

COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF BUNGOMA

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THE DAILY HANSARD

THURSDAY, 6TH MARCH, 2025

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The House met at the County Assembly Chamber at 2:30 p.m.

(Mr. Deputy Speaker [Hon. Stephen Wamalwa] in the Chair)

PRAYER

Hon. Henry what is the point of information?

Hon. Hentry Nyongesa: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I do sit in this House as a chair for the members' facilities and looking around in the House, it is like some of the gadgets are not working or some of them were removed especially the screens. This is hindering members from enjoying their facial expression as per the screens. So I don't know whether those facilities were stolen or they are being handled administratively, so that Hon. Makhanu here does not struggle to see a member contributing on the floor, because he faces the gadget that has been removed. So Mr. Speaker, it is my concern as a chair of the members' facilities, kindly guide.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Hentry. You have actually acted as one practically and I appreciate that concern. As a chair of welfare of members in the Assembly, the screen on my right-hand side is being corrected. It had malfunctioned and as soon as possible it will be fixed. So your concern is valid but it's being worked on Hon. Henry. Chair Labour and members' facility.. We proceed.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Thank you so much, Hon. Members. I do have a communication to make and it pertain the rearrangement of the Order Paper of the day. When we reach order number eight, we shall reorganise. We shall start with Order 9, then 10 and lastly we shall have 8. Thank you so much. We proceed.

PAPERS

REPORT BY THE AUDITOR GENERAL ON BUNGOMA COUNTY ASSEMBLY EMPLOYEE CAR LOAN AND MORTGAGE SCHEME FUND FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2024

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Deputy Majority Leader, Hon. Joan Kirong, proceed.

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Hon. Joan Kirong: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise to table a report of the Auditor General on Bungoma County Assembly Employee Car Loan and Mortgage Scheme Fund for the year ended 30th June, 2024.

**REPORT BY THE AUDITOR GENERAL ON BUNGOMA COUNTY ASSEMBLY
MEMBER'S CAR LOAN AND MORTGAGE SCHEME FUND FOR THE YEAR
ENDED 30TH JUNE, 2024**

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Joan Kirong

Hon. Joan Kirong: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise again to table a report of the Auditor General on Bungoma County Assembly Employee Car... No. Let me repeat. Mr. Speaker, I rise to table a report of the Auditor General on Bungoma County Assembly Member's Car Loan and Mortgage Scheme Fund for the year ended 30th June, 2024.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Joan Kirong, Member for Kapkateny and Deputy Leader of the Majority. Honourable Members the two reports having been tabled becomes property of the House and I commit to the Committee on Public Accounts and Investment Committee, PAC for processing and reporting back to this House accordingly. Thank you. Proceed.

Next,

MOTION

**REPORT BY THE SECTORAL COMMITTEE ON LABOUR RELATIONS,
MEMBER SERVICES AND FACILITIES ON THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL
STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30TH JUNE, 2024 WITH RESPECT TO
THE COUNTY PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD AND THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY
SERVICE BOARD**

Mr. Speaker: The Hon. Henry Nyongesa, Chair of that very important committee. Proceed.

Hon. Henry Nyongesa: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise to move a motion on the report on the consolidated financial statements for the period ended 30th June, 2024 with respect to the County Public Service Board and the County Assembly Service Board.

Mr. Speaker, under Chapter 1, we have preambles, which if you allow me, I can skip it.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: You can skip.

Hon. Henry Nyongesa: The next page, Mr. Speaker, is the membership of the committee where the following are the members of the Committee on Labour Relations, Member Services and Facilities.

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| 1. Hon. Hentry Nyongesa | Chairperson |
| 2. Hon. Orize Kundu | Member |
| 3. Hon. Anthony Lusenaka | Member |
| 4. Hon. Joan Kirong | Member |
| 5. Hon. Milliah Masungo | Member |
| 6. Hon. Everton Nganga | Member |
| 7. Hon. Charles Nangulu | Member |
| 8. Hon. Busolo Sudi | Member |
| 9. Hon. Idd Owongo | Member |
| 10. Hon. Polycarp Kimeta | Member |
| 11. Hon. Jeremiah Kuloba | Member |
| 12. Hon. Abraham Obama | Member |
| 13. Hon. Martin Chemorion | Member |
| 14. Hon. Brigid Katasi | Member |
| 15. Hon. Caleb Wanjala | Member |

