

COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF TAITA TAVETA

THIRD ASSEMBLY - THIRD SESSION

THE HANSARD

Sitting no. 046

Tuesday, July 16, 2024

The House met at 11:06 a.m. in the County Assembly Chamber

[The Acting Speaker (Hon. Anselm Mwadime) in the Chair]

PRAYER

QUORUM

The Acting Speaker: Honourable Members, I confirm that there is quorum to proceed with the Sitting. Clerks-at-the-Table, read the Orders of the day.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CHAIR

The Acting Speaker: Honourable Members, the Chair has the following communications to make:

LIAISON COMMITTEE MEETING

The Liaison Committee shall meet shortly after the rise of this Morning Sitting.

APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE MEETING

The Committee on Appointments will meet immediately after the Liaison Committee meeting at the Speaker's meeting room.

Thank you. Next Order.

MESSAGES

DISMISSAL OF MS. ELIZABETH MKONGO

The Acting Speaker: Honourable Members, the Chair is in receipt of a message from H.E. the Governor, dated 3rd July 2024, referenced SF/GOV/TT/ST.7/VOL.5/NR/1, on the notification of dismissal of Ms. Elizabeth Mkongo from the position of County Executive Committee Member

(CECM) for Lands, Physical Planning and Mining under Section 40 of the County Governments Act, 2012.

NOMINATION OF THE COUNTY SECRETARY

The Chair is also in receipt of a message from H. E. the Governor, dated 4th July 2024, referenced SF/GOV/TT/ST.7/VOL.5/NR/2, on the nomination of Mr. Jackson Friday Mwafuga for the position of County Secretary in accordance with Sections 44 and 58A (7) of the County Governments Act, 2012. The nomination stands committed to the Committee on Appointments for vetting. Next Order.

STATEMENT

STATUS OF MWANGAZA ECDE CENTRE IN SASENYI, KASIGAU

Hon. Kimuyu Daniel (MCA, Mahoo): Thank you, Mr. Acting Speaker, Sir. I beg to give a progress report on the Statement sought by Hon. Amos Makalo on the status of Mwangaza Early Childhood Development Education (ECDE) Centre in Sasenyi, Kasigau as follows:

1. Is the department aware that Mwangaza ECDE Centre has been inoperative for at least five years now?

The department is fully aware that the centre has been inoperative since 2019. However, the current leadership was not aware, as seen in the documentation, that the ECDE Centre was considered during the handing over process.

2. What has been hindering operations at Mwangaza ECDE?

The department noted that lack of a standard sanitation toilet and a land dispute between the owner and the management of the ECDE Centre have hindered its operation.

3. What plans does the department have in place to operationalize the ECDE Centre?

The department will follow up on the matter and establish the way forward for Mwangaza ECDE Centre, but this will entirely depend on the support the department will get from various leaders, stakeholders and the community.

4. What happened to the staff who were posted at Mwangaza ECDE Centre?

The department noted that they were all transferred to Sasenyi ECDE Centre.

5. Who should be held liable for the project?

The department stated that the project was funded under the Kasigau Ward Development Fund for the Financial Year 2013/2014. However, there was no proper documentation of reports handed over thus difficult for the department to hold liable or act against any individual.

The Committee is also planning to visit the ECDE centres and access their true position during its scheduled visit for sample ECDE centres in the County and will table a conclusive report on the Floor of this House in due course. Thank you, Mr. Acting Speaker.

The Acting Speaker: Statement seeker, are you satisfied so far or do you have any remarks? Three minutes at most.

Hon. Amos Makalo (MCA, Kasigau): Thank you, Mr. Acting Speaker, Sir. I am satisfied with the progress so far and the fact that the Chairperson has clarified that they will conduct a field visit to establish the true position. I will wait until the full report is out to give further comments. So far, I am satisfied. Thank you, Mr. Acting Speaker.

The Acting Speaker: Yes, Hon. Joseph Kennedy.

Hon. Joseph Kennedy (MCA, Mwatate): Ahsante sana, Mhe. Kaimu Spika. Nimesimama hapa kufuatilia kuhusu Kauli nilizoitisha miezi mitatu iliyopita. Kuna Kauli niliyoitisha kuhusiana na Maryland Seed Farm, na tunavyo ongea sasa hivi mahali hapo kumekuwa na vita vikali sana. Hivi majuzi tu, wananchi wa Maryland Seed Farm walikuwa wameenda kufanya mkutano wao wa kijiji mahali hapo na waliochukua hilo shamba wakaanza kuwafukuza na mapanga. Ninaomba nielezewe kwa unyenyekevu, Kamati ya Ardhi imefikia wapi kuhusiana na suala hilo, ili tuende tukatatue malalamishi kati ya wananchi na aliyechukua shamba hilo.

