

COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF SAMBURU



THE HANSARD

Thursday, 14th March, 2024

The Assembly met at the County Assembly Chambers at 2:30 pm

The Speaker, (Mr. Lenamarle Stephen), in Chair

PRAYER

PAPERS

MCA, Nyiro Ward, (Hon. Lemoosa Jonathan): The Hon. Speaker Sir, I beg to lay the following papers on the table of the House:

1. The Samburu County Fiscal Strategy Paper 2024 (CFSP)
2. Medium Term Management Strategy 2024/2025 (MTMS)

Thank you Speaker Sir, presented by the Hon. Lentukunye Christopher MCA, The Leader of Majority County Assembly of Samburu on March 14th, 2024 thank you.

(Hon. Lemoosa laying the papers on the table)

The Speaker, (Mr. Lenamarle Stephen): Pursuant to Standing Order No. 205 (3) I hereby commit the following papers:

1. The Samburu County Fiscal Strategy Paper 2024
2. Medium Term Management Strategy 2024/2025

To the Committee on Budget and Appropriation

MOTION

MCA, Nyiro Ward, (Hon. Lemoosa Jonathan): Thank you Speaker Sir, I beg to move the following Motion:

THAT, pursuant to Standing Order No. 23 (5); the thank of the County Assembly be recorded for the exposition of public policy contained in the address of His Excellence the Governor of Samburu County.

Thank you Speaker Sir, presented by the Hon. James Leleruk, MCA, Minority Leader County Assembly of Samburu on March 14th, 2024. And I beg upon Hon. Lenang'uram to second, thank you.

(Hon. Lenanguram James bows to second the Motion)

The Speaker, (Mr. Lenamarle Stephen): I now propose the Motion; **THAT**, pursuant to Standing Order No. 23 (5), the thanks of the County Assembly be recorded for the exposition of public policy contained in the address of the Governor of Samburu County.

MCA, Nyiro Ward, (Hon. Lemoosa Jonathan). Hon. Speaker Sir I wish to hail the address by of his Excellency the Governor especially in matters Agriculture as contained in pages six item 10 that of course there is a lot of improvement just because we are out of the woods as per the recent dry spell that affected the livestock farming. His Excellency the Governor intends to restock over 900 households on the lower parts of the County on animals like Camel, He goats, the Sahiwal and the seeds.

This is an excellent invention that intends to improve the livelihoods of our people in diversifying and food stability in production. On matters Education, I wish to congratulate his Excellency the Governor that of course we have seen an up trust of bursary up from 74 million shillings to 134 million; this will put more of our children in tertiary and secondary schools to successfully retain them in our institutions.

We also appreciate the partnership of NAWIRI on *UJUZI MASHINANI* program which is also laying foundation on our economy. In order for other Members to ventilate on the matter I would also like to note with a lot of concern the improvement or actually the buying of the fire engine which is long overdue in Maralal Municipality. I know the fire engine is not actually with us but the address says that the County has purchased the fire engine and this will assist in fire fighting that has last for 11 years since devolution.

There is also the issue of land and I not with a lot of concern that many of our parcels of land especially places like the settlements including *Laga La Jeshi* in Suguta Marmar township, Longewan, Nomotio, Nachola, Lesirkan, Mnanda area A and B and Sere Olipi has been identified and submitted to the Ministry for tenure regulization that includes planning, survey, titling of concesury rates to the beneficiary.

I also want to note with a lot of respect part of Nyiro especially Loonjorin that for the first time we are optimistic that we will get out of trust land because it is actually in the process. The whole Department was in Loonjorin with the community and we want to hail his Excellency the Governor trying to facilitate the trust land into the various communities with a lot of concern I wish the Department to see to it that Nyiro West parts of Tuum, Parkati, Simale, Waso Rongai, Loruko and Kawap to be facilitated to the communities as such.

Matters health on page 13 item 23 his Excellency has actually committed to address the cornerstone of administration the Constitution of Kenya 2010 addresses the provision of health services primarily on Article 43 (1 a) under the Bill of Rights that states that the person has the highest attainable standard of health and we have seen places like Baragoi health center having for the first time a cesarean session. Areas like Suguta Marmar whereby we had operations to the Sub County theatre which had four successful operations since the 11th of January 2024 that signifies our unweaving commitment to extend our health services to the corner of Samburu.

We still have some areas which are not really attended to in terms of health facilities, places like Loruko in Lkotikal sub-location, places like Keree, Ntaletiani in Nyiro Ward which I believe with such effort we will see such facilities getting closer to the people. More so, his Excellency the Governor has noted the expansion of health facilities. This includes the construction of four new dispensaries in Soit Naibor, Morijo, Ndume and Nkarenarok, in-patient ward in South Horr Health Centre, Loosuk Health Centre, Lesirikan Health Center and Lodung'okwe Health Centre. This signifies the improvement of the Samburu County Teaching and Referral Hospital and the establishment of laboratory in Logetei Health Centre.

