

**REPUBLIC OF KENYA**  
**COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF UASIN GISHU**

**THE HANSARD**

Wednesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2021

The House met at Assembly Chambers at 11:40 am

*[The Speaker (Hon. Hosea Korir) in the Chair]*

**PRAYER**

**COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR**

ISSUANCE OF WOMEN ENTERPRISE CHEQUES

**The Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Hosea Korir): Honourable Members, I would wish to bring to your attention some few communications from the Chair. One is to attend cheque-issuance ceremony in the County Executive through the department of Cooperative and Enterprise Development. **The** mandate is to empower women of Uasin Gishu sign memorandum of understanding with Women Enterprise Fund and outcome of which are cheques are to be issued to women beneficiaries in the County Women Enterprise Fund.

The above ceremony, which is to issue the cheques, is scheduled to take place at the County Multipurpose Hall on 4<sup>th</sup> November 2021 at 10:00 am. This occasion, Honourable Members, will be graced by his Excellency the Governor and this communication is conveyed to this honourable House through the leadership and all of us members, are invited and particularly the committee on Cooperative and Enterprise Development.

FIRST QUARTER REPORT OF UGCED ACT 2021 PROJECTS

Honourable Members, we are also in receipt of first quarter project implementation status, of projects funded under UGCED Act, 2021. The first communication is deemed noted to committee Chair, Cooperative while this one is being committed Chair Implementation since this is a progress report on the implantation of projects.

UASIN GISHU COUNTY EXECUTIVE EMERGENCY FUND

Honourable Members, we also in receipt of the expenditure report for Uasin Gishu County Executive Emergency Fund and this committed to the Committee on Finance through the able chair for that committee.

Lastly, Honourable Members, we are in receipt quarterly report for the financial statement for year July -September 2021. The same still is committed on finance.

I want to also say, Honourable Members, I know we are late for this morning session but I want to direct that we will not be able to adjourn until we conclude the business of the day. Thank you.

Clerk!

## PAPERS LAID

### REPORT ON ELDORET MUNICIPALITY STRUCTURE

**The Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Hosea Korir): Honourable Chair, Public Service Management Honourable Pius.

**Hon. Kigen:** Thank you honourable Speaker, honourable Speaker I wish to lay the Committee of Public Service Management report on Eldoret Municipality structure.

*(Hon. Kigen laid papers on the table of the County Assembly)*

**The Deputy Speaker** (Hon Hosea Korir): Thank you, honourable chair. The papers have been tabled and I direct that each member to get a copy. Proceed.

**The Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Hosea Korir): Honourable Pius Kigen.

## NOTICES OF MOTION

### FIRST REPORT ON ELDORET MUNICIPALITY STRUCTURE

**Hon. Kigen:** Honourable Speaker, I beg to give notice of the following motion:

**That** this County Assembly do adopt the Committee on Public Service Management Committee First Report on Eldoret Municipality Structure dated 2<sup>nd</sup> November, 2021 and tabled in this Honorable House today 3<sup>rd</sup> November, 2021 with or without amendments. Thank you.

**The Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Hosea Korir): Thank you, Honourable Chair. Honourable Members, that motion will be move this morning as being indicated on our supplementary orders. I seek your indulgence that we maintain the decorum and the quorum until we conclude the business, Honourable Members.

Proceed, clerk.

**The Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Hosea Korir): Honourable, Chair Public Service Management, Hon. Pius.

## MOTION

### FIRST REPORT ON ELDORET MUNICIPALITY STRUCTURE

**Hon. Kigen:** Thank you, Honourable Speaker. I wish to move a Motion:

**That** this County Assembly do adopt the Committee on Public Service Management Committee First Report on Eldoret Municipality Structure dated 2<sup>nd</sup> November, 2021 and tabled in this Honorable House today 3<sup>rd</sup> November, 2021 with or without amendments.

Honourable Speaker, this is the Committee of Public Service's report. I would like to present the committee report on the Public Service Management on Eldoret municipality structure.

## COMMITTEE REPORT

### PREFACE

Honourable Speaker, on behalf of the Members of the Committee on Public Service Management, it is my pleasure and duty to present to the House, the Committee's Report on Eldoret Municipality Structure.

## COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

The Committee on Public Service Management as constituted Comprises of the following Members:-

1. Hon. Pius Kigen	-	Chairperson
2. Hon. Nancy Sang	-	Vice Chairperson
3. Hon. Josphat Lowoi	-	Member
4. Hon. Joseph Korir	-	Member
5. Hon. Amos Kiptanui	-	Member
6. Hon. Julius Songok	-	Member
7. Hon. Belinda Tirop	-	Member
8. Hon. Hillary Rono	-	Member
9. Hon. Jonathan Ngetich	-	Member
10. Hon. Hosea Some	-	Member
11. Hon. David Singoei	-	Member
12. Hon. Zipporah Maiyo	-	Member

## COMMITTEE MANDATE

Honourable Speaker Sir, the Committee is responsible in terms of provision Standing Order No 191 to:

- a) Investigate, inquire into, and report on all matters relating to the mandate, management, activities, administration, operations and estimates of the assigned departments
- b) Study the programme and policy objectives of departments and the effectiveness of the implementation
- c) Study, assess and analyze the relative success of the departments as measured by the results obtained as compared with their stated objectives
- d) Investigate and inquire into all matters relating to the assigned departments as they may deem necessary, and as may be referred to them by the County Assembly
- e) Make reports and recommendations to the County Assembly as often as possible, including recommendation of proposed legislation.

## COMMITTEE SITTINGS

The Committee sat on 21<sup>st</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> August 2021 to deliberate on the Municipality Structure.

Honourable Speaker, the County Assembly received the proposed Eldoret Municipality Structure through the Department of Devolution, Administration & Public Service Management. The same was committed to Public Service Management Committee for consideration and recommendation on 26<sup>th</sup> June 2021.

## ESTABLISHMENT OF ELDORET MUNICIPALITY

Mr. Speaker Sir, the Municipality of Eldoret is established under the provisions of the Constitution of Kenya (2010), Article 184, Urban Areas and Cities Act (UACA), 2011 and The Urban Areas and Cities (Amendment) Act 2019 and the Eldoret Municipality Charter for the purposes of efficient and effective governance and management, and participation by the residents in the governance of Eldoret as a Municipality.

Following the grant by H.E. the Governor of a Charter to Eldoret Town, it became a Municipality on 17<sup>th</sup> December 2018. The Charter provided for an independent entity in accordance with the provisions of the Urban Areas and Cities Act No.13 of 2011.

The Charter also provided for the Establishment of a Municipal Board and the office of the Municipal Manager to oversee the activities of the Municipality, where the Manager is Secretary to the Board.

## **MUNICIPAL BOARD**

Mr. Speaker Sir, the Municipal of Eldoret Board is established pursuant to the provisions of Article 184 of the Constitution of Kenya 2010; Section 9 of the Urban Areas and Cities Act (UACA) and the conferment of Eldoret town the status of a Municipality by grant of a charter published in Kenya Gazette Vol. CXXI—No. 9 Notice No. 460 of 18th January, 2018 by the Governor of Uasin Gishu County thereby delegating functions to the Board as per UACA.

Eldoret municipal board has ten (10) members and are currently organized into four committees as per guidelines provided in *Mwongozo*, namely:

- I.Environment committee
- II.Planning and Operations committee
- III.Finance and Human resource committee
- IV.Audit committee

The Municipal Board is a body corporate with functions and powers, general and special, governmental and proprietary, expressed and implied, which may be possessed or assumed by Municipalities under the Urban Areas and Cities Act 2011, the County Governments Act, 2012 and the County Government of Uasin Gishu laws.

Section 5(b) of **UACA** requires the Municipal Board to have an integrated urban area or City development plan in accordance with the Act and the third schedule therein, and as one of its functions under section 20(c), to formulate an integrated development plan.

## **MUNICIPAL STRUCTURE**

Mr. Speaker Sir, the competent implementation of the functions of any public sector institution such as the Municipal Board depends on the establishment of a strong secretariat staffed with the necessary skills and competences to realize the mandate of the institution. Such skills and competences should further be organised in a manner that enables the realisation of efficiency and effectiveness of service delivery.

The current establishment of the Municipal Board comprises of the Municipal Manager and staff mainly on secondment from the County Government of Uasin Gish. There is currently no approved organization structure to guide the placements and reporting lines of officers. In the absence of an approved structure, it is difficult to ensure management and productivity of the staff. In addition, the lack of an approved organization structure will hamper the development of a scheme of service and delay the recruitment of crucial cadres of officers for the Municipal Board.

