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(The Speaker (Hon. Elisha Jack Oraro) in the Chair)

PRAYERS

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Honourable Members, I want to refer you to Standing Order No. 32 (2) and I direct the Serjeant-at-Arms rings the quorum bell for the first five minutes. When the bell is being rung, no Member shall be permitted to leave the Chamber except the Whip who may go out to whip the Members.

(Quorum bell rung for the first five minutes)

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Honourable Members, I am not able to spot the Whip but I can see a Member occupying the seat of the Leader of Majority. May you confirm if we have quorum.

Hon. Oginga (Nominated Member): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We have quorum.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Mr. Clerk, take us through the Order Paper of today.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Next order!!

MOTION

ADOPTION OF A REPORT ON IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE ON THE STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION OF THE HOUSE RESOLUTIONS ON THE REPORT OF LABOUR AND WELFARE SERVICES COMMITTEE ON THE PETITION BY RETIREES OF THE DEFUNCT AHERO AND NYANDO LOCAL AUTHORITIES ON THE MATTER OF VERIFICATION OF PENDING CLAIMS OF RETIREES OF DEFUNCT LOCAL AUTHORITIES.

BY

HON. HENRIETTA BODO, NOMINATED MEMBER

(CHAIRPERSON, IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE)

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): What is it Hon. James Were?

Hon. Were (MCA, Nyalenda “B”): Hon. Speaker, allow me to move this motion on behalf of the Chairperson Hon. Henrietta Bodo.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Proceed.

Hon. Were (MCA, Nyalenda “B”): Thank you. The Select Committee on Implementation is mandated to scrutinize the resolutions of the County Assembly (including adopted Committee reports), Petitions and the undertakings given by the County Executive Committee and examine whether or not such decisions and undertakings have been implemented within sixty (60) days as provided for in Standing Order No.184 of the Kisumu County Assembly Standing Orders.

The report of the Select Committee on Labour and Social Welfare Services was adopted in this Honourable House on 22nd February, 2024 Pursuant to the relevant provisions of the Kisumu County Assembly Standing Orders.

The Select Committee on Implementation at its meeting held on Monday, 11th March, 2024 sought to follow up on the Implementation Status of House resolutions on the aforementioned report.

In considering the implementation status of House resolutions on the said reports, the Committee wrote a letter to the CEC Member for Finance and Economic Planning to furnish it with the detailed response on the Implementation of House Resolution on the report by the Committee on Labour and Social Welfare Services on its consideration of the petition by retirees of defunct Ahero and Nyando Local Authorities on the matter of verification of pending claims of retirees of defunct local authorities

This report therefore is a compilation of the responses received in regards to the Implementation Status of the House Resolution on the report by Labour and Social Welfare Services on its consideration of the petition by retirees of defunct Ahero and Nyando Local Authorities on the matter of verification of pending claims of retirees of defunct local authorities

Preface

Establishment and Mandate of the Committee

Mr. Speaker Sir and Hon. Members, the Select Committee on Implementation is established Pursuant to the provisions of Standing Orders No. 191 of the County Assembly of Kisumu.

The Committee is mandated to scrutinize the resolutions of the County Assembly (including adopted Committee reports), Petitions and the undertakings given by the County Executive Committee and examine whether or not such decisions and undertakings have been implemented ,where implemented, the extent to which they have been implemented; and whether such implementation has taken place within the minimum time necessary; and whether or not legislation passed by the County Assembly has been operationalized and where operationalized, the extent to which such operationalization has taken place within the minimum time necessary. The Committee may also propose to the County Assembly, sanctions against any member of the County Executive Committee who fails to report to the relevant select Committee on implementation status of projects and programs under his or her docket without justifiable reasons.

Standing Order No.184 further provides that Within six days of a resolution of the County Assembly or adoption of a report of a select committee, the relevant member of the County Executive under whose portfolio the implementation of the resolution falls shall provide a report to the relevant committee of the County Assembly in Accordance with article 153(4)(b) of the Constitution.