Mr. Speaker, I think we would actually encourage the department to have KMTC in Maralal just like the many other Counties. Just the other day I saw Marsabit County officials commissioning a beautiful KMTC. This will also improve health training and in the near future as Samburu County we become self-sufficient in such services. Nevertheless, I acknowledge that members of the house have the same address and I wish to invite members to give their accounts on some gaps, some improvements and what is being achieved.

MCA Nachola Ward, (Hon. Lorunyei Lawrence): Thank you Mr. Speaker. I also want to say something about the state of the County speech by His Excellency. Much has been said as usual, I would like to speak on two things. Before I do that Mr. Speaker, I would like this honorable house to pause and think about the leadership His Excellency the governor demonstrated when he took the office and the wonderful and deep love he had for the people of Samburu County.

I want to talk about insecurity and service delivery. If Governor Lati's leadership was not here the situation between the County of Samburu and Baringo how could it have been? The situation in Suguta Marmar, Loosuk, Porro, and Ang'ata Nanyokie would have been horrible if the

governor was not there. People would have left that place, they would have been suffering, and the land would have been vacated, had His Excellency not shown leadership.

Furthermore, Baragoi was said to be impossible to reform. It was impossible for peace to be achieved in Baragoi. It was unthinkable. He showed his leadership when he entered there. We are experiencing peace if not 100% for the first time. Everything went back to normal. Imagine if he was not there. This area would have been vacated, hostile, people would have been displaced. There would have been suffering and poverty everywhere. That shows that the love he had for the constituents of Samburu County without any discrimination. He valued life. He valued respect for everyone to have what he had worked for and to enjoy. When anything happened in those areas I have mentioned he was always there, trying to talk to the people, trying to get them to stay there, supporting them. If he was not there it would have been very different. That is what I admire from the speech where he said that he is going to set up some more fortified camps in those corridors.

MCA Nachola Ward, (Hon. Lorunyei Lawrence): That is what I admired from the speech Mr. Speaker, because I do not want to take much time because everybody has spoken on the same.

Secondly, on service delivery, the governor wanted services to go to every door of the honorable people of this county, because devolution 2010 was brought to the counties but we want to take service delivery reach to the door of every household in this honorable House. He had that heart of taking it himself but Samburu county population of 310,000. If you want to reach to every hand 210000 * 620 hands he cannot do it alone that is why he was confused Mr. Speaker. He was misadvised Instead of following the law, the County Government Act, the constitution on the structure given by the constitution which is uniform in the 47 county governments.

There was this animal called Village Resource Distribution Units, there is another animal called Government Distribution Unit, everything has been, we have got the legal framework structure from the county to the village in article 179 of the constitution. It shows the structure whereby there is, among those appointed, because I do not want to read I can read. A third of the county assembly to be the County Executive Committee members (CECs) and if it is more than thirty CECs Mr. Speaker, and those are the people who are to help the governor deliver, distribute the resources.

According to the Constitution 179 section 6 those are the people who are accountable to the governor and to the sub county level the framework is shown on the county government Act whereby Article 50 talks about Sub County. Article 51 talks about Ward 52 talks about 53 talks about village councils those are the structures, the human resource given to him for service delivery reaching out to those hands, whom have said are the hands of 620 hands. I was talking about perception, notation, thinking, let us say perception you can see through the eye, through the ear, through the mouth, through touching, through feeling but according to the structure of the government we work through the constitution, the county Act, the Law. What guides us here is the Standing Order of this honorable House whereby we cannot go against.

Last time the resolution was made in this honorable House, when you see the powers of governor proposal Article 31 of the county assembly talks about the power of the governor whereby he can employ and fire, with the resolution of this honorable House the governor must follow the resolutions of this honorable House and that is one of the power given to the governor.

Mr. Speaker see the legal advice given to the governor about Article 179 of the constitution 1, Article 31 which is about the powers of the governor which extends to article 34 and Article 43(e) it is relevant Mr. Speaker that is why I said that the governor has the love of the people of Samburu County, only what he did is to have write advisors, to have write people who know how to advice the Governor about the legal advice because according to the law County Government act, about the County Public Service, The head is the county Secretary and he is there to advice the Governor. And in the entity of County Service Board, they are the one to establish or abolish the office, to advice about human resources following the law and the County Attorney also is there to advise the governor.

That I was say that he has a good intention but according to advices he got, thinking that he is doing good for the love he has for the constituents of Samburu County and the boarders of Samburu County. But when he came here, he talked differently. I love his Excellency the Governor, the passion he has, the love he has, the wonders he has for this County.

I cannot talk about the departments it has already been said and everybody has got the copy. He is trying but the only place I want to put some walls is the two areas he had the passion and the love and those who were supposed to him are failing him. Thank you Hon. Speaker.