## **PROPOSED MUNICIPAL STRUCTURE**

Mr. Speaker Sir, the Proposed Municipal Structure has the establishments of Eldoret Municipality, and it has been broken down to ten (10) different departments.

The Job groups and Designations have also been stated as illustrated in the table on the report.

Hon. Speaker, I know all the honourable members have this report and maybe they can just go through the directorates, and we go to No. & which is still the same structure as seen. Page eight is also a continuation to page thirteen, which shows the cadres and job groups that we will have. I will seek the indulgence of the members as we go through. We will go to page fourteen where we have the Committee's observations.

## **COMMITTEE OBSERVATIONS AND FINDINGS**

Mr. Speaker Sir, the Committee sat to deliberate on the proposed Municipality Structure and made the following observations.

### **a) Infrastructure and Public Works**

The Department has three departments' i.e. Road transport and Energy, Director Public Works & Housing and Urban planning department.

The Committee noted that transport engineer should report to Principal Energy Engineer and therefore Assistant Transport Engineer should be below the transport engineer in the organizational structure.

### **b) Public Health and Environmental Management**

The department has one director and three deputy directors in charge of Public Health, Environmental and Solid Waste Management & Parks and recreational Facilities. The Committee found the departments structure in order.

### **c) Culture Heritage and Community Development**

The Department has one Director and three Deputies in charge of Culture and Heritage, Social Services & Sports development. The Committee found the structure in order.

### **d) Audit Compliance and Risk Management**

The Department is under the Deputy Municipal Manager and has one Director and two deputies in charge of Internal Audit & Compliance and Risk Management.

The Committee pointed out that the department should function independently but report to the Town Manager.

### **e) ICT Directorate**

The Department has one Director and one Deputy Director.

In the structure, the support desk should not be in the same level as the principal officers and therefore it should be indicated well in the structure to whom the support desk officers should report. Their Job Groups should also be indicated in the Establishment for clarity.

### **f) Human Resource Directorate**

The department has one Director and a Deputy Director. The department is further divided into two sections i.e. Human Resource Office and Records Office.

### **g) Finance and Economic Planning Directorate**

The Department has one Director and four Deputy Directors. The Committee noted that there was a fault in the department's structure. Assistant Supply chain Management office should not be on the same level with the principal managers.

Resource mobilization department role should be well stated and Job Group of the Revenue officers well stated in the Structure.

#### **h) Administration Directorate**

The Department has one director and deputy director. It also has two principals in charge of Administration & Communications and Public relations office.

The Job Group of the receptionist should be captured well in the organizational structure.

#### **i) Legal Directorate**

The Department has one director and a deputy director. There is a principal legal office and Contract management officer below the deputy director.

The Committee noted that the Contract management officer's job group should be stated in the staff establishment.

#### **j) Inspectorate and Fire Directorate**

The department has one director and a deputy director in charge of inspectorate and another section in charge of fire. The department has its ranks well stated and therefore the committee found the departments structure in order.

### **COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS**

Mr. Speaker Sir, the Committee on Public Service Management after several deliberations and research on the issue made the following recommendations:

- That, in the department of Infrastructure and Public Works the Ass. Transport Engineer should report to the Transport Engineer. The Assistant Transport Engineer should therefore appear below the Transport Engineer in Organization structure.
- That, in the ICT department, the support desk should be in the same line or job group with the ICT support officer and therefore the same should be illustrated in the department's organization structure.
- That, in the department of Finance and Economic Planning the Supply Chain management office should be on the same job group with the Procurement officer. The Assistant Supply Chain Management Officer should report to the Supply Chain Management officer and therefore the same should be illustrated in the department's organization structure.
- That, in the Department of Inspectorate and Fire Directorate, the Chief Officer and the Deputy Director Inspectorate should be on the same Job Group.
- That, in the legal department the contract management officer's job group should be stated on the staff establishment.

### **CONCLUSION**

Mr. Speaker Sir, the Committee has interrogated the report thoroughly and further consulted with the user department and therefore, on behalf of the Committee on Public Service Management, I urge this Honourable House to adopt this report on The Eldoret Municipality Structure without amendment.

Honourable Speaker, Mr. Speaker, I wish to thank your office and our secretariat for the work that they did during report writing and during all the exercises that really ensured that this report has come at the right time.

As we indicated in the report, we took a lot of time to go through the structure and we have made some amendments as indicated in the report. According to the observations that we saw as a committee, we know Eldoret that municipality has not moved as envisaged because of



the issue of establishment. Structure was an impediment to them; they needed the structure so that they would hire the required number of staff to have the municipal board.

