealing with herbal medicine, basketry and handicraft industries by way of regulating them.
 - Construction of cultural centers to preserve Kamba culture.
- Management of recreational facilities by:-
 - Construction of sports facilities and academy to promote sports.
 - Undertaking talent search to provide job opportunities in field of sports.
 - Providing sports kits to youths and promotion of sports through a host sports activities.
 - Maintaining and improvement of sports facilities and training of sports officials.
- Liquor management through:-
 - Sensitization on sustainable management of alcohol use and adverse effects on drug abuse by having outreach awareness campaigns and rehabilitation of drug addicts.
 - Law enforcement by periodic checks to ensure adherence to alcoholic laws.

- Licensing alcohol manufacturers, distributors and sellers.
- Tourism development and marketing by:-
 - Developing and diversifying tourist sites and publicizing tourist attraction areas in magazines, guide books and website.
 - Holding annual expos and exhibitions to showcase Machakos tourism nationally and internationally.
 - Holding beauty pageants, Machakos fashion week, promotion of sports tourism and construction of monuments and curio outlets.
- Management of recreational facilities through:-
 - Maintenance and development Machakos People's Park; completion of VIP section, roundabout, amphitheater, storm water drainage; construction of swimming pool, basketball court, lawn tennis court and increase sewerage and construction of Katangi People's Park.
- Entertainment through:-
 - Nurturing and supporting audio and video art groups and talents, construction of office for video/audio recording and performances and holding annual talent search and nurturing events.
- Beautification by:-
 - Planting trees, flowers planted and neat environment; clearing bushes along roads along major highways in the County; and construction of monuments and rehabilitation of existing ones.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, the committee recommended that the programme on County image under decentralized department should be moved to Tourism and Culture Department and the programme on law enforcement in this department to be taken up by decentralized. The committee also recommended for suspension of the programmes on Katangi People's Park and construction of monuments.

COUNTY PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD

Mr. Speaker, Sir, the County Public Service Board intends to be an efficient constitutional body in the provision of competitive human resource that serves the needs of the County. The programmes and projects for the board are:-

- General administration and planning to increase efficiency and coordination.
- Human resource administration to undertake recruitments, staff training, motivation and staff audit.
- Construction and civil works to construct office block, toilet and parking shed.
- Purchase of office furniture, IT and specialized equipment like computers, printers, generators and other IT equipment.

COUNTY ASSEMBLY

Mr. Speaker, Sir, the County Assembly's vision is to be the model County Assembly in the region and beyond. Further, it intends to represent, legislate and offer oversight for prudent stewardship that creates sustainable development in the County of Machakos. The key objectives of the County Assembly are; to provide oversight to the County executive, provide facilities for Members of County the Assembly to effectively carry out representational function, develop a legislative agenda for the County while enabling the public and stakeholders to own the legislative process. The programmes and projects for the department are:-

- General administration and planning; resulting in increased efficiency and coordination of the County Assembly activities.
- Legislation and oversight; enactment of laws and ensuring improved service delivery by the County government.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Mr. Speaker, Sir, the Committee makes the following recommendations to be included in the Annual Development Plan 2016/2017:-

1. The Executive should adhere to the ceiling of Ksh. 459,481,243 set by Commission of Revenue Allocation (CRA) and reduce its figure from Ksh. 659,678,500.

2. The department of Public Service, labour, ICT and Cooperatives to should:-
 - a) The amount on general administration programme should be reduced.
 - b) Voluntary retirement (laying off) programme to reduce wage bill and also that training should be centralized in one department.
 - c) That the department of Cooperatives was misplaced and the Governor should think of placing it under Agriculture or Trade. The department of cooperatives should come clear whether the programme for training was for farmers or members of the boards.
3. The department of Trade, Economic Planning and Industrialization should:-
 - a) Add a programme on Ward Development Fund and allocate at least Ksh. 2 billion.
 - b) The sub-programmes on toilets and Jua Kali sheds should be dealt with by Ward Development Fund.
 - c) Suspend sub programme on capacity building of youth on UWEZO funds since it was not a function of the county.
 - d) Funds for market sheds that have not been constructed to be added to the Ward Fund.
4. The department of Finance and Revenue Management to add a sub-programme in the Supply Chain management programme to address the issue of inventory-taking and disposal of assets and another programme to address revenue collection enhancement.
5. The department of Decentralized Units, County Administration and Energy and Natural Resources to consider the following:-
 - a) Programme to maintain county vehicles especially the security cars to prevent grounding.
 - b) Programme for ward and village administration.
 - c) The programme of toilets was overlapping and there was need to have only one department undertake the project and proposed department of Trade where the sub-programme would be under ward development.

