

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

**OFFICIAL REPORT**

**Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup> May, 2024**

The House met at 3.48 p.m.

*[The Speaker (Hon. (Mrs.) Kiusya) in the Chair]*

**PRAYERS**

**PAPERS LAID**

REPORT OF COUNTY RECEIVER OF REVENUE FOR  
THE FIRST AND SECOND QUARTERS FOR 2023/24

**Hon. Speaker:** We have two Papers to be laid that is one by Hon. Kitaka and Hon. Dominic Maitha and I want to start with the one by Hon. Francis Kitaka. Hon. Paul, you are holding brief for Hon. Kitaka?

**Hon. Paul Wambua** (Kibauni, PTP): Thank you, Hon. Speaker. You directed that all Chairs and Vice Chairs be in the House and I am here. Hon. Speaker, I wish to lay the following Paper on the Assembly today, Tuesday, 14th May, 2024; the Report of Finance and Revenue Collection Committee on County Receiver of Revenue for the first and second quarters for the FY 2023/24.

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you, Hon. Paul Wambua. Hon. Dominic Maitha please.

IMPLEMENTATION STATUS OF ASSEMBLY  
RESOLUTIONS BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

**Hon. Dominic Maitha** (Muthwani, WDM-K): Hon. Speaker I wish to lay the following Paper on the Table of the Assembly today, Tuesday, 14th May, 2024 the Report of the Committee on the Implementation status of Assembly resolutions by the County Executive. Thank you Madam Speaker.

*(The Papers were laid on the Table)*

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you, Hon. Maitha. Next order.

**NOTICE OF MOTION**

REPORT OF COUNTY RECEIVER OF REVENUE FOR  
THE FIRST AND SECOND QUARTERS FOR 2023/24

**Hon. Speaker:** May I invite Hon. Francis Kitaka and I believe Hon. Paul you are holding his brief come forward and give the notice.

**Hon. Paul Wambua** (Kibauni, PTP) Thank you, Madam Speaker. On behalf of my chair and the committee.

Hon. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 190(5), I wish to give notice of motion that this Assembly adopts the report of the Finance and Revenue Collection committee on County Receiver of Revenue for the first and second quarters of the Financial Years 2023/24 as laid on the table of the House on Tuesday, 14th May, 2024.

Thank you, Madam Speaker.

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you, Hon. Member and always remember to introduce yourself please to the House. Hon. Dominic Maitha proceed.

#### IMPLEMENTATION STATUS OF ASSEMBLY RESOLUTIONS BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

**Hon. Dominic Maitha** (Muthwani, WDM-K): Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 188, I wish to give notice of motion THAT this Assembly Adopts the report of the Committee on Implementation on the implementation status of Assembly Resolutions by the County Executive as laid on the Table of the House on Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup> May, 2024.

Thank you, Madam Speaker.

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you, Hon. Member. Next order.

#### STATEMENT

##### BUSINESS FOR THE HOUSE FOR 14TH AND 15TH MAY, 2024

**Hon. Speaker:** May I invite Hon. Nicholas Nzioka to come forward and make a Statement or make several Statements.

**Hon. Nicholas Nzioka** (Machakos Central, WDM-K): Thank you, Madam Speaker. Hon. Speaker, the House Business Committee met today, 14<sup>th</sup> May, 2024 to prioritize business for the House as forwarded by Committees and Hon. Members pursuant to the provisions of the Standing Order 151(6)(d). The Committee balloted business as follows:

Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup> May, 2024

*Afternoon at 2.30 p.m.*

- (a) Statement on the status of roads within the County and what plans the Department has put in place to ensure the destroyed National Government and County Government roads are repaired and restored back to their passable state by Hon. Judas Ndawa, Leader of Minority/MCA, Matuu Ward.
- (b) Report on the Machakos Gender Policy by Hon. Benjamin Kinyungu, Chairperson, Social Welfare and Sports Committee.

Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> May, 2024

*Morning at 10.00 a. m.*

- (a) Response to a statement sought on What the County Government is doing on floods affected areas in Kinanie Ward by Hon. Fredrick Kitetu, Chairperson, Environment and Natural Resources Committee.
- (b) Report of Finance and Revenue Collection Committee on County Receiver of Revenue for the First and Second Quarters of the Financial Year 2023/2024 by Hon. Francis Kitaka, Chairperson, Finance and Revenue Collection Committee.

