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Tuesday 28th May, 2024

House met in the Main Chamber at 2:30 p.m.

(The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Nereah Okombo) in the Chair)

PRAYER

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta “B”): Honourable Members, I direct that quorum bell be rang by the Serjeant-at-Arm as per the provisions of Standing Order No. 32(2) for the first five minutes.

(Quorum bell rung for the first five minutes)

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta “B”): Clerk, kindly take us through the Order Paper of today.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta “B”): Next order!!

STATEMENT HOUR

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta “B”): Yes Honourable Leader of Majority.

Leader of Majority (Hon. Ooko, MCA, Ahero): Thank you Madam Speaker. Pursuant to Standing Order No. 42 (2) (c), which mandates me in my capacity as the County Assembly

Leader of the Majority to present and lay on the table a Statement informing the Assembly on the business coming before the House on the following week.

Madam Speaker, this is therefore to bring to attention of the Members and the County Assembly that for the week commencing Wednesday 29th May to Tuesday 04th June, 2024, the House Business Committee in its last sitting approved the following tentative businesses to appear in Order Paper as follows;

Wednesday 28th May, 2024 at 09:00 a.m.,

SUBSTANTIVE BUSINESS FOR THE DAY

The Chairperson of Public Investments and Accounts Committee Hon. Kennedy Ouko will move a motion for adoption of its Report on Examination of the Auditor General's report on Financial Statements of Chulaimbo Hospital IV FY ended 30th June, 2022.

Thursday 29th May, 2024 at 2:30 p.m.

PAPERS TO BE LAID

The Papers to be laid are the Chairperson of Public Investments and Accounts Committee Hon. Kennedy Ouko will lay the Paper on adoption of its report on Examination of the Auditor General's report on Financial Statements of Jaramogi Oginga Odinga Teaching and Referral Hospital FY ended 30th June, 2022.

NOTICES OF MOTION

The Chairperson of Public Investments and Accounts Committee Hon. Kennedy Ouko will give Notices of Motion for adoption of its Report on Examination of the Auditor General's report on Financial Statements of Jaramogi Oginga Odinga Teaching and Referral FY ended 30th June, 2022.

SUBSTANTIVE BUSINESS FOR THE DAY

The Chairperson of Labour and Social Services Committee will move a motion for the adoption of the Report of Benchmarking Exercise with Migori County Assembly.

TUESDAY 04TH JUNE, 2024

PAPERS TO BE LAID

The Chairperson of the Medical Services, Public Health and Sanitation will table the following reports

1. Adoption of the reports of Medical Services, Public Health and Sanitation Committee on the Status of Muhoroni County Hospital;
2. Status of Lumumba County Hospital;
3. Status of Kombewa County Hospital,
4. The financial management concerns in the county healthcare system: case of audit reports by PIC/PAC Committee
5. Proposal to amend the Kisumu County Health Facilities Improvement Fund (FIF) Act, 2021 in accordance with the Facilities Improvement Act, 2023.

NOTICES OF MOTION

The Chairperson of the Medical Services, Public Health and Sanitation will give Notices of Motion on the following Committee Reports;

1. Reports on adoption of the reports of Medical Services, Public Health and Sanitation Committee on the Status of Muhoroni County Hospital;
2. Status of Lumumba County Hospital;
3. Status of Kombewa County Hospital, the financial management concerns in the County Healthcare System: case of Audit Reports by PIC/PAC Committee
4. Proposal to amend the Kisumu County Health Facilities Improvement Fund (FIF) Act, 2021 in accordance with the Facilities Improvement Act, 2023.

STATEMENT

The Leader of Majority will give a Statement as per Standing Order No. 42 (2) (c), on the businesses coming before the Assembly for the commencing from Wednesday 05th June, 2024.