Guiding principles in the Examination of the Bungoma County Government Quarterly Reports and Financial statements

In the execution of its mandate, the Committee on Committee on Labour Relations, Members Service and Facilities is given a legal backing under the Constitution of Kenya 2010, Public Finance Management Act, 2012, County Governments Act, 2012. These statutory provisions include:

1. Constitutional Principles on Public Finance

Article 201 of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010 enacts fundamental principles that “...*shall guide all aspects of public finance in the Republic...*” These principles include, *inter alia*, that: **201(a)** *there shall be openness and accountability, including public participation in financial matters;* **201(d)** *Public money shall be used in a prudent and responsible way; and* **201(e)** *Financial management shall be responsible, and fiscal reporting shall be clear.*

Section 149(1) (a) and (b) of the PFM Act 2012 provides as follow... “*an accounting officer is accountable to the County Assembly for ensuring that the resources of the entity for which the officer is designated are used in a way that is;*

- a) Lawful and authorized*
- b) Effective, efficient, economical and transparent*

2. Direct Personal Liability

Article 226(5) of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010 is emphatic that “*If the holder of a public office, including a political office, directs or approves the use of public funds contrary to law or instructions, the person is liable for any loss arising from that use and shall make good the loss, whether the person remains the holder of the office or not*”.

3. Obligations of Accounting Officers

The Public Finance Management Act, 2012 section 166 states as follows;

1. *An accounting officer for a county government entity shall prepare a report for each quarter of the financial year in respect of the entity.*
2. *In preparing a quarterly report for a county government entity, the accounting officer shall ensure that the report—*
 - (a) *contains information on the financial and nonfinancial performance of the entity; and*
 - (b) *is in a form determined by the Accounting Standards Board.*
3. *Not later, than fifteen days after the end of each quarter, the accounting officer shall submit the quarterly report to the County Treasury.*
4. *Not later than one month after the end of each quarter, the County Treasury shall—*
 - (a) *consolidate the quarterly reports and submit them to the county assembly;*
 - (b) *deliver copies to the Controller of Budget, National Treasury and the Commission on Revenue Allocation; and*
 - (c) *publish and publicize them*

Acknowledgment

I take this opportunity to thank all the members of the Committee for dedicating their time to examine the County Assembly Service Board and County Public Service Board 4th Quarter Financial Statements for the Finance Year 2023/2024, for the period ended 30th June 2024. The Committee would also like to appreciate the Secretariat commitment. Lastly, the Committee is grateful to your office and the office of the Clerk of the County Assembly of Bungoma for logistical support received as it discharged its mandate.

It is therefore my privilege, on behalf of the Committee on Labour Relations, Members Service and Facilities, to table the Report on the 4th Quarter Financial Statements of the County Assembly Service Board and County Public Service Board for Bungoma County for Financial Year 2022/2023.

Report signed by Hon. Hentry Nyongesa Chairperson, Committee on Labour Relations, Members Service and Facilities.

THE COUNTY PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD

The board had a total approved allocation of Kshs. 62,852,554: Kshs. 48,352,554 on recurrent and Kshs. 14.5 million on development.

REVENUE

The Board does not collect any revenue and AIA. The Board received Kshs. 62,852,553 spent Kshs. 41,465,711 on recurrent and had no expenditure on development budget hence 66% of the total budget.

EXPENDITURE

General administration planning and support services

Administrative services had an allocation of Kshs. 24,447,254 with absorption of Kshs. 21,900,221 which culminates to 99% of expenditure.

Human resource management and development

Human resource management and development had an allocation of Kshs. 10,374,532 with a utilization of Kshs. 9,260,839.

Governance and ethics

Quality assurance had allocation of Kshs. 5,120 330 with a nil absorption.

Governance, Ethics and national had an allocation of Kshs. 10,716,570 and recorded an expenditure of Kshs.10, 304,651 which represents 96%.

Development

Construction of Administration Block had an allocation of Kshs. 14, 500, 000 with nil expenditure.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

The total outstanding pending bill as at 30th June 2023 amounted to Kshs. 7,559,830. A total of Kshs. 3,190,108 was paid during the period under review leaving the Board with a total of Kshs. 4,369,722 as pending bills.

ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE.

The Board had no outstanding imprests to report on during the period under review.

THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY SERVICE BOARD

REVENUE

The County Assembly of Bungoma had an approved budget of 1,283,975,880 with Kshs.151, 737,650 and Kshs.1, 132,238,230 as Development and Recurrent allocations respectively. The absorption of the budget was Kshs. 1,225,278,230 representing 95% absorption rate. The releases are as below:

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| Transfers from the county treasury for Q1 in Kshs. | 195,663,127 |
| Transfers from the county treasury for Q2 | 344,131,963 |

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| in Kshs. | |
| Transfers from the county treasury for Q3 in Kshs. | 232,813,888 |
| Transfers from the county treasury for Q4 in Kshs | 452,639,304 |
| Cumulative Amount in Kshs. | 1,225,248,282 |

EXPENDITURE

General Administration, Planning & Supports Services

Salaries & Personnel Emoluments utilized Kshs. 604,989,317 against the allocated budget of Kshs. 601,093,756 representing 101% budget utilization. The changes between the original and final budget are as a result of reallocations within the budget. The Financial Statement indicates the deficit was funded by Gratuity, Other Operating Expenses and Membership fees, dues and subscriptions to professional and trade bodies.

Human Resource Capacity Development and Management utilized Kshs. 32,561,417 against the allocated Kshs.33, 767,598 representing 96% absorption. The trainings done are as shared below:

| NO | COURSE | INSTITUTION | FY 2023/24 | FY 2022/23 |
|-----|-------------------------------------|-------------|------------|------------|
| 1. | SLDP | KSG | 5 | 1 |
| 2. | SMC | KSG | 6 | 5 |
| 3. | Supervisory Management Skills | KSG | 1 | 11 |
| 4. | Finance Technical team workshop | KSG | 2 | 0 |
| 6. | Retirement | KSG | 4 | 1 |
| 7. | PR/Customer Care | KSG | 1 | 3 |
| 8. | Data Analysis in skills development | KSG | 1 | 0 |
| 9. | Digital Transformation | KSG | 2 | 0 |
| 10. | Risk Management | KSG | 11 | 0 |
| 11. | IPPD training | KSG | 4 | 0 |
| 12. | Government Protocol | KSG | 2 | 0 |

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| 13. | Training in Music | KSG | 1 | 0 |
| 14. | Management Accounting and Strategy | KSG | 1 | 0 |
| 15. | IPPD/IFMIS | KESSRA | 2 | 0 |
| 16. | Tax Administration | KESSRA | 1 | 0 |
| 17. | Tax Audit | KESSRA | 1 | 0 |
| 18. | Payment of Tax | KESSRA | 2 | 0 |
| 19. | I-tax Training | KESSRA | 4 | 0 |
| 20. | Report writing and Minute taking | CPST | 0 | 11 |
| 21. | Legislative Practices and Procedures | CPST | 8 | 0 |
| 22. | Research and Public Policy | CPST | 0 | 2 |
| 23. | Trainer of Trainers | CPST | 3 | 0 |
| 24. | E-record Management | CPST | 5 | 0 |
| 25. | Devolution Law | CPST | 2 | 0 |
| 26. | Table Office Management | CPST | 4 | 0 |
| 27. | County .Assembly Legislative Tracker | CPST | 2 | 0 |
| 28. | Safety and Security Management | CPST | 7 | 0 |
| 29. | Budgeting | CPST | 2 | 0 |
| 30. | Road Safety Training-Drivers | CASB | 11 | 0 |
| 31. | Critical ICT and Network Security | CSK | 2 | 4 |
| 32. | IT risk management | CSK | 0 | 1 |

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| 33. | Mediation | East Africa Institute of Mediation | 1 | 0 |
| 34. | Guidance and Counseling | FAM Connect Therapy center | 8 | 0 |
| 35. | Financial Reporting | ICPAK | 2 | 0 |
| 36. | Record Management Policy | KARMA | 3 | 0 |
| 37. | Digital Record keeping | KARMA | 2 | 0 |
| 38. | Secretaries Workshop | KENASA | 3 | 0 |
| 39. | Driver Refresher | KIHBIT | 3 | 2 |
| 40. | Procedures and Practices manuals | KIM | 1 | 0 |
| 41. | Public Policy | KIPPRA | 0 | 1 |
| 42. | Sign Language | KSL | 1 | 0 |
| 43. | Gender Mainstreaming | National Gender Commission | 6 | 0 |
| 44. | Sensitization of the NSSF Act | NSSF & LAPFUND | 2 | 0 |
| | | TOTAL | 128 | 47 |

General administration and support services utilized Kshs. 258,154,862 against the allocated Kshs.260, 460,367 representing 99% absorption.

Research, Knowledge sharing and Development Services utilized Kshs. 4,001,327 against allocated Kshs. 8,150,000 representing 49% absorption rate.

Legislation

Legislation services utilized Kshs. 6,808,180 against the allocated Kshs. 11,014,400 representing 62% absorption.

Representation and Outreach services

Representation services utilized Kshs. 73,459,181 against an allocation of Kshs. 73,762,250 which represented 100% absorption.

Public participation and outreach services utilized Kshs. 1,980,000 against the allocated Kshs.2, 000,000 representing 99% absorption

Oversight

Oversight Services utilized Kshs. 150,313,830 against the allocated Kshs. 141,989,859.The amount was for committee operations.

Infrastructure (Development)

Infrastructure utilized Kshs. 93,010,115 against the allocated Kshs. 151,737,650 representing 61% absorption. The breakdown of the expenditures is as detailed below:

- i. Supply, delivery and installation, training, property valuation and commissioning of an automated asset verification tagging & management system Kshs 8,342,395
- ii. Erection and completion of parking shades for Bungoma county assembly utilized Kshs. 4,459,499
- iii. Construction of administration block valuation Kshs. 24,746,860
- iv. Construction of debating chambers for Bungoma county assembly for interim payment certificate NO. 1 Kshs. 27,773,670.
- v. Construction of Gatehouse and waiting bay for Bungoma County Assembly.= Kshs. 2,033,900/=

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

The total accounts payables for goods and services as at 30th June 2024 was Kshs. 27,158,184 broken down into the following categories:

- i. Construction of civil works- Kshs. 973,550
- ii. Supply of goods- Kshs. 3,308,280
- iii. Supply of services- Kshs. 22,876,354

The pending staff payables as at 30th June 2024 amounted to Kshs. 3,106,500. This was in relation to salary arrears and pension arrears of Kshs. 2,652,015 and Kshs. 454,485 respectively for two officers.

Other pending payables indicates an outstanding balance of Kshs. 96,810,039 with Kshs. 72,506,526 payable to Bungoma County Assembly Members Car loan and Mortgage Scheme Fund and Kshs. 24,303,513 payable to Bungoma County Assembly Employee Car Loan and Mortgage Fund.

ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLES.

During the period under review, the County Assembly had nil outstanding imprests, a clear indication of adherence to PFMA with regards to Imprest Management.

DEPOSITS AND RETENTION

The Assembly had an opening balance of Kshs. 25,839,985 worth of deposits made in the retention account at the County Executive. A total of Kshs. 9,301,011 additional deposit was done during the year hence a closing balance of Kshs. 35,140,996.

COMMITTEE OBSERVATIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Committee Observations

The Committee made the following observations.

1. The County Public Service Board construction of administration Block project is stalled.
2. The County Public Service Board had total of Kshs. 4,369,722 as pending bills during the period under review.
3. The two boards did not have any un-surrendered imprests to report on during the period under review. This indicates utmost compliance to the **PFM Reg, 93(5)**
A holder of a temporary imprest shall account or surrender the imprest within seven (7) working days after returning to duty station.

Committee Recommendations

The following recommendations were made by the Committee:

1. **That**, the County Public Service Board should declare and prioritize the payment of pending bills when preparing proposed budget estimates to avoid unnecessary litigation and accumulation.
2. **That**, the County treasury should prioritize paying the contractor so as to resume works on construction of the administration block for CPSB.

Hon. Speaker, we have an adoption sheet which is signed to almost 95% That is the report. I therefore request Hon. Caleb Wanjala to second. Thank you

(Applause)

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Well thank you so much the Hon. Henry Nyongesa.
The Hon. Caleb Wanjala, kindly proceed.

Hon. Caleb Wanjala: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I rise to second the report by first of all appreciating the Honourable Member who has just read the report. I think the major issue here is the pending bill.

The pending bill has become an elephant in the House and I don't know what we shall do as a county because you realize that in every department there is a pending bill. This is an issue that we should be serious on it and come up with ways on how we can reduce the pending bill so that as a county we can move forward because as much as we want to move forward, you realize that with the pending bill we can't.

Otherwise, I support this report and I urge this House to support the report itself . Thank you.

(Applause)

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Thank you, the Hon. Caleb Wanjala.

Honourable Members allow me now to propose to the House. Honourable Members I now propose to the House that this House adopts the report by the Sector Committee on Labour Relations, Member Services and Facilities on the Consolidated Financial Statements for the

period ended 30 June 2024 with respect to the County Public Service Board and the County Assembly Service Board laid on the table of the House on Thursday, the 13th day, February 2025. I propose.

Well, oh, very well, very well, very well. The Hon. Wasike Makari, Member for Musikoma Chair, Health.

Hon. George Makari: Hon. Speaker, thank you for giving me an opportunity to say something on this report. First of all, let me congratulate Hon. Henry Nyongesa. When I came here at 8 today, my first committee sitting was at 8, that is Lands committee. I was coming straight from the gym and I said I am not going home, let me attend the meeting.

Hon. Nyongesa was already in the Assembly and he was with that tie he has not changed up to today. So I want to congratulate him today and when I asked him, how is it possible that today you are here at 8? He told me he slept in the third wife's House today.

(Laughter)

I want him to be sleeping there every other day. So that he does not miss sessions and sittings of the House. I want to say this.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Makari before you proceed. Are you not putting him in danger if indeed he has no third wife?

Hon. George Makari: No, he told me Hon. Speaker, when we met in the Lands Committee.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: But if he told you then it's okay. Proceed.

Hon. George Makari: Even the Chair was listening when he was telling me,

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Proceed, Hon. Makari.

(Laughter)

Hon. George Makari: So Hon. Speaker, I just want to highlight one issue in the report. I support the report, the way it is but look at the County Public Service Board. They have accounts payable that means they have a pending bill but if you look at the budget we gave them money for development and in the report they never utilized even a single cent.

Is that our mistake? Is that our mistake for not utilizing the money to pay for the works that were being done? And when you are in our committee room three on second floor, you can see the building that is supposed to be the housing the offices of the County Public Service Board behind you are the courts. It stalled

Why did it get stalled? Because the money that was put in the budget for them to utilize to pay those works in the report it is saying nil expenditure. Who is to be blamed? Maybe when the chair arises here, he can now tell us why they did not utilize that amount and therefore they have accounts payable.

Then finally, Hon. Nyongesa is my friend but I don't want to dwell on friendship. He knows where we have come from. In the County Assembly Service Board, I expected a report. There is a time they did repairs and maintenance on this House and they did repairs and maintenance on the Speaker's office. I expected this. I don't know if they gave this report but from the grapevine, all the works cost 15 million.

I expected the Chair to tell us, if we indeed did this repair of this House and the Speaker's office can actually cost 15 million but Hon. Speaker within the report that report is not there. Maybe the Deputy Majority Leader is here. He can support him. I don't know if he knows about that but I hope the chair can respond to that because you cannot tell me, removing a few iron sheets from this House and putting a few whatever you are seeing I don't know what it is called and then going to the Speaker's office and removing the iron sheets can actually cost 15 million.

So from the chair's response, though it is not in the report but I don't know if it came in this House but I expected that that should also be included in this report and that does not mean I am not supporting. I said Hon. Nyongesa is my friend. When he is replying he should not target me so much because he is my friend but he should say something about that. Thank you. I support.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Thank you so much, Hon. Makari. Yes. Very well, Hon. Nyongesa reply and you should not target him. He claims to be your friend. He targets you, but he says you should not target him.

Hon. Hentry Nyongesa: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. First, I want to appreciate the contribution the members have given in silence. Only Hon. Makari is a friend of mine putting up some one or two issues, which is in good breath, it is positive information. The first pending bill, which Hon. Makari is coming up with, it is true that the House approved the money for development towards the administration block for the county public service board and according to me the money has not been lost but the problem we have had in this county or rather maybe it's affecting the entire country, it is the exchequer release and as I read the report, this report is only covering by the end of June.

So when we were closing the year, the exchequer release for that month, that financial year towards that project nothing had been released but I want to assure members that afterwards,

some monies have been paid and I think I will read that in the next report. So, I think that is what I have on the construction of the public service board but still as Hon. Makari is putting, the project is still not under construction. The contract is not on site and the reason is the monies that were invoiced towards the county public service board has not been raised.

So I think that has incapacitated the contractor and he is not on site as we are talking but hopefully if he is paid, I think he will resume the site.

On where we are seated and I want also to go back again, this is a report that is only covering up to the 30th June and Hon. Makari is aware that in the last financial year when we were preparing this, I think it was not under this quarter but I will come with an answer when I prepare the financial statement for the quarter that was under the refurbishment of this chamber, which Hon. Makari is citing some clean glasses and I am sure it's actually clean.

The environment is not bad for the members and remembers this is just refurbishment. So I think good things are coming. So when I come for the next report, I will give the comprehensive report on the refurbishment of the chamber and the Speaker's House in that quarter. So I urge Hon. Makari to hold because I have the report coming for the same.

(Applause)

And thank you members I urge that we approve this report the way it is and we go ahead thank you.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Members. Hon. Hentry Nyongesa, member for Bumula and Chair. Members, allow me now put the question that this House adopts the report by the sectoral committee on Labour Relations, Member Service and Facilities on the consolidated Financial Statements for the period ended 30th June 2024 with respect to the County Public Service Board and the County Assembly Service Board laid on the table of the House on Thursday 13th day February 2025.

(Question put and agreed to)

The ayes have it, the report is hereby adopted

(Applause)

Our table clerks will transmit the same to the relevant offices for action. Next item!

REPORT BY THE SECTORAL COMMITTEE ON LANDS, URBAN, PHYSICAL PLANNING AND HOUSING ON THE VETTING OF THE NOMINEE FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE POSITION OF CHAIRPERSON COUNTY RURAL AND URBAN AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMMITTEE

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Johnston Okasida Ipara, member for Tongaren Kiminini Ward and member of the said Committee on Lands, Urban, Physical planning and Housing. Proceed!

Hon. Johnston Okasida: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I have the privilege to move a report of the committee on Lands, Urban, Physical Planning and Housing on the vetting of the nominee for appointment for the position of the Chair of the County Rural and Urban Affordable Housing committee.

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PREFACE

Pursuant to Section 34(2)(a) and 34(3) of the Affordable Housing Act No.2 of 2024 and Section 4 of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act, 2017, His Excellency the Governor nominated Mr. Titus Wafula Makokha for appointment as the Chairperson of County Urban and Rural Affordable Housing committee vide letter ref. CG/BGM/GVN/CA/LUPPH& M/VOL.1(10)dated 17th January,2025 to the Clerk of the County Assembly of Bungoma for vetting.

The name of the said nominee was duly tabled on the floor of the House on the 4th February, 2025 and it was accordingly committed to the sectorial committee on Lands, Urban, Physical planning and Housing pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order No.217(5)(g) of the Bungoma County Assembly Standing Orders read together with section 4 of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act, 2017 for vetting and reporting to the House within twenty-one (21) sitting days.; pursuant to section 9 of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act, 2017 and Standing Order 217(g).

Subsequently, the Clerk of the County Assembly while complying with Section 7 (5) of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act, 2017, Section 34(3) of the Affordable Housing Act No. 2 of 2024 and Standing Order 56(3) notified the general public and the nominee through the print media (Daily Nation) on Tuesday, 11th February 2025 on when the approval hearing shall be conducted and the place of the approval hearing. The

nominee was scheduled for the approval hearing on Monday 17th February at 2:00pm within the County Assembly Precincts.

Further, pursuant to the provisions of section 7(10) of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act No. 5 of 2017, the members of the public were invited through print media (Daily Nation) on 11th February, 2025 to submit to the Committee on Lands, Urban, Physical Planning and Housing any information or comments on the suitability or otherwise of the nominee by written statement on oath(affidavit) with supporting evidence on or before 14th February, 2025 to the Clerk of the County Assembly, P.O Box 1886-50200, Bungoma.

The nominee appeared before the Committee as scheduled on Monday 17th February, 2025 for approval hearing in accordance with the provisions of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act, 2017, Affordable Housing Act and the County Assembly Standing Orders.

Establishment and Mandate of the Committee

- g) vet and report on all appointments where the constitution or any law requires the House to approve, except those under Standing Order 208 (Committee on Appointments); and
- h) Make reports and recommendations to the House as often as possible, including recommendation of proposed legislation.

Committee Membership

1. Hon. Francis Chemion -Chairperson
2. Hon. Johnston Ipara -Vice Chairperson
3. Hon. Wafula Waiti -Member
4. Hon. Benjamin Otsiula -Member
5. Hon. Cornelius Makhanu -Member
6. Hon. Ali Machani -Member
7. Hon. George Makari -Member
8. Hon. Hentry Nyongesa -Member
9. Hon. Polycarp Kimeta -Member
10. Hon. Jeremiah Kuloba -Member
11. Hon. Busolo Sudi -Member
12. Hon. Aggrey Mulongo -Member
13. Hon. James Mukhongo -Member

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| 14. Hon. Joan | Kirong | -Member |
| 15. Hon. Edwin | Opwora | -Member |

METHODLOGY

The committee applied the following methods to develop this report;

1. Committee meetings
2. Conducting vetting exercise publicly in the County Assembly plenary
3. Perusing and analyzing testimonials and other documents for the nominee
4. Receiving and considering oral views and written submission from the nominee

TERMS OF REFERERENCE

1. To consider and vet the nominee for the position of the Chair of the County Rural and Urban Housing Committee.
2. To make relevant recommendations on the suitability of the nominee for consideration and adoption by the County Assembly.

TOOLS OF REFERENCE

The committee heavily relied on the following tools to develop and make recommendations in the report;

1. The Constitution of Kenya, 2010
2. The Affordable Housing Act, 2024
3. County Assembly of Bungoma Standing Orders
4. The Public Appointments (County Assemblies) Approval Act, No. 5 of 2017

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Committee takes this opportunity to thank the Offices of the Speaker and of the Clerk of the County Assembly for the technical support accorded to it during the exercise.

I take this opportunity to acknowledge all Members of the Committee for their immense input during the approval hearing and compilation of this report. I also wish to thank the members of the secretariat for their valuable support to the committee.

On behalf of the Committee on Lands, Urban, Physical Planning and Housing and pursuant to Section 9(1) of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act, 2017 and the provisions of Standing Order 56 (4), it is now my singular duty and privilege to present to the House, the report of the Committee on Lands, Urban, Physical Planning and Housing on the approval hearing of the nominee for appointment to the position of Chair County Rural and Urban Affordable Housing Committee.

It is signed by Hon. Francis Chemion Chairperson, Committee on Lands, Urban, Physical Planning and Housing

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

ESTABLISHMENT OF THE BUNGOMA COUNTY RURAL AND URBAN AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMMITTEE

Article 43(1) (b) of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010 provides that every person has the right to-Accessible and adequate housing, and to reasonable standards of sanitation.

COMPOSITION OF THE COUNTY RURAL AND URBAN AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMMITTEE AND MANDATE OF THE COMMITTEE

Section 34 of the Affordable Housing Act No.2 of 2024 states as follows-

(1)There is established in every County, a county Rural and Urban Affordable Housing Committee.

(2)The county committee shall consist of the following-

- (a) A non-executive chairperson who shall be nominated by the County Governor;
- (b) The County Executive Committee Member responsible for matters relating to housing or their representative designated in writing;
- (c) Three other persons who shall be nominated by the county governor, of whom-
 - i. one shall be a representative of a registered association of traders operating in the county;
 - ii. one shall be a representative of a registered residential association in the county; and
 - iii. one shall be a member of the public residing within the county; and

(d) The Chief Officer for the time being in charge of housing, who shall be an ex-officio member and the secretary to the county committee

(3). A person nominated under sub-section (2)(a) and subsection (2)(d),shall be vetted and approved by the County Assembly.

(4) In nominating a person as a member under sub-section (2)(a) and sub-section (2)(d),the County Governor shall-

- (a) Ensure that not more than two thirds of the members are of the same gender;
- (b) Ensure that ethnic minorities within the county are adequately represented and
- (c) Consider marginalized groups including youth and persons with disability.

Section 35 of the same Act states that-

(1)A person qualifies to be appointed as a chairperson of the County committee if that person-

- (a) holds a degree from a university recognized in Kenya;

- (b) Has at least five years' experience in matters relating to housing, built environment, banking or finance.
- (c) Has resided in the county for a period of not less than five years; and
- (d) Meets the requirements of Chapter six of the Constitution.

(2) A person qualifies to be appointed as a member of the county committee, if that person-

- (a) Meets the requirements of Chapter Sic of the Constitution;
- (b) Has not been convicted of a criminal offence which attracts imprisonment for a term not exceeding six months;
- (c) Has not been adjudged bankrupt or entered into a composition or arrangement with the creditors of the person and
- (d) Is not disqualified under any other written law from appointment as such.

Mandate of the committee

Section 39 of the Affordable Housing Act 2024 provides that;

The County committee shall-

- (a) in consultation with the Board, develop a framework for the attainment of affordable housing in the county;
- (b) Advise the governor on affordable housing programmes within the county;
- (c) Develop a five-year affordable housing investment programme for the county and annual housing investment programme for the county;
- (d) Collaborate with the Boards of cities and municipalities in developing plans for social and physical infrastructure related to affordable housing pursuant to section 21 of the Urban Areas and Cities Act (cap 303)
- (e) Make periodical written reports on the five-year affordable housing investment programme for the county and annual housing investment programme for the county to the board;
- (f) To make annual reports to the County Assembly on the implementation of affordable housing in the county and
- (g) To perform such other duties as may be assigned the county governor in writing.

NOTIFICATION TO THE NOMINEE AND THE PUBLIC

Article 196 of the Constitution provides that the County Assembly shall facilitate public participation and involvement in the legislative business and other business of the County Assembly and its Committees.

Section 7 of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act, 2017 further provides that the Clerk shall notify the public of the time and place for holding approval hearings at least seven days prior to the hearings.

Further, Section 7(10) of the same Act provides that;

“any person may, prior to the approval hearing and by written statement on oath, provide the Clerk with evidence contesting the suitability of a candidate to hold the office to which the candidate has been nominated.”

In fulfillment of the said provisions of law read together with Standing Order No.56(3), the Clerk of the County Assembly placed an advertisement in the print media (Daily Nation) on Tuesday, 11th February, 2025, inviting the public to submit memoranda by way of written statements on oath (affidavits) on the suitability or otherwise of the nominee in accordance with the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act, 2017. It was indicated that the Committee on Lands, Urban, Physical Planning and Housing would conduct the approval hearings on Monday 17th February, 2025 at 2:00 P.M.

The advertisement further indicated that the submissions were to be received by Friday 14th February, 2025 at 5.00 pm.

By close of the submission deadline, the Committee had not received any memoranda contesting the suitability of the nominee for appointment.

Clearance and Compliance Requirements

On the notice of appearance for approval hearings, the Clerk of the County Assembly informed the Nominee to provide Clearance and Compliance requirements from Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission (EACC), Kenya Revenue Authority (KRA), Directorate of Criminal Investigations (DCI), the Higher Education Loans Board (HELB) and the Credit Reference Bureau (CRB)

On matters ethics and integrity, the nominee availed to the Committee certified clearance copies issued by various agencies on diverse dates as follows;

| EACC | KRA | HELB | DCI | CRB |
|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| 02/05/2024 | 30/04/2024 | 30/04/2024 | 30/06/2024 | 13/02/2025 |

APPROVAL HEARING

Issues for Consideration during the Approval Hearings

a) Procedure for Nomination

Sections 4 and 6 (1) of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act, 2017 requires the appointing authority, upon nominating a person for appointment, to notify the relevant County Assembly.

In this regard, pursuant to section 4 and 6(1) of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act, 2017, the Governor duly notified the County Assembly of the nomination of the nominee for the position of the chairperson, Bungoma County Rural and Urban Affordable housing committee.

b) Constitutional and Statutory Requirements

The Constitution and the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act, 2017, gives guidelines on how to appoint persons to public office which includes a focus on Leadership and Integrity.

The Committee in determining the suitability of the nominee was guided by the provisions on leadership and integrity as outlined under Chapter Six of the Constitution. In particular, Article 73 (2) of the Constitution provides that the guiding principles of leadership and integrity include: -

73 (2)

- (a) *Selection on the basis of personal integrity, competence and suitability, or election in free and fair elections;*
- (b) *Objectivity and impartiality in decision making, and in ensuring that decisions are not influenced by nepotism, favoritism, other improper motives or corrupt practices;*
- (c) *Selfless service based solely on the public interest, demonstrated by*
 - (i) *Honesty in the execution of public duties; and*
 - (ii) *The declaration of any person interest that may conflict with public duties*
- (d) *Accountability to the public for decisions and actions and*
- