THE REPUBLIC OF KENYA

COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF TURKANA

HANSARD

Tuesday, 27th February 2024.

The County Assembly Met at the County Assembly of Turkana Chamber at 9:00 a.m.

Temporary Speaker (Hon. Samuel Aliwo) in the Chair.

PRAYERS

Temporary Speaker: Honourable Members get seated

PAPERS

Report Of Committees On Finance, Planning, Trade And ICT on Inter-Governmental Conditional
Allocations Transfer Agreement

Temporary Speaker: Honourable Michael Ewoi, Chairperson of the Committee on Finance, Planning, Trade and ICT, Proceed.

Hon. Michael Ewoi: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise to lay on the table of the House the report of the Committee on Finance, planning, trade and ICT on the intergovernmental conditional allocations transfer agreement. Mr. Speaker sir, with your permission I beg to lay.

Temporary Speaker: Proceed?

(Hon. Michael Ewoi lays the report on the table of the House)

Report Of The Committee On Labour, Gender And Youth Affairs On The Turkana County Local
Content Policy 2023

Temporary Speaker Very well. Next is Honourable Alphonse Loteder, the Chairperson of the Committee on Labour, Gender and Youth Affairs.

Hon. Loteder: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise to lay the report of the Committee on Labour, Gender and Youth Affairs on the Turkana County Local Content Policy 2023. Mr. Speaker, with your permission I would wish to lay.

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Temporary Speaker: Proceed?

(Hon. Loteder lays the report on the table of the House)

NOTICES OF MOTION

Report on Inter-Governmental Conditional Allocations Transfer Agreement

Temporary Speaker: Honourable Michael Ewoi Emase, Chairperson of the Committee on Finance, Planning, Trade and ICT?

Hon. Michael Ewoi: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise to give notice of the following motion that this County Assembly considers and approves the recommendations contained in the report of the Committee on Finance, Planning, Trade and ICT on Inter-Governmental Conditional Allocations Transfer Agreement. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Turkana County Local Content Policy

Temporary Speaker: Very well, next Honourable Alphonse Loteder, Chairperson of the Committee on Labour, Gender and Youth Affairs.

Hon. Loteder: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise to give notices of motion that this County Assembly considers and approves the recommendations contained in the report of Committee on Labor, Gender and Youth affairs on the report of the Turkana County Local Content Policy. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Temporary Speaker: Honourable Members, the two Notices of Motion have been laid before this House today that is the motion on adoption of report on Inter-Governmental Conditional allocation transfer agreement, this motion will be considered in our morning session tomorrow.

The next motion is adoption of report on Turkana County Local Content Policy, will be considered tomorrow in the afternoon session, kindly be guided.

STATEMENTS

Temporary Speaker: What is it Honourable Member for Kalokol?

Hon. Ebenyo: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise to request for the response on the statement I had raised during the end of the last session that was directed to the Ministry of Agriculture, Pastoral Economy and Fisheries. Thank you.

Temporary Speaker: Though the statement was not within the enlisted statements but now that the chairperson for the said Committee is around maybe he is in a good position to give a brief response to the member.

Hon. Etubon: Thank you, Honourable Speaker. Concerning the response to the statement, the office of Clerk has not yet furnished us with the answers and I think this may be as a result of transfer of ministers during that time. We will still follow up on the same, we need like one week to make a follow up on the same since it's an old statement that's when I will be in the right position to either provide the answer or give any other details, thank you.

Temporary Speaker: Honourable Member representing the good people of Kalokol, you have heard the plea of the Chairperson and I want to direct that the statement is responded to within one week as requested. Thank you. Leader of minority you are on your feet!

Hon. Lomodo: Mr. Speaker, I also rise to request for the response of the statement that I addressed on the floor of this House on 7th of December, 2023 on a matter concerning the effects of El Nino to the residents of Lokichar Ward and I had requested the response from the department of Public Service Administration and Disaster management. Mr. Speaker because you are on the Chair and you are the same person expected to give me the response, thank you.

Temporary Speaker: Thank you, I was also consulting that the response required by the Leader of Minority was directed to me as the Chair for the Committee on Public Service Administration and Disaster Management. Am also looking around and we only have two members present. We will provide the response at the Committee level first, we are still under taking some scrutiny in it. Therefore, if the House will be busy this week, then we will respond next week.

QUESTION TIME

Question Number Two Of 2024 On The Breakdown Of Water Infrastructure In Lobei/ Kotaruk Ward

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3rd Assembly Debates

Temporary Speaker: Honourable Anarclet Lemuya, MCA representing the people of

Lobei/Kotaruk Ward.