SUBSTANTIVE BUSINESS FOR THE DAY

The Chairperson of Public Investments and Accounts Committee Hon. Kennedy Ouko will move a motion for Adoption of its Report on Examination of the Auditor General's report on Financial Statements of Jaramogi Oginga Odinga Teaching and Referral FY ended 30th June, 2022. Thank you Madam Speaker.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta "B"): Next order!!

MOTION

PUBLIC INVESTMENTS AND ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE REPORT ON EXAMINATION
OF THE AUDITOR GENERAL'S REPORT ON FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF
MUHORONI SUB COUNTY HOSPITAL FY ENDED 30TH JUNE, 2022

BY

HON. KENNEDY OUKO, MCA, WEST KISUMU.

(CHAIRPERSON, PUBLIC INVESTMENTS AND ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE)

(Report Moved by Hon. Warindu on behalf of Hon. Ouko)

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta “B”): Yes, Hon. Warindu.

Hon. Warindu (MCA, Miwani): Thank you Madam Speaker. Allow me to move this motion on behalf of the Chairperson, Hon. Ouko who is away on official duty.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta “B”): Please proceed.

Hon. Warindu (MCA, Miwani): Thank you Madam Speaker once again. Allow me to move this motion on the Public Investments and Accounts Committee Report on Examination of the Auditor General’s Report on Financial Statements of Muhoroni Sub County Hospital FY ended 30th June, 2022.

Hon. Warindu (MCA, Miwani): On behalf of the Public Accounts and Investment Committee (PICPAC) Committee, and pursuant to Kisumu County Assembly standing Orders No. 188, I wish to present to this House, the Report of the Committee on the audited Financial Statements of Muhoroni County Hospital, for the Financial Year 2021/2022.

Hon. Speaker, on behalf of the Public Accounts and Investments Committee (PICPAC), and Pursuant to Kisumu County Assembly Standing Orders 188, I wish to present to this House the report of the Committee on the audited financial statements of Muhoroni Sub-County Hospital for the financial years 2021/2022.

The County Assembly exercises oversight over County Government entities/investments and their expenditure Pursuant to Article 185(3) of the Constitution of Kenya 2010, through the Public Accounts and Investments Committee which, in turn, derives its mandate from the County Assembly Standing Orders.

Article 229 (8) of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010, requires the County Assembly, within three months after receiving an audit report, to debate, consider the report and take appropriate action.

The Committee held 2 sittings during which it received both written and oral evidence from the Accounting Officer on audit queries raised by the Auditor-General on the financial statements of Muhoroni Sub-County Hospital FY 2021/2022.

Honorable Speaker, I wish to register my appreciation to fellow Honorable Members of the Committee, the Offices of the Speaker and the Clerk of the Assembly, Committee Secretariat and the Office of the Auditor General for facilitation and technical support that made the production of this report possible.

Special appreciation goes to the Hansard department for ensuring that all our meetings with Accounting Officers are broadcasted live.

Honorable Speaker, on behalf of the Public Accounts and Investments Committee, I now wish to table the report on the consideration of the Auditor General's report on the Financial Statements of Muhoroni Sub-County Hospital for the year ended 30, June 2022 and urge this House to adopt it.

REPORT OF THE AUDITOR GENERAL ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF MUHORONI SUB COUNTY HOSPITAL FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30, JUNE 2022

Hon. Speaker, the Medical Superintendent Dr. Akuom David, appeared before the Committee on 14th March 2024 to adduce evidence on the Audited Financial Statements of the Muhoroni Sub County Hospital for the year ended 30th June 2022.

