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HANSARD OFFICIAL REPORT

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The House met at 2:30 p.m.

(Temporary Speaker [Hon. Humphrey Sifuna] in the Chair)

PRAYER

MOTIONS

REPORT BY SECTORAL COMMITTEE ON LANDS, URBAN, PHYSICAL PLANNING, TRADE, ENERGY AND INDUSTRIALISATION ON THE BUNGOMA COUNTY FOURTH QUATER FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Hon. Sospeter Nyongesa: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am on my feet to move the motion on Bungoma County Government Quarterly report and Financial Statements for the period ended 30th June, 2021 in respect to the department of Lands, Urban and Physical Planning Trade, Energy and Industrialisation.

Temporary Speaker: Hon. Mwambu, you are not on HANSARD! Where is your card?

(Applause)

Hon. Bethwell Mwambu: Honourable Speaker, congratulations. Even if it is one day, it is causing a difference. You called for the Chair of this committee, whoever came to stand in to read the report did not clarify that he is not a chair but he is standing in. I do not know because we know where the Chair is.

Temporary Speaker: Point noted Hon. Mwambu! Hon. Sospeter, may you please come and clarify!

Hon. Sospeter Nyongesa: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thought he was bringing some sticks here...

(Laughter)

Luckily, he has not brought some sticks. Anyway, I am standing in for the Chair briefly. I ask my colleague Honourable member just to bear with me because I am a member of this committee and I am equal to the task. I am holding brief for the Chair.

If you may allow I may continue...

Hon. Everton Nganga: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Hon. Sospeter from the time we resumed that is on 11th January, he has been reading reports here. Is he the only member or how many committees does he have?

Temporary Speaker: Hon. Nganga you are out of order! He is a member of the Lands committee. Take your seat Hon. Nganga!

(Applause)

Hon. Everton Nganga: Another Concern...

Temporary Speaker: Hon. Nganga, you are out of order. Can you sit? Take your Chair!

(Applause)

Hon. Sospeter Nyongesa: Mr. Speaker, thank you very much for that kind of guidance. I think it is now time for the committee in which Hon. Nganga serves that at one time you accord him a chance to move the motion.

Temporary Speaker: Hon. Sospeter, concentrate on the report please!

Hon. Sospeter Nyongesa: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I had said I am on my feet to move a motion on a report on Bungoma County Government quarterly report and Financial statement for the period ended 30th June, 2021 in respect to the department of Lands, Urban, Physical Planning, Trade, Energy and Industrialisation.

PREFACE

It is my pleasure and pleasant duty to present the Bungoma County Government quarterly report and Financial statement for the period ended 30th June 2021 in respect to the department of Lands, Urban, Physical planning, Trade ,Energy and Industrialisation.

The document was tabled in the Assembly of Bungoma and stood committed to each of the sectoral committee for interrogation, input and recommendations through reports to this Honourable House.

What follows is the mandate of the committee which is very obvious. I plead with members to go through the mandate.

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

The Committee on Lands, Urban and Physical Planning as currently constituted comprises of the following Members:-

- 1) Hon. Humphrey Sifuna Chairperson
- 2) Hon. Metrine Nangalama Vice Chairperson
- 3) Hon. Henry Majimbo Member

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| 4) | Hon. Ben Kipkut | Member |
| 5) | Hon. Joseph Magudah | Member |
| 6) | Hon. Bethwell Mwambu | Member |
| 7) | Hon. Sudi Busolo | Member |
| 8) | Hon. Sospeter Nyongesa | Member |
| 9) | Hon. George Makari | Member |
| 10) | Hon. Daniel Sitati Makhandia | Member, I think this is an oversight but he was a member of this committee. |
| 11) | Hon. Vitalis Sifuna | Member |
| 12) | Hon. Charles Nangulu | Member |
| 13) | Hon. Joan Lutukai | Member |
| 14) | Hon. Peter Sindani | Member |
| 15) | Hon. Eunice Kirui | Member |

What follows are the guidelines which I beg to skip because are obvious for all the committees.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Mr. Speaker Sir, I take this opportunity to thank all the members of the committee for dedicating their time to examine the Bungoma County Government Quarterly report and financial statements of the Departments of Lands, Urban and Physical Planning and Trade, Energy and Industrialization.

The committee is grateful to the Honorable Speaker and the Office of the Clerk of the County Assembly of Bungoma for according it the requisite facilitation in coming up with this report.

