

**REPUBLIC OF KENYA**  
**MACHAKOS COUNTY ASSEMBLY**

**OFFICIAL REPORT**

**Wednesday, 29<sup>th</sup> March, 2017**

The House met at 2.35 p.m.

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

**PRAYERS**

**Hon. Speaker:** Good afternoon Hon. Members.

**PAPER LAID**

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF MACHAKOS COUNTY GOVERNMENT UPTO 30TH JUNE,  
2015

**Hon. Kanui:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir, and the House. I beg to lay the following paper on the floor of the House today, 29th March, 2017; the report of the County Public Accounts and Investments committee by the Auditor General on the financial statements of Machakos county government for the year ended 30th June, 2015. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir.

**Hon. Speaker:** Paper is laid.

**NOTICES OF MOTIONS**

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF MACHAKOS COUNTY GOVERNMENT UPTO 30TH JUNE,  
2015

**Hon. Kanui:** Mr. Speaker, Sir, I beg to give notice of the following motion; that this House discusses and approves the report of the County Public Accounts and Investments committee by the Auditor General on the financial statements of Machakos county government for the year ended 30th June, 2015. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Hon Speaker:** Thank you. Notice issued. Proceed.

**SOLID WASTE RECYCLING PROGRAM**

**Hon. Maitha:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir. I am holding brief for Hon. Edrick Ngunzi, chairperson Environment Lands, Energy and Natural resources committee and I am also a member of that committee. Pursuant to Standing Order 44, I wish to give notice of the following motion; that the Machakos county government establishes a solid waste recycling program in 2017/2018 to reduce

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excessive accumulation of solid waste for the purpose of environmental protection. Thank you, Mr. Speaker Sir.

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you. Notice is issued. Proceed.

#### RENOVATION OF AGRICULTURAL TRAINING CENTRE

**Hon. (Ms.) V. Mbithe:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker Sir and the House at large. Mr. Speaker, Sir, pursuant to Standing Order 44, I wish to give notice of the following motion; that the county government renovates and utilizes the Agricultural Training Centre facilities to provide venue for retreats, conferences and seminars and further generate revenue for the county. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir.

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you. Notice is issued. Proceed.

#### MOTIONS

##### SOLID WASTE RECYCLING PROGRAM

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon Maitha.

**Hon. Maitha:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir.

That aware that the mission for the department of environment, sanitation and solid waste management is to provide a clean and safe environment to the people of Machakos county;

Further aware that this is a new department that was created last year and given a budgetary allocation of Ksh. 121,412,721 in 2016/2017;

Mr. Speaker, Sir, acknowledging that solid is an emerging health threat emanating from dumping of solid waste in undesignated areas like road sides, water catchment areas and residential areas;

Informed that there is a very high solid waste generation within the county which cannot be handled by the available equipment and vehicles;

Mr. Speaker, Sir, concerned that for successful environmental protection, there ought to be effective waste recycling program;

Aware that solid waste recycling usually involves turning waste materials to new things which are usable which in turn helps to reduce garbage in the landfills and minimizes the amount of raw materials and energy used in producing new products;

Mr. Speaker, Sir, I wish to move the motion that the Machakos county government establishes a solid waste recycling program in 2017/2018 financial year to reduce excessive accumulation of solid waste for the purpose of environmental protection.

I wish to call upon Hon. Nzoka to second this motion. Thank you, Mr. Speaker Sir.

**Hon. Nzoka:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir. I second the motion being aware that garbage is a challenge. So, we need to take action and see how we can reduce garbage because it seems we cannot have good dumping sites. Thank you, Mr. Speaker Sir.

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you. The motion is properly laid. Hon. Members, I open contributions.

**Hon. Maitha:** Mr. Speaker, for purposes of proper participation by the chairman, I would request for a deferral of this motion such that when the chairperson is around, he can fully participate in the decisions and suggestions of the members. Bearing in mind that he is the chairperson of that committee, it will be my request that you grant us that deferral and then we can ballot the business for consideration probably by next week, Mr. Speaker. I beg to ask. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Hon. Speaker:** That request is reasonable and permitted. The matter is referred back to the House Business Committee for further balloting. Proceed.