- d) The programme for dogs to be suspended and the dogs disposed of.
 - e) Programme on County beautification should be moved to tourism department.
6. The department of Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries, Lands and Urban Development to consider the following:-
- a) The programmes of free seeds, chicks, tractors, fertilizers, fish fingerlings, fruit trees should be suspended.
 - b) To have current transfer of funds to ATC to undertake research.
 - c) To factor acquisition of hospital land for Mwala and Kangundo instead of land for murram.
 - d) To have a programme of Artificial Insemination for livestock.
7. The department of Health, Environment and Emergency Services to consider the following:-
- a) To have a programme Completion and equipping of 40 community hospitals.
 - b) To have a programme on environmental management.
 - c) To have a programme on HIV and AIDS Management Fund as created by the Machakos County HIV and AIDS Management Act, 2015.
 - d) To have a programme on employing 80 nurses.
 - e) Suspend the programme of constructing health headquarters.
8. The department of Roads, Transport, Public Works and Housing to add a sub-programme under road development programme on tarmacking Koma and Ekalakala roads that were launched in 2014 and also those that were advertised in newspapers on August, 2015 and allocated Ksh. 500 million.
9. The department of Education, Youth and Social Services to delete the sub-programme on outreach since it relates to financial year 2015/2016 and that on trial exams. In place of these programmes, members recommended insertion of programmes to complete construction of stalled ECDE classes and payment of youth polytechnic instructors.
10. The department of Water and Irrigation to undertake the following:-

- a) Rehabilitate existing boreholes and also reduce the number of boreholes to be sunk.
 - b) Construct more earth dams since they even improved the water table of a place.
 - c) The department to think of how to tap and distribute water from Masinga dam and River Athi instead of sinking more boreholes that interfere with underground water and ecosystem.
 - d) To add a programme to manage springs since they provide a lot of water and they are being grabbed and vegetation being cleared.
 - e) Programme to take care of sewer lines, new and old, in our towns with definite amounts separate from that of water supply.
11. The department of Tourism, Sports and Culture should:-
- a) Accommodate the programme on County image under Decentralized Department.
 - b) Move the programme on law enforcement to Decentralized Department.
 - c) Suspend programmes on Katangi People's Park and on monuments
12. The funds for the Assembly should be set as per the law on ceilings (PFM guidelines)

CONCLUSION

Mr. Speaker, Sir, an ADP is a crucial working tool for the County Government and is a requirement for funds to be released by the National Government. The Machakos Annual Development Plan 2016/2017 will sufficiently guide this County towards the path of success if implemented exactly the way it is on paper. I call upon all committees to study their respective sections and try to match the programmes with the budget they shall be interrogating soon.

Moreover, the committees should check whether the respective departments have aligned the County Fiscal Strategic paper to the plan. Mr. Speaker, Sir, it is therefore my privilege, on behalf of the Trade, Planning and Industrialization Committee, to table the report on Annual Development Plan 2016/2017 financial year to this Hon. House and recommend for its approval. A summary of budget estimates is attached for ease of reference.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to refer to page 5 where I said the department of trade to purchase specialized machines. Mr. Speaker, this is a stone jaw crushers that were passed by this

Hon. House for Katangi and Ikombe wards. Attached is the schedule of the contract of which members have the copies.

(Applause)

Hon. Speaker: Thank you. Hon. Members the report is laid. As you observe the content of the report, this is a statutory document that can either approved as it is or approved with amendments and it informs the budget as you know we are towards the budget. So I open contributions by members.

Hon. Nganga: Thank you Mr. Speaker and the chairman. Mr. Speaker, I take this earlier opportunity to applaud the chairman for a job well done and his committee. Mr. Speaker, you realize this document is very informative with regard to the programs that the government intends to undertake in the coming financial year. Mr. Speaker, I would want to draw the attention of the House to the matter that the chairman has digressed into with regard to the jaw crusher equipment, in page 5 under the ministry of trade and industrialization.

Mr. Speaker, as you realize this matter came to the attention of this House last week as I advised it. Mr. Speaker, I would want to feel that the manner in which the wording has been captured there, they are not essentially two as had been earlier approved by the other CIDP which was a five year development plan that we had approved back in 2013. Mr. Speaker, with your guidance, if then the purchase of statement that the purchase of a specialized equipment, stone crusher, does not mean that there will be two, Mr. Speaker, then with your guidance, then I might have to move on amendment that we propose that those stone crushers be two.

Mr. Speaker, out of reliable sources it has been brought to my attention that one of the reasons why these jaw crusher for Ikombe ward has not been factored could be due to failure to have enough funds in the budget, Mr. Speaker, so with your guidance whether it just means one then, Mr. Speaker, from there I will stand guided on whether there will be a need to propose an amendment to that section, bearing in mind this Annual Plan is for 2016/2017 and that is our final budgeting year while in office, Mr. Speaker, then it is my desire to have the people of Ikombe be able to get this jaw crusher. So, with your guidance, Mr. Speaker, I will proceed from the guidance that you shall offer. Thank you.

