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HANSARD OFFICIAL REPORT

TUESDAY 29TH MARCH, 2022

The House met at 2:30 p.m.

(Mr. Speaker [Hon. Emmanuel Situma] in the Chair)

PRAYER

PAPERS

The following Paper was laid on the Table of the County Assembly:

A Sessional report of the Committee on Education and Vocational Training laid by Hon. Chrispinus Wamusai (*Member, Education*).

NOTICES OF MOTION

The following Notice of Motion was issued:

That this Honourable House considers and approves the sessional report for the committee on Education and Vocational Training issued by Hon. Chrispinus Wamusai (*Member, Education*).

STATEMENTS

TENTATIVE WEEKLY PROGRAMME OF THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY COMMENCING TUESDAY 29TH TO 31ST THURSDAY MARCH, 2022

Hon. James Mukhongo (Member, HBC): Thank you, Honorable Speaker. I rise to give a tentative weekly programme of the business of County Assembly pursuant to Standing Order 36, the week commencing Tuesday 29th which is today to 31st Thursday March, 2022.

Today Tuesday, we are on item number seven. I will only go direct to item number eight;

Motions and Bills

That this House adopts the report by the Sectorial Committee on Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries, Irrigation and Cooperatives Development on the annual affairs of the committee during the fifth session.

On Wednesday 30th March, 2022 at 9:30 a.m., the order of business will be under item number five we have.

Papers

Report of the Auditor General on the Financial Statements of the Bungoma County Assembly Employee Car Loan and Mortgage for the year ended 30th June, 2020.

Motions

That this House adopts the report by the Sectorial Committee on Lands, Urban Physical Planning, Trade, Energy and Industrialization on the cabinet memorandum to avail land for development of affordable housing to County Pension Fund through partnership.

In the afternoon, the business will be:

Papers

Report by Delegated County Legislation Committee on the Regulation operationalizing Acts passed by the County Assembly.

Notices of Motion

That this House adopts the Report by Delegated County Legislation Committee on the Regulation operationalizing Acts passed by the County Assembly.

Motions

That this House adopts the report by sectorial committee on Education and Vocational Training on the sessional report of the committee

On Thursday 31st March 2022 at 2:30 p.m., the order of business will be

Motions

That this House adopts the report by the Delegated County Legislation Committee on the Regulation operationalizing Acts passed by the County Assembly.

Honorable Speaker, this is the tentative business of the week commencing today up until Thursday

Mr. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. James Barasa Mukhongo, on behalf of HBC for the tentative programme.

MOTIONS

REPORT BY SECTORIAL COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, LIVESTOCK, FISHERIES, IRRIGATION AND COOPERATIVE DEVELOPMENT ON ANNUAL AFFAIRS OF THE COMMITTEE DURING THE FIFTH SESSION

Hon. James Mukhongo (Member, Agriculture): Honorable Speaker, on behalf of the Chairperson of the Committee on Agriculture, Livestock, Irrigation, Fisheries and Cooperatives Development and the members on the report of the annual affairs of the committee during the Fifth Session 12th January, 2021 to 17th February, 2022. I wish to move this motion.

PREAMBLE

The Committee's mandate is well known, I don't want to go through; the membership is here enlisted Chaired by Honorable Joan Lutukai and other 14 members.

THE AIM OF THIS REPORT

This annual Sessional report seeks to;

- 1) Summarize for the House and the Public the activities undertaken by the Committee during the thirteen months (12th January, 2021 – 17th February, 2022) of the 5th Session.
- 2) Assess the performance of the committee during the session under review
- 3) Input best mechanisms for better performance in future

This report covers activities of the 5th Session (2021) of the Second County Assembly of Bungoma from 12th January 2021, – 17th February, 2022.

The report is acknowledged and signed by the Honorable Chairperson.

2.0. COMMITTEE'S UNDERTAKINGS IN THE FINANCIAL YEAR UNDER REVIEW

2.1 INTRODUCTION

This Report covers the affairs of the Second County Assembly in the fifth Session and gives a comprehensive account of the activities of the Committee in 2021/22.

In the session under consideration, the Committee continued to execute its mandate of legislation, oversight and representation of the people while working in sync with the mother department and a wide group of stakeholders to ensure participation in County Assembly processes and affairs as is required by law.

In the Fifth Session, the policy framework, budget proposals, committee reports, statements, interrogations of nominee for approval for appointments to public offices among other issues of concern to the committee and the people were handled by the committee.

This report is therefore a summary of the activities of the committee in the Fifth Session, 2021. The contents of this report were drawn from County Assembly trackers, committee minutes and reports.

2.2 SESSIONAL PERIOD

I think the members have gone through this part

2.3 COMMITTEE SITTINGS

Mr. Speaker Sir, the committee held its regular meetings on Thursdays from 10.00 a.m. every week. These meetings were in line with the Liaison Committee internal meetings schedule provided in July, 2020. During the session under consideration, the committee held forty five successful sittings out of the maximum 52 sittings.

It should be noted that committee meetings were interfered with due to Covid-19 restrictions for inter-person meetings, legislative conferences and conventions and public holidays. These sittings held considered a variety of issues including, adoption of committee reports, consideration of departmental draft policies, drafting committee work-plan, interrogations of various statutory documents, and investigations into matters resulting from referrals on the floor of the House.

