

MACHAKOS COUNTY ASSEMBLY**OFFICIAL REPORT****Wednesday 11th May, 2016**

The House met at 2.37 p.m.

*[The Speaker (Mr. Mung'ata) in the Chair]***PRAYERS****STATEMENTS****GRADER AND EXCAVATOR ABSENCE IN KANGUNDO NORTH**

Hon. Matheka: I wish to seek two statements on the following matters; Since the grading started, the grader and the excavator have never been to Kangundo North, I want to know what is the position and when should I expect the same.

KATHITHYAMAA-MBILINI-KIKAMBUANI-MAIUNI

I want to know the status of Kathithyamaa-Mbilini-Kikambuani-Maiuni road, since the contractor who was assigned the road did a shoddy job with uncompleted work. I want to know the fate of the road done part not done.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you. Those statements will be placed before the committee of transport and answer should be filed in the next 14 days. Proceed.

Hon. (Ms.) R. Nduku: I wish to seek five statements concerning my ward;

MLOLONGO PHASE 2 ROAD

The status of Mlolongo phase 2 road from Gossip to Mlolongo health facility which was allocated Ksh. 5 Million. I wish to get the plan of action as at now and the expected completion date.

MLOLONGO PHASE 3 HEALTH FACILITY

The status of Mlolongo phase 3 health facility which was allocated Ksh. 12 Million. I wish to know when the work in the health facility will be completed.

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STALLED MLOLONGO MARKET SHEDS

Why Mlolongo market sheds have stalled yet an allocation of Kshs 8.9 million was done. I wish to get information on what is being done to revive the project and the expected completion date.

FEEDER ROADS CONSTRUCTION IN MLOLONGO

I wish to get information on the status of the construction of feeder roads in Mlolongo which were allocated Ksh. 7 Million.

DRAINAGE SYSTEMS STATUS IN MLOLONGO

The status of feasibility studies of sewerage and drainage systems in Mlolongo which got an allocation of Ksh. 50 million.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you. Statement number one will be referred to committee of transport again, to revert with answers in 14 days. Question number two, will be taken to committee on health, I think the chairperson is here and answer to be delivered in another 14 days. Question three goes to committee of trade, planning and industrialization to deliver an answer in 14 days. Question four goes to committee of transport, again to deliver an answer in 14 days and question five, committee on environment and a further 14 days. So clerk, raise the matter on the order paper in 14 days time.

MOTION

TRANSFER OF FUNDS FOR BURSARY PROGRAMS

Majority Leader (Hon. Mwonga): With your permission before I move the motion, I want to congratulate Hon. Willy Mukewa for being elected the chairman of budget committee and Hon. Christine Mwendu the vice chairperson of the same committee. Also, I want to congratulate Hon. Kalunde for being elected chairman of Public accounts and investments committee and Hon. Margaret Ndalana who is the vice chairperson.

Back to my motion. I am standing under Standing Order 227; aware that Ksh. 805 million was budgeted for the ward development fund in 2015/2016 financial year, aware that several meetings have been convened with the executive and the Controller of Budget aimed at making the fund operational, aware that the Ward Development Fund committee held a meeting with the Controller of Budget on 18th April, 2016, noting that the Controller of Budget highlighted some sections of the ward Act that needed some amendments before the funds can be withdrawn for the use and aware that the financial year is coming to an end, aware that section 135 (1) of the

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PFM Act provides that county government may spend money that has not been appropriated if a need has arose for expenditure for a purpose for which no amount has been appropriated by that Act.

Further aware that section 28 (7) (a) of the Machakos county Ward Development Fund amendment Act 2015 provides that 20 per cent of each wards allocation maybe used to support bursary programmes, aware that the executive committee member for finance has requested permission to be allowed to transfer some funds of the ward development fund to the bursary kitty and aware that there are existing structures on bursary regulations that can be used to disburse the bursaries, I wish to move the motion that this Hon. House approves that the executive committee member in charge of finance transfers Ksh. 161 million to the department of education and social welfare for the purpose of bursary programmes. Thank you. I call upon Hon. Philip Ndolo, to second the motion.