Hon. Speaker: I have heard that. Any other contribution? That is a proposal to amendment to make the stone crushers two. I remember that issue was substantially released last week. Let us hear the chairperson, maybe he has considered the matter.

Hon. Nduva: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, I think the matter raised by the Deputy Speaker is a matter that we have discussed with the Chief Officer and he told the committee that the two jaw crushers were in the 2013/2014 budget but what happened is that they did not realize the real cost of the crushers and that is why they intended to purchase the one for Katangi first. But we have agreed with her that there is no problem if the assembly makes an amendment in the document that the two crushers should be bought then there is no problem. They should purchase the two crushers for Katangi and Ikombe. Actually, Mr. Speaker, this program was passed in this assembly in the budget for 2013/2014. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you. Yes.

Hon. (Ms.) Ndumi: Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir. I want also to support the words of my chairman because we have a supplementary budget and they had put it for Ikombe and Katangi. Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you. Yes.

Hon. Muli: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. First, I applaud the chairman and the committee for planning for good work which they have already done and good recommendations because I have tried to follow it keenly. Mr. Speaker, I have a concern. I would like to know with the chairman of planning and also the members of planning if they have the passion with the department of agriculture. Mr. Speaker, if you observe, you go through page 9, Mr. Speaker, you find that according to their recommendation that they have already recommended that all development that is being done for example, giving seeds, chick and tractors totally to suspend the program.

They have quoted that the program should be suspended, issues of tractor, and I have now wondered due to the fact that agriculture is the backbone of our county and being so paramount to improve the economy and also the committee of planning, Mr. Speaker, has decided to scrap each and everything. I wonder now, it seems we are making Machakos where we have enough water and enough land for agriculture, we make Machakos as metropolitan. Mr. Speaker, being aware that there are areas which are potential for agriculture within our county, and Mr. Speaker, they have put an issue of artificial insemination.

I wonder what will be inseminated, Mr. Speaker, while if you do not uplift those activities of animal rearing, those issues of agriculture, what shall we put now money for insemination. What shall we inseminate, Mr. Speaker? Definitely, Mr. Speaker, I would also like to hear from the chairman of planning what was their intention because as a chairman for

agriculture, I wonder if this is now the bold picture of the fiscal strategy paper which will be already outlined, Mr. Speaker, and it will injure the department of agriculture a lot.

Also, Mr. Chairman, I have a concern in page five. On page five is good that the committee has realized that Ward Development Fund should be factored in and also they have tried to boost it to Ksh. 2 billion. It is a good initiative, I support it although I wonder if they also considered the issue of the budget re-allocation with development. Otherwise, Mr. Speaker, the committee also recommended about that money to be moved to the department of trade, economics, planning and industrialization and Mr. Speaker, I think that this is where the contradiction comes from because I am for the opinion that let this money remain in the department of finance and revenue collection so that we do not have much on following while we serve two departments.

We move for such revenue collection department then we are also referred back to planning. Therefore, Mr. Speaker, it is my opinion that let Ward Development Fund be retained in finance revenue collection. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you. For purposes of orderly debate, we shall move to analyze the proposal that was presented that the report be amended to the extent that jaw crushers provided for both Ikombe and Katangi. I propose then to put the question.

(Question put and agreed to)

We can now proceed.

(Applause)

We can now proceed with. Yes.

Hon. Mutisya: Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir. My concern is in page 11 ministry of education, youth and social services. I would like first to commend the committee for the good work they have done and also say that they---

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Mutisya, as you proceed so that we are orderly, let us finalize with the matter that has been raised and the we hear you. The Hon. Member for Ndithini was proposing that this be amended to the extent that free tractors are restored. Is it that, chairman? That was your proposal? The report be amended to the extent that free tractors are restored.

Hon. Muli: Yes, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: And what else?

Hon. Muli: And also those farmers be provided with subsidies.

Hon. Speaker: The provision of subsidies. Let us hear the chairperson on this matter. I do not know what the chairperson feels.

Hon. Nduva: Mr. Speaker, there are matters of concern and the reason why, Mr. Speaker, we invited all members to attend the meeting that was held in Mombasa was for such concerns because although the meeting was not meant for the planning committee only. Mr. Speaker, I want to touch two areas that Hon. Member for Ndithini has raised. The program that the committee has held that they should be suspended and these are free seeds, free chicks, tractors, fertilizers, free trees. Mr. Speaker, these programs have been there and member for Ndithini and other members should realize that when we recommend, then we mean that something has to be done.