He was accompanied by the following Officers;

1. Mr. John Auma- HAO
2. Dr. Don Sande – Director, Medical Services
3. Mr. Ezekiel Onunga - Accountant

The following officers represented the Office of the Auditor General in the Committee meeting;

1. Kennedy Ongoi – Office of the Auditor General
2. Margaret Mowage - Office of the Auditor General

BASIS FOR ADVERSE OPINION FY 2021/2022**3.1 Inadequate Presentation and disclosure in the Reports and Financial Statements****3.2. Variances between Financial Statement and Ledger/Trial Balance**

3.3. Inaccuracies in Revenue Review of the revenue accounting revealed the following inaccuracies;

3.3.1 Variance in Transfers from the County Government between Financial Statements and Cash Book**3.3.2. Variance in Revenue Collected****3.3.3 Inaccuracy in Revenue from National Health Insurance Fund****3.3.4 Unsupported Revenue from Exchange Transactions****3.3.5 Variances in Board of Management Expenses****3.4 Unbalanced Statement of Financial Position****3.5 Inaccuracy of Cash and Cash Equivalents Balance****3.6 Inaccuracies in Statement of Cash Flows- Cash Generated from Operations****3.7 Non-Disclosure of Inventories****3.8 Unaccounted for Property, Plant and Equipment****3.9 Unsupported Amounts in the Financial Statements**

Review of the expenditure revealed that various reported amounts were not adequately supported as indicated below: -

3.9.1. Unsupported Expenditure from Authorities to Incur Expenditure**3.9.2. Unsupported expenditure on Repairs and Maintenance****3.9.3. Unsupported Pending Claims Receivable from NHIF****3.9.4 Irregular and Unsupported Payment of Salaries to Casuals****3.9.5. Unsupported Trade Payables****3.9.6 Unsupported Adjustments in Financial Statements Balance****3.10 Lack of Trial Balance****4.1 Non-compliance with the law on Budget Preparation****4.2 Non-Compliance with the Law on Cash Flow Planning****4.3 Irregular Direct Procurement of Medical/Clinical Goods and Services****4.4 Non-Retention of Own Generated Revenue****4.5 Underpayment of Casual Workers**

5.1 Internal Controls Weaknesses Related to Payments

Summary of Observations

The committee hereby summarizes the following observations:

1. That the hospital management failed to adhere to the Public Finance Management Act 2012, Section 164 (1) which state that: *“At the end of each financial year, the accounting officer for a county government entity shall prepare financial statements in respect of the entity in formats to be prescribed by the Accounting Standards Board.”*
2. That there was lack of qualified accountants in the management of Muhoroni Sub-County Hospital to assist in proper preparation of the financial statements.
3. That there was no induction for the medical superintendent and the management in regards to their roles in the management of public funds.
4. As at the time of Committee deliberations, the management had sufficiently explained the variances. This was confirmed by the Office of the Auditor General, during the meeting
5. The correct amount that was transferred to the hospital by the County Government is Kshs. 6,740,426
6. That as at the time of the committee deliberations, the management had identified and reconciled the variances
7. That during the financial year the management did not retain the receipts issued by the County Treasury to acknowledge receipt of revenue remitted by the Hospital but they submitted the same during the committee deliberations.
8. That at the time of the audit, the Board of Management utilized an unapproved expenditure of Kshs. 268,500 and 28,500 respectively, totaling Kshs. 297,000, which violated the law.
9. The Management did not carry out Stock takes of inventories contrary to section 162(i) of the Public Procurement & Disposal Act 2015 which states that *‘An accounting officer of a procuring entity shall ensure that all inventory, store and assets purchased are received, but shall not be used and until taken on charge and as a basis for ensuring that all procured items are properly accounted for and put in proper use and put in proper use as intended by the procuring entity.’*
10. The management violated Public Finance Management (County Governments) Regulations, 2015, Section 136 (1) which provides that the Accounting Officer shall be responsible for maintaining a register of assets under his or her control or possession as prescribed by the relevant laws.
11. As at the time of Committee deliberations, payment vouchers, and related supporting documents had been provided and verified to the auditors
12. That as at the time of Committee deliberations, the pending claims receivables from NHIF had been supported.
13. The trial balance used to prepare the financial statements was not provided for audit.