I wish to urge this House that it is you who approved and established the municipal board and you know the Municipal board will not work alone; it will need to have a structure and it will need to have staff. The only way or tool that will guide the process of hiring will be the organisational structure, which I want to urge this honourable House to kindly approve this report so that we will allow or the municipality will get the opportunity to move on and start becoming independent.

Currently the municipality is not functioning well because it depends so much on the County government. We need the Municipality to be independent; we need it to work as it is because Eldoret Municipal used to be a municipality and the residents of Eldoret understand and know the goodies of a Municipality but when the County government came, there was a misconception of several issues and now that we have a municipal board and a municipality in place, we need to have it functional.

I urge Members to approve the structure. We know in law, structures can be reviewed after every four years. If there are shortcomings and gaps, these can be addressed later so that we start moving.

With those remarks, I would wish to urge Hon. Korir to second this Motion.

**The Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Hosea Korir): Thank you, Honourable chair, for that presentation. Hon. Korir Member representing Ziwa, are you a Member to this committee?

**Hon. Korir, K:** Yes.

**The Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Hosea Korir): Proceed.

**Hon. Korir, K:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. I stand to second this report of the structure of the municipality. I want to take this opportunity to thank your office because before this report was brought to this House today, we took a lot of time as a committee to interrogate this report properly and to see that all the shortcuts are in order so that we can present it to this honourable House and we can pass it to allow the municipality to stand by itself.

In 18<sup>th</sup> January 2018, the Municipality was given an okay by the Governor to stand by itself and the charter was presented. However, to date the municipality does not have structures for it to be functional.

Before we brought this report to the House, we called the Municipal board and we formed the hierarchy on how the municipal should be formed. Anything that was not in order we agreed and made sure that we have solved all the problems that were there.

I stand to support this report and, as a Member of this committee, we looked into this document properly. Today through our able chair, we can say that this report is good and it is time to allow this Municipality to function. Further, there will be job vacancies for our youths and I urge other Members to support it.

All local authorities in the past were run by the municipality and they went well until when devolution came and abolished the municipality.

I stand to support this report and thank you.

**The Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Hosea Korir): Thank you, Honourable Member for Ziwa. A Motion has been moved and seconded and I therefore propose a question.

*(Question proposed)*

Ensuing Debate!

**The Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Hosea Korir): Honourable Goretta.

**Hon. Boroswa:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. First, I want to...

**The Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Hosea Korir): Just have your mask on.

**Hon. Boroswa:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. First, I want to appreciate the committee for coming up with this report made by our able chair Hon. Pius Kigen. I want to say that this report should have come early but we appreciate that they have brought it. Mr. Speaker, it is a high time that the Municipality is given the autonomy to operate independently so that it can discharge services to our people. I want to believe that after the House passes this report, it will give the Municipality the opportunity to start running. Remember there was a time when the entire House went to Mombasa when the management was constituted and we were happy knowing that some of the services that were not being rendered by the county government of Uasin Gishu, maybe because of the overwhelming population within the town, would actually be eased by the Municipality. Therefore, we want to support this report.

Mr. Speaker, we are all aware that we are in preparation of making this town a city and it cannot be a city if we do not put structures in place. I have seen the way the departments have been structured; I want to believe that once this structure is in place then departments that will be within the Municipality will be able to discharge their responsibility. There are so many services that will improve this town. We support this report, as we are not only looking at employment opportunities but for better services within our Municipality. Once the report is passed by this Honourable House, let it take the shortest time for it to be given that autonomy.

Mr. Speaker, in leadership I know that when a first child wants to start his own family sometimes the parents would complain that some of the roles they have played will be taken. This is one way we are empowering our Municipality to be independent so that, as a government, we are able to collaborate and see how best we can improve this town together. We urge the County government of Uasin Gishu to give the management of Eldoret Municipality full support in its early growth stages. Let it be supported. Whatever it will require, let the County Government provide it.

I do not believe in the secondment of staff as you can do so and yet you fail to give the best. Let it have the opportunity to do a rigorous recruitment where it will employ people according to their qualifications and their required services because that is what we need.

I urge this Honourable House to support this report. I do support the report. Thank you.