Members of the Committee

Mr. Speaker and Hon. Members, the following are the members of the Committee on Implementation as constituted pursuant to the Selection Committee report of Wednesday, 3rd April, 2024

Name	Position
1. Hon. Henrietta Bodo	- Chairperson
2. Hon. James Were	- Vice Chairperson
3. Hon. Anne Ochola	- Member
4. Hon. Geoffrey Warindo	- Member
5. Hon. Boitone Ratib	- Member
6. Hon. Mickey Awuor	- Member
7. Hon. Vincent Jagongo	- Member
8. Hon. Caroline Opar	- Member

9. Hon. Mildred Ajumbo - Member

Secretariat to the Committee

Hon. Speaker Sir, the Secretariat facilitating the Committee in executing its mandates comprises of the following technical team;

Name		Designation
1. Pst. David Ochieng	-	Senior Clerk Assistant
2. Mrs. Grace Kunga	-	Clerk Assistant
3. Mr. Rodgers Wagude	-	Clerk Assistant
4. Mr. Wycliffe Owade	-	Research
5. Mr. Fanuel Okode	-	Hansard Reporter
6. Mrs. Faith Judith	-	Serjeant –at-Arms

Acknowledgement

Mr. Speaker Sir, on behalf of the Committee on Implementation, I wish to extend my gratitude to your office and the office of the Clerk for providing us with a conducive environment which enabled us to carry out our mandates effectively.

I also want to appreciate the members of the Committee on Implementation for their dedication, commitment and valuable contribution exhibited during the scrutiny of the county assembly resolutions.

Finally, I wish to thank the Secretariat for their untiring commitment in ensuring that the Committee achieve its mandates.

Mr. Speaker Sir and Hon. Members, it is now my pleasant duty and honor, to table this report on the Implementation status of house resolution on the Report by the committee on Labour and Social Welfare Services on its consideration of the petition by retirees of the defunct Ahero and Nyando Local Authorities on the matter of verification of pending claims of retirees of defunct local authorities, for consideration and adoption.

Introduction

Mr. Speaker Sir and Hon. Members, the report of the Select Committee on Labour and Social Welfare Services on its consideration of the petition by retirees of defunct Ahero and Nyando Local Authorities on the matter of verification of pending claims of retirees of defunct local authorities was upon its tabling, adopted by this Honourable House on 22nd February, 2024 pursuant to relevant provision of the County Assembly Standing Orders.

The Committee on Implementation at its meeting held on 3rd April, 2024 sought to follow up on the Implementation Status of House resolutions on the aforementioned report by Labour and Social Welfare Services Committee

In considering the Implementation status of House resolutions on the said report, the Committee wrote a letter to the CEC Member for Finance and Economic Planning to furnish it with a detailed response on the Implementation Status of House resolution on the report pursuant to the Standing Order no.185 of the County Assembly Standing Orders. (See Annex- 1)

The CEC Member for Finance and Economic Planning in their response informed the Committee as discussed below;

HOUSE RESOLUTIONS ON THE REPORT BY THE COMMITTEE ON LABOUR AND SOCIAL WELFARE SERVICES ON ITS CONSIDERATION OF THE PETITION BY RETIREES OF THE DEFUNCT AHERO AND NYANDO LOCAL AUTHORITIES ON THE MATTER OF VERIFICATION OF PENDING CLAIMS OF RETIREES OF DEFUNCT LOCAL AUTHORITIES

Mr. Speaker Sir and Hon. Members, the report by the Committee on Labour and Social Welfare Services had this recommendation

1. That the CEC Member for Finance and Economic Planning to process payments for all the retirees of the defunct local authorities as per the Report of the Committee on verification of pending claim of the retirees of defunct local authorities

Implementation Status;

The CEC Member for Finance and Economic Planning informed the Committee as follows;

1. That the salary arrears outstanding as per the Report of the Committee on verification of pending claim of the retirees of defunct local authorities was as shown in the table below

S/NO	LOCAL AUTHORITY	AMOUNT
1.	County Council of Nyando	10,504,094
2.	Ahero Town Council	1,589,602
3.	Muhoroni Town Council	4,108,282
4.	Municipal Council of Kisumu	463,798
5.	County Council of Kisumu	-
TOTAL		16,665,776