*Afternoon at 2.30 p.m.*

- (a) Report of Implementation Committee on the implementation status of various House resolutions by Hon. Dominic Maitha, Chairperson, Implementation Committee.
- (b) Motion on Adjournment of the House for recess pursuant to Standing Order 25(3) and the Approved Calendar of the Assembly for the Third Session of the Third Assembly from Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> May, 2024 to Monday, 10<sup>th</sup> June, 2024 by Hon. Nicholas Nzioka, Leader of Majority/ MCA Machakos Central Ward.

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you very much, Hon. Member. I call upon Hon. Judas Ndawa, Minority Leader to come forward and give another Statement.

#### **STATEMENT SOUGHT** STATUS OF ROADS DESTROYED BY FLOODING

**Hon. Mbili Ndawa** (Matuu, MCCP): Thank you, Madam Speaker. Hon. Speaker before I give the Statement I want to commend you for quick action because you can see I am now reading without using the spectacles.

*(Applause)*

So I want to commend for that quick action and request the Majority side was well lit; there are some lights from the Minority which were not fixed.

*(Laughter)*

So, Hon. Speaker I request they what you do to your grandfather do the same to your grandmother.

**Hon. Speaker:** This morning I communicated that we had remained with two lights not done and I believe it could be the ones on the side of Minority so everywhere will be lit until you do not need your specs to read. Thank you.

**Hon. Mbili Ndawa** (Matuu, MCCP): So far so good. Thank you.

Hon. Speaker, Fourth Schedule of the Constitution of Kenya 2010 mandates the County Governments to deal with all matters related to County Transport including county roads;

Further, Article 6(2) and 189 and of the same Constitution provides for cooperation between National and County Governments in performance of their functions and exercise of powers;

Aware that recently, the Country has experienced a lot of rains characterized by flash floods that have left a trail of destruction in Ukambani region including Machakos County. More specifically, these floods have seriously destroyed transport network especially roads within the County rendering transport services inaccessible;

Informed that the County Government of Machakos is committed to facilitating the mobility of the populace in an economically and environmentally sustainable manner;

Hon. Speaker, I wish to seek a statement from the County Department of Roads, Transport and Public Works to provide information on the following;

- a. An audit of the extent of destruction of all the roads within the County citing their current status, whether they are categorized as County Government or National Government roads and whether they are passable or impassable.
- b. The plans the department has put in place to ensure the destroyed County roads are repaired and restored to their passable state.
- c. The action the County Government has undertaken to ensure that the impassable National Government roads within the County are repaired and transport services restored.

Hon. Speaker, I make an application that you allow me three minutes to give highlight of what the Statement seek to achieve.

**Hon. Speaker:** Yes, I will allow you and also ask may be one or two Members to.

**Hon. Mbili Ndawa (Matuu, MCCC):** Hon. Speaker, this is what we call a thorn in the flesh; every elected member here is getting calls from the electorates concerning the state of roads so I would be happy if you allow them to ventilate.

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you. I will do that.

**Hon. Mbili Ndawa (Matuu, MCCC):** Thank you, Hon. Speaker. A resident from Matuu ward called me at 11.30 p.m. when I was asleep and the concern was about roads. Hon. Speaker it is evident that we went to the churches and we prayed to God to give us rain. The mistake we did we did not give specification so God answered our prayers and rain came but it did not come the way we were expecting. Last Sunday, I was in church and requested the father because the father was praying and he said we thank God for the rains and request for more and you you know Fathers are not interrupted.

So when my time came for me to speak, I just requested the father to restructure the prayers and say let us get regulated rain. Hon. Speaker, everywhere within the County because I believe what is happening in Matuu is happening on other wards all the roads the ones which were repaired and the ones which are not repaired are all washed away so Hon. Speaker, unless we get an audit of the status of those roads, we may not be able to plan well so that is why we are requesting for this Statement. The department to go and audit and may be from the list they give us the most urgent roads because we may not be able to repair all of them.

Hon. Speaker, the articles I have cited this Statement, Article 6(2), it recognizes two levels of government and says that the two levels of government shall and if you hear the word shall; that means it is a must, shall work in consultation and cooperation. So, Hon. Speaker, I find it wise to cite that Article and again I cited Article 169 of the same constitution which also talks about cooperation between the two levels of government and Hon. Speaker if you go to part (b) of it the two levels can assist the other one and also consult with a view of addressing a certain problem. Part (c) of it is also relevant to the statement because I am very sure there are instances where the Constitution allows functions of one level of government to be transferred to the other level of government. In case County Government is not able to undertake it can cooperate and consult with the National to take up the matter.