The problem of these chicks has rather kicked and funds have been allocated to this department. It does not mean that we have a bad feeling because this is a Government department and we want the Government to deliver. So, saying it should be suspended, it means it has been there but nothing has kicked off. Fertilizers also to date, were not anywhere, the tractors are stored there, Mr. Speaker and the operators of the tractors, 40 operators are lying somewhere across the County. They are being paid each month and the tractors are not operating. So, I would like the Members also to consider how much now the County Government is losing when we are paying 40 operators for the tractors which are not operational.

Maybe, Mr. Speaker, if the Government thinks otherwise that when these tractors are tilling shambas, instead of free to farmers that they cannot be maintained, that they cannot have fuel, if they are charged a subsidized cost like, when one hires tractors, we pay Ksh. 3,000, Ksh. 3,500. If the Members are told to pay Ksh. 1500, the tractors will not be stored and the drivers will be as well being paid. So, Mr. Speaker, all what we have recommended here, was a recommendation, not only for the committee but the Members of this Assembly and that is why all Members were included.

Other area that touched, Mr. Speaker, the Ward Development Fund with the funds being put to the department of planning, if this is something that we have discussed at length with the Finance department and we thought the money should remain in this department but it was not possible. The department of Finance cannot run a program because they are the ones to facilitate

the funds and they oversee. So, just like in the National Government that is why the Ward Fund was directly to the Ministry of Planning. It is not that, it was their decision, no, Mr. Speaker, we also felt as if it should stay in the Ministry of Finance because that is where the money is. But we are told the law does not allow that. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you. Yes, for the purposes for the Member for Ndithini, I think the answer is satisfactory.

Hon. Muli: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am not convinced fully. Let the Members also contribute and we hear.

Hon. Speaker: Let us hear the Majority Leader.

Majority Leader (Hon. Mwonga): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. First and foremost, I want to salute the office of the Speaker, the office of the Clerk and the Hon. Members. It is long time since I contributed to this House because of the happenings, Mr. Speaker, for the last three weeks. Mr. Speaker, I would want to go straight to what has been raised by Hon. Member the Chairperson for Agriculture, Hon. Joseph Muli. Mr. Speaker, the issue of chicks, free seeds, tractors, fertilizers and the rest, Mr. Speaker, this is a Government program, and Mr. Speaker, before we do away with it, today Mr. Speaker, the elderly Mr. Speaker, the youths and the disabled are today asking what happened about the MSWEP. It is Mr. Speaker this Hon. Members who did away with a Government program which was to benefit its people, Mr. Speaker.

I want to urge this Hon. Members, let us not do away with any Government programs unless it is coming from the Government side Mr. Speaker. So, on this issue, Mr. Speaker, I would request that we amend this recommendation and still have free seeds, chicks, tractors, fertilizers, fish,(*inaudible*) and fruit trees. Mr. Speaker, we cannot just say we subsidize the cost of farming because of the 40 tractors we have. If we say that Mr. Speaker, for this peasant farmer will not benefit, the tractors will be hired to the big scale farmers, Mr. Speaker, disadvantaging the peasant farmer down there, Mr. Speaker. So, it is my request that we amend these as per the request of Chairperson, Agriculture. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you. I think with the direction, then I proceed on the debate on the amendment. Yes let us hear the Deputy Speaker...Sorry Deputy Speaker, I apologize, there is a Member who has not, Hon. Member for Mavoko.

Hon. M. Mutuku: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir, for granting me the opportunity. First and foremost, let me applaud the Chairperson and the Members of that particular community for the work well done. Mr. Speaker, Sir, my concern is in the department of tourism, sports and culture. See where we have---

Hon. Speaker: There is a point of order here...yes, point of order.

POINT OF ORDER

Hon. Nganga: Mr. Speaker, the Member is out of order because he has digressed in other matters when there is a question of the amendments on the floor, Mr. Speaker. So, I urge that you find him out of order and that he has exhausted his opportunity.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you. He is accordingly found out of order.

(Laughter)

He has lost that opportunity to address the House. Let us hear Hon. Veronica. And Hon. Mutuku this is happening again, I think that last week, you were equally again on a similar point of order.

Hon. M. Mutuku: Mr. Speaker, Sir, it has not been explained why I am out of order. Can I hear from your Chair on the---

Hon. Speaker: Okay. You can take your seat.

Hon. M. Mutuku: Yes.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Deputy Speaker, kindly expound to him.

Hon. Nganga: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir. I will honourably discharge the responsibility. Mr. Speaker, the Member was proposing on a different.....was contributing on a different item when there was already an amendment that had been moved and you had directed that the debate proceeds in line with that amendment as at the debate proceeds in line with that amendment as had been proposed. So, in him digressing to other matters, it amounts to being out

of order, Mr. Speaker, by implying the direction that the Chairperson had issued, Mr. Speaker. So, I think the Member he is still indicating that he does not understand. Mr. Speaker, I think there might be need for a refresher training on the Standing Orders for some of our Members to be able to be very clear with the procedure.