**The Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Hosea Korir): Hon. Zipporah?

**Hon. Maiyo:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker Sir, for giving me this opportunity to support the report. I am also a Member to the PSM committee (Public Service Management). I take this opportunity to thank our able Chair –Hon. Pius Kigen from Tembelio Ward, I thank the secretariat for the work they did during the preparation of this report, the legal office for guidance and the Clerk’s office for facilitation all through.

Mr. Speaker, the aim of this report is to give powers to the Municipality because, as we talk, it is under a department and that means it is actually limited to some extent. We need the Municipality to be independent so that there will be efficiency in governance within our



county. This will create more jobs and I want to urge this House to support this Motion so that we can empower the Municipality.

I therefore support this Motion.

**The Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Hosea Korir): Thank you, Hon. Zipporah. Hon. Barmao? I have seen you, Honourable Member for Huruma.

**Hon. Dr. Barmao:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker for this opportunity.

First, I want to thank the mover and entire team which came up with this report.

I also appreciate the Eldoret Municipality because we now have an organogram which will give us a clear picture of the chain of command from top to bottom. It will clearly highlight what somebody is supposed to do, it will help to increase feasibility such that in case there is any gap we will be able to identify and know that it is a certain person or a certain directorate. This organogram will create a road map on how work will be done in this county.

Mr. Speaker, we have already seen the number of jobs that are going to be created which will assist us to identify gaps to be filled. I have seen places which need different numbers of employees and this organogram will increase employment among our youth.

Mr. Speaker, I strongly support.

**The Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Hosea Korir): Thank you. Hon. Member for Huruma?

**Hon. Lucy:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker Sir.

I stand in support of this Committee report and I would like to thank all the Members of that Committee who came up with report. It has taken a long time from 2018 up to now but it is better late than never. We understand that even devolution the Municipality ran this town effectively but since devolution started, the Municipality could not run on its own. It is high time it was given the mandate to run independently.

The other time I was talking to the manager of the Eldoret Municipality and there were challenges. This is especially because it is run in Eldoret and the town in itself and Huruma Ward being one of it, it makes a whole major of Eldoret Municipality.

One of the issues that I have seen here will be under Environmental Committee Planning and Operations Committee, Finance and Human Resource Committee and Audit Committee.

The first challenge that the Eldoret Municipality had was issue to do with environment. This is because the town was very dirty, particularly or to be precise the Wholesale Market. Moreover, there was a time that the municipality did not have fuel. In addition, when I came and made a concern to the manager, he told me that there was no fuel. Further, when I tried to approach the CEC for Environment, she told me that that work was handed over to the municipality. Therefore, at that point I understood that there was a challenge for the municipality to conduct their business.

Therefore, I am a happy person that with passing this report, the municipality will be able to do its work well and with this, the creation of job opportunities will be there. Moreover, it is my prayer that these job opportunities would be given to the qualified people.

Thank you.

**The Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Hosea Korir): Thank you, Honourable Member for Huruma Ward. Honourable Member for Kipkenyo, feel welcomed and you can proceed.

**Hon. Rono:** Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker, for this opportunity even though I did not understand how I can feel welcomed and yet I am a normal Member in this plenary.

**The Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Hosea Korir): Order, Honourable Member! I want to clarify that. Order! You know the procedure of this honourable House. Yesterday we were welcoming all the Members after that short recess. You were not here.

**Hon. Rono:** Thank you.

**The Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Hosea Korir): Stand guided.

**Hon. Rono:** Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. You are now making me to understand.

Mr. Speaker, I stand in support of this report for the structure of Eldoret Municipality. I am a Member of the Committee on Public Service and I want to take this opportunity to thank my able Chairperson and the entire committee. This is because this is the document over which we have sat for more times than any other document that we have ever received in this County Assembly.

Mr. Speaker, as a committee, we perused each page and I want to assure the honourable Members who might doubt that there might be some omissions that we omitted in this report.

Mr. Speaker, this is a very important document to the residents of Uasin Gishu, more so those of us who are living within the municipality.

Mr. Speaker, I have been doing some oversight work as a Member of County Assembly representing a Ward known as Kipkenyo. In addition, you know that area, as an example, we have a dumpsite there.

Mr. Speaker, if you get a chance to ask the relevant authorities especially the Eldoret Municipality chairman, the CEC, the Roads Department why there are many problems in the dumpsite, they are always telling you we will have a joint meeting of various stakeholders' officers so that we can decide how we can clean the dumpsite.

Nevertheless, Mr. Speaker, with this structure of Eldoret Municipality, we are giving powers to the concerned person. In addition, here I will not be working to the department of environment or any other office. It will be directly to the Eldoret manager who is responsible for everything that is happening within the municipality.