14. That the management did not comply with the law on Budget preparation contrary to Regulation 30(1) of the Public Finance Management (County Governments) Regulations, 2015 which requires the budget preparation process for the following financial year to start not later than the 30th August of the current financial year.
15. That the Management did not comply with Section 120(2) of the Public Finance Management Act, 2012 which requires every County government entity to submit an annual cash flow plan and forecasts to the County Treasury in a form and manner directed by County Treasury.
16. That contrary to the requirements of Section 106 of the Public Procurement & Asset Disposal Act, 2015, the Management did not competitively procure goods/services relating to medical/clinical costs of Kshs. 1,732,800 during the year under review. Further, Management paid individual persons who lacked registered business names an additional amount of Kshs 491,110 for the supply of goods.
17. That the Management did not adhere to Section 3(f) of the Kisumu County Health Facilities Improvement Fund Act, 2021 which provides that the object and purpose of the Act is to facilitate retention of moneys collected by public health facilities for the purpose of supporting the facilities to deliver relevant services.
18. That there were underpayments to casual workers totaling to Kshs. 1,283,581, which is below the recommended rates, contrary to Regulation 11(5) of the Regulation of Wages (General) Orders and Kenya Gazette Supplement No. 1 dated 8 January, 2019.
19. That the hospital's payment vouchers were not serially numbered, examined and authorized. Consequently, the dates the vouchers were posted in the cashbook were also not indicated.

Summary of Recommendations

The committee hereby summarizes the following recommendations:

1. That going forward, the Management must adhere to the requirements of Section 164(1) of the Public Finance Management Act 2012.
2. That going forward, information must be provided to the auditors during the time of audit as prescribed in Section 62(b) of the Public Audit Act, 2015
3. That going forward, the management must ensure that the financial statements represent the true and fair position of the hospital.
4. That going forward, the management should have proper records for all revenue
5. That going forward, the management should put up proper verifiable mechanisms to ensure that revenues are collected efficiently in case of a system failure.
6. That going forward, management must retain receipts issued by the County Treasury for acknowledgment.
7. That the Board of management violated the PFM Act by using money which has not been approved

8. That the unapproved expenditure of Kshs. 297,000 be recovered from their respective allowances of the Medical Superintendent
9. That going forward, the Management must adhere to Section 162(i) of the Public Procurement & Assets Disposal Act 2015
10. That going forward, the Management must adhere to Regulation 136 (1) of the Public Finance Management (County Governments) Regulations, 2015
11. That the accounting officer initiates, with immediate effect, valuation of all fixed assets and a report on the same be submitted to this Assembly within a period of 90 days upon adoption of this report.
12. That the management immediately prepares an up-to-date fixed asset register including values of assets purchased by the Facility, and submit a status report within a period of 14 days upon the adoption of this report.
13. That going forward, the Management must adhere to Regulation 30(1) of the Public Finance Management (County Governments) Regulations, 2015.
14. That going forward, the committee must adhere to Section 120(2) of the Public Finance Management Act, 2012.
15. That going forward, the Management must adhere to Section 106 of the Public Procurement and Asset Disposal Act, 2015.
16. That going forward, the Management must adhere to Section 3(f) of the Kisumu County Health Facilities Improvement Fund Act, 2021
17. That going forward, the management must be compelled to pay all pending arrears to existing casual workers who were underpaid.
18. That going forward, the management should adhere to Regulation 11(5) of the Regulation of Wages (General) Orders and Kenya Gazette Supplement No. 1 dated 8 January 2019.

Conclusion

Hon. Speaker, I hereby request that this House adopts this report of the Public Accounts and Investments Committee on the consideration of the Auditor General's Report on the Financial Statements of the Muhoroni Sub County Hospital for the year ended 30, June 2022.

Hon. Warindu (MCA, Miwani): For those who were following, these were Moving Note. The main Report had been sent to our WhatsApp Groups, and I believe those who had time went through the major Report. Madam Speaker, may I now call upon Hon. Seth Okumu to second the Report.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta "B"): Yes, Hon. Seth Okumu.