MCA Porro Ward, (Hon. Leerte Patrick): Thank you Hon. Speaker, Mheshimiwa Spika, mimi pia nataka niseme kitu kidogo kwa sababu mengi yamesemwa lakini kulingana na ile karatasi niko nayo, nataka Hon. Membrs muangalie ukurasa ishirini na sita kwa sababu kwa sababu vile Mheshimiwa Lorunyei anasema, Gavana kulingana na maono yake ama matarajio yake, yeye mwenyewe labda ako na nia mzuri kwa Kaunti. Lakini ata maono yangu naezakubaliana na

Mheshimiwa Lorunyei kwamba wale wanaadvice yeye ni kwamba kuna vitu zingine ambayo haambii yeye vizuri. Page 26 inasema, mahali imeandikwa roads, Mr. Speaker as stewards of economic growths and development within our jurisdiction, it is incumbent upon us to recognize the pivotal role that a robust and comprehensive road network place in fostering the same less flow of goods and services as well as in ensuring the provision the essential services to our communities.

Furthermore, the integrity and accessibility of our roads, infrastructures are critical components in the maintenance of security facilitating the swift movement of security personnel and resources where they are most needed in alignment with our commitment to these objectives. My administration has worked diligently in conjunction with the national government to enhance the security and accessibility of our County.

He has actively participated, sasa hapa ndo nataka Mheshimiwa Spika. Actively participated in opening up roads and clearing bushes in areas that have been previously been affected by security challenges, through this effort, we have significantly improves accessibility in Suguta, Loosuk, Porro and Ang'ata Nanyokie Wards. These initiatives have not only contributed to restoring peace and security but have also spudded economic activities in these regions. Our engagement in the constructions of these critical road ways has yield dual benefits. Firstly, it has enhanced the mobility of our citizen and operational effectiveness of our security operators.

Secondly, it has provided substantial short term employment opportunities for the local populace. Mheshimiwa Spika, ni mzuri saa zingine Hon. Governor akija, na aseme ile kitu ambayo iko kwa ground. Mheshimiwa siwezi kusemea Wards zingine lakini nitasema kwa Ward ya Porro. Ward

ya Porro, mimi sijaona hio bush clearing, kwa Porro mimi sijaona barabara imechimbwa, hio access, lakini imetajwa hapa.

Ukienda page 29, utaona pia iko forty pile camp. Mheshimiwa Esther ni shahidi wangu, hakuna forty pile camp Porro lakini naona imeandikwa hapa. Kwa hivyo, Mheshimiwa Spika, kuna vitu zingine ambayo Hon., mtu kama Mheshimiwa Governor ni mtu mkubwa sana. Lakini kuja kusema kitu ambayo iko tu kwa karatasi

Mheshimiwa Spika, mimi nimechaguliwa kuja kutetea watu wa Porro, kwa hivyo nikiona kitu imeandikwa na haiku, Mheshimiwa Spika nitapinga. Kwa hivyo, kuna vitu zingine ambayo kama imesemekana maneno ya Sahiwal na wakati wa kulima shamba sasa ni hii, sisi ni wakulima na mpaka sasa Mheshimiwa Spika, mashamba haijalimwa, tractors zinalala Maralal, mbegu haijpatikana lakini kuna vitu ingine ambayo tunaweza ambiwa hapa kama VRDU (Village Resource Development Unit) hio ndio watu wanategemea kwa sababu sijui kama kuna kitu iko ndani hapo.

Kwa hivyo Mheshimiwa Spika, hata kama mimi kuna vitu zingine nakubaliana nayo lakini kuna mahali ingine sikubaliani nayo kwa sababu hakuna haja ya kutaja Porro kwamba iko forty pile camp, iko security roads access imetengenezwa na haziko, kuna bush clearing na hakuna. Kwa hivyo Mheshimiwa Spika, kuna mahali zingine ambaye mimi siwezi kubaliana nayo kwa sababu hakuna haja ya kuweka na hakuna. Asante Mheshimiwa Spika.

MCA Nyiro Ward, (Hon. Lemoosa Jonathan): Hon. Speaker sir, as other Members actually ventilate into the speech of his Excellency the Governor, I shall be doing a lot of injustice to our people if I don't actually high lighten our achievement in revenue and pending bills.

Speaker, on page 10 paragraph 3, the county had inherited about Ksh.605, 273,344.40, this was a pending bill both with DR (Development and Recurrent) expenditure, and the County was able to settle about Ksh.302, 674,659. Very notable Speaker sir is actually the automation or the launch of the super pay that was done on 24th in Archers, whereby we anticipate our own revenue.

Our own source revenue shall actually improve dramatically but still, during the year, 2022-2023, our revenue was up from 120 million to 226 million this is really notable and with the

intervention or inception of the super pay, we want to believe the many loopholes, the efficiency in revenue collection will be on an upward trajectory. This is very important and we need actually to support the collection of our own source revenue for our own maybe employment and other development, Speaker. Quite notable, thank you.

The Speaker, (Mr. Lenamarle Stephen): We will continue to deliberate on the speech next week because this is our first discussion. So, we will discuss on Tuesday and then we will put the question on Wednesday.

ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Members, the time being 22 minutes past 6 O' clock, and there being no other business, this Assembly now adjourns until Tuesday, 19th March 2024 at 2:30 pm.