2. That in the month of February,2024, Ksh 10,271,191 was processed and paid as follows;

PAYE	NET
2,558,567	7,712,624
TOTAL Ksh. 10,271,191	

(See Appendix) 1a-List of beneficiaries and schedule

2a-Copy of Bank statement and payment voucher

3. That in the Month of March,2024 Ksh. 4,792,853 was processed and yet to pay as follows;

PAYE	NET
1,250,578	3,542,275
TOTAL Ksh. 4,792,853	

(See Appendix) 2b-List of beneficiaries and payment of schedule

General Findings and Observation

Mr. Speaker and Hon. Members, the Committee having reviewed the responses from the CEC Member for Finance and Economic Planning on the implementation Status of House Resolution on the report by Labour and Social Welfare Services on its consideration on the petition by retirees of the defunct Ahero and Nyando local authorities on the matter of verification of pending claims of retirees of defunct local authorities, the Committee made the following observations;

1. That the Implementation of the House resolution on the aforementioned report by Labour and Social Welfare Services are on-going.

Committee Recommendation

Mr. Speaker Sir and Hon. Members, the Committee having considered the implementation Status of House Resolution on the report by Labour and Social Welfare Services Committee on petition by retirees of the defunct Ahero and Nyando local authorities on the matter of verification of pending claims of retirees of defunct local authorities, the Committee recommends that;

1. This Honorable House to grant the Committee additional time to keep track of payment progress and report accordingly
2. This Honourable House adopt this Committee report on its inquiry on the Implementation Status of House Resolution on the report by Labour and Social Welfare Services Committee on its consideration on the petition by retirees of the defunct Ahero and Nyando

local authorities on the matter of verification of pending claims of retirees of defunct local authorities

Conclusion

Mr. Speaker and Hon. Members, it is now my honor and privilege, on behalf of the Committee on Implementation to move this motion before this Honorable House for Consideration and adoption. May I call upon Hon. Mildred Ajumbo

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Hon. Ajumbo proceed.

Hon. Ajumbo (MCA, Central Seme): Thank you, Mr. Speaker I second the report. That the Petition of the Members of Staff of the Former Defunct Local Authorities of Ahero and Nyando on Verification of Pending Claims of Retirees.

Mr. Speaker, I want to say that, the House resolutions that were passed the Implementation Status by the Select Committee on Implementation, we have given a very good response Mr. Speaker, and the House Committee has equally stated that we need to be given additional time so that we can finish the remaining task. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Honourable Members, now that the motion of the Adoption of a Report of the Select Committee on Implementation on the Status of Implementation of the House Resolutions on the Report of Labour and Welfare Services Committee on the Petition by Retirees of the Defunct Ahero and Nyando Local Authorities on the Matter of Verification of Pending Claims of Retirees of Defunct local Authorities, have been moved and seconded. I want to propose a question, and I propose that the motion is open for debate.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Yes, Hon. Tom Nyaoke of North Nyakach Ward.

Hon. Nyaoke (MCA, North Nyakach): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I want to say that I am one of the very few Members who is happy today with these kind of report received from the Select Committee on Implementation. Mr. Speaker, several times we have talked about the activities of the Implementation Committee and this is one of the good examples that they have set forth to achieve and we wish to encourage them to continue.

Mr. Speaker, even while I was listening to this report, I am suggesting in future maybe we can consider doing some amendments to the Standing Orders, to allow more Members in this particular committee. They should be able to have some Sub-committees within that very committee to ensure that they follow up on the recommendations that are being submitted in this House for action.

Mr. Speaker, this issue for the pending bill particularly for the retirees has been a very serious issue in our county. First, i want to thank this House Committee on Labour that came with that recommendation that these bills should be settled forthwith. Subsequently and still good enough

the Implementation Committee has followed up the issue and brought to us a good report. Mr. Speaker, settlement of these bills is ongoing and that is something that we must applaud this House Committee. I do not wish to take more time but, to thank this House Committee and continue to remind them to endeavour following up particularly the issues that the recommendations that have been given by this House Committee even the ones given by the Ward Development Committee on our various aspects.