So, Mr. Speaker, I support this Motion, I support the committee. Moreover, this is how things should be done in this County Assembly.

Mr. Speaker, the Honourable Member of Langas, Mr. Muya is somebody who has been telling us every now and then that reports in the committee should be dealt with in urgency. I want to challenge you - because he is a welfare Chairperson - if you want to rate the best committees Mr. Muya, this is the best committee that you should start rating from now because I have heard that you are doing some ratings for various committees.

That is why, Mr. Speaker, I support this and I urge the honourable Members to support it fully and praise the Lord that Eldoret Municipality has come into existence.

Thank you very much and God bless Uasin Gishu.

**The Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Hosea Korir): Honourable Member for Langas Ward! I have seen you, Honourable Member for Tapsagoi.

**Hon. Muya:** Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

From the onset first, may I take this opportunity to thank my Almighty God for enabling me to be back in this House that has been given a facelift; it was under construction and I am sure they have not completed.

I interacted with the people of Langas in that short recess. In addition, more so, Mr. Speaker, while you were representing the County Assembly elsewhere, I did fully represent myself in the seminar that was organized for me in the land of Kampala, in the land of matoke and indeed it was very healthy.

Mr. Speaker, I will say very few words . I support the report.

Two, I do not know what the Chairperson, when they were interrogating the department, did because it is good to call a spade a spade. The Eldoret Municipality is run by a municipal manager and one member by the name chairperson. I do not know whether before they requested that to have employees, they knew whether the municipal board was working or nor working.

Why am I saying this? I want to be in record because I only fear God; it is so unfortunate that the board was started just to attract the World Bank money. It is so unfortunate because even gazetting, after gazetting what there was supposed to have been done. I know how they have been malnourished in their working and I pitied when I saw them coming here - the two of them - to meet the committee.

This is Because, Mr. Speaker, as one Member who is representing a Ward within Municipality, our wish; they are going to employ and become a semi- autonomous body. This is because currently it is just a puppet. So unfortunate!

As honourable Member for Kipkenyo has alluded, they cannot say that we are fully doing this: Reason? They have to go and ask not even the governor, the CEC in charge of Lands and Physical Planning. It is so unfortunate.

Mr. Speaker, what made the county governments not only Uasin Gishu to approve the issue of municipality is this World Bank money. However, I want to tell this House that the Ksh630 that was given to Uasin Gishu County through Eldoret municipality has given a facelift to this town.

I sometimes ask myself, if it can be seen what six hundred and thirty did to give a facelift, now we have new tarmac road connecting Langas and CBD. Today, our back lanes - almost all of them - have cabros with little money. What we are doing with these billions, time will tell. Somewhere you know the Bible says there is nothing that is not right that is done by the human being that is going down. It is going to expire before he leaves out of it. In addition, if it does, the fourth generation...

Let me not go that direction, but it so unfortunate, that almost four years down line or thereabouts, we have municipal board. That has just happened; I understand it has not been paid allowances. So unfortunate!

But by approving this structure - let me hope and think outside the box - that it is the a journey towards making it semiautonomous and have a fully working municipal board, without 'borrowing a leave' but only reporting to the County.

This is because they are under the County Government but they are supposed to work independently for the benefit of municipality. If we had embraced the same, I am sure we would have attracted a lot of money but because the funders have eyes and ears, we have been told that the funding has come... because even a blind person can say and tell. It is very

unfortunate that a person like a municipal manager, has been rendered powerless to a point of just being there and hoping things will be better.

Therefore, Mr. Speaker, I do fully support this report and congratulation to the committee, but let it not end there. We need to move a notch higher and get to know if this so-called Eldoret municipal is really working or we are just being told there is municipal money and there is...

Anyway, I do support this report and call upon this honourable House, to move a notch higher and ask them to interrogate further if the so-called Eldoret municipality is working or is just there in name, so that we can get the benefit, the intended benefit of having a municipality.

In the act that gave the town the municipality, it is important ... there is a reason they were giving within the law. Therefore, Mr. Speaker, with those many remarks, I hope I have not gone out of context. I support the report.

**The Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Hosea Korir): Thank you, Honourable Member, for Langas. Honourable Member for Racecourse, you can proceed.

**Hon Kiptanui:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker, for giving me this opportunity also to make the comment on this report of the Committee of which I am a member.