But in relation with the Standing Orders, when a Member has proposed an amendment, then we are required to first exhaust on that debate for proceeding to raise another matter with relation to the report on the table. So, in this matter, the Hon. Joshua Kiilu Mwonga had raised an amendment, had proposed an amendment to the report and the Speaker had directed that we debate in line with that proposed amendment. So, you cannot re-introduce an amendment on top of another amendment until the earlier amendment has been finalized. So, I think now it is clear.

Hon. M. Mutuku: Thank you, Mr. Speaker---

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Mutuku.

Hon. M. Mutuku: I have gotten it.

Hon. Speaker: Okay. Thank you. Let us hear Hon. Veronica.

Hon. (Ms.) V. Mbithe: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir. Thank you for catching my eye and also considering the gender sensitivity. Mr. Speaker, I stand here to applaud the Committee on planning and also to contribute on this matter of the Agriculture department because I am a student of development and I realized that for any sustainability, the electorates or the community Members have to own the program. Mr. Speaker, Sir, there has been several conflicts pertaining to the distribution on the same and a specific research has to be done properly so that taxpayers' money is not wasted.

As the Committee recommended, I saw that there has been a way that taxpayers' money has been wasted through this program. For sustenance, I would say that, we do not scrap everything but we should look into the programs and see the ones that can be able to be sustained and also cost sharing has to be done on considerable measures whereby the people who can be able to afford can pay and the ones who totally cannot afford can be helped. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir.

(Applause)

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, let us hear Hon. Kamitu.

Hon. Kamitu: Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker, Sir. Mr. Speaker, Sir, I happen to be in among the Committee members of this trade and planning. It is only in that respect that I want to be in line that we are not seriously sitting down in regard to suspending everything in agriculture but through 2013/2014, through the budget that were made to promote our electorates on the issues of ploughing, issues of seedlings, outright, what has come out is that, it has not brought ant impact to the electorate and I am a very sincere note, Mr. Speaker, Sir, anything that has been budgeted for or anything that has been put to the Members of the public through their participation and also through contribution by the public that we have done, we have budgeted this item for them, we have seen for this three years that, from the word go, the Government had very good ideas in regard to providing things like fertilizers to the farmers, undertaking pests and disease surveillance in regard to issuing of trees seedlings and so it was on that note that the Committee sat down and seriously discussed that because there was no much impact on these issues and that we are not against anything good done by the Government but saying the indicators that there was nothing much felt on the ground---

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

Hon. Kamitu: Mr. Speaker, I need your protection.

Hon. Speaker: Let us hear let us hear the point of information.

POINT OF INFORMATION

Hon. Muli: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I wonder the immediate speaker saying that, they were not after scrapping everything and Mr. Speaker, they have no proper grammar, the Committee called on suspension as blah blah we follow, Mr. Speaker,

(Laughter)

Everything has been suspended. No, Mr. Speaker, it is the Member contradicting himself, Mr. Speaker. If they were serious enough, Mr. Speaker, they could at least softened some of the programs which are severely affected and not scrapping it and everything in the department of agriculture. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, you can proceed on that information.

Hon. Kamitu: Mr. Speaker, Sir, I clearly understand Hon. Muli's feelings but then as I said as a Committee member, the feelings that and the outcome of what the Members saw is that nothing has come out. You may stand to take so that we may plead with him but the plea is that there is nothing that you have said since 2013/2014 that we gave out this exercise, there is nothing forthcoming, I mean there is nothing which has been seen by the electorates as something you can talk of this bringing of any benefit to the farmers. So, it is not a feeling, it is exactly what came out from those years, the results that have been seen on the ground.

So, and in addition to that, Mr. Speaker, Sir, we have got a few officers, trained people who are field officers in the sector of farming, in the sector of fisheries and if from the word go, they are given these responsibilities, I am saying we would have seen but some results from those experts because these are people who were working on the previous Government but they are not given the time to exercise and in that regard, Mr. Speaker, Sir, if you are not aware, it is that those field officers, were devolved to the County Government and what happened is that higher Chief Officers, for that matter because these are the representative of the Government, they never made use of the field officers, so that is why the indicators is that they are not given that chance and it is through these findings that, we decided to outright suspend the programs.

So, it was on that note that this House should consider even in future, the field officers should be mobile so that whatever is budgeted for is made use of it. Otherwise, we are talking about utilization, nothing is utilized by the Chief Officers that they retreated the electorate. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you. Naomba tusikie Mheshimiwa Alice, kwanza.

Hon. (Ms.) Nzioka: Asante Bw. Spika kwa kunipa hiyo nafasi. Bw. Spika, nimesimama kuunga mkono na pia kumshukuru mwenyekiti wa kamati ya biashara, vipango na viwanda na kamati yote kwa jumla kwa kazi nzuri ambayo wamefanya.