Mr. Speaker, if they can come up with such status reports be it on Water, Ward Development, Health and so on and so forth, we will be kept abreast and advised on what is taking place in our county. Mr. Speaker, I beg to support the adoption of this report. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon Oraro): Hon. K'omudho let me consider gender and give a chance to Hon. Millicent Omuya then you will be next.

Hon. Omuya (MCA, North Seme): Thank you, Mr. Speaker Sir for considering gender. Not really gender for considering Hon. Millicent and instructing Hon. K'omudho to sit down.

Yes, I am standing to support this report and these are my reasons; I was once a staff of Local authorities but I was in Kisumu County Council, and when you look at that list Kisumu County Council is not part of that list. When the report was being read, inside me I felt some relief and a lot of happiness. Because, these are people who worked, and if you go deep to the reason why the arrears are there up to date. The arrears were accrued when the former Kisumu County council was being divided. Like the entire Kisumu County had the County Council, then there was the formation of Ahero, Muhoroni and et cetera, though city was separately.

Mr. Speaker, I highly support the idea of paying these retirees. And, what I believe as much as their names will be on that list, chances high that some of them are now deceased but, it will be a big relief because when their families will be receiving what their fathers had worked for. It is my belief that this will be a good gesture and to anybody else who is a civil servant, will see that the civil servants also have their rights even when they pass away.

Mr. Speaker, this has been a tussle for a very long time. My worry is, in the list of beneficiaries Kisumu County Council not was sorted out and that are why it is not on that list, then we have municipality the last name. What I would wish from the Committee of Labour is to dig deep this is because what I know is, devolution started in 2013, but somewhere between 2013 the Municipal Council through the union went and talked to the management and some payment was done. Ahero, Muhoroni, and Nyando could be the genuine people who should be claiming, but the municipality kindly go and check because if we are not careful we might pay them twice. I beg to support, thank you.

The Speaker (Hon Oraro): Honourable Members who are up on their feet, I had promised Hon. K'omudho.

Hon. K'omudho (MCA, Muhoroni/Koru): Many thanks the Honourable Mr. Speaker and my fellow Honourable Members. I rise this afternoon to support the report which has been brought about by the Select Committee on Implementation on the recommendations for a follow up of the payments to retirees of the Former Defunct County Councils and the Municipal Councils. It is detailed very clearly on the list of payments and I believe that Nyando was leading with about Kshs 10 million plus, and then the second people in the list are exactly where I come from, Muhoroni Town Council.

Honourable Speaker together with the Members, my people the former councilors are really desperate. I can see some payments have been made and we have not been given the details of those payments that have been processed. You will realize that Kisumu has already been sorted out. The thing is actually left to the rural people. If you look at Muhoroni, it is remaining on its own. And, I think partly...I do not know the Kshs ten million which is already sorted out. This could also lead to the same leaving Muhoroni Council behind. Possibly we should request the Implementation Committee to be given more time, since they have made requested so that, they come up with a properly structured schedule of the payments which have been processed. So that, we may find details of who has not been paid.

Honourable Speaker, in my request, as I finalize my contribution, is to have and to see the details of the people who have been paid, particularly from my area which I represent in Muhoroni Koru Ward. May that be taken with seriousness that the same deserves, and the next time we get this report in the House, let us get the accuracy of the details of the payments per County Council? Many thanks Mr. Speaker, once more I support the Report whole heartedly.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Honourable Members now that we have the interim Leader of Majority, I will give her chance but I have noted Hon. Oraro in order of the seniority.