Hon. Okumu (MCA, East Seme): Thank you Madam Speaker. I rise to second the adoption of this Report, by Public Accounts and Investment Committee. Madam Speaker, this is a Report giving us the Status of Muhoroni Sub-County Hospital, in terms of management of resources.

Madam Speaker, even though the hospital got an Adverse Opinion Audit Report, apart from just showing us what has happened, it is a pointer on what needs to be done, to make things better.

Madam Speaker, if you read from that Report, you see some things that the Audit notices that are supposed to be facilitated by the County Government.

Madam Speaker, I will emphasize on this because I have gone through all the Reports of our Sub-County and County Hospitals, and it is worth noting that all these facilities are operating without qualified Accountants. Madam Speaker, we are putting our County Officers, who in most cases are either doctors or pharmacists. We are giving them a lot of work because, without staffing then you are the person treating patients, you are the same one collecting the money, again, you are the one procuring, at the same time, you are the same person who is supposed to be reporting. So, Honourable Members, as a matter of agency, we need to have Sub-County Accounting Officers to help our hospitals so that we can have adequate reporting.

Madam Speaker, this report is so bad, and paints a wrong picture on our professionals, especially those who are doctors. Madam Speaker, I plead with Honourable Members that as we are going for this budget making, let us ensure that as we start the new Financial Year, we shall have an Accounting Officer in each and every Sub County, so that we can help our County and Sub County hospitals.

Madam Speaker, we have made recommendations. A Honourable Member who is a colleague of mine, was asking me and that make me give these submissions. Most of the time it is believed that Auditor General's Report is only about money, but if you look at Auditor General's Report it will inform you including the staffing of a facility and Asset Register. So, Madam Speaker, it is not limited to adjust the use of money, but it gives you the overall status of a facility, and can help us also plan for this facility.

Madam Speaker, where we found individuals culpable, for any loss of funds or for any mismanagement of our assets, we have always made recommendations that are individually impacting such officers. But Madam Speaker, if you look at this report, we are foreseeing that most of the challenges that these health facilities are facing, does not fall majorly on individuals. And that is the reason as to why there are recommendations, that Hon. Dede was informing you that looks so general. But we are informing these Members that yes it is bad, but they need to, in future adhere with what the law says in terms of management of resources. Madam speaker, I rise to Second.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta "B"): Honourable Members, the PIC/PAC Committee has presented the Report on Auditor General on the Financial Statements on Muhoroni County Hospital for the year ended 30th June. A motion that has been moved by Hon. Warindu and seconded by Hon. Set Okumu. I therefore want to propose that the report be opened for discussion.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta “B”): Yes Hon. Nyaoke.

Hon. Nyaoke (MCA, North Nyakach): Thank you Madam Speaker for according me this opportunity. We have just heard my colleague present the report that we still have before us. Madam Speaker, I just want to make few comments, and bear in mind the time allocation that we are given to debate on a particular issue Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker, we have two main items that this report has given us today, and similar issues have often been raised in other reports. One of the issues is summary observations. Madam Speaker, it really beats logics that sometimes if we have to keep on indicating in our report that particular officers who have been given responsibilities have deviated from what the Law provides in their jurisdictions. Madam Speaker, some of the observations are straight forward and state that though the management failed to adhere to some specific Laws related to what their responsibilities entail. Madam Speaker, it is now becoming a normal issue and procedure that these officers continue making the same mistake year in and out. One of the observations that I take a lot of concern with is observation number eight which says that; at the time of audit, the Board of Management utilized Unapproved Expenditure of Ksh. 268, 500, and Ksh. 28,500 respectively, totaling to Ksh. 297,000, which violated the Law. Madam Speaker, where on earth do you have an Accountant or a Management officer who uses public money or resources the way they want? Even when the money is not approved for expenditure.