So, Hon. Speaker, to sum it up in Matuu ward from Matuu town to Matuu Level IV hospital, we need an vented drift so that when residents are sick they can be able to access health services and that is two sides from Matuu town to Matuu Level IV hospital and from the main Garissa road to Matuu Level IV hospital. So, we need two drifts which are urgently required.

Hon. Speaker, in the last financial year the County Government constructed dispensary at Kaonyweni area and right now I am very sure procurement has been done for equipping the same but the road to that area, nobody can be able to reach that so we need urgent intervention. Hon. Speaker, from Matuu to Ithekethini shopping Centre and back to Noti, there is a dam that we did at a place called Kianisyoni, the water we collected in that dam is more than what we expected. In fact, we are now getting what we Marginal Diminishing Utility and you remember utility is the degree of satisfaction that a consumer gets after consuming a certain product.

So what we are getting is more than we were expecting because the water has moved from where we expected it to reach to some peoples' homesteads cutting off the road which passes there. We are requesting that we have another vented drift there so that those who are moving from Ithekethini to Matuu Level IV hospital and those moving from Matuu Level IV hospital to Ithekethini can be able to access their homes. From Kaluluini to a place known as Kwosau through Noti, there is a street that needs serious intervention it is called Katolu drift. We need a vented drift so that when kids or students are coming from the other end to Matuu Vocational Training Centre to Kaluluini dispensary and also to shopping centre can be able to cross and reach their intended destination.

There are other roads Hon. Speaker and since now we cannot conclude everything here, those are few that I have mentioned and I am requesting Hon. Members to also support the Statement so that we can be able to address this issue and I am requesting Hon. Members, as they deliberate, we have different departments in the County and we may request some of the departments which are not using their funds or do not offer very essential services, we request H.E the Governor to consider bringing a supplementary budget to this Hon. House so that we can supplement some funds to assist the department of roads to address this problem. Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you very much, Hon. Members. I would wish to give you an opportunity to ventilate on this matter and I would want to start with Hon. Maitha, Hon. Ndwiki, Hon. Paul, Hon. Mulinge, Hon. Kavyu in that order.

**Hon. Dominic Maitha** (Muthwani, WDM-K): Madam Speaker, if this Statement would have been treated as a matter of urgency, I would be very grateful. Madam Speaker, one of the reasons as to why we are fighting so much as Members of County Assembly to have the Ward Development Fund kitty given to us is because of certain reasons this being one of them.

If today the Hon. Minority Leader had approximately Ksh. 50 million as his allocation for Matuu ward as Ward Development Fund under emergency kitty of Ksh. 10 million today he would be back in his ward addressing this. Madam Speaker it is very disgusting to see the kind of reports that came two weeks ago about a state department KeRRA holding over Ksh. 206 billion unutilized while these Hon. Members here have zero kitty to address the roads menace in our wards Madam Speaker. I would not wish to dwell much on this Madam Speaker. I just want to echo the words of the Minority Leader. If there is any department today that every Hon. Member present here can attest as at least had something a Hon. Member has done in his or her ward is the department of roads.

There are some departments to date Madam Speaker, one and a half years down the line personally as Muthwani road I cannot say this department has done A-B-C-D. Just one single project! I would not even mention them here, Madam Speaker. So what can we do right now, Madam Speaker? I wish to request the leadership of this Assembly to liaise with H.E. the Governor as immediately as possible and all monies in other departments that may not be utilized within the remaining period of this year, Madam Speaker, be brought to this House and be supplemented to the department of roads so that we can address the menace that has been caused by the just ended rains Madam Speaker.

In history Madam Speaker, it is the first time for the last 20 to 30 years I have used Joska-Kangundo road and the Hon. Minority Whip can attest she uses that road. The Hon. Deputy Speaker and Hon. Ngui they use that road. For the last two weeks, we experienced something so phenomenal that has never been experienced before Madam Speaker. Joska bridge was extremely flooded but today if you go there Madam Speaker, repairs have already begun so that is the kind of swift action we need undertaken right now in our wards. Madam Speaker, roads in every ward I do not want to mention even a single road in my ward. Roads in almost all the 40 wards are in a dilapidated state, Madam Speaker.