Hon. Oginga (Nominated MCA): Thank you Mr. Speaker, for giving me the opportunity and now I know why it is important to sit on this chair. First of all, I want to commend the Select Committee on Implementation in coming up with this report and actually through this report, I am just coming to realize that the Implementation Committee is the engine of this Assembly. This is from the feedback that we get from this Committee that makes us know that this Assembly is actually doing something.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to also commend the Third Assembly for giving a listening ear to the petitioners who brought their petitions to the Assembly. Through the Committee on Labour and Social Services, very good recommendations were made, and at least now we can see they are being paid even though we don't really know the details of payment just like my colleague Hon. K'omudho has just mentioned. However, at least there are some progresses and hope because lately, I believe that I haven't seen any of the petitioners coming to the Assembly. I remember some time back they were regular visitors in the Assembly. Otherwise, I would like to comment this House Committee for coming up with this, I would like to support this report, thank you.

The Speaker. (Hon. Oraro): Hon. Oraro.

Hon. Oraro (MCA, Kolwa Central): Thank you Mr. Speaker, I also rise to contribute to this Report by the Select committee on Implementation that was presented by the able Vice-Chairperson, Hon. James Were.

Mr. Speaker, I am not satisfied with the way this report has been presented and there is a lot of loop holes. Mr. Speaker, a House Committee with the magnitude of the Implementation Committee, needs to be fully aware that the report they give should not only convince Members but also any other person from the public who has access to our website to understand more. I believe that you are talking about figures and figures is the money and when you are talking about the money, I expected the first table of the local authority the Kshs. 10,000,000 that has been paid?

- a) How many from Nyando Sub-County were complaining?
- b) What was the target?
- c) How much was left and what is the plan and the duration of that?

Mr. Speaker, if you look at the report, it gives a very good background of how the Standing Committee of Labour and Social Services did a good work and that is from some of the recommendations they did give. From what Standing Committee of Labour and Social Services is reporting, they are just giving us the summary and payment without moving us from where the implementation has reached.

Mr. Speaker, seeking for more time begs the question that;

- a) Is this House Committee ready to follow up the bursaries issue that we are talking about?
- b) Again, is this House Committee ready to take care of other reports that are pending and of emergency?

So, I would really beg this House Committee that we rely a lot on this House Committee so that we succeed as a County. We have many things pending under that Committee and if they will be bringing reports to this Assembly, seeking for more time to do tracking I am afraid Mr. Speaker, that we are setting a very bad precedence. It is not about coming up with a report and we commend you, but it is also looking at what you have in your tray and trying to finalize them the way Public Accounts and Investments Committee is doing.

Mr. Speaker, for that reason I really request the Committee Members to consider that any time you table a report with figures or there is something you are trying to pass across, be clear and in a position that when you talk about Nyando County Council; say the Kshs. 10 million was targeting around 200 people, the amount of money that we have paid we have finalized paying for this number of people and we are still left with around 20 people which can cost this much. With such a report, any outsider who will be reading will see where we are moving from and where we are heading to although to some extent, you can also give them a pat in the back for trying to sit and

work tirelessly to come up with a report, which to some extent, has given us the direction of what we expect as an Assembly. So, Mr. Speaker, I want to say as I finalize, that I do not support this Committee report until it is finalized.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Hon. James Omollo, I have notice you Hon. Zachary you are next then Hon. Bill.

Hon. Omollo (MCA, West Nyakach Ward): Thank you Mr. Speaker, I want to thank the Committee on Implementation for this report. Those who worked in the Former Defunct Councils have really taken a while to get their dues. Remember devolution started in April of 2013, and before then they were in their various County Councils and Municipalities we had in Kisumu and many of these families had really suffered a lot. I remember in the First Assembly the issue came but nothing much was done. I want to thank this House Committee for reporting that at least something has been done for some Municipalities for those employees who were there then.

Mr. Speaker, these are families who used to earn something and if the County Government which took over from the Defunct Councils owed them something then, they ought to have been paid long time ago because we know the consequence and what they go through. Some of them come from our Wards and as elected leaders we need to be very much concerned of what is going on and what is happening. I want to thank this House Committee because so far with the annexes in the report, you can check and see that there are people who have received their payments via bank transfers and the evidence is there in the report. I believe that we are very happy if that is going on and this House Committee has requested that we give them more time as per their recommendations to go ahead and dig deep so that eventually everyone who is owed by the Municipalities and the County Councils would be getting their dues soon.

