

**COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF NAKURU
THE HANSARD**

Wednesday, 16TH February, 2022

Assembly Building

The House met at 3.15pm

[The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Samuel Tonui) in the Chair]

PRAYERS

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Samuel Tonui): Good afternoon honorable members.

MOTION

HOUSE ADOPTS BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT ON THE 2022/2023
ANNUAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Samuel Tonui): Honorable Joel Maina Karuri Chairperson of Budget and Appropriation Committee, *kwa niaba yake* Honorable Murage.

Hon. Josephat Murage: Thank you Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, am a Member of Budget and Appropriation Committee. Thank you for giving me this chance to move a Motion;-

THAT the House adopts Budget and Appropriation Committee report on the 2022/2023 Annual Development Plan.

The Budget Committee has a chairperson Honorable Joel Karuri, vice chair is Honorable Anthony Rono and it composes of fifteen members and the Budget Committee has done a good job, has come up with this report.

To address the ongoing effects and the past pandemic, social and economic evolvement the County Government shall continue to invest Social infrastructural programme such as social protection, health and education as well as general economic and enterprises. This are some of the plans the County Government has taken, the report itself is quite clear, you will allow me to go to the most important. I want to go through to the review of the implementation f the previous annual development plan.

We need to know especially in livestock and fisheries has a great role in contributing to economic and social development through enhancing food security, economic generation, employment and wealth creation and the following exchange earning as well as security of land tenants and public land management and contributing 10% economic growth rate and vision 2030 as well as 60% to the county's economy. The directorate of Agriculture initiated a new project in the year 2020/2021 that includes that involves procurement and distribution of avocados, pawpaw and pyrethrum seedling as well as certified potato seeds, whose tender have been awarded and part of the distribution done and completion of 70 tea buying centers in Kuresoi, Kuresoi south and Kuresoi North.

This Report is quite big, if you allow me I will go directly to the recommendations that the committee has given

RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE ON THE YEAR 2022/2023 ANNUAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN

the committee upon deliberations recommends the following:

1. The plan does not highlight how the ongoing projects will be funded and fast track especially operationalization aspects. the county is directed to assess the viability, the infrastructural expansion and formulate policies on how this will be addressed in the medium term.
2. the county to focus on completing and operationalization of ongoing projects as initiating new project there is a new department to prioritize completion of ongoing and incomplete projects before proposing new ones.
This will help address the huge backlog of ongoing projects and realize values for money in Project intervention while addressing the CIDP. Strategic focus further the accounting government issued a task truck operation and equipping of projects.
3. The county to strategize to approve under development plan any project to be undertaken must address... the service need to the intended constituency without compromising on their security.
4. The county is directed to establish a county office where county data can be assessed easily.
5. Public private partnership should be encouraged in the realization of the sub sector strategic objective and addressing the deficit in the resource gap.
6. There should be investment in employees skills in technical capacity for quality service delivery.
7. More technical staff should be employed to fill various gaps encountered in implementation of sub sector objectives.
8. Procurement processes should be streamlined to ensure timely completion of the sub sector project.

9. The county government should enhance consolidation and collaboration with other government agencies eg Kura Kenha, KERRA KUSIP, KRB and also develop proper channels of communication with them.
10. The county government should therefore, liaise with the national government to ensure funds are realized without delay, to enable department achieve their target objectives on time.
11. Rehabilitation centre is needed in the county for treatment and rehabilitation for persons dependant on alcoholic drinks.
12. The county monitoring and evaluation framework, there is not robust and effective and the county monitoring and evaluation should be strengthened and facilitated to ensure timely project completion and value for money. That is the report that the Budget Committee came up with and I wish to call Mheshimiwa Mwathi to second. Thank you.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Samuel Tonui): Hon. Mwathi.

Hon. Grace Mwathi: Thank you Mr. Deputy Speaker sir. I stand to second the report of the Budget and Appropriation Committee on the County Government of Nakuru 2022/2023 Annual Development Plan. I second.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Samuel Tonui): Thank you Hon. Mwathi.