I want to support this Statement and seek that as soon as practicable even it means when we proceed on recess being convened here for a special sitting so that we can supplement all monies being held in the various departments that will not be able to be absorbed to the department of roads and address the issue at hand. The good thing Madam Speaker, we already have a leeway. Even without supplementing the Hon. President of the Republic of Kenya Dr. William Samoei Ruto has given a direction and his sentiments have been echoed by the chairman budget committee in the National Assembly that let County Governments and national government use whatever monies available to mitigate the disaster that have been caused by the recent rains.

So, Madam Speaker, it is now upon the department of roads in Machakos County through H.E the Governor Wavinya Ndeti now to direct that any monies being held to be used with immediate effect to mitigate the issue and then we shall answer the questions later as the President said. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you very much, Hon. Maitha. Very important insights there. Hon. Ndwiki.

**Hon. Daniel Ndwiki** (Syokimau/Mlolongo, WDM-K): Thank you, Madam Speaker. I stand here to support this Statement sought by our Minority Leader. It is a timely Statement that needs attention of everyone and Madam Speaker, my area is one of the most affected area because Madam Speaker, every Hon. Member saw in the television how Mavoko is affected by floods. So Madam Speaker, I support this Statement and urge the government to move with speed and repair those roads. Madam Speaker, there are some roads which are more important than others; I remember when I was in High school there is a book we read *shamba la wanyama* that says all animals are equal but some animals are more equal than others.

When I say this I mean there are some roads which are of greater importance to this county Madam Speaker, and as I quote there is a road called Kware road in Mlolongo that all the tracks carrying stones and ballast pass through that road, Madam Speaker. For your attention Madam Speaker, there was a strike last week on that road. The County Government of Machakos lost millions of money as a result of that strike, Madam Speaker. So it is very important Madam Speaker, that the county gives attention to all roads in Machakos and more so to the roads contributing to the loss.

Madam Speaker, if roads are not repaired if this Statement is not taken care of we will lose millions of money as a result of poor business and transportation and all that. Madam Speaker, I support the Statement and urge the concerned authorities, departments to move with speed and implement because Madam Speaker, as I finish there is a place in Mlolongo called Phase III and that is one kilometer away from Mombasa road but as we speak now residents take five kilometers to reach a one kilometer destination because of poor roads.

They cannot access their homes and businesses because the roads are impassable. I support the Statement and say that every available fund let it be taken to that department and we fix our roads and the County will move on. Thank you, Madam Speaker, I support.

**Hon. Speaker:** Before you sit down Hon. Ndwiki let me ask you how long are the residents of Sabaki taking to get to their houses?

**Hon. Daniel Ndwiki** (Syokimau/Mlolongo, WDM-K): Thank you, Madam Speaker. I really sympathize with the people of Sabaki because Madam Speaker, as you are aware that all roads in Sabaki are impassable and Madam Speaker, it is also good for the County through the department of development (??) to cushion all the developers because some of the disasters we were facing in our areas and most part of Machakos are a result of poor planning or failure to plan, Madam Speaker.

We have some investments in parts of Sabaki that have resulted to flooding of Sabaki road through the TotalEnergies petrol station and as a result Madam Speaker, that road is impassable. So, as the Government takes up the other roads it is very important for that road to be considered as an urgent measure because it is a road that serves the residence of Sabaki and some parts of Syokimau and also through to Katani. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you very much.

**Hon. Dominic Maitha** (Muthwani, WDM-K): Madam Speaker, the Hon. Member has introduced a new department in this County; the County department of development. Can he substantiate, Madam Speaker?

**Hon. Speaker:** Okay, maybe you can clarify I am sure it---

**Hon. Daniel Ndwiki** (Syokimau/Mlolongo, WDM-K): Thank you. It was a slip of the tongue. I stand guided. I meant the department of roads.

(Applause)

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you very much, Hon. Member. Hon. Paul.

**Hon. Paul Wambua** (Kibauni, PTP): Thank you, Madam Speaker, once more. I support the Statement sought by Hon. Mbili wa Ndawa, the Minority Leader. We have been through very heavy rains. Rains that tend to even bring more problems even food security wise to the people of Machakos. Madam Speaker, however, today we are speaking about all roads in the County and most of them have been affected by these rains. Madam Speaker, for instance in Kibauni ward, I do not have passable roads completely and when I talk about passable roads I mean roads that you cannot drive anything above 30 km per hour.

