

REPUBLIC OF KENYA
MACHAKOS COUNTY ASSEMBLY
OFFICIAL REPORT

Wednesday, 15th March, 2017

The House met at 10.05 a.m.

[The Speaker (Hon. Mung'ata) in the Chair]

PRAYERS

MOTION

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF MACHAKOS AND
MACHAKOS WATER SERVICES COMPANY LIMITED**

(Hon. Kanui on 15.02.2017)

(Resumption of Debate on the Motion tabled on 15.02.2017)

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

Aware that part of the mandate of County Public Accounts and Investments Committee as per Standing Order 185 (2) (a), examination of accounts showing appropriation of some provisions by the County Assembly to meet the public expenditure and of such other accounts laid before the County Assembly as the committee may think fit also examination to meet the reports, accounts and workings of the County public investments;

Mr. Speaker, Sir, aware that accountability is very key in realizing the value of public money, I wish to move a motion that, this Hon. House discusses and approves the report of the Auditor General by the County Public Accounts and Investments Committee on the financial statement of the Municipal of Machakos for the eight months period ended 28th February, 2013 and that of Machakos Water Services Company, for the period ended 30th June, 2015.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir, and the House at large. I call upon Hon. Ndalana to second the motion, thank you Mr. Speaker Sir.

Hon. (Ms.) Ndalana: Mr. Speaker, Sir, I do second the motion.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you. Motion properly laid. Proceed and deliver the report.

Hon. Kanui: Mr. Speaker Sir, I start with the preface. On behalf of the Members of the County Public Accounts and Investments Committee, I beg to move the adoption of the report of the Auditor General on the financial statement of the Municipal Council of Machakos for the

eight months period ended 28th February, 2013 and that of the Machakos Water Services company Limited for the year ended 30th June, 2015.

Public Accounts and Investment Committee is a select committee established under the Standing Order 185 and is responsible for examination of the working of the public accounts and investments. The committee was constituted by the Assembly 30th April, 2013 pursuant to Standing Order 185.

Pursuant to Standing Order 185 (1) and (2), there shall be a select committee to be designated by the County Public Account and Investments committee which shall be responsible for the following;

(2) The County Public Investments and Accounts Committee shall be responsible for—

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

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

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

Mr. Speaker, Sir, this report is deliberated and approved by the undersigned as the committee members of the public accounts and investments committee. Currently, the Chairman is not there but it was tabled in his time, that is the late Hon. Joseph Kalunde but I am the current chairman of this committee who has been elected to replace Hon. Kalunde. The other members are;

Hon. (Ms.) Margaret Ndalana.

Hon. Thomas Kasoa.

Hon. Mutua Mutuku.

Hon. Winston Kanui.

The committee acknowledges the assistance of the following members of staff in collecting the evidence and analyzing the reports and organizing the final report;

Ruth Mwaniki	Senior Clerk Assistant
Susan Kanini	Senior Internal Auditor
Dalmas Masila	Senior Research Officer
Rebecca Mutua	Senior Fiscal Analyst
Dorcas Njoki	Hansard reporter

The committee acknowledges the technical assistance of officers of Kenya National Audit Office (KENAO) during the report interrogation. KENAO was represented by Henry Manegene, Peter Ndegwa and Sam Nyambamba.

The committee held sittings on 25th October, 2016 and 31st October, 2016 where the Chief Officer, accounting had been invited to appear before the committee to explain and respond to queries which had been raised by the Auditor General in the Machakos Water and Sewerage Company and municipal council of Machakos auditor's report.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, allow me to thank members of the committee for their efforts and commitment to ensure the successful compilation of this report. Mr. Speaker, Sir, the committee has documented their observations and given their recommendations through consensus after thorough deliberations. The committee hopes that its recommendations and those of the Auditor General will be implemented fully.

Stated here below are the summary of the committee observations and recommendations on some of the main queries raised in the report of the Auditor General.

1. Failure of the accounting officer to submit documents to the auditor during the time of audit.
2. Over-reliance of Transition Authority to prepare a list of assets and liabilities of the county government.

In this regard, the committee recommends that within 60 days as stipulated in Standing Order 181 and Article 183(3) of the constitution provide that a report to this committee on the implementation of the said report.

The committee would like to appreciate the Hon. Speaker and the Clerk of County Assembly of Machakos for facilitating its operations. The committee also wishes to appreciate the officers who were invited to give evidence.

Further, the committee is indebted to the secretariat of Machakos county assembly and KENAO for the services rendered. The committee had dedication of all the parties mentioned above who made the programme of the smooth and production of this successful report.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, on behalf of the committee, I now wish to table this report of the Auditor General on the financial statement of Municipal of Machakos for the eight months period ended 28th February, 2013 and that of Machakos Water Services Company, for the period ended 30th June, 2015.

I urge this Hon. House to adopt its recommendations. It is signed by the late Hon. Joseph Kalunde who was the chairman during that time. Allow me to make a few remarks on that Mr. Speaker, Sir.

Aware that the Paper was laid and notice of this two reports were read in the House on 16th November, 2016 and aware that the session lapsed and therefore, the Paper and notice were again read in this House on 15th February, 2017 in the afternoon and the motion as deferred due to the loss of our chairman Hon. Joseph Kalunde, Mr. Speaker, Sir, I now call on Hon. Members

to discuss this report as the committee has four other reports which need to be dispensed of before the end of this session.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir, and I welcome members to debate on this issue.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you very much chairman. Hon. Members, as the chairman has indicated, notice was issued and report circulated and the matter is now due for debate and I welcome your deliberations. Yes, Hon. Nduva.

Hon. Nduva: Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir. Mr. Speaker, it is a long time since this paper was tabled in this House and if, through your Chair, members can be give a day or two to go through the document so that they can have material to debate the document. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Chairman, Hon. Kanui, do you have any objection if members want to refresh their memory although as you said, the notice was issued long time ago and members ought to have read the document.

Hon. Kanui: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir. I have no objections so long as they will come with their brains fresh and they will be able to contribute to the debate. I have no objections.

Hon. Speaker: Then with that, Hon. Members, we can have debate on this report deferred and then it will listed on priority.

ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Speaker: Then if there is no further business in the morning, then the House will adjourn.

The House rose at 10.19 a.m.