Hon. Lemuya: Thank you, Honourable Speaker. I rise to ask question number two of 2024 on the

breakdown of water infrastructure in Lobei/ Kotaruk ward. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to provisions of

Standing Order number 50, I rise to pose a question to the County Executive Committee Member (CECM)

for Water Services through the Leader of Majority regarding the water crisis experienced in parts of Lobei

/Kotaruk Ward as a result of breakdown of boreholes, hand pumps and as well as the generally dilapidated

water infrastructure in the areas of Kotela, Kalemunyang, Lobei, Kotaruk, Kapese, Nakuja Ekalale,

Loperekok, Namoru Akwaak, Kalotipany, Ekoropus, Ulukuse and Nakiteokirion in Lobei/Kotaruk Ward.

In the response, the CECM should address the following questions; confirm whether the

department is aware of the issue in question and demonstrates the nature of the response accorded to the

said areas in question.

Hon. Etubon: Point of order

Temporary Speaker: What's is your point of order majority whip?

Hon. Etubon: Is it in order for the Honourable Member representing Lobei/Kotaruk Ward to

ascertain that Nakuja Ekalale is in Lobei/Kotaruk Ward while it is in Katilu Ward?

Temporary Speaker: Honourable Anarclet, respond to the issue concerning Nakuja Ekalale, is it

in Lobei/Kotaruk ward?

Hon. Lemuya: Mr. Speaker, I really wonder when did the Honourable Member for Katilu Ward

became an officer of IEBC because as it stands and this is on records and it's documented that Nakuja

Ekalale is a polling station in Lobei/Kotaruk Ward. I am not crazy, I am not mad, I am just speaking on

facts and so this disruption is unwarranted...

Hon. Etubon: Point of order Mr. Speaker!

Temporary Speaker: Order! Honourable Members order! The issue or the question raised by

Honourable Anarclet representing the people of the Lobei/Kotaruk was in respect to the issue of water

and break down of water services or taps and therefore it has nothing to do with boundaries even if Nakuja

Ekalale is in Katilu in Turkana South or in Lobei/Kotaruk. It doesn't matter, it's within this County. We

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are talking about the breakdown of the taps and the water infrastructure and not the boundaries, kindly proceed.

Hon. Alany: To add on what you have said Mr. Speaker, I want to give my example that we have a polling station called Naipa in Kangatotha Ward and at the same time we have again Naipa in Kalemnyang, that does not mean we cannot have Nakuja Ekalale polling station in Katilu Ward and have another in Lobei /Kotaruk Ward. That should not bring an issue, I want to ask my Honourable colleagues please let's not divert from the question of Honourable Anarclet and go to issues about boundaries or polling stations.

Temporary Speaker: Order! Honourable Members, I have already directed that we are not discussing the issue of boundaries and therefore I cannot entertain any more discussion on the boundaries or a polling station called Nakuja Ekalale. We are proceeding with the breakage of infrastructure, water infrastructure within the areas mentioned, proceed Honourable Member.

Hon. Lemuya: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Having been disrupted, let me come up again. That pursuant to provisions of Standing Order Number 50, I rise to pose a question to the County Executive Committee Member (CECM) for Water Services through the Leader of Majority regarding the water crisis experienced in parts of Lobei/Kotaruk Ward as a result of breakdown of boreholes and hand pumps as well as the generally dilapidated water infrastructure in the areas of Kotela, Kalemunyang, Lobei, Kotaruk, Kapese, Nakuja Ekalale, Loperekok, Namoru Akwaak, Kalotipany, Ekoropus, ulukuse and Nakiteokirion in Lobei/Kotaruk Ward.

In the response, the CECM should address the following questions; Confirm whether the department has been aware of the issue in question and demonstrates the nature of the response accorded to the said areas in; Explain why the Department has been sluggish in responding to water emergencies in Kotaruk/Lobei ward, and by extension in the entire County; Provide details of the expenditure they have for water supply and storage, budget and specifically the funds for development and rehabilitation of water infrastructure approved by the County Assembly in the financial year 2023/2024 supplementary budget; What mechanisms is the department instituting to address the water crisis experienced in the aforementioned areas and the County in general. Thank you.

Temporary Speaker: Honourable Members, the question raised by Honourable Anarclet was supposed to be directed to the Leader of Majority who is on official duties not within the premise of the House and therefore I direct that it should be responded by the Leader of minority, Proceed?

Hon. Lomodo: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This morning, I made a call to the County Executive Committee Member for Water Services in the County Government of Turkana as guided yesterday by the Chairperson of the House Business, Rules and Procedures Committee and following the discussions that I had with the County Executive Committee Member for Water Services, she assured this Honourable House through the Member of County Assembly for Lobei/Kotaruk Ward, that she will appear before this House on 14th of March, 2024. Thank you.

Temporary Speaker: Honourable Member representing Lobei/Kotaruk and the rest of the members you have heard from the Leader of Minority on when the CECM for Water Services is going to be available within the House. Honourable Members should prepare follow up questions and maybe other supplementary questions when the CECM is available within our premises, that is 14th March, 2024.

ADJOURNMENT

Temporary Speaker: Honourable Members, there being no any other business to transact this morning, the House is adjourned to tomorrow, Wednesday 28th at 9:00 a.m.

House Rose at 9:37 a.m.