(Applause)

Bw. Spika, nikienda kuongea kuna jambo limeletwa ni mwenyekiti wa kilimo, Mheshimiwa Joseph Muli juu ya mpango ya samaki, mbegu, mimea ambazo kaunti yetu ilikua imetoa kama mpango kuwasaidia wakulima. Bw. Spika, kama vile ulivyojua Gavana wetu katika Kaunti ya Machakos, alitoa na alikua na mpango nzuri ili kwamba wakulima wameinuliwa kibiashara na pia kama kaunti tupate nafaka ambayo inaezaendeleza kaunti yetu. Ni mpango mzuri na vile ambavyo Gavana alienda, aliona ni mpango ambao unawezekana. Mimi ningetoa

maoni yangu kwamba huu mpango usiendele. Uendeleze wakulima wafaidike lakini wale ambao wamepewa hio kazi wafanye marekebisho maana ni kazi nzuri lakini wamekua hawapotelezi kazi yao kabisa.

Bw. Spika, sisi kama bunge tuangalie mpango na pia maafisa ambao wanafanya hiyo kazi, waende mashinani ili kuona kwamba kama wamepeana vifaranga, vinatunzwa, kama ni mbegu, kuna mashamba, kama matunda wanaenda kulimia wakulima wanalimiwa na kupanda. Bw. Spika, kama vile unavyojua, sehemu nyingi ama mashamba yetu ni mashamba madogo, tunalima kila mvua kila kuchawa, mvua ikinyesha shamba ni ile ile. Bila mbolea hakuna chakula ambayo kama kaunti tunaeza pata. Mipango mizuri lakini pia inahitaji marekebisho. Asante sana, Bw. Spika.

Hon. Speaker: Asante. Wacha tumsikie Bw. Kasoa.

Minority Leader (Hon. Kasoa): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I stand to applaud the Chairperson in the committee---

(Applause)

For coming with a very good report because this applies the plans for the Government in the next financial year but, Mr. Speaker, I stand here on this item so that we can make some amendments because we cannot sustain some of the things like ploughing for free. Mr. Speaker, like in my ward, I have not received chicks, free chicks for the last three years.

(Applause)

I have not seen what we call fish feeds for the last three years. So, Mr. Speaker, I propose that we do away with the tractors, the chicks and the fish feeds then we remain with the free seeds and the fertilizer because it is that what touches the common person. So, Mr. Speaker, some of the tractors are lying on the garage because of tear and wear. So, Mr. Speaker, let us do some amendments in this item. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you. Okay point of information. Yes let us hear the point of information.

POINT OF INFORMATION

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Hon. Nganga: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I stand to inform the House and the Members that in line with that proposal where the committee is seeking a suspension, the committee does not intend to scrap the whole program rather when they call for a suspension---

(Applause)

Mr. Speaker, it creates an opportunity to review the way an arrangement has been structured Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, as you hear from Members, the impact of those programs has been too minimal, Mr. Speaker, and some of us have never been able to receive these chicks, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, you realize that like for example, the chick program, the reason why it has failed, some of the chicks that were supplied there quality was not ascertained and the suppliers supplied the wrong caliber of chicks, they had not trained the farmers, and therefore in that case when they were given to the farmers they had to die within a week or two, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, in my ward I received around 4,000 chicks, Mr. Speaker, but as we stand now, I do not even know whether there is any one remaining chick, Mr. Speaker. Most of them died in the first two weeks, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, when the committee calls for a suspension, it means, it demands from the department concerned to restructure the way they are implementing these programs Mr. Speaker.

(Applause)

This applies to the tractors, Mr. Speaker. The farmers, like now we are in a rainy season, after last year when they did the ploughing program, they went, put them in the garages and in the various ward administrator's offices and they have to been back to work before the new rainy season began Mr. Speaker. I appointed to assist some farmers in my ward, Mr. Speaker, and the Chief Officer concerned called the driver of the tractor and instructed him not to move the tractor outside the compound of where it had been kept, Mr. Speaker, yet my intention was to have the farmers assisted Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, for the benefit of the people of the County of Machakos, if you want to take this County forward, we must be realistic in our proposals and whatever that we pass in this House Mr. Speaker.

It is my finding being a representative of the people of Ikombe that, unless the full program is restructured Mr. Speaker, it may have no significant impact in our areas, Mr. Speaker. It has been there even during the time of our former Vice-President of this country, President Kenyatta and even during times of Moi. Mr. Speaker, freebies, the economy and freebies, Mr. Speaker on a capitalist economy, have failed, Mr. Speaker and now what we are doing here in Machakos, if we do not restructure this program we will be re-inventing the wheel.

It is my feeling that, the Members proposing for that amendment re-read the committee recommendation such that what they intend to suspend is aiming at having the department re-look at the structures put in place so that if they align themselves with the expectations of the Members, then we count the proposals will be adopted. So, I thank you Mr. Speaker for that opportunity.

