

BARINGO COUNTY ASSEMBLY

THE HANSARD

The House met on Wednesday 1st March 2023 at 2:36PM.

The Speaker (Hon. Kemboi) in Chair

PRAYERS

The Speaker (Hon. Kemboi): Sergeant at Arms we do not have quorum kindly ring the quorum bell.

(Quorum bell rung)

Sergeant at arms we still have no quorum, ring the bell for another five minutes

(Quorum bell rung)

What is it Hon. Kiprono?

Hon. Kiprono: Thank you Mr. Speaker I think from where I sit we have quorum and seeing the weight and the size of the order paper I think we should start the business of the day, thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Kemboi): Clerk now that we have quorum, we may start the order of the day

NOTICE OF MOTION

REPORT OF THE PIC/PAC COMMITTEE ON THE AUDITOR GENERAL'S REPORT ON FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF THE BARINGO COUNTY EXECUTIVE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2018

The Speaker (Hon. Kemboi): Chairperson PIC/PAC

Hon. Sialo: Thank you Mr. Speaker sir, I stand to give of motion that this house adopts the report of the Public Accounts and Investments Committee on the report of the Auditor General on the Financial Statements of the Baringo County for the year ended 30th June 2018. Mr. Speaker sir, I beg to give notice.

The Speaker (Hon. Kemboi): I direct that the substantive motion to be tabled before this house on 7th March 2023 at 9:30 a.m. Chairperson ensure that the report is shared among all members before then, Clerk!

STATEMENTS

STATUS OF LORUK ABATTOIR

The Speaker (Hon. Kemboi): Hon. Members there was a statement that was sought by Hon. Maria Losile MCA Loyamorok from the Chairperson Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries committee. I do not see the Chair, vice Chair or any member for agriculture committee? Hon. Everline Korir you confirm if you have any response...

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Hon. Everline Korir: Thank you Mr. Speaker I respond on behalf of Chair. This is response concerning Loruk abattoir sought by Hon. Maria Losile MCA Loyamorok ward. Please find the attached response of ministerial statement No 010/2022 dated 13th February 2023 on questions asked by Hon. Maria Losile MCA Loyamorok ward.

i. What is the current status of this capital project?

Loruk slaughter house is situated on the Eastern side of Loruk center which is approximately 40 kilometers from Marigat town on Marigat-Chemolingot road next to Loruk airstrip on the Loruk-Churo road.

The objective of the project is to add value to livestock through provision of slaughter services to mainly farmers and traders from Tiaty, Baringo North and Baringo South and thus improving the livelihoods through enhanced income generation.

The facility is passed project and therefore was funded in three successful years consequently, the works were awarded to three different contracts for main slaughter hall and railings, waste water disposal lagoons and fencing. The first two contracts are complete while fencing at completion stage.

Overall the slaughter house project is 90% complete. However, the facility needs a bit of rehabilitation owing vandalism as well as harsh climatic conditions. For example the hay shed floor has been partly eroded due to animals sheltering during hot weather. The lagoons have also been partly eroded due to animals taking water from the same. Once fencing is completed, then the structure in place shall be safeguarded from vandalism and destruction from both humans and animals. From Loruk slaughter house to be fully operational, the following needs to be provided; management structure, water connection, electricity connection and equipping.

ii. What time was the contract awarded and what was the envisioned completion date for this project as stated in the contract document?

The project was implemented under three contracts as different times depending on the availability of funds. The contracts slaughter hall and railings were awarded in 2013/2014 financial years and were completed as per the contract time frame while the waste water disposal lagoons contract was awarded in 2016/2017 financial year and was completed on time.

The contract for perimeter fencing was awarded in the 2022/2023 financial year and is ongoing to be completed 28th February 2023.

iii. Which company was awarded the contract and what was the contract sum?

The contract for the works was awarded to three different contracts as follows;

Main works- awarded to Skatkat Limited with a contract sum amounting to Kshs. 18,000,000

Lagoons- awarded to Koitebes Engineering Ltd and the contract sum amounted to Kshs. 2,980,000

Fencing- awarded to Rotalink Engineering Ltd and contact sum is Kshs. 2,992,500

iv. What plans does the County Government have to fast track the completion and operationalization of the said abattoir?

In order to operationalize the slaughter house, the department has appointed a multi sectoral team of technical officers to look into operationalization of Loruk and other slaughter houses in the County. The following officers were appointed by the CECM Agriculture through their respective departments to ensure then delivery of the above said task;

1. Nixon Kandawala- Procurement
2. Dr. Esmond Kiptum-Veterinary
3. Jebiwott Sarguta- Finance
4. Moses Mulamba-Public Health
5. Eng. Kangogo Kipkemoi- Water
6. David Maina-Cooperatives
7. Alice Kipkulei- Industrialization
8. David Chepchieng- Ward Administration
9. Hillary Siror- Revenue
10. Elijah Argut- Ward Administration.

The team has already visited the facility and has developed an implementation plan to have it operational soon as possible.

Regarding water connection, the department has engaged geothermal development corporation which was agreed to have the water connected to the facility and the neighborhood as part of their CSR. The County Government will provide a water purification system to make the water fit for use in the facility.

Already the water department has generated the bill of quantities (BQs) for the purification system and currently the process of awarding the contract for supply of the equipment is being done by the supply chain management department.

On electricity connection, the department is in the process of providing a budget for electricity connection during 2023/2024 financial year. However, day timer slaughter could be done in the meantime and once the power is connected night slaughter s well as use of cold rooms will because practically possible.

For facility to be fully operational, it needs to be equipped with equipment that include insect captors, washing basins, cattle cradle, weighing scales, stainless hooks, protective clothing set, high pressure washing machine, plastic crates, hoist and dehider. Since the facility will be leased out, the investor will provide the equipment that will enable him to operate.

In regard to operationalization, the technical team is finalizing the terms of reference in a a view of issuing an expression of interest for potential investors to apply and is expected that the most suitable investor will be found.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker (Hon. Kemboi): I do not see Hon. Maria Losile but I direct the Clerk to forward a copy to her once she is found. Are there members who want to respond on the same?

(Long silence)

It seems all members are satisfied with the response given by the department, we put to rest and the committees are discharged from that responsibility.

Order Members!

ADJOURNMENT

We have come to the end of our session, this house stands adjourned until Tuesday 7th March at 9:30 a.m.

The House rose at 3:02 p.m.