Lastly, the committee would also like to register appreciation to the members of staff who worked with us for their untiring commitment.

It is therefore my pleasant duty and privilege, on behalf of the Honorable Members of the Lands, Urban and Physical Planning & Trade, Energy and Industrialization Committee to table this report and recommend it to the Assembly for consideration and adoption.

For those who doubted you can see the report is duly signed by the able Chair Hon. Humphrey Sifuna, MCA for Bumula Ward

INTRODUCTION

a) The total budget for the County in the financial year is Kshs. 14,888,412. This amount was as a result of the approved first supplementary budget in the financial year.

Temporary Speaker: Honourable Sospeter read this figure correctly.43 million and what?

Hon. Sospeter Nyongesa: Mr. Speaker, this is just general information which I had given but now we come strictly to our part that is...Members let us move together to page 10

DEPARTMENTAL ANALYSIS: LANDS, URBAN AND PHYSICAL PLANNING

The department of Lands and Physical planning had an approved 1st Supplementary budget of Kshs. 60,935,859 on recurrent and Kshs. 67,940,423 on development. The cumulative annual expenditures stood at Kshs. 49,484,346 leaving Kshs.10, 836,883 unspent on recurrent and Kshs. 64,822,423 and a balance of Kshs. 3,118,000 on development.

The fourth quarter had Kshs. 67,873,922 reported expenditures

	Projected cash flow	Actual Release	Variance
Recurrent	15,233,964	12,051,499	3,182,465
Development	16,985,105	55,822,423	-38,837,317

The monthly exchequer releases were:

April Kshs. 5,230,506

May Kshs. 2,244,900

June Kshs. 4,576,093

12,051,499

The recurrent releases are for the programmes below:

- General administration, planning and support services Kshs 12,051,499
- County Physical planning infrastructure Kshs. 7,940,000
- Land Resource management and survey Kshs. 47,882,423

PERSONNEL EMOLUMENTS

The department reported Kshs.2, 166,106 as personnel expenditure in the quarter under review expended in the month of April. There is no reported expenditures in the month of May and June. The payroll submitted however shows pay out of Kshs 2,090,160 Kshs 2,092,880 in the months of May and June respectively. The source of funds should be clarified. In the period under review a comparison of the expenditures in Q1 to Q3 is as below:

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
	6,301,470	6,240,735	6,114,170	2,116,106

The payroll was submitted to back the expenditures showing the names, job grade and gross pay.

Budget Implementation reports. (Programmes implemented in the period under review as per the approved PBB and activity costing.

The report gives the expenditures of the programmes implemented below with the activities carried to determine whether funds were spent on approved activities/ work-plans or there was deviation.

Use of goods & Services Kshs.9, 935,393 constitutes the expenditures below:

- Utilities, supplies and services Kshs.94,966
- Domestic, Travels and Subsistence Kshs. 273,450
- Printing, advertising and information supplies Kshs. 183,280
- Training expenses Kshs. 356,460 funded KISM training fees for SCMO and ksg Nairobi tuition fees for SMC & supervisory course
- Hospitality Supplies and Services Kshs. 1,771,550
- Office ad general supplies and services Kshs. 262,400
- Fuel and Lubricants Kshs.1,000,000
- Membership fees to AAK/ICPAK Kshs. 32,500
- Maintenance of motor vehicle 39CG022A & KCG573W and purchase Kshs. 286,327
- ICT maintenance purchase of anti-virus Kshs. 10,000
- Public participation of lands urban policy Kshs. 995,500
- Survey woks of public lands Kshs. 2,796,200

- Valuation of land parcels Kshs. 1,181,050
- Facilitation to Kisumu for finalization of county urban development policy Kshs. 630,500

Development expenditures had an approved budget of Kshs 13,752,999.89 to undertake the following programmes:

- Purchase of land for Namache dispensary Kshs. 875,000
- Purchase of Land for Namunji ECDE Kshs. 660,000
- Purchase of Land for Kimwanga stalls Kshs. 1,500,000
- Purchase of land for sibembe ECDE Kshs. 700,000
- Purchase of land for Nakhwana dispensary Kshs. 1,000,000
- Purchase of land for Nabende ECDE Kshs. 2,900,000

Pending Bills

The department had allocation of Kshs. 54.1 million on development for pending bills which was expended as follows.