Mr. Speaker, we are here to safeguard the public interests. This cadre of the families or individuals we need to safeguard them in terms of their interest and help where need be and that is the work of this Assembly to oversee what is good for *Mwananchi*, those who were working then for the municipality. So, I want to thank the Committee. Mr. Speaker, how I wish that this is the way the Select Committee on Implementation should be executing their mandate.

Mr. Speaker, there are a lot of recommendations, which was done by the Standing Committee of Labour and Social Welfare under the Chairmanship of the able Hon. Okoyo, and you can see now what the Committee on Implementation is doing. We have several recommendations from other reports that have passed through this House. Nothing coming out of it. I therefore believe that it is high time that the Select Committee on Implementation takes charge for all the recommendations that come from this House. Mr. Speaker sir, we do not just recommend just for the sake of talking here, we do that for actions to be taken and we would really wish that any time we recommend anything in this County, it should be then taken seriously. So, let the Implementation Committee take it up and ensure that it is implemented to the latter. I am sure that if we do that then, this House will not be taken for granted. For a long time, the Implementation Committee has not been

giving us this kind of report. I am really happy today. Looking at the goings and if we add them more time, I believe that we will get all that we need from them. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Hon. Zachary Okoyo.

Hon. Okoyo (MCA, Central Kisumu Ward): Thank you Mr. Speaker and I am a very happy man this afternoon. Going by what I heard the Select Committee on Implementation went through and gave us this report, Mr. Speaker, on the same spirit, may I thank this House Committee for the job well done.

Mr. Speaker, in addition, this has now shown that the senior citizens and these are the retirees who have been hovering around asking for what happened to their petition and more so looking for the support of the Assembly so that they could get their money has been realized today. Mr. Speaker, as the Chairperson of Labour and Social Welfare Committee, this is something which should have been done during the tenure of the Second Assembly. But, when we came in and found this petition, we tried to work around the clock. Indeed, we hasten this process so that we could see how our senior members of Kisumu County get what they deserve.

Mr. Speaker, I am happy and when I heard that the committee is asking for more time so that they could bring us a concrete and a complete report. Going through the report, I have indeed realized that there are some areas which I believe that they are going to bring to the Assembly so that this report can be complete. Notwithstanding, I must say that this House Committee has done a good job and it has also made my Committee proud. Thank you Mr. Speaker and I beg to support.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Yes, Hon. Bill.

Hon. Odhiambo (MCA, Kobura Ward): Thank you Mr. Speaker. First, I am happy and I want to thank the Labour and Social Welfare Committee for what they did by giving us a document. I also want to thank the Select Committee on Implementation for a work well done.

Mr. Speaker, we have seen these retirees here almost every week when they were bringing this petition and following up to see what was going to happen. I am happy because at least now they are getting what is right for them. Mr. Speaker, I want to thank the Implementation Committee because this is the first from all the reports that we have had in this Assembly and I believe that this is the first report that this House Committee is giving us from another committee that these were the resolutions given by the committee and this is what is happening from the County Executive.

Mr. Speaker, the Select Committee on Implementation is a very important House Committee of this House and seeing what is happening today, I am a hopeful Member. That is because, if this is going to be the trend in this Assembly, it means at least all the resolutions that that we have, this House Committee will now appear as the eye of this Assembly. For instance, if you look at this

report, at least we can now say and we can confidently go back to the ground and tell people that a petition was brought and this and that was done and at least we are here or somewhere there.

Mr. Speaker, in my conclusion as I support, I want to ask the Select Committee on Implementation to at least have a tracker of all the recommendations that we have had in this Assembly so that we can follow and get to know as Honourable Members that all the resolutions that we have had in this Assembly are in what stages. That is because in our decision making in this Assembly, there are some things especially the reports from the Implementation Committee. They are the things that guide us even in our discussions in this Assembly. As we are all aware that, we can follow these with the County Executive and know what we need to do as an Assembly, where we need to issue warnings and guide this County to greatness, so, Mr. Speaker, I support the Committee on Implementation. This is a good work.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Hon. Bennie Pete.

