

**KERICHO COUNTY ASSEMBLY**

**THE HANSARD**

**Second Assembly**

**Wednesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2021.**

**(The House met at 2.30 P.m.)**

*(The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Josphat Ruttoh) in the chair)*

**PRAYERS**

**The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Josphat Rutto):** Welcome Honorable Members to this afternoon session.

**NOTICES OF MOTION**

**The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Josphat Rutto):** Honorable Alex Bett!

**Hon. Alex Bett (Chairman Finance and Economic Planning Committee, Member for Litein Ward):** Thank you Honorable Speaker I beg to give a notice of motion of the Report of Finance and Economic Planning Committee on the Kericho County pending bills, Thank you.

**The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Josphat Rutto):** Next order!

**MOTION BY CHAIRMAN FINANCE AND ECONOMIC PLANNING COMMITTEE  
(HON. ALEX BETT)**

**The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Josphat Rutto):** Chairman!

**Hon. Alex Bett (Member for Litein Ward):** Thank you once again Honorable Speaker for giving me this opportunity allow me with your guidance to start from page 4 part 2.0

**The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Josphat Rutto):** It's okay.

**Hon. Alex Bett (Member for Litein Ward):** Thank you Honorable Speaker. On 9<sup>th</sup> March, 2021, The Clerk to the County Assembly received Pending Bills Summary Report as at 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2020 from the County Executive Committee Member in charge of Finance and Economic Planning.

The report enumerated the eligible, ineligible and undeclared pending bills as scrutinized by the Pending Bill's Committee.

The Committee then considered and deliberated on the report.

### **3.0 Committee Observations**

The Committee observed;

- That each departments in the County Government has a pending bill
- That the Department has a pending bill of Ksh. 490,184,743 as Audited Eligible Pending Bills as at 30<sup>th</sup> June,2018 ,Ksh.605,908,970 as Audited Ineligible Bills as at 30<sup>th</sup> june,2018,Ksh.774,872,689 as Eligible Paid as at 31<sup>st</sup> December ,2020 and Ksh.80,335,481 as Outstanding Eligible Bills as at 31<sup>st</sup> December,2020.

### **Committee Recommendations**

The Committee having considered the department's pending bills recommends that;

- 1.Pending bills for Financial year 2016/2017 be considered for payments whereas pending bills accrued from financial year 2018/2019 to date be paid from ward allocation;
2. The department of Finance and Economic Planning pays all the approved pending bills by the committee on Finance and Economic Planning at ratio of the available funds without any further delay from the 2020/2021 budget subject to verification of documents by the department;

3. The remaining amount on pending bills is factored in the budgets estimates for financial year 2021-2022. Time frame between hours of the contract to the completion should strictly be adhered to and;

4. The department comes up with mechanism of debt management so that all the payments can be done within a particular financial year with regards to allocation to each ward in the county.

5. Finally the department should fast track rolling out of projects early enough to avoid last minute rush which usually force the work to spill to the next financial years thus pending bills.

### **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

The committee wishes to thank the office of the speaker and the clerk to the county assembly for the necessary support extended to it in execution of its mandate. Mr. Speaker sir, it is my pleasant duty pursuant to the standing orders 205 to present the report on the pending bills.

Thank you.

Mr. Speakers Sir. May be as I end my motion on pending bills I want to urge this house that once again we may approve the report from finance committee on pending bills, you realize that this document is long overdue. In fact as you can remember, it was once brought to this house but we requested that we may differ it that we may ventilate over it further and I want to report it positively that after we went back to informal committee with honourable members we were able to consider the pending bills more thoroughly and Mr Speaker. I want to believe that every other bill that every other honourable member had, it was considered as long as it was genuine and it was confirmed that work was done.

So this afternoon I want to believe that this house will approve this document so that we may save these contractors who have been waiting for this document for almost five years. Without

further ado I want to request Honourable Beatrice Tonui to second this report. Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir.

**The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Josphat Rutto):** Honourable Beatrice Tonui.

*Hon. Beatrice Tonui (Nominated member representing women)  
bows in secondment*

**The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Josphat Rutto):** Thank you.

*Question proposed*

**The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Josphat Rutto):** It's now upon members to debate on it. Any member! If there is none, thank you, Honorable Dennis Kirui!

**Hon. Dennis Kirui (Member for Kimugul /Kedowa Ward):** Thank you very much Mr. Speaker for giving me this opportunity to contribute on the motion that is in front of us. First Mr. Speaker I would like to thank the committee on finance because despite of a lot of push and pull they have tried hard to give this motion. I would like to support this motion based on the committee recommendations that especially bullet number one on the recommendations on page four that 2018/2019 be paid and 2016/2017 be paid because those are the pending bills that we found that were there and it is good that these contractors be given their money because they did some work. Although I can see a lot of bureaucracy especially some wards in Kipkelion West and that is Kamasian with Kshs. 4, 000,000 million and Chilchila with almost the same amount. Some wards are missing but then I would like to support this motion so that these people can be paid and these problems be dealt with and then the Committee recommendations be adhered to. I know if that is done there will be no other. I beg to support. Thank you.

**The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Josphat Rutto):** Thank you.

*Question proposed*

**The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Josphat Rutto):** Thank you. Any other member? Honourable Nancy Kimetto Langat.