#### RENOVATION OF AGRICULTURAL TRAINING CENTRE

**Hon. (Ms.) V. Mbithe:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, that aware that the committee of culture and tourism among other mandates is assigned to deal with the matters related to conferences, retreat centers and recreational facilities; Acknowledging that Machakos county has various recreation and conference facilities, one being the Agricultural Training Centre which has been underutilized in the past years;

Mr. Speaker, cognizant that the Agricultural Training Centre situated near the Machakos People's Park has a spacious underutilized conference hall and clean hostels and dining facilities;

Aware that it also has a spacious quiet compound where people from different groups can hold picnics, family and social gatherings, retreats and seminars at a cost hence enhancing the revenue collection of the county;

Further aware that officers from the various departments within and outside Machakos County can utilize this facility in holding seminars and research conferences for the betterment of the service delivery to the people of Kenya;

Mr. Speaker, I wish to move the motion that the county renovates and utilizes the Agricultural Training Centre facilities to provide venues for retreats, conferences, seminars and further generate revenue for the county.

Thank you. I therefore call upon Hon. Benedette Mueni to second the motion.

**Hon. (Ms.) Mueni:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir. I second the motion that the county can be getting money from those buildings although, Mr. Speaker, Sir, it is too late but the other Assembly which will come, can do better. Thank you.

*(Laughter)*

**Hon. Speaker:** I am not sure whether I understood Hon. Mueni.

**Hon. (Ms.) Mueni:** Yes, I have seconded the motion although maybe you are not understanding me. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir.

*(Laughter)*

**Hon. Speaker:** The motion is laid and maybe before we proceed, Hon. Veronica, this motion touches on Agricultural Training Center facilities; those centers are under which ministry? Are they devolved or are they a national government function? We may pass a motion that is completely unenforceable.

**Hon. (Ms.) V. Mbithe:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir. Our mandate as a committee is to make sure that all the places that can be used utilized within the county and more so agricultural places, I think it is devolved because we have a committee of agriculture, Mr. Speaker. This particular premises, Mr. Speaker, Sir, can be renovated to bring revenue to the county. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir.

**Hon. Speaker:** The point I was making Hon. Veronica is; don't you think there is need for the committee to do a report and explore all those areas?

**Hon. (Ms.) V. Mbithe:** Yes, Mr. Speaker, Sir. There is a point for that and as committee of culture, we were on a fact-finding mission and we realized that there is this place that has been under-utilized and we have been talking about revenue that has been given higher estimates that have never been realized. So this is a big door for revenue-collection that has been lying idle. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir.

**Hon. Speaker:** Yes, Hon. Kitheka at the back.

**Hon. Kitheka:** Mr. Speaker, I wish to bring to your attention that, the issue of this training Centre, ATC, is an institute run by the government and by so doing, we will doing a great harm to change the status of this training institute because it has been underfunded to an extend that its operations are in problem.

So, Mr. Speaker, the biggest problem with this institution is not that it needs to be changed into another program, but it can be funded to be utilized by the County government of Machakos In terms of training agricultural issues. Mr. Speaker, I wish to point out that a lot of work is being done there on research in terms of animal husbandry and crop production.

Mr. Speaker, I would also wish to point out that, the incubators which are used to incubate and hatch chicks for the county government of Machakos are based there. So, if we kill this institute, we will be doing a very great harm. There is a principal who is running the institution and there are students there. If we see dilapidated buildings, we should not only point out for them to be renovated for recreation, we should also do a fact-finding on what is going on there and what is making the institution not to go ahead.

So, Mr. Speaker, I wish to object this issue because it will demoralize the people of Machakos in terms of agricultural training for the people of Machakos. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Hon. Speaker:** Yes, Hon. Kitheka, that is why the Chair was proposing that this matter be considered and a report filed for deliberations so that we can we can have all the facts before us. I am persuaded that this motion will now be referred to the committee of culture and tourism.

*(Loud consultations)*

You say Agriculture? Let us hear the mover.

**Hon. (Ms.) V. Mbithe:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. I am in agreement that we go further to find out, in conjunction with the agriculture committee, because it touches on agriculture, so the---

**Hon. Speaker:** So the matter can be taken to the two committees?

**Hon. (Ms.) V. Mbithe:** Yes.

**Hon. Speaker:** Culture, tourism and the committee of agriculture.

**Hon. (Ms.) V. Mbithe:** Yes Mr. Speaker, Sir.

**Hon. Nganga:** Mr. Speaker, I wish to suggest that some of our members may have an interest in the issue at hand and we are not members of either committee, maybe on which a mechanism can be used to ensure that members who have an interest, especially in of support for agricultural training facilities, they can be incorporated in the whole arrangement, now that it has been proposed that we incorporate the culture and tourism committee.

**Hon. Speaker:** In view of that, then I will refer the matter to the office of the Clerk to constitute an 11 member committee that will look into the matter further.

*(Applause)*

## ADJOURNMENT

**Hon. Speaker:** Then the House will adjourn. Thank you.

The House rose at 2.53 p.m.