- Consultancy services for storm water drainage in Bungoma town Kshs. 7,940,000.
- Payment for storm water drainage in Bungoma town Kshs. 7,247,423
- Purchase of land for Chepkube traders Kshs. 33,000,000
- Ward based projects Kshs.6, 000,000 .The department still has Kshs. 41,751,525.12 as pending bills relating to ward based projects from FY 2017/18 to FY 2019/20.

Accounts Receivable

The department had imprest totalling to Kshs. 7,356,400. The status of the imprest has been shared as attached. Evidence of surrenders was however not submitted.

COMMITTEE OBSERVATIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

OBSERVATIONS

1. The department of Lands and Physical Planning had an approved 1st supplementary budget of Kshs. 60,935,859 on recurrent and Kshs. 67,940,423 on development.
2. The cumulative annual expenditures stood at Kshs. 49,484,346 leaving Kshs.10, 836,883 unspent on recurrent and Kshs. 64,822,423 and a balance of Kshs. 3,118,000 on development.
3. The department submitted a payroll to back the personnel expenditures showing the names, job grade and gross pay for officers inclusive of the Municipalities.

4. The department submitted reports giving the expenditures of the programmes implemented with the activities carried to determine whether funds were spent on approved activities/ work-plans or there was deviation.
5. The department had allocation of Kshs. 54.1 million on development for pending bills which was expended on Consultancy services for storm water drainage in Bungoma town Kshs. 7,940,000; Payment for storm water drainage in Bungoma town Kshs. 7,247,423; Purchase of land for Chepkube traders Kshs. 33,000,000 and Ward based projects amounting to Kshs.6, 000,000
6. The department has Kshs. 41,751,525.12 as pending bills relating to ward based projects from FY 2017/18 to FY 2019/20. The department had imprest totalling to Kshs. 7,356,400 whose evidence for surrender was not availed

Recommendations

1. The department should ensure proper preparation of work plans and execution of the programs to achieve 100% absorption rate.
2. The department should liaise with the office of the County Secretary to ensure that the payroll for officers working under Municipalities of Bungoma and Kimilili are separated from Lands, Urban and Physical Planning department.
3. The department should adhere to implementation of its work plans to 100% to avoid balances come closure of financial year.
4. The department should fast track payments of pending bills which have over stayed dating back from FY 2017/2018 to 2020/2021.
7. The Chief Officer should adhere to the provisions of PFM Act on the management of imprests and ensure that all outstanding imprests are cleared and the certificates of clearance be submitted to this committee within a period of 30days from the date of approval of this report

DEPARTMENT OF TRADE, ENERGY AND INDUSTRIALIZATION

DEPARTMENTAL EXPENDITURE ANALYSIS- TRADE, ENERGY AND INDUSTRIALIZATION

EXPENDITURE ANALYSIS

In the current financial year 2020/21, the department has an approved annual budget of Kshs. 125,376,860 comprising of Kshs. 56,876,228 recurrent and Kshs. 68,500,632 for Development expenditure programmes.

The department of Trade, Energy and Industrialization received a total of Kshs. 80,760,240 as exchequer in the fourth quarter. This amount was in respect of Kshs. 27,132,972 recurrent and Kshs. 53,627,268 development releases.

It further spent a total of Kshs. 22,965,189 in the entire financial year for payment of salaries to its permanent and pensionable employees as per its submitted report. This information relates to an annual financial report and not a quarterly financial report. However, the department of Finance and Economic planning in its consolidated report, indicates that Trade department actually spent only Kshs. 6,970,097 towards salaries in the period under review.

The departments did not indicate specific programmes and activities that it implemented in the period under review.

The ward based projects implemented by the department were not specific under the Project Implementation status report. The department spent a total of Kshs. 11,035,660 only on payment of Ward based projects out of a total allocation of Kshs. 25,317,280. The actual payment translates to 43.6% absorption rate.

No payments were done on ward based projects in the following wards; Elgon, Kamukuywa, Kaptama, Khasoko, Mbakalo, Mihuu, Namwela, Tongaren and West Nalondo. This was even after initiating the works on the said projects which indicates work-in-progress.

As indicated in the submitted report, implementation status was; complete, on-going or not started.

The department had Pending staff receivables (outstanding imprests) amounting to Kshs. 7,830,860. The County Treasury submitted an additional imprest report indicating that the Trade department had not surrendered imprests amounting to Kshs. 5,471,160. There is need for reconciliation on the same by Trade department.

However, the total County outstanding imprests across all the departments in the period under review were Kshs. 277,080,762 as compared to Kshs. 291,345,915 reported at the end of the third quarter.

Pending bills (Pending accounts payables)

The department has reported the following pending bills

1. Construction of civil works- Kshs. 1,737,686
- Total - Kshs. 1,737,686**

The total pending bills across all departments in the County as at the reporting date was Kshs. 110,782,731.

Budget execution by programmes and sub-programmes as indicated in the submitted document does not give clear information as to which programmes were implemented by various specific departments. However, the programmes that seem to relate to Trade department are;

- Trade and Enterprise development
- Market Infrastructure development
- Energy development and management

The department submitted a detailed expenditure report on request by the County Assembly. The report indicates the specific activities the funds were spend on in the course of implementing its approved budget.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

1. The County treasury should consider increasing the ceiling of the department in the subsequent County fiscal Strategy Paper to enable the department effectively undertakes its mandate in the following directorates.
 - Trade and Enterprise development
 - Market infrastructure Development
 - Energy development and Management
2. The department should submit to the Committee of Lands Urban Physical Planning, Energy, Trade and Industrialization a full report on expenditure of 22,965,189 for payment of salaries and to its permanent and pensionable employees.
3. The department should Submit to the Committee within 30 days an annual Implementation status report of Ward projects worthy 25,317,282 to enable the Committee scrutinize, fact find and make a report with recommendations for tabling in this House.
4. The department of Trade, Energy and Industrialization should make approval of all projects undertaken by the department under Ward based programme from financial year 2017/2018 to 2020/2021 and submit the same to the Committee within 30 days from the date of adoption of this report.

I table this report and its recommendations for deliberations and absorption by this Honourable House. The report is duly signed by the able Chair, Hon. Humphrey Sifuna.

What follows is annexures and you can see them on the back page and the signed adopting schedule. I call upon the able Member of this committee Hon. Majimbo to come and second the report for adoption by this House

Hon. Henry Majimbo: Thank you. I rise to second the Motions as moved by Hon. Sospeter Nyongesa, Member for West Bukusu and a member for the Committee on Lands, Energy, Trade and Industrialization. As I second this Motion, I want to express my disappointments on the execution or implementation of the resolutions by the Committee on lands on various issues that are normally captured in various reports tabled in this Honourable House.

It beats logic for an arm of the Government that is mandated by the Constitution to implement resolutions asked by this Honourable House to sit on resolutions. In the recommendation, the Committee has recommended that the departments should submit detailed list of all ward based projects to this House within 30 days.

My worry is that the County is in an electioneering mood and I highly doubt whether the Executive will implement these resolutions.

Today I was passing by the offices of the Executive, and I was shocked that even the Governor has moved his office from the official gazzeted office to some hospitality facility in the County, where he is conducting the Business of this County. If you move round in offices, you will find that there are just skeleton staffs because the senior officials are not there. I'm wondering where we are going to.

As we enter into the last stretch of this session, I want to call upon the executive that this is the Government and it is not a personal enterprise. The Government is governed by administrative and legal structures so they should come out of their bedrooms to work for the people of Bungoma County.

On the issue of imprest, we have addressed this issue of surrendering imprests. We don't know why the Executive has always contravened the provisions of the Public Finance Management Act. All the reports that we approve on this Honorable floor, will always underscore the importance of complying with provisions of Public Fiancé Management Act but how many times have they complied?

As I finalize my submission, there is this white elephant in this Government. This is land report known as the Sifuna Land Report. The executive has failed in totality.

Temporary Speaker: Hon. Majimbo, try to distinguish the Sifuna you are talking about.

Hon. Henry Majimbo: It is not Hon. Humphrey Sifuna who is now presiding speaker, but Hon. Lawrence Sifuna has Land report which captured all the Bungoma County Government Public Land. Up to now the Executive has failed to submit that report to this Honourable House to dissect and come up with recommendations.

We don't know what is in that report that has prompted the County Executive not to submit that report and as a member of Lands Committee, I'm alive to the fact that the Public Resources that were expended on that task is not less than 20 Million. That money is sufficient to be disbursed to Khalaba Ward or any other ward within Bungoma County to improve on service deliveries in various sectors. Look at the Executive. They spent money but they cannot generate or submit a very important report. When I was tabling a report here for my Committee on Public Administration and you were in this House, you recall one of the recommendations was that the CECM for Lands is directed to submit that report within the shortest time possible and it was 30 days.