Hon. Oiko (MCA, Kabonyo Kanyagwal Ward): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I was still struggling to understand the report. You know that when such a report comes, it is important that we talk facts and we make reference to the records presented before us then, we shall look as well-informed Members. Members who know what they are discussing in the Plenary. Mr. Speaker, on page eight, the arrears amount to Kshs 16, 665, 776. In addition, the names of the beneficiaries are not enumerated here but we have been provided with the figures. When we go to page nine, we are told that Kshs 7.7 million is the net paid to the staff and PAYE is paid Kshs 2.5 Million. Again, below there we are informed that, there is Net of Kshs 3.25 million which has not been paid and PAYE of Kshs 1.2 million is also not yet paid. And this comes to Kshs 4.7 million. If I am getting the reports right Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, when we go to the annexes, the picture we are getting, this is the first annex from the last page is Kshs 4,000,792,853 we get the picture given here, these were monies paid to the retirees. When I reflect to page eight 4.7 and on page eight, there is no Kshs 4.7. It looks like, they are now amalgamating. I can see that the County Council of Nyando, Ahero County Council and Muhoroni. That means they were know mixed up in payment, which mean that this House Committee must be keen to find out, how much was paid in Nyando, Ahero and Muhoroni so that we get the correct position. That is on that annex.

Mr. Speaker, when we go ahead, there are some annexes put here with very big figures which and what they are referring to we can't discuss here because they like they are not part of this report. The report has been summarized to talk about Kshs 16.6 million but, when we go ahead also, there's an annex 1(a) written KCP which also talks about Kshs 7.7 million they did not provide. So with those kinds of figures presented to us, Mr. Speaker, since there is the picture of Ahero Town Council, Nyando and Muhoroni Town Council, the Municipal Town Council of Kisumu, I am not seeing here, they have said that they need more time to make more follow up of others

which means others have not been paid. It should incumbent upon this House Committee to ensure that the record presented to us is of Kshs 16,665,776. But the picture given is that there was an effort to pay our people who had retired. It would have been good if this House Committee would have enumerated the names of those people so that we compare with the least from the department, but I hope they will take that one up next time. Let us put more effort and understand the record when it comes before us. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Hon. Dede then Hon. Matara.

Hon. Dede (MCA, Kisumu North): Thank you Mr. Speaker, for allowing me to add my sentiments to this matter. Foremost, allow me to congratulate this House Committee for having brought for us the progress report of the department. Why do I say it is a progress report? This is because this House Committee still requires more time to come with clarity under their recommendation one. So, if this House committee is accorded more time as requested, they are going to give us more clarity. Then, this implies that this is a progress report and it has enlighten to us about that pending payments to the retirees.

Indeed these retirees are our relatives, who are our brothers, and sisters who served this county at some times. Now that they have now left active employment, they need to be paid their dues as required by law. .

Mr. Speaker, my only worry, is that on the annex is placed or attached in the report. You will find that at some particular points like annex 1(a), there are others who were paid their net plus their arrears and there were no indication that PAYE were settled. I believe that at some point, once you are employed, there must be a remittance of PAYE and at some point you will find that other members just get their arrears plus their NET excluding the arrears and the PAYE was never remitted even though they had not indicated that there was deduction of PAYE. Mr. Speaker, if you are employed, you have to remit the PAYE. I believe that during the processing of these payments, there might bring some confusion later on you will come to realize that I was paid this and in my PAYE there were deductions and they were not indicated in that report.

Mr. Speaker, a lot of discrepancies emanate when in the payment vouchers, it is indicated that there were five local authorities which were to be paid. You find that there were some allocations for Nyando, Muhoroni, Ahero, and Municipal Council of Kisumu. In the list of County Council of Kisumu it will not be tallying you don't see where this figure Kshs 463 for the Municipal Council of Kisumu comes about. So, according to the annexes paid, you will find that in March the annex 2(b) there were no list of beneficiaries to support whether the Kshs 4.9 million that was paid to our people and as per the totals it indicates that the money which was being owed was Kshs 16,665,776 million yet as per the payment voucher it is seen that it translates to Kshs 15,064,044 million So it brings a deficit of Kshs 1,601,732 million for which there's no breakdown to show that Kshs 1,601,700 for which particular people were to be paid.