(Applause)

Hon. Speaker: Thank you. I think here in the Speaker's view and on a closer look at the report, I find that debate has been adequately exhausted at the matter because.....*(inaudible)* in suspension so the report will remain as it is. Let us proceed and hear Hon. Mutisya on his proposal.

Hon. Mutisya: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir. Page 11---

Hon. Speaker: Yes.

Hon. Mutisya: Minister of education, youth and social services; they recommended payment of youth polytechnics but they did not include child guides or teachers, nursery school teachers, the payment of nursery school teachers so it cannot be amended so that it can be included.

Hon. Speaker: You are proposing the amendment on page 11?

Hon. Mutisya: Yes.

Hon. Speaker: Ministry of education.

Hon. Mutisya: Yes.

Hon. Speaker: I am seeing basic education employing 1,000 ECDE instructors---

Hon. Mutisya: On their recommendation, please.

Hon. Speaker: On their recommendation---

Hon. Mutisya: Yes.

Hon. Speaker: Recommended that programme on outreach to be deleted since it is not..... (*inaudible*) to the current financial year, because of this problem, Members recommend insertion of program to be.....(*inaudible*). Yes. Oka, let us hear the Chairperson on that one.

Hon. Nduva: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Responding to what Hon. Member for Masii has indicated, we could not recommend for ECDE teachers to be paid because they are not employed. So, we recommended the polytechnic instructors but I will take it back to your side because you are a Member of the budget committee, you have budgeted---

(Loud consultations)

Mr. Speaker, I need to---

Hon. Speaker: Allow him to finish. Lets us hear.

Hon. Nduva: Hon. Mutisya representing Masii, you remember the ECDE teachers have not been employed but---

Hon. Speaker: Order, order! Hon. Chairperson, you can only address the Chair.

Hon. Nduva: Yes, Mr. Speaker, I stand guided. So we could not recommend the ECDE teachers, Mr. Speaker, to be paid because of the matter on board, but---

Hon. Speaker: Let us take the point of information then the point of order.

POINT OF INFORMATION

Hon. Nganga: Mr. Speaker, my concern goes to both the Chair and the Member.

Hon. Speaker: Yes.

Hon. Speaker: Mr. Speaker, in the same page 11.

Hon. Speaker: Yes.

Hon. Nganga: Under the basic education support, I think the committee has recommended for employment of 1,000 ECDE instructors.

Hon. Speaker: Good. That is what I thought.

Hon. Nganga: Mr. Speaker, I find that the Member and the Chairperson have not read their report, Mr. Speaker, as they appear to be reading from a different script, Mr. Speaker. I do not understand, was the report not theirs or somebody or something? Mr. Speaker, maybe the Chairperson can elaborate because I feel in that section then, they are provided for the employment of the ECDE, maybe they have called them instructors or somebody maybe was expecting for them to be called teachers so that they will realize that it is one and the same person. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you and you are saying the same point has ever been addressed in the report, on page 46. 1,000 ECDE instructors, therefore, your proposal is to that extent defeated. Yes.

Hon. Nduva: They are talking about employing 1,000 ECDE instructors by December, 2015 and we are talking about the ADP for 2016/2017.

Hon. Speaker: So, the Hon. Chairperson, you cannot be December 2015, it can only be December 2016, isn't it?

Hon. Nduva: Yes. Mr. Speaker, I think it needs a correction.

Hon. Speaker: Okay. It is a typing error. Thank you. Let us proceed then. At least your plea has been eventually persuaded. Any other proposal? Yes, now we can hear the Hon. Member for Mavoko.

Hon. M. Mutuku: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir, for granting me another opportunity. Mine is on page 17; in the department of tourism, sports and culture. Point 'C' 'on suspending programs on Katangi People's Park and monument.' Mr. Speaker, Sir, as much as it is suspension, I like to inform the other members, the mission intended was to cater for Yatta, Masinga and Mwala. And the aim of that point was to improve the economic activity within the three sub-counties. Mr. Speaker, Sir, if I recall it was a promise of His Excellency, the Governor

of Machakos County and Mr. Speaker, Sir, by suspending the same program, it will be a conflict especially, it will be a commission (??) because, it was a big rally when there was promised and it was to be done in this ending Financial Year, that is 2015/2016.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, I wish since we have actually as you know we have People's Park in Machakos Sub County serving Mavoko, Kathiani and Machakos, I would wish if this Hon. House can consider not suspending that program in Yatta Sub-County and be factored in the next financial year. Thank you.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you. Who is in support? Yes let us hear Hon. Christine.