We are beyond the 30 days and no one is talking about that report. We have a problem or a challenge on identifying Public Land to construct Ward offices. Nine years down the lane, this County Government has only managed to construct 15 Ward offices out of the 45 just because there is lack of Land.

Another white elephant in this ministry is the administration of lands for Public Facilities. You recall Members of the County Assembly representing Various Wards have been requesting purchase of Land but along the way, there is no land that is being purchased despite the fact that we have even appropriated money towards the same course. So there is some disconnect which I think as a House we really need to address. I second the Motion.

(Applause)

Temporary Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Majimbo. I now propose the question that this House adopts the report by the Committee on Lands, Urban and Physical, Planning, Trade, Energy and Industrialization on the Bungoma County Fourth Quarter financial Statements in respect to the department. I propose.

(Question proposed)

Hon. Stephen Wamalwa: Thank you Mr. Speaker for being effective and I can read a lot of authority in conducting and carrying out of the session which really impresses. So congratulations for doing very well. I want to support this report and also maybe emphasize what they have said here but regrettably, said that the County Government has failed us terribly.

Unfortunately, it is like we don't have a liaison officer who takes these reports, and what transpires in this House to the Executive so that they can try to understand what is the House saying and what is this House trying to bring out because I must say here that the Government of Bungoma is not performing.

It is dead asleep and so what we say here in most cases, we talk, we legislate; pass resolutions that are not even heard because the Government is deeply asleep. The issue of Land is very emotive. Taxing and sometimes people have lost lives because of land. So land is not just anything that we can take for granted, neither can we wish away issues that touch on Land.

Devolution came and some of these functions that were devolved are the functions that our Government should be putting into emphasis to ensure that they live within the parameters that devolution came for and land is part of this.

When you look at this report, you will realize that there are pending Bills meant for purchase of Land to put up structures, facilities to enable the ordinary person in this County get the services of the County. A case in point is where I represent Soysambu Mitua Ward.

When you talk of these pending Bills, the Ward like Soysambu Mitua has land that was procured in 2017/2018 Financial year and up to this moment as I'm speaking on this floor, the second Government of Bungoma has not paid even a cent when the owners of the Land mentioned dispose of the land, gave it to the Government with hopes of ensuring that their children go to school and such, but the issue is that even those people who come for valuation of land to be procured by this Government are not paid.

Someone travels from, Nairobi, Nakuru, comes to Bungoma to evaluate, to assess land and the little fee that this person should be paid so that they can unlock the payment in support of our people because even those people who sell land to the Government of Bungoma are residents of this County. They are taxpayers of this County, but our Government feels that they should suffer.

I think what is happening in Bungoma is that the Government believes in this that for you to rule well, you have to make people very poor so that they become dependent on your hand-outs. The Bungoma Government in place wants people to be poor so that they can depend on the hand-outs that they know how to give because they are professionals in giving handouts.

We have heard of *Limotole Mashinani*. So they would like to go to *Mashinani* and give *limotole*, whatever it is in quotes. That is why we can get here as we speak, we can see that the Government is intentionally failing to pay as I said in Soysambu/ Mitua the owners of the land said, failing to pay land assessors and valuers saying that they can derail even that and fortunately. I was conversing and I realized that when such money appropriated is not spent within three years, it is lost.

Whom are we going to blame when the County Government led by his Excellency, the Governor are watching as Bungoma loses its money? It is affecting the ceiling of this County. I want to support this report and how I wish that some recommendations would have been that they respond and act on this not even within 30days because we have not time at all.

I wish that the period was shortened such that these CECM that are still in the office and you know, unfortunately again most of the Chief officers and directs are busy , for they are hunting for votes because everybody wants to be elected in this Government.

From the directors, Chief Officers and CECMs and the Governor want to be elected so I don't know within 5 days who is going to act on this because we may have nobody in those offices. I support.

Hon. Chrispinus Wamusai: Thank you. I'm on my feet in support of the report and first of all, allow me laud the Committee and your able leadership for the job well done. I'm a Member of this Committee and allow me also laud the mover of the Motion for eloquently and with accuracy and precision moving the report for our action.

I'm on my feet as I had indicated in support of the Motion and as I support the Motion, there are critical issues that must be addressed. Largely concerning this report and some of them cut across all the departments not just the lands department alone. There is no need for interrogating this report. It came up to our notice that there is no clear cut policy, no clear cut way for procuring land. It is interesting to note that from 2017/18 budget to date, we have cumulatively had pending Bills specifically and largely on action of Land. The reason is because there are no guidelines on how to procure land or what comes first, what comes last or how best moneys will be allocated or approved for action of land how do we go about.