Mr. Speaker, finally, I continue to appreciate this House Committee for the work that they've done, even though if given more time as requested, they could shed more light over the payment, being that our people outside here are suffering.

Mr. Speaker, my last concern, I was a member of this House Committee when a petition was brought forward. Upon reviewing the list of those who have been paid, I noticed it includes some individuals from my Ward. For instance, Thomas Anete claimed he worked with the Municipal Council of Kisumu and had unpaid arrears. However, his name is not on the current list. I believe it would be beneficial to thoroughly investigate and categorize the claimants by their respective regions. This way, the document would be more user-friendly. For example, if claimants are from Ahero town, group them together under Ahero town. This reorganization would help us easily identify that the County Government owes Kshs. 1,589,602 to Ahero town residents. We could then clearly see how many people from the Kshs 1.5 million claim have been paid and how many have not. This clarity would aid in addressing any further claims. With this approach, Mr. Speaker, I support the Report. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Hon. Abeid.

Hon. Abeid (Nominated Member): Thank you Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate the two House Committees for their excellent work. Mr. Speaker, I also want to echo my colleagues' sentiments about the hardships faced by Retirees of the Former Defunct Local Authorities. Many individuals have suffered greatly, with some being evicted from their homes and others unable to pay school fees for their children, failing in their responsibilities due to these financial difficulties.

Mr. Speaker, while I do not wish to contribute extensively, I want to mention that several elderly individuals approached us with a petition they were drafting, hoping I would present it in the House. Now, with the committee addressing these issues, I am pleased to see their concerns being heard and their requests answered. I trust that they will be among those who benefit from this effort. With these remarks, I fully support the report. Thank you.

(Silence)

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Honourable Members, I want to assume that everybody is satisfied, because I am not seeing any Member calling the mover to reply. So Hon. Were, can you please reply.

Hon. Were (MCA, Nyalenda "B"): Thank you Mr. Speaker. My deepest gratitude goes to the Standing Committee of Labour and Social Services for their collective support in generating this motion. Mr. Speaker, they have truly demonstrated dedication and diligence in ensuring that we address the needs of our people, particularly the concerns of our retirees.

Mr. Speaker, I also want to thank this Honorable House for their diligent deliberations, both positive and negative, which have helped us develop the best possible report. To our Honorable Members, Hon. Oraro and Hon. Oiko, your concerns have been noted. I assure you that when we present our comprehensive report, we will list all the names of beneficiaries as requested and provide detailed information by each Former Defunct Local Authority to facilitate our work.

Mr. Speaker, I direct Hon. Oraro to Annex 1(a), which contains the list of beneficiaries. This should guide the Member as we await the comprehensive report. I also want to thank the entire Committee and the Implementation Secretariat for their meticulous approach in producing a report that offers a solution for our people. Our retirees have been suffering and seeking a lasting solution, and I believe this report will address their needs. With that, I beg to reply, Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Honourable Members, now that a Motion by Implementation Committee, on the adoption of a Report on the Status of Implementation of the House Resolutions on the Report of Labour and Social Welfares Services Committee on the Petition by Retirees of the Former Defunct Ahero and Nyando Local Authorities, on the Matter of Verification of Pending Claims of Retirees, Defunct Local Authorities have been moved, seconded, debated as per our standing orders. I want to put a question on the adoption of the same.

(Question put and agreed to)

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Honourable Members, this Motion has been adopted today Wednesday, 12th June, 2024 at 15:36 hours. And I want to direct that the recommendations of this Report be put to action.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Next order!

ADJOURNMENT

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Honourable Members, you can be upstanding. There being no any other business in the Order Paper, the House stands adjourned until tomorrow 13th June, 2024 at 2:30 p.m.

(House rose at 3:38 p.m.)

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