Hon. (Ms.) Mutune: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir. I stand to support that we should not suspend that program, the Katangi People's Park. First and foremost, the department of tourism has started its work at Katangi. Stopping the project mid-way will bring cautions (??) and it is not good for our people to complain to the Government. So, I also support we sustain the project. Thank you.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you. Yes, Hon. Deputy Speaker.

Hon. Nganga: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I also stand to support that we retain the Katangi People's Park, Mr. Speaker, and this is from a personal and a fair experience. Mr. Speaker, as you realize in 2014, while I was getting married, Mr. Speaker, I had to hire a chopper to bring me and my spouse all the way to Machakos because there was nowhere around Yatta Sub-County where we could get good photos, Mr. Speaker.

(Applause)

It was a very expensive venture, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, you realize, a week or two from now, another Member of this House, a Member representing Katangi Ward will be getting married, Mr. Speaker, and going by the information that I have, Mr. Speaker, the Member for Katangi will have to drive all the way to Kitui at Syongila for a photo session, Mr. Speaker, because in that other end of Machakos Sub-County, we do not have a properly beautified place where couples can get some nice photos when they get married, Mr. Speaker. The Machakos People's Park has been of huge huge importance to the people of this area, Mr. Speaker. Now down there at Yatta, Masinga and part of Mwala and even parts of Kitui, we will be well adequately served by a good Katangi People's Park once it is put up.

So Mr. Speaker I stand to support that and it would come with significant importance, not just to the Hon. Members getting married now or in the future but also to the people that come from those areas. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you. Let us finally hear Hon. Ndumi on that matter.

Hon. (Ms.) Ndumi: Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir. I want to say about the park and the cry of Hon. Members who are here. We did not say to scrap, we said to suspend and if Hon. Mheshimiwa here, Mr. Speaker, if he is not getting married this time at that park, I am sure his son or daughter would get married at a good park in Katangi. So if we suspend it this time, Mr. Speaker, Sir, we are happy another budget I think we will put it then. So, Mr. Speaker, it is good to put the question. There is no amendment.

Hon. Speaker: I would wish to proceed and put the question but let us hear Hon. Jacqueline.

Hon. (Ms.) Nziva: Thank you Mr. Speaker. On the issue of Katangi People's Park, since officers are on the ground and work has started, Mr. Speaker, I think I am not supposed to suspend the budget of these the works are supposed to continue so that, because people have been promised People's Park and it has been a way of politicking about this. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you. Yes, let us hear the Majority Leader.

Majority Leader (Hon. Mwonga): Mr. Speaker, I am 100 per cent opposed to suspension of any project which has been initiated or started by the Government, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, in suspending these projects, we are making the Government and ourselves fodder for the.....(*inaudible*) Mr. Speaker. So, let us not suspend the Katangi's People Park. Thank you.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you. Let us hear the Majority Whip.

Hon. T. Kilonzo: I think I do not support that we scrap the Katangi People's Park, Mr. Speaker. People of Katangi are people like those in Machakos and we are all in the same County. If the Governor has seen it better to put up a People's Park in Katangi, Mr. Speaker, we have to support it because those people voted like any other person in Machakos County and they need services like those here in Machakos, Mr. Speaker.

(Applause)

Hon. Speaker: Thank you. Then we will now conclude with that question and I proceed to put the question

(Question put and agreed to)

Any other pressing issue? Yes, Hon. Nziva

Hon. (Ms.) Nziva: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and the House at large. I stand to applaud the Committee on trade, planning for the good work they have done and I am on page 16 of 20. In our bullet 10, in the department of water and irrigation to undertake the following; you realize that water is life and since water is life and our Excellency the Governor had very good manifesto for having our water showers to every homesteads in our County. I think it will be prudent enough to...like in the bullet 10 (C), the department to think of how to tap and distribute water from Masinga dam and River Athi instead of sinking boreholes that interfere with underground water and eco-system.

In areas where water can over flow like in the lower zones, I think this can be practical like Athi River, Sagana River and many areas. But maybe in the upper zones, I think it will be prudent enough since we have qualified engineers to have these boreholes sank in the upper zones. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you. Then finally now we can hear the mover of the report.

Hon. Nduva: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir. I stand to thank the office of the Speaker, office of the Clerk and the entire team. The clerks who made this document successful, I would also like to thank the Hon. Members who took their time, sat the whole day to make sure that the details that are desert in this document which is the guideline for the development of this County is successful. So, Mr. Speaker, I am also grateful for the County *(inaudible)* that has happened today and I wish that the Members pass the document so that we can see the way forward. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

(Applause)

Hon. Speaker: Thank you very much. Then, Hon. Members, I proceed to put the question.

(Question put and agreed to)

Then the report is taken in with a full board. Thank you. Let us proceed, Clerk.

ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Speaker: If there is no other business, Hon. Members, the House adjourns until tomorrow. Thank you.

The House rose at 4.47 p.m.