Pili, kuna Kauli niliyoitisha kuhusiana na Mgeno na tunapo ongea leo, watu wa Mgeno wameenda kotini Voi na wanasumbuka sana. Hawalali usiku wala mchana na wanataabika sana kwa sababu ya lile shamba la Mgeno. Ninakuomba kwa unyenyekevu utupatie mwelekeo kuhusu mambo ya Mgeno ili tuweze kupata jibu kutoka kwa wahusika. Ahsante, Mhe. Kaimu Spika.

The Acting Speaker: I understand that the Chairperson of the Committee on Lands and Human-Wildlife Conflict Resolution sought leave; who will take up the matter?

Hon. Stephen Nzai (MCA, Marungu): Ahsante sana, Mhe. Kaimu Spika. Nikiwa Mwanakamati wa Kamati hiyo na pia Mwenyekiti wa Kamati ya Kilimo, nina fahamu suala la Maryland. Ninaomba Mhe. Joseph Kennedy atupatie siku saba tumrudishie majibu kamili. Ahsante sana, Mhe. Kaimu Spika.

The Acting Speaker: Ili kupata ufahamu zaidi, Mhe. Stephen Nzai, je, katika siku saba mtakuwa mumeleta ripoti kamili ya masuala hayo ambayo ni Mgeno na Mwatate Seed Farm au itakuwa bado ni ripoti endelevi?

Hon. Stephen Nzai (MCA, Marungu): Ahsante sana, Mhe. Kaimu Spika. Nilijibu tu kuhusiana na Kauli ya Maryland. Kwa sababu kuna Kauli mbili, ya Maryland na Mgeno, ninaomba Mheshimiwa Joseph Kennedy atuongeze siku 14, ili tuweze kuja na ripoti kamili kwa sababu mambo ya mashamba si mambo rahisi hivyo. Ninafikiri tukipata siku 14 tutaleta ripoti endelevi halafu hayo mengine yataendelea baadaye.

Hon. Joseph Kennedy (MCA, Mwatate): Mhe. Kaimu Spika, mtu anaweza kufa, na akifa; sisi kama Bunge la Taita Taveta tutalaumiwa sana kwa sababu, ni zaidi ya miezi nne sasa na tukioongelea hili suala. Watu wa Maryland wako na huzuni sana kwa sababu mahali wamekuwa wakifanyia mikutano yao kwa miaka iliyopita, leo hii wakienda kufanya mkutano wa Kijiji wanafukuzwa kwa mapanga. Wale watu wa Maryland ni vile wananisikiliza; kama wangechukua mapanga na rungu, tungepoteza vijana wale waliokuwa kwa ile nyumba. Siku 14 ninaona ni siku nyingi sana kwa sababu suala hili limekaa kwa miezi nne katika Idara hiyo. Ninakuomba kwa unyenyekevu sana, tuwafanyie watu wa Maryland haki, kwa sababu tunapokaa hivi, wale watu leo hii wanaweza kufanya uamuzi mwingine na tukiamka kesho tupate mambo yamebadilika. Ninakuomba, suala hili limalizike kwa sababu limekaa kwa muda sana. Inatakikana Kamati hii ifike pale wasikilize wananchi wana mambo gani ya kusema ili waweze kuyanakili na kufanya uamuzi kama Kamati ya Bunge hili. Niko na imani na wewe pamoja na waheshimiwa wenzangu. Suala hili si la kuongezewa muda zaidi kwa sababu tunaweza kupoteza maisha pale. Ahsante sana, Mhe. Kaimu Spika.

The Acting Speaker: Honourable Members, the Chair would like to direct that, within seven days, that is next week Tuesday, 23rd July 2024, the Lands and Human - Wildlife Conflict Resolution Committee, having visited the particular site in question, should come up with a progress report from which we will give further directions on whether there will be need for further timelines to be given out or otherwise. I stand to guide. Next Order.

ADJOURNMENT

The Acting Speaker: Honourable Members, there being no other business, the House stands adjourned until Tuesday, 16th July 2024 at 2:30 p.m.

(The House rose at 11:22 a.m.)