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The Mayor of the Alfred Nzo District Municipality, Vukile Mhlembana handed over 30 new vehicles to the mayors of Ntabankulu, Winnie Madikizela Mandela, Umzimvubu and Matatiele Local Municipalities on Thursday, 11 April 2024 in EMaXesibeni.

The event was graced by the presence of MEC for Public Works, Ntombovuyo Nkopane, the Head of Alfred Nzo house of Traditional leaders, Nkosi Nzululwazi Jongilanga Sigcau, President of Alfred Nzo Business Council, Mr Ayanda Notshweleka and Ratepayers of the Local Municipalities that form Alfred Nzo District, Dr Ngalo Foundation.

In her speech MEC Nkompane encouraged the Alfred Nzo District to continue providing services to people. She said that she visited the Chief of the Xesibes Nkosi Jojo where the Department of Public Works donated R30 000 for minor renovations at the Elubaleko Great Place and 10 food parcels for the chief to give to his people and 10 dignity packs. She also said her department has donated an Engineering and Design Workshop to Mount Ayliff Technical School and is giving bursaries to learners in Alfred Nzo to become specialists in the construction environment.

In his speech the Mayor of Alfred Nzo District thanked the organizers of the event for using local talent as programme directors and entertainment. He said he was against the hiring of MCs and entertainers from Gauteng and Kwa Zulu Natal while we have local talent.

The crowds were entertained by Dumi Mkokstad, Bizana City Boys, Uhadi lomXesibe, New Idea's Jazz Band. The Mayor said the top performing local Municipalities in the Eastern Cape are in Alfred Nzo including Winnie Madikizela Mandela Municipality (Mbizana) which is the second top performing municipality in handling municipal finances.

The Mayor said that the days of municipalities being regarded as places where people steal money, is a thing of the past. He said they were answering for things that were done by past councils.

"People cry that they do not get tenders, but they do not meet the grading criteria. People who cry are those who got tenders before and not getting them now," he said.

The Mayor warned officials not to be lazy and to start work at 09h00 and treat customers in a friendly manner.

He further reported that R20 billion is needed to solve the water problems in Alfred Nzo and that the Minister of Water and Sanitation has allocated R1, 6 billion to finish the Mbizana Dam. He further indicated that R40 million has been allocated to do a feasibility study for the construction of a dam in Ntabankulu. He further informed the crowd that new vehicles were being

procured for disaster management.

Nkosi Nzululwazi Sigcau, in his vote of thanks praised the councillors for supporting the Mayor in his endeavours to improve the lives of people of Alfred Nzo. He also thanked the people of Alfred Nzo for witnessing such a great achievement. The vehicles have been bought using savings from budget cuts in catering, transport allowances and many other non-core services.