I do not want to say this and that road because they are all affected and it is timely to seek this Statement but if Madam Speaker, I may say I do not think the department has been very fair because the people I am seeing complaining about roads this financial year have been served by that department. Madam Speaker, Kibauni ward has not been served by that department. No shilling this financial year has gone to Kibauni and when we ask about roads, I do not ask a road going to my home, it is for the voters who voted for the Governor, myself and every other elected leader.

So it is not very nice when some of these wards do not get their fair share. As Mheshimiwa Ndwiki says about *shamba la wanyama* when it comes to wards all wards are equal *hakuna mnyama aliye sawa zaidi ya mwingine* and I want as even the department brings the supplementary budget, I would wish that first they work on the wards they have not spent a shilling on because if in the next one month I will be seated here to say that I support the budget but for what if the people of Kibauni have not been served and not only roads but several departments have not spent a shilling in Kibauni.

So if there is any other Member that has not been served and he feels the way I do then it is very unfortunate because we all got votes from; if it is the Governor from the whole county and if it is me from my ward and I am here to represent those people, Madam Speaker. If they are not served then the County has not done its share bit of its duty even though I will have done mine to give them the budget. So, personally this financial year I am not participating in a budget where I am not told what is there for Kibauni that financial year. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you very much, Hon. Member. Those insights are very important and will be taken care of. Hon. Mulinge.

**Hon. Joseph Mulinge** (Muvuti/Kiima Kimwe, MCCP): Madam Speaker, I will start by saying this was a timely Statement focusing on the problems facing the people we are



representing right now. Problems are not manmade but one side manmade and caused by the disaster we had. Madam Speaker, the sponsor of the Statement has talked about the problem has been brought by heavy rains but I will inform him it is not bad rains. You cannot compare the rains at the times of Noah because in the morning we were talking about environmental management. In times of Noah, the rains rained for more than 40 days. A lot of rain then another 110 days the water started rising and the reason the water was raising it was taking up the ark to the mountain.

So, Madam Speaker, I will say if the issue of a lot of rain is addressed by the department of environment by the end of the day after the rain has gone Machakos County will be left with a lot of water in our dams. Smaller disaster because during the rains the water is collected in our dams it means that the water will not destroy our roads because it is collected. Having said so, the situation is dire, demanding a lot of resources which for the people who are very smart in praying will say they need to pray for our County and God to provide because we know the budget that was in department of roads and even though we supplement we still need a lot.

Madam Speaker, in Muvuti/ Kiima Kimwe the area is on slopes and you understand when a lot of rains in the slopes, the disaster is worse. So, I support the Statement but again Madam Speaker, some of the problems might be managed; a problem that can be managed. I have a road---

**Hon. Speaker:** Point of information taken.

**Hon. Mbili Ndawa** (Matuu, MCCP): Thank you, Madam Speaker. I just want to inform my good brother here from Muvuti/ Kiima Kimwe that there are issues we call natural calamity and Hon. Speaker, nobody has ability to either reduce or increase rainfall; it is God. When I was saying here about me being in charge of something, I said that we pray that we get regulated rain. So, Hon. Speaker, there is no way and nobody in this County or in this world has ability to regulate. It is only God the maker. Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you very much, Hon. Ndawa, for the clarification. It is an act of God so we do not have much to---

**Hon. Joseph Mulinge** (Muvuti/Kiima Kimwe, MCCP): In my area of study, Madam Speaker, I studied some bit of environmental management and this is what it was saying. "If we do not balance technology and move with time, some of the consequences is now what we are seeing." Now that is not the point; he just ran to address me and he did not take time to listen to what I wanted to say. I was saying some of the problems might be because of negligence.

For instance, in Muvuti/Kiima Kimwe I have a road that was murramed by the County and after five months, it was again murramed by KURA but that road is impassable. The cause of all these problems is if you grade a road and you have not addressed the issue of drainage, we are doing zero work.

**Hon. Speaker:** I get your argument; some of it is manmade.

**Hon. Joseph Mulinge** (Muvuti/Kiima Kimwe, MCCP): Manmade, yes because, I am trying to expand my point---

*(Hon. Francis Kavyu spoke off the record)*

**Hon. Speaker:** Let the Hon. Member expound.

**Hon. Joseph Mulinge** (Muvuti/Kiima Kimwe, MCCC): Let him guide me.

**Hon. Speaker:** Proceed and guide the Hon. Member he is willing.

**Hon. Francis Kavyu** (Kinanie, MCCC): Madam Speaker, I think the Member is going out of context for today because the Statement was directed to the County Government of Machakos, department of trade. So, we should not mix the two; KURA and KeRRA those are different agencies that are managed outside Machakos County and we should only focus on areas that touch Machakos County as a whole. Even if we discuss about them here, they are not within our mandate because we already have the problem, he should be giving solutions on how we can solve the challenge that we have now. Thank you.

**Hon. Speaker:** I get you. Hon. Mulinge, you are well guided because the road you are talking about that was done by KeRRA is not within the works of the County Government.

**Hon. Joseph Mulinge** (Muvuti/Kiima Kimwe, MCCC): No. I was saying this; I was stressing because this is not the end of the rains. In December we are again expecting rains and to avert this problem today and tomorrow when the roads are being graded after having the funds, the department of roads needs to address keenly the issue of drainage. The roadworks starts by grading the drainage then after you concentrate on the road. Thank you.

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you, Hon. Member. Hon. Kavyu, you can take it up.

**Hon. Francis Kavyu** (Kinanie, MCCC): Thank you, Madam Speaker. I support the Statement and as a House we recommend and appreciate the devastating effects left by the heavy rains and what we are pleading with the County Government is to relook and probably we need to supplement the budget for the department of roads because if we do not address the damage that has been caused promptly, we might finish the remaining part of our time trying to fire-fight. So, we need to relook at it because between now and the next financial year, the earliest we can access the funds is September or October thereabout, a period when the rains will have come back. So, I recommend that we relook our list of priorities.

We have departments that have functionalities that can wait until October and we need to do a re-allocation to the department of road and ensure that even if it means we have the funds available let procurement process be done. Then between June and August when it is dry, it means that we will have enough resources to work on our roads when there are no rain disruption. That is what we need to look at and from the experience that we have had, we should not just look at the grading of the roads; the department needs to facilitate and make sure there is a provision for grading and to some extent gravelling because the damage that has been left is huge.

For instance, in Kinanie, we have a similar area; Lukenya, Kilili which generates a lot of revenue for the County but we also have Lukenya schools and other institutions a long that area. Madam Speaker, as we speak, those doing business in those quarries they are making losses because after every two days they have to endure the agony of having to repair their vehicles because of the status of the road. We need to move with speed and in Kinanie from Athi River, we have completely been cut off.

We appreciate that the road is supposed to be done by the National Government under KURA but what we are asking as people of Kinanie is what temporary measures we can provide to ensure that the people of Kinanie and some parts of Ng'alalya in Muthwani are reunited with other people from Athi River because most of them rely on farming and for their farm produce to get to the market, they have to go through Kinanie-Athi River to connect to Nairobi.

As we talk, it is completely paralyzed because the bridge collapsed. Same case to Kyumbi Secondary, areas of Lower Kalimani; most of the people are leaving their vehicles at the junction and walking to their homes. So, we need to plan well and see what are some of the small resources that we can reallocate now to tackle the effects that have been left by the rains.

Madam Speaker, I also think we need to do coordinated development because in most of the areas we might have good roads but for example in my ward, one of the roads was completely cut off because of what we were discussing this morning. People did sand harvesting and the road was left hanging and it only needed little wetness for it to collapse and now we have a very bug ditch and people cannot move.

The other man-made activities Mheshimiwa for Muvuti/Kiima Kimwe was talking about, we have people with dams and their spillway have been directed to the roads. Instead, the drainage that was created was overwhelmed because water was coming in huge volumes. So, the department of water should move with speed and get to the ground; they need to do environmental impact assessment and see what dangers the activities can cause to people or to the programmes that have been done by the County in the areas. Thank you.

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Kavyu, before you sit, I want to ask whether the issue of the manmade dam within the Maanzoni Conservancy was sorted out?

**Hon. Francis Kavyu (Kinanie, MCCC):** Madam Speaker, as we are talking, that water is still flowing and is still causing problems a week after rains have gone. When it rains, those people release the water and there was a day it was sunny and vehicles were almost swept by water near the Sonko bypass because somebody had opened their spill way. We have so many private dams that we do not know whether they were approved or who did the impact assessment review because they are a danger and a ticking time-bomb to the people.

The other thing we might need to consider; the other agencies, we need to look at how it can be controlled. For example, in Maanzoni, KeNHA was doing the overpass and the works were not completed for reasons best know to them but the culvert and the bridge they were doing, all that water was directed to people's homes and nothing has been done so far.

**Hon. Speaker:** Very unfortunate. Thank you, Hon. Member. At this point I commit this Statement to the Transport, Roads and Public Works Committee and we expect them to report to us on 11th June, the reason. We have taken it that far is because we are going on recess. So that committee be prepared to give us a report on 11th June,2024. Thank you. Next order.

**MOTION**  
MACHAKOS COUNTY GENDER POLICY

**Hon. Speaker:** May I at this point call Hon. Benjamin Kinyungu, Chairperson, Social Welfare and Sports Committee to come and take us through the motion.

**Hon. Benjamin Kyule** (Lower Kaewa, WDM-K): Thank you, Madam Speaker. Hon. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 190(5)---

**Hon. Speaker:** What is the matter Members....

*(Loud consultations)*

**Hon. Benjamin Kyule** (Lower Kaewa, WDM-K): Uniforms? We are not discussing uniform today so the agenda for the day is not about uniform.

*(Laughter)*

**Hon. Speaker:** Give the Hon. Member space to do justice to his motion. Proceed.

**Hon. Benjamin Kyule** (Lower Kaewa, WDM-K):

Hon. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 190(5), I wish to move the motion THAT this Assembly Adopts the report of the Social Welfare and Sports Committee on Machakos County Gender Policy as laid on the Table of the House on Wednesday, 8th May, 2024.

I call Hon. Catherine Muia to second.

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you, Hon. Member. Hon. Catherine.

**Hon. Catherine Mutio** (Nominated, WDM-K): Thank you, Madam Speaker, I second.

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you, Hon Member. Today you are really a seconder in many ways.

*(Question proposed)*

Before I call upon Members to debate this motion, let me call the mover again to come and give highlights---

**Hon. Mbili Ndawa** (Matuu, MCCC): Point of order, Hon. Speaker.

**Hon. Speaker:** Yes, Hon. Member.

**Hon. Mbili Ndawa** (Matuu, MCCC): Thank you, Hon. Speaker. Because of the interruption lunch hour, that is the time we use to peruse what is coming in the afternoon. So, we will not have adequate time to go through this report and for that matter I am requesting the

Chair to allow us time and refer the business back to the House Business Committee for re-balloting so that we can be able to speak from a point of information. Thank you.

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Member, the request is that you take back the motion. Interjection.

**Hon. Dominic Maitha** (Muthwani, WDM-K): Madam Speaker, one issue as to why reports come to this House is so that we discuss them adequately, properly, scrutinize them, make the necessary recommendations and comments. We would not wish to have reports come to this Assembly and Members just brush it off. Frankly speaking, these Hon. Members are tired and the if the Hon. Member proceeds to prosecute this report here, I can honestly tell you Madam Speaker, we will do it because we have to but we will go home with almost nothing.

I would request and Madam Speaker, you saw me nodding to him; I wanted him to seek a deferral so that he can have time to come and prosecute his matter when Members are not tired and Members are fresh and he gets the best out of the Members. My submission, Madam Speaker.

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you, Hon. Member. I really want to agree entirely because I know we took a lot of time over lunch hour and we had late lunch and it was very engaging and we are tired. Hon. Benjamin Kinyungu we not trying to let you down; we are tired and I want to request you humbly to take up this matter back and we can do justice to it when we are not tired.

*(Applause)*

Is the request granted?

**Hon. Benjamin Kyule** (Lower Kaewa, WDM-K): Thank you, Madam Speaker. Because of time, I do agree the business to be re-balloted to another date. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you so much.

*(Motion deferred)*

At this point I want to thank Hon. Benjamin for accepting our request on account of time and the fact that we are really tired; thank you for being there for a brother and a sister.

## ADJOURNMENT

**Hon. Speaker:** At this point I feel like we can end it there. The House therefore adjourns to Wednesday, 15th May, 2024 at 10.00 a.m. Members let us meet tomorrow Godwilling.

The House rose at 4.41 p.m.