

COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF NAKURU

THE HANSARD

Wednesday, 21st June 2017

Assembly Building

The House met at 10.45am

[The Deputy Speaker (Hon. James Tuei) in the Chair]

PRAYERS

MOTION

HOUSE TO ADOPT THE QUARTERLY REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR
THE PERIOD ENDED 31ST MARCH 2017

Hon. Moses Kamau: Thank you Mr. Deputy Speaker, I beg to move the Motion;-

THAT this House adopts the Report and Financial Statement for the period ended 31st March 2017, tabled before the House on 24th May 2017.

Mr. Deputy Speaker, as I move this Motion, I want this House to adopt the Report because it gives the overview of how the County government of Nakuru has performed within that quarter ending 31st March 2017. Notable is that we have underperformed on the revenue collection which is a serious issue because if we do not realise the set target for the revenue, we will not be in a position to finance all the projects for that financial year.

At the same time Mr. Deputy Speaker, in the Report, we have not performed well on the implementation of development. Remember there is an official circular where the projects for this Financial Year 2016/17 were to be implemented at 50 percent and as we speak, the implementation has been very slow which will automatically affect the next Financial Year because these projects might be carried over to the next Financial Year where we have a very big challenge.

So Mr. Deputy Speaker, it is very important for this House to scrutinize and adopt this Report. Thank you, I beg to move.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. James Tuei): Thank you very much honourable Musa, can we have a seconder?

Hon. Ezekiel Kung'u: Seconded.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. James Tuei): Thank you honourable Ezekiel for seconding the Motion. The Motion is now open for debate.

(Question proposed)

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Hon. Joseph Muigai: Thank you Mr. Deputy Speaker, while I may not necessarily object this document, it is good to mention a number of things that I find not normal in this document. Mr. Deputy Speaker if you look at the beginning where there is the issue of signing by the Chief Officer Finance and Economic Planning, it means that he or she takes responsibility of the information in this document, this document has not been duly signed where it is supposed to be signed.

If you move forward you find that there is a provision that is supposed to have been signed by the Chief Officer for Finance and Economic Planning, Director for Finance and Economic Planning and this has not been also signed. If you look at page three there is this statement saying- the explanatory notes to this financial statement forms an integral part of the financial statements, this financial statements' were approved on a date that is not clearly indicated.

It is also important that the author of this document commits so that when we are approving this document we are not doing contrary to what should be done. Actually we should approve a document that is dully signed so that there will be no time where the County Assembly will be blamed for having approved a document which was not dully signed. Otherwise the contents may be correct but when it has not been duly signed we may doubt its authenticity.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. James Tuei): Thank you Hon. Muigai from Molo for that concern. It is very true.

Hon. Joseph Muigai: I would also probably suggest because we have an afternoon session I would suggest that they go and sign then in the afternoon we approve a document which has been duly signed.

(Applause)

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. James Tuei): Thank you very much, that has been noted and I think the honorable Chair will comment on that.

Hon. Moses Kamau; Thank you Mr. Deputy Speaker, I do agree with the honorable Member but we adjourn to the afternoon session but what I can say is that we cannot bring a document here because there is always a forwarding letter from the Executive to show that this document was brought here. But I agree we need to have signed documents to be debated in this House. Thank you.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. James Tuei): Thank you very much, Hon. Korir.

Hon. Hillary Korir: Thank you Mr. Deputy Speaker, as far as I am supporting this Report I have a concern that on the point the Chairman raised from the Report proceedings. We find that there is underperformance in terms of revenue collection.

I think as a committee or even the Executive having given us that indication, this quarterly report has not given any way forward as to how to enhance revenue collection and I think that is very important.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. James Tuei): Thank you very much, I need someone to second what Honorable Muigai raised. Hon. Langat?

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Hon. Joseph Langat: Thank you Mr. Deputy Speaker, I second 100 percent that any document being brought to this Assembly must be signed. Why it was not signed if it is important yet we have a space for signing. One must ensure that for the document to be a legal document. In absence of a signature, somebody cannot be held responsible in case of any legal contest. I want to congratulate the chairman of the Budget Committee for a job well done which is supposed to be done for all other departments. All the departments must give us a summary of activities that they have undertaken for the last five years so that we analyze the budget here against the projects undertaken. It is my advice that each department must give a report to this House so that we can analyze their performance if we are to have value for money. Mr. Deputy Speaker I wish you can make a ruling so that I can make my contribution.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon James Twei): Thank you very much honorable Member for seconding the proposal to postpone the debate on this Motion. You cannot continue making contributions because I think honorable Members I concur with Hon Muigai and Hon Lang'at for your observation. We are going to postpone this Motion until this afternoon and I want to call upon chair Budget and Clerks to make necessary arrangements for this afternoon.

(Question proposed to differ the Motion until afternoon sitting)

(Question put and agreed to.)

(House rose at 11.00 am)