Hon. Ndolo: I second this motion so that we can transfer Ksh. 161 million to bursaries. As you understand, Mr. Speaker, we have allocated a certain amount to the students, and now the parents are disturbing us elected members. Every day we are being called so that we can give bursaries and we want to give cheques instead of transfer through IFMIS.

(Applause)

Hon. Speaker: Thank you. The motion is properly laid. I open the floor. Yes Hon. Nzoka.

Hon. Nzoka: Thank you. In fact, we have been waiting this for long and it has been a headache to every elected member. Apart from being a headache, it is also a pity for those who are expecting to benefit, some are at home and not learning. The problem of sending kids home, is even if he or she stays out of school for a month, you cannot be deducted any amount which he kid was sent home for. We needed this money as quickly as yesterday but one and I think you can put the question. You can see the mood of the House is, I think it is in concurrence with that.

(Applause)

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Nzoka, did you say yesterday but one?

(Laughter)

Hon. Nzoka: Mr. Speaker, we have been waiting that money for two months. We passed this. It has been like hide and seek. Because we were told to do this, we have done, repeated again it was done, so we expecting that money last month but one. Thank you.

(Laughter)

Hon. Speaker: Yes, Hon. Muli.

Hon. Muli: I support this motion. Truly enough, as the immediate speaker has said, this issue has become a tune within our wards. The question about the bursaries, everywhere as move, us elected members we are being asked about them. We need to uplift the standards of education within our county and this is one of the factors were we consider uplifting and helping our students by paying the bursaries. If this issue should be fast-tracked as fast as possible, so that our students can benefit and we abolish this issue of being asked continuously on the bursaries. I am in total support.

Hon. Speaker: Let us hear Hon. Kamitu.

Hon. Kamitu: I support and congratulate the move of the motion, in the sense that you are aware of the meaning of bursaries. In fact, it is an exercise that is supposed to be given to the needy children. It is on that strength that I humbly request that a quick move should be made because if you go on the ground, parents are queuing in our offices day and night or very early in the morning and they are making long queues requesting ‘we fill the form for bursaries, where are they.’

This is the time, I would kindly request this House and if there are any procedures that are supposed to be carried out quickly, this is the time so that we may save a situation. As I said, most of the needy kids have been chased from school and especially the new intake that happened in February that is the time when we went out filling the forms and giving out these bursaries to the needy kids.

If you go to the meaning of ‘needy kids,’ bursaries are very important to these kids and to the parents. If there are any procedures, they should be done quickly to save the situation on the ground. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir.

Hon. Speaker: Okay. Let us hear Hon. Alice.

Hon. (Ms.) Nzioka: Naunga mkono huu mswaada, namshukuru kiongozi wa walio wengi katika bunge la Machakos. Ameleta mwelekeo. Kama unavyojua, waswahili husema ‘heri nusu ya shari kuliko shari kamili.’ Hili jambo la kusaidia watoto masomo limeleta shida. Hata sisi pia wale ambao ni waheshimiwa na hatupatiani hizo pesa tumekuwa na shida. Aliyetoa hilo wazo amefanya vizuri. Bw. Spika, watoto wengi ambao walitaka kuanza masomo katika muhula huu ulioanza hawajaenda shuleni.

Wakipata hizo pesa, huo mpango wa pesa ambazo zimebaki ni kwa ajili ya maendeleo katika wadi zetu, ukija na tukipatiana pesa kwa ajili ya masomo tutakuwa tumeokoa jahazi. Bw. Spika, kama unavyojua, kipao mbele katika jamhuri yetu ya Kenya ni elimu. Tukisaidia watoto,

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pia sisi tutapata baraka. Kwa hivyo nimeshukuru kwa aliyeleta huu mswada na kufanyiwe mipango ya haraka katika ofisi ya fedha ili hizo pesa zipatikane. Pia sisi kama bunge tutakuwa tumechukua hatua mbele.