That is one of the biggest undoing in this department. How I wish there could be a clear cut manner in which the issue of land acquisition can be procured or managed.

There is another issue, a monster called ceilings across the departments and the department of Lands is not left out on this. That the departments even if we have other dynamics including promotions, development and even annual increments on arrears, interestingly in Bungoma, departmental ceilings are static and at a times they are reduced and wonder how you can budget with static ceilings when projections indicate that there should be annual increments with promotions and even new employments and developments.

On the same development, you will realize that in most cases across departments, pending Bills have not been factored because the reason being given is that the ceiling cannot accommodate the moneys appropriated and the pending Bills.

If pending Bills have not been captured, how then will they be paid? Whether in another financial year or in whatever programmes that may be, the issue of pending Bills, we are now talking about close to two Billion in this Government and they are not captured deliberately because we are told ceilings of departments cannot allow.

Another elephant in the room is the question of imprests. This is cancerous. For the last 4 and half years, we have made recommendations and this House has been pronouncing severally on this issue. We need to address this issue so that Bungoma can move forward. Finally, this is dependent only on the good will of the people at the helm of this leadership.

I want to believe that this House has been a talking stock for the last four and a half years and I believe that the next Government will have the good will to implement the resolutions of this House.

Hon. Everton Nganga: Thank you for giving me a chance. First, I would like to thank the mover of the Motion who is Hon. Sospeter. Hon. Sospeter, I didn't mean to hurt you. Let your people of West Bukusu know that you were present all the time in the County

Assembly. When you look around, you can see by yourself those Honourable Members who are around. Thank you Hon. Sospeter. I'm looking at the trend of the department of lands.

Looking at recommendation number four of the lands department, it is I saying that we have pending Bills from 2016/2017, 2018/2019, 2019/2020 and so on. This is the worst trend. A pending Bill means the money was allocated then thereafter, it was committed. If it was committed, and expended on a given project then it means that project has to be executed. For example in my Ward, I was allocated money to purchase Land for construction of a youth polytechnic in 2019. Up to now, the owner of that land has not been paid. He had an intention to plant eucalyptus trees in that land. The value of that land could have increased but up to now, nothing has been done and that land has been lying fallow.

I would like to know if the land that I had purposed to purchase in my ward is on the list of the land that was supposed to be paid from the pending bills. Let me know that. Seemingly, this department is sleeping on the job. I remember very well when I was campaigning in my Ward. I only have one youth polytechnic in my ward and I promised that when I'm given a chance to lead them, I would set aside money to purchase land so that we could construct another Youth Polytechnic.

This issue may cause my opponent to challenge me that I didn't fulfil some of the promises. It is very bad and I therefore support this report with its recommendations and would like the executive to fully implement the report.

Temporary Speaker: There being no other contributor, I would like to call upon the mover of the Motion to reply.

Hon. Sospeter Nyongesa: Thank you. I really appreciate the Members who have stayed behind to listen to this report to the last page. I also appreciate those Members who have given their views and as you can see, we have a problem with this Government of ours and something should be done for Members allocating money to their projects year in year out and nothing goes on.

The simple excuse they give is that maybe there is delay in valuing the land and occasionally you find the County Government employing unnecessary staff and leaving out key persons that are required for this County to run like County property valuer.

I wish we had one who would be going round valuing these lands for the County Government to buy. This has delayed and you will find that even the private valuers have not been paid and they have always been reluctant to carry out the evaluations and even those ones that have done the valuation, they still retain the reports because of non-payment of their services.

I'm happy that Members who have contributed on this report are of the view that this report is recommended as it is and I think we are supposed to follow up immediately after adoption. We want to follow up and see whether the recommendations have been followed to the later. Otherwise I want to thank everyone who has stayed behind.

Temporary Speaker: Thank you Hon. Sospeter. Honourable Members, a Motion having been moved and seconded and ably debated, I will now put a question that this House adopts the report by the Committee on Lands, Physical Planning, Trade, Industrialization Bungoma County fourth Quarter financial statements in respect to the departments of Lands, Urban and Physical Planning, Trade, Energy and Industrialization.

(Question put and agreed to)

(Applause)

Table Clerks to transmit the report to the Executive for implementation. There being no other business on the Order Paper, the House stands adjourned till Tuesday 2:30 p.m.

(House adjourns)