Mr. Speaker Sir, below is a copy of the Bungoma County Assembly Committee approved schedule for internal committee meetings for the fifth session that was followed in relation to committee meetings:

Mr. Speaker, I think members have gone through the table.

2.4 COMMITTEE WORKPLAN

Mr. Speaker Sir, the Committee on Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries, Irrigation and Co-Operatives Development was guided by the following work-plan in execution of its mandate of oversight, representation and legislation in the County Assembly of Bungoma in the session under review:

Mr. Speaker, the work plan is also here and the budget the budget for financial year 2020-2021 which I think members have gone through. The total estimate was Kshs. 10, 375, 400.

2.6. COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES

Mr. Speaker Sir, during the session under review, the committee managed to transact the following activities as had been envisaged in the work plan;

Committee retreats and reports

Mr. Speaker Sir, the committee managed to conclude eleven reports in the last session (Calendar year) and subsequently presented for adopted by this Honorable House. These reports include: They are listed here and I think the members have already gone through the reports.

Committee Fact Finding and site visits

The Committee had the privilege of visiting and assessing the following sites in the course of the session under review:

- 1) The site visit to Mabanga Agricultural Training Centre (ATC)
- 2) The site visit to Mabanga Agricultural Mechanisation Centre, (AMC)

Consultative meetings, seminars and training

The committee held several consultative meetings with the mother department and the GIZ, group on several occasions. The meetings touched on a diversity of issues and policies including the following:

- 1) The Bungoma County Draft Food Safety Policy 2020
- 2) The Bungoma County Draft Potato Policy, 2021
- 3) The Bungoma County Agricultural Soil Management Policy 2022
- 4) The Bungoma County Roots and Tuber Strategy 2022
- 5) The Bungoma County Dairy Development Policy 2022
- 6) The Bungoma County Youth in Agribusiness Strategy 2022

Committee Interrogations

Mr. Speaker Sir, the committee, through various forums organized either by the County Assembly or the department, did interrogations on several statutory documents and matters as enumerated below:

- 1) Interrogation of the 1st quarter financial statements, FY 2020/21
- 2) Interrogation of the 2nd quarter financial statements, FY 2020/21
- 3) Interrogation of the 3rd and 4th quarter financial statements, FY 2020/21
- 4) Interrogation of the County Fiscal Strategy Paper, 2021.
- 5) Interrogation of the ADP FY 2021-2022,
- 6) Interrogation on the key achievements in the implementation of the ADP for financial year 2020-2021

Statements handled by the Committee

The committee did an analysis and interrogation of the response by the CECM Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries, Irrigation and Co-operative development on Grants from development partners (ASDSP and NARIGP). This sought to ascertain whether the response by the CEC-M was adequate to satisfy the house on a statement sought by Hon. Majimbo Okumu.

3.0 THE COMMITTEE OBSERVATIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

COMMITTEE'S OBSERVATION

Mr. Speaker Sir, the Committee on Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries, Irrigation and Co-Operatives Development hereby makes the following observations:

1. The Committee was not able to undertake all the activities on its work plan due to tight retreat schedule provided by the Liaison committee, inadequate funds and the Covid-19 pandemic constraints experienced in the year under review.
2. The attendance of members to Committee internal and external meetings was timely and up-to-date in the session under review.
3. The House made several adjustments to the House Calendar for the fifth session thus affecting implementation of planned activities of the committee.
4. Several committee recommendations in a variety of Committee reports approved on the floor of the House have not been responded to nor implemented by the department.
5. The department on several occasions ignored and did not appear for interrogation of the statutory documents from the county treasury and it was difficult for the committee to verify and adduce evidence on the critical issues raised in such documents like the quarterly financial statements, 2022 and the Supplementary budgets, 2022.

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATIONS

Mr. Speaker Sir, the Committee hereby makes the following recommendations:

1. THAT the Committee on Liaison should allocate adequate time and funds to Sectoral committees according to their mandate to enable them execute their mandate effectively and in time.
2. THAT the committee on implementation should follow up House resolutions and put departments to task to implement all House resolutions.
3. THAT there is need for enhanced joint seminars and consultative meetings with the executive on matters implementation and accountability for efficiency and effectiveness in execution of services to the public.

ADOPTION SCHEDULE

We the undersigned hereby affix our signatures to signify our concurrence with the report of the committee on Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries, Irrigation and Co-operatives Development.

I have come to the end of the report. I now call upon the vice chairperson to second this motion.

Hon. Sospeter Nyongesa (Vice-chairperson, Agriculture): First of all, I want to appreciate my colleague who is a member of this committee Hon. James Barasa Mukhongo for taking us through the report. Mr. Speaker, as members have keenly followed the committee tried to

evaluate itself on matters of the department and what is indicated in the report is what the committee deed during the session.

On that premise, I second the adoption of the report. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: Honourable members, a motion was moved and seconded that this House adopts a report by sector Committee on Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries, Irrigation and Cooperative Development on the annual affairs of the committee during the 5th session.

I propose.

(Question proposed)
(Question put and agreed to)

The Ayes have it! The report, its observations and recommendation is adopted by this House to onward transmission to relevant consumers.

Honourable members, looking at our Order Paper that was the only motion we had, we will adjourn our sitting today and resume tomorrow Wednesday 30th March, 2022 at 9:30 a.m.

(House Adjourns)