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

Hon. Kalunde: I believe that no single member of this assembly is opposed to this motion. So without wasting a lot of time, I do not want to repeat what Hon. Nzoka said that this money was expected the day before yesterday but having known that every member would like to receive that money as quickly as possible so that you can do away with the people who are coming to our offices every morning and evening, Mr. Speaker, I think if you put the question, we will have saved a lot of time for other things to discuss.

Hon. Speaker: I think with that, let us hear the mover unless other contributors are giving us something new. There is a reason to hear Hon. Mueni and the chairman of finance committee. Okay let us hear Hon. Mueni.

Hon. (Ms.) Mueni: I support, we all need this money. We are special elected, the nominated and we are the ones who go down to the people when maybe the elected are still in the---

(Laughter)

So our people still ask the money from us it is only that we have nothing to give them but I can go majority leader and ask him to give me something to give my people who are very poor on the ground. I support the motion and we still need the money as Mheshimiwa Nzoka has said 'like yesterday.'

Hon. Speaker: Yes.

Hon. Nzeki: I stand on behalf of people of Mua to send condolences to the mother of one of our Hon. Members, Hon. Sila and tell him that we are still with him at this time of grief. Let me say, there is a word moving around with the members who went to see the Controller of Budget saying that the committee which we formed at ward level is not supposed to be in place. So because they are not supposed to be in place, I am asking whether we can add the amount for them to be paid and then they be chased from being members of the committees in the ward. They are saying that they need to be paid.

Hon. Speaker: Order chairman. With due respect, you are out of order. Let us hear the mover of the motion.

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Majority Leader (Hon. Mwonga): I want to congratulate members who have positively contributed on this important motion. I also want to assure this Hon. House, in moving this motion, it was not an act of public relations. I am sure this money is there. I have held several meetings with the CEC finance and that is where we agreed I come and move this motion. To the members who have not awarded these bursaries to the tune of Ksh. 2 million, please go back to your wards and have it done because the executive is willing to issue these bursaries. To add on that, this time round the money will not be wired to the respective schools but members will be issued with cheques so that when you go down there, you can do a bit of bit of politics if that is what it.....(*inaudible*). Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Members, then with that, I proceed to put the question.

(Question put and agreed to)

STATUS OF KANGUNDO LEVEL IV HOSPITAL AND HEALTH FACILITIES IN THE
SUB-COUNTY

(Hon. (Ms.) Cecilia Sereka on 07. 04. 2016)

(Resumption of Debate on the Motion tabled on 24.03.2016)

Hon. (Ms.) Sereka: Mr. Speaker, this report was tabled in the Hon. House on 7th April, 2016 and I wish to ask the House for leave so that this motion can be deferred to a later date to allow the committee of health to go back to Kangundo. Mr. Speaker, Sir, it is worth noting that H.E. the Governor visited the hospital after the committee's visitation to the facility. The committee met on 10th May, 2016 and agreed to revisit the hospital on 16th May, 2016 to reassess the facility after the visit of the Governor. The committee will then table a comprehensive report for debate. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the committee I wish to ask leave of the House to table the Kangundo hospital report on a later date. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you. You have heard the plea. Hon. Matheka, this is a matter that you have been following.

Hon. Matheka: Yes, Mr. Speaker. I totally agree with the chairperson. H.E. the Governor visited the hospital but there are other facilities that were not visited like the dispensaries and other health centers which also form part of the report. I am not opposed to the report being deferred to a later date but it is my wish if we can get the report on those other facilities and to bring to the attention of the House that there is still one problem in Kangundo hospital; the morgue, it is stinking like I don't know what. So Mr. Speaker I think that is part of the report but if the House so wishes, I am not opposed to a later date of the report. Thank you.

Hon. Speaker: The chairperson should consider inviting you in the second visit so that you highlight your concerns. Let us hear any member in opposition to that request. In the absence of any objection, then the request is granted as prayed. The matter is deferred and referred back to the House Business Committee for further balloting.

ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Speaker: In the absence of any further business, then the house adjourns for the day.

The House rose at 3.04 p.m.