Madam Speaker, if I go back to observation number two, which states that; there was lack of Qualified Accountants in the management of Muhoroni Sub-County Hospital, to assist in proper preparation of Financial Statements. Madam Speaker, this is quite terrible situation. You cannot just pick; in fact, it is even important to follow up the person who handpicked this unqualified person to be in charge of finances in such institutions.

Madam Speaker, maybe the qualifications can be a bit lower, but let us have somebody who knows what they are supposed to do. Let me jump to observation number nineteen, which states that; the hospital’s Payment Vouchers were not Serially Numbered, Examined and Authorized. Consequently, the dates the vouchers were posted in the Cashbook were also not indicated. Madam Speaker, you cannot have vouchers that are unserialized used in any institution because it means that anybody is allowed to have their own cash receipts because you cannot justify the number of each voucher you are using. Madam Speaker, this is plain crime that somebody is trying to commit, and it is important that we take note of that so that they know that we do not look at these things literally but critically.

Madam Speaker, my final observation is on number eighteen which indicated that; Underpayment to Casual Workers totaling to Ksh.1,283,581.00, which is below the recommended rates contrary to Regulation 11(5) of the Regulations of Wages (General) Orders and Kenya Gazette Supplement No. 1 dated 8 January, 2019.

Madam Speaker, the other issues we have even in our respective Wards or Sub-County Hospitals is the payment of Casual Workers. These people are not getting paid but are given some meager cash to help them, only if they ask for it. We have a lot of complaints coming from these people. So, the observations that have been given here and looking at the recommendations, has made me be indecisive of whether to support or reject the adoption of this report. These observations provided are very clear but if you come to recommendations, the procedure that the recommendations have been put, classifying them as way forward are not solving what they have observed.

Madam Speaker, the issue of going forward should be able to solve the problem that we are already identifying in this kind of report. Madam Speaker, it should therefore be known that where somebody has failed to adhere to certain Regulations, that is something that should be subjected to further investigations. Summary or the answers to these observations, the bottom line recommendation is that this report should have been sent to the Directorate of Criminal Investigations (DCI), for further investigations, Madam Speaker, so that we really know the reason as to why even in such kind of institutions, there is somebody who does not know anything to do with accounts but he or she has been given the responsibility to handle something related to accounting works in that institution Madam Speaker. I can see you are worried about time but, I can stop there.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta “B”): No, Hon. Nyaoke, you are almost consuming your time but I just wanted to say that you have very brilliant proposals in this report but you ought to have forwarded them. You see, the committee report is not final but, Members are still allowed to make recommendations on the same. So, I just want to urge Members that we should never stop at the recommendations made by a House Committee. That is why these documents are shared in time so that you are given adequate time to forward your recommendations so that we can incorporate them within the report. This is because you have very good ideas but then now they will remain as discussions within the House. But, anyway, I hope Members are taking notes. You can now conclude.

Hon. Nyaoke (MCA, North Nyakach): Thank you Madam Speaker. My colleague who just moved the motion, I am very much sure that the Member is taking notes and I believe that I would not object if the Member can include some of the issues that I have mentioned here. As part of my recommendations may be the Mover should be able to include to some extent, mine can be amongst the last ones that this document should be forwarded to Director of Criminal Investigation for further investigation. Thank you, Madam Speaker, I beg to support. Sorry, can I call someone to second?

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo MCA, Manyatta “B”): Hon. Nyaoke, you know the rules of debate. You have very good proposals but, unfortunately you ought to have brought them an hour prior to this.

Hon. Okumu (MCA, East Seme): On a point of Order Madam Speaker.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta B Ward): What is your Point of Order Hon. Seth?

Hon. Okumu (MCA, East Seme): Madam Speaker the Honourable Member is suggesting that we take a document to the DCI for investigation. I am not sure which document the Member is referring to and what procedure indicates that the particular document to be taken there for investigation, thank you Madam Speaker.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta “B”): Hon. Nyaoke, Hon. Seth does not understand why you need the DCI to be involved in the investigation of a document. So, just try to explain to the Member and maybe to the House which document and which procedure should be followed.