Mr Speaker, I want to thank everyone who facilitated and ensured that the report was done the best way that it has been developed. I know it is long overdue, as most of the members or some of members have said while contributing.

Mr. Speaker Sir, as the Honourable Members who have just contributed mentioned, sometime in 2018, the government conferred municipal status to Eldoret town. The charter that was conferred, gave the Eldoret Municipality responsibility, empowers it to discharge some of the functions, which are currently being discharged by the County Government of Uasin Gishu. I know there is this concern of saying that it has taken quite some time.

Listening to some remarks, you get the allusion that there was not good will. However, to me as Member and also Chairman of Land and Housing, I know the challenges we went through. It was not possible to transfer some of the functions that are supposed to be transferred to Eldoret municipality.

One of the reasons was lack of the technical staff to offer services there. In addition, as we have seen in this report, there are number offices, which have been proposed to make this board efficient and effective in discharging its duties as an independent body.

There are quite a number of positions, which will definitely have implications on the wage bill of the County. Therefore, I want to believe by approving this, it will give an opportunity to the County Government of Uasin Gishu, which is the prime organization, because municipality is a subsidiary body of County Government of Uasin Gishu; it is just like EDOWAS.

This will now mean that some of the technical staff they have, had to transferred or seconded to Eldoret municipality so that they do their work independently.

Nevertheless, I know they work on secondment currently. Therefore, I want to believe after approval of this report, they will be there formally and they will work effectively.

I know there be good result out of that, just as honourable Muya mention that we have seen out that Eldoret being convert their status, it led to a very progressive and significant infrastructure development especially on our Roads , back lane lighting access road other

roads that connecting different estate of this town. In addition, that one actually has improved business in our town and economic status of our County.

After we approve this, I want to believe it is going to be implemented into law as we are aware that time is not on our side and it was our prayer that all of us will come back after August 2022 so that we can witness and enjoy the operationalisation of this Eldoret municipality.

However, I know as per precedent, there are some causalities.

Therefore, Mr. Speaker, we shall be very happy to know that we are part of the team that approved the structures which will assist us whether directly or indirectly as ordinary citizens outside there because this is something that is inevitable and has to come and pass.

Mr. Speaker, it is only our wish and prayer that after we have approved this document - because we are going to approve it - it will act on areas where it requires personnel urgently like in the department of environment. We are impressed by the progress that it has made since it was transferred to the municipality. It has tried its best and now it will work on the budget allocations and other requirements to make it operational.

Therefore, Mr. Speaker, I am also impressed by the municipal is doing its work especially when implementing the grants given by World Bank under the Kenya Urban Support Programme (KUSP). The municipality has really done very well and that is the beauty of independence and autonomy of such institutions.

Mr. Speaker, I do support this Report. Thank you.

**The Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Hosea Korir): Thank You. Honourable Member for Tapsagoi has left. Then I will proceed, Honourable Members, and put the question.

*(Question put and agreed to)*

**The Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Hosea Korir): The ayes have it, Honourable Members. Therefore, the First Report on Eldoret Municipality Structure has been adopted without amendments. Thank you and congratulations, Chair and Committee on Public Service Management.

Clerk!

## **BILL**

### **UASIN GISHU COUNTY YOUTH, WOMEN AND PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES REVOLVING FUND BILL, (BILL NO. 25), 2021**

*(First Reading)*

**The Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Hosea Korir): What is out of order, Honourable member for Langas?

**Hon. Muya:** Mr. Speaker, I am seeking your direction because I was not in the House Business Committee and do not know what was agreed. You know some of us now know why we should respect the senior citizens like Hon. Talam on the issue of sugar levels. There is how it is supposed to be. I do not mention that with bad faith, but I expected that by 12.30 pm we should have been given another direction from the Chair. We are now heading to 1: 00 pm and we are still seated.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker, I seek your direction.

**The Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Hosea Korir): Thank you, Honourable Member for Langas. When I did the Communication from the Chair, I did direct that we would proceed until we conclude the business of the day because the morning session started very late. I gave that direction for those who were inside. I want to declare that we conclude the morning session though on an extension by the Speaker so that we could conclude this business.

We still have the afternoon session, Honourable Members. Going forward, we will stick to the times for the morning session at 10: 00 am. I seek your indulgence.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

**The Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Hosea Korir): There being no other business on our order paper, the House stands adjourned until today at 2:30 pm.

The House rose at 12:50 pm