(Question proposed that the House adopts the Report of the Budget and Appropriation Committee on the County Government of Nakuru 2022-2023 Annual Development Plan.)

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Samuel Tonui): The Motion is open to be debated by all.

Hon. Stanley Karanja: Thank you Mr. Deputy Speaker sir. It is good that procedures be followed to the letter because this is a House that abides by rules and regulations. The issue of an ADP is very important because it affects the whole year. In actual sense, it is an extract. I always say it would be very bad for anybody to stand at the floor of this House with such a report. When the report is being brought when the mover has already sat down, they never brought the report earlier, sometimes it is very bad. It has been a habit for this Committee to ambush the House but now that I have the report, let me digest it.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Samuel Tonui): Hon. Karanja, first of all I want to inform you that this report was tabled yesterday and it was issued yesterday. I do not know if you are not aware of it.

Hon. Stanley Karanja: Mr. Deputy Speaker sir, as a follower of Jesus Christ, I do not cheat. When I say I did not have the report and it was not there, but now because I have it, I do not need to even know why the Chair is wasting a lot of energy. You do not have to use that energy to face his opponent. That energy is required but now that I have the report, let me read the report so that I see whether you have hidden cards.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Samuel Tonui): Hon. Chair.

Hon. Joel Karuri: Thank you Mr. Temporary Speaker sir, the problem with the Honorable Member for Naivasha East; as much as he is saying he is a follower of Jesus Christ; we also know that there are those followers who will be at the end time at the throne of judgement. They will be told to sit on the left because they did not belong to me from the onset. That is not here neither there. What is important is that the Member has received the report. The report was circulated yesterday and so Hon. Karanja is one of the learned seniors in this House and he knows the importance of having the document as it is so that he can digest it and when time comes to give the input. Hon. Karanja has put it rightly the initial stages of the budget making process. The ADP is one of the documents that the County Government have to develop to be able to build on that so that as they prepare for the Fiscal Strategy Paper and also for the main budget. We as a Committee gave recommendations of what we were able to go through and get and of importance and one of the risks that we find the County of Nakuru having is incomplete projects. Going forward, Honorable Members and the executive or this Government has to look for a way to have a policy framework.

Mr. Deputy Speaker right now as we talk, we have dispensaries that are complete but not operationalized and so that cannot be termed as a complete project and that is a risk. The other risk that we face is concerning projects that maybe were awarded half of the money but then they required like double the amount allocated and therefore that project is not complete. We are not sure about the future and if any project has not been completed, then it goes without saying that the value for money for that project has not been realized. And so Mr. Deputy Speaker, as a committee, we want to urge the departments and also members to be able to allocate funds even in the coming budget for any incomplete project so that we can be able to realize and our people realizes value for money.

In the past the County Government of Nakuru has done collaboration with development partners, we know of nurses being paid by DANIDA and we know that the department has gotten funding from the World Bank Projects and we also know that there has been other climate change programs that are in line with the World Bank. Therefore, we want to really pray and request and urge the County Government, the Executive, to be able to look for more donor partners when we know that we get value for money on the amount of development they can bring. Of late Mheshimiwa Mwathi who comes from Bahati, she is a witness and members who come from Bahati sub county are witnesses of a collaboration between the County Government of Nakuru and the Kingdom Seekers Fellowship and they have been able to build a hospital worth Kshs 300 million. That is the kind of partnership or development partner's that we continue urging the county to really look for. We also want to put this very candidly that the County Government Executive need to reward the departments that look for this development partners so that now they can encourage other departments to look for these partners. Therefore, I want to support that the House adopt this Paper

so that it can give room for the budget ceiling to be debated and even the report be tabled in this House towards preparation for the main budget. I support.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Samuel Tonui): Thank you Hon. Chair for Budget and Appropriation I can see that members are in agreement on what has been tabled and therefore I want to propose a question

(Question proposed that this House adopts the report of the Budget and Appropriation Committee on the County Government of Nakuru 2022/2023 Annual Development Plan)

(Question put and agreed to)

ADJOURNMENT

This House stands adjourned until next week Tuesday in the morning.

House rose at 3.40pm