Hon. Nyaoke (MCA, North Nyakach): Madam Speaker, the document I am talking about is this report that has been read before us. It is this document that has been subjected to debate that we are onto at the moment. This particular document has got an array of observations and recommendations. I have actually picked some of those recommendations; I have talked about some of them and also touched on a few of the recommendations that have been provided. Madam Speaker, what I have done and I believe is also acceptable as per the provisions of our Standing Orders is to make suggestions to this particular document; because, I am very sure that there are certain investigations that maybe we may not be able to do as a House but we can get proper report from such kind of bodies. There are the legal bodies that are allowed and are able to undertake proper investigations particularly on the areas that I have mentioned Madam Speaker.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta “B”): Thank you Hon. Nyaoke.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta “B”): Hon. Seth, I hope you are able to be properly informed.

Hon. Okumu (MCA, East Seme): Madam Speaker, it is my belief that the Honourable Member is even misleading this House further that a report of a House Committee should be taken to the DCI Office. A report of a House Committee should be brought into this House, Members discuss, they adopt and make recommendations to different places. Madam Speaker, but, this idea whereby a report of a House Committee is supposed to be taken to the investigative organs like the DCI and other bodies; I do not whether the Member’s orientation was poor...

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta “B”): Hon. Seth, I do not want to subject this matter to a discussion between you and Hon. Nyaoke. But, I believe the Member is proposing that one of the recommendations should have involved further investigation by other

investigative bodies. I want to believe that this is what the Member is trying to insinuate but I want us to continue.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta “B”): Yes, Hon. K’Omudho (a.k.a many many thanks).

Hon. K’Omudho (MCA, Muhoroni/Koru): Thank you and many thanks to Hon. Madam Speaker and many thanks to my fellow colleagues the Honourable Members. I am privileged this afternoon to stand here and to share on some good report done by this able House Committee of the PIC/PAC. Madam Speaker together with Honourable Members, Muhoroni Sub County Hospital sits right down in my ward and I want these observations as I am going and I support the very good report that has been done by this House Committee.

Madam Speaker, today I have found out very clearly from the report the reasons why the hospital has very many issues. This report has actually dwelt so much on the financial misappropriation as compared to the inefficiency. But, basically if you look at the financial misappropriation, it relates to poor services. I want to confidently report to this House that at times I miss my sleep at night because of the poor services being offered at this facility. You can clearly see that all the recommendations, the twenty five of them from this House Committee is talking about the financial mismanagement.

Honourable Madam Speaker, I want to inform you today that the patients are sleeping hungry. Honourable Madam Speaker together with the Honourable members, in Muhoroni sub county hospital, patients are sleeping on an empty stomach. I want to report confidently that if you take a walk to this facility today, the casuals that are not being paid are not doing their bit, the hospital is very bushy and there are snakes crawling pausing a big risk.

Madam Speaker, today I want to report here confidently that Muhoroni Sub county Hospital does not have pharmaceutical commodities. The pharmacy would be stocked when they know that a House Committee will be paying them a visit. I accompanied the House Committee and there were drugs but the following day there were no drugs. I want to report confidently that there are a lot of problems in this hospital but the same relate to DCI. I do not have any authority to inform this House Committee what they need to do but I want to believe that this House Committee has done their bit and from there, the relevant authorities within the county of Kisumu should pick up this matters so that we move forward in the right way. I have seen a lot of going forward in the report. I don't know what is going to happen to what has been done in the past. Are we going to take appropriate actions against the people who have messed up? Madam Speaker, I support the report 100%. Thank you.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta “B”): Yes Honourable Members.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta “B”): Yes the Honourable Member representing North Seme.

Hon. Omuya (MCA, North Seme): Thank you Madam Speaker, I equally rise to add my voice on this matter. First, I don’t know whether I am going to support it or not, but I am just worried of the content. I am currently asking myself, whenever we have been receiving reports from the sub counties and if this is the rotten situation that we are facing, what about and the small hospitals? I believe that as a County, we should also visit the small hospitals because we could just be talking about this reports from the sub county hospitals, like Rata Hospital you might find that it is worse than the sub county hospitals. I said that I am going to support it but we need to dig deeper. Thank you.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta “B”): From the look of things, I can tell that Members are done or either done with their submission or are satisfied with the report, their findings and recommendations, and therefore no further submissions are coming forth. Can we therefore allow the mover to reply?

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta “B”): I can see the Chief Whip is trying to get out.

The Chief Whip (Hon. Kanga, MCA, Market/Milimani): Thank you Madam Speaker, I wanted to call the mover to reply.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta “B”): Thank you Hon. Whip.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta “B”): Hon. Warindu.

Hon. Warindu (MCA, Miwani): Thank you Madam Speaker and those that have contributed towards this report. Indeed, the recommendations from the Sub county Hospitals have been the same and most Members had contributed to the reports and maybe that is why today few Members are contributing on this this motion.

Madam Speaker, I have always looked forward for a Member proposing an amendment on our recommendations that we are having so that some of us can know the procedure and the steps that is needed to make an amendment but up to this date I have not received one and I am requesting the senior Members to kindly take their time to enlighten a friend on the procedure and the cases and circumstances where a matter can be taken to EACC.

Madam Speaker, our task as a House Committee is to prepare a report with recommendations and bring it to the Assembly for adoption and I believe that this is what the Select Committee of PIC/PAC has done. This is the first time that our Sub-County hospital facilities are being audited

and I will agree with Members that the management staffs that are there, it is like in all the Sub-Counties hospitals they lack qualified hospitals Accountants. When we raised this matter for the first time, all the Sub-Counties hospitals were given one roaming accountant who is assisting them prepare reports and from the recommendations that we have given and the assurance that we were given by the Department of Medical Services is that they have taken this matter seriously and they have requested that each and every Sub-County hospital be seconded with a Qualified Accountant and I believe that going forward we won't be seeing such kind of reports.

Madam Speaker, some of those who are working on these reports were superintendents. The major problem that we are facing and the challenges that we are getting from these facilities is that there is inadequacy of staffing and actually we cannot put all the blame on them. Sometimes, I usually advice that we just need to be patriots and acknowledge and give credit where it's due. There are those health facilities where their workers are dedicated to work and they are really making a lot of sacrifices to ensure that our facilities are running optimally. We cannot say that just because of this report there is nothing which is going on in our sub-county hospitals. This is our County and we have the best interest at heart. The request that has been made by this House Committee is that because we are in the budget making process and we really need to urge and push for improved budgetary allocation to the Department of Medical Services so that our facilities can be fully equipped and staff can be hired there.

Madam Speaker, onto those people that have been found to breach the law; it is my opinion that they should be held accountable for the losses that have been reported. Thank you and I reply.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta "B"): Honourable Members, a motion on the Adoption of the Report of the Auditor General on the Financial Statement of Muhoroni Sub-County Hospital for the year ended 30th June, 2022 has been moved, seconded and debated upon, I therefore want to put a question on the adoption of the same.

(Question put and agreed to)

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta "B"): Honourable Members, the Adoption of the Report of the Auditor General on the Financial Statement of Muhoroni Sub-County Hospital for the year ended 30th June, 2022 is hereby adopted today 28th May, 2024 at 1531 hours. I direct that the report together with the Hansard report be prepared and forwarded to the relevant departments for action. Consequently, I want to further direct that, the Select Committee on Implementation to ensure that these recommendations and House Resolutions are executed.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta "B"): Next Order!!

ADJOURNMENT

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta “B”): Honourable Members, there being no any other business to transact, the House stands adjourned to tomorrow Wednesday, 29th May, 2024 at 9.00 a.m.

(House rose at 3.32 p.m.)

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