**Hon. Nancy Langat Kimetto (Member for Tebesonik Ward):** Thank you very much Hon. Speaker for giving me this chance to also contribute to this motion. The report is good because we find that people have done the works and they need to be paid their money and if you see the dates when the works were done, even the person who is going to be given these money is not going to do much with the money. My concern also is what Hon. Dennis Kirui has said, in other wards we have 2 million, one million, 2 million, when it comes to Kamasian and Chilchila we have 4.8 Million and 4.5 million respectively. My concern is this 4.8 million is it two roads or one road because if the roads were standard 2 Million, 1 Million, 2.7, 2.3 1 point something, then you come to a ward which is Ksh 4.8million you wonder which kind of road was this? Was it....

**Hon. Gilbert Ngetich (Member for Kisiara Ward):** Point of order!

**The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Josphat Rutto):** What is your point of order Honourable Chief Whip?

**Hon. Gilbert Ngetich (Majority Whip, Member for Kisiara Ward):** Thank you Mr Speaker for giving me this opportunity. The point of order is that we were given time by the Committee on Finance to scrutinize pending bills in each and every ward. For example there is this Kisiara allocations, we were given time to check on authenticity of the work done and each and every ward checked and approved what has been made or presented by the committee on finance and am very sure we are not in any position to question anybody's ward . It is just a matter of us members to confirm our wards only and approve what the department has really given or tabled to be paid. Thank you.

**The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Josphat Rutto):** Thank you.

**Hon. Nancy Langat Kimetto (Member for Tebesonik Ward):** Thank you Mr. Speaker, anyway it was not a concern in fact I never heard anything. When you go to Chilchila, we were

told to describe the road which was done and the amount of money. The first mistake here is where is the road? Actually we were told to scrutinize and as we are scrutinizing we can oppose or accept the report. one there is no description here is that a mistake, anyway because of the delay of the contractors. I accept the report but subject to a description of number 18 for future reference.

**The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Josphat Rutto):** Chair will have to answer that, if it is an error he will have to answer. Honorable Chief Whip, point of order to who?

**Hon. Gilbert Ngetich (Majority Whip, Member for Kisiara Ward):** Thank you Mr. Speaker in fact as Majority Whip, I can stand to question the attire of the member in the Assembly. Hon Denis has no tie and is busy contributing in the session.

**The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Josphat Rutto):** May be we can allow the Sergeant at Arms to check whether Hon. Denis is in the correct attire.

*(Sergeant at Arms confirms the attire)*

*(Hon. Denis is escorted out of the Chambers)*

**The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Josphat Rutto):** Ok. Chief whip you can continue now.

**Hon. Gilbert Ngetich (Majority Whip, Member for Kisiara Ward):** Thank you Mr. Speaker for giving me this opportunity to support the report, which has really delayed and of course there are people crying pertaining this particular payment. In my ward the work that was done in 2014 before becoming a Member of County Assembly by Tulwet Investment, Acute and Tuiya, I also attest that there is some work done and maintenance has been done to the same roads which of course I support what the honorable chair finance has presented. This will salvage the situation existing in these families. Members let us approve whatever the committee has really done, Let me applaud the chair for giving us an opportunity as honorable members to check on the reports which were presented from departments. Indeed there were some fake presentations and we really scrutinized ward by ward. I could not be able scrutinize somebody's ward because I could

not tell whether work was done or not, but as pertains Kisiara I could say there was work done in this particular areas. Remember there were about ten lists which belonged to Kisiara and I rejected some because I didn't see work done, but for the three which has been presented, I say yes lets approve for these people because since 2014 which of course if there was any profit to be made it has really gone down. So I was also requesting the chair to allow us when we really approve these payments I request that you follow up and show us the payments made for us to know what is genuinely paid. I know people can take advantage of us approving this and pay some other different companies. We would want to know what has been paid visa vis what remained. Thank you.

**The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Josphat Rutto):** Thank you honorable Chief Whip. Any other member? If there is none I now give to the chair finance so that he can highlight on the issues which those members have actually touched on.

**Hon. Alex Bett (Chairman Finance and Economic Planning Committee, Member for Litein Ward):** Thank you once again Hon. Speaker and the members who have contributed positively to this report. This report touches on what was done way back up to 2014 and it may appear from the reports that some wards are appearing many times. But Mr. Speaker, we have members' opportunity that if there is any pending bill in their wards and they attested that those wards which are not appearing here didn't have pending bills, this was beyond our control to question why certain wards had so many projects which was appearing as pending bills. So mine as the chair was only to do the due diligence that was within us and to check that most of the wards and the documents were correct and Mr. Speaker Sir, I want to apologize where it's appearing without narration but when we were dealing with the reports there is a narration for this part. Best Field Enterprises whose work was done in Chilchilla will be rectified before it goes to the executive. Otherwise I want to really thank members for also supporting this report and more so for supporting the contractors who have suffered. I know even as we speak right now that they are really very eager waiting for this report too.

**Hon. Gilbert Ngetich (Majority Whip, Member for Kisiara Ward):** Point of order!

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**The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Josphat Rutto):** No! Honorable Chief Whip, I had given you enough time. Now the chairman is replying. Continue chairman!

**Hon. Alex Bett (Chairman Finance and Economic Planning Committee, Member for Litein Ward):** Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir, I don't want to put more words and flesh but all I want is to thank you for this opportunity. Thank you.

**The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Josphat Rutto):** Thank you.

*(Question put and agreed to)*

*Adjournment*

**The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Josphat Rutto):** Honorable members since there is no other business, this House stands adjourned for a short recess until 15<sup>th</sup> June 2021. Thank you.

*(The House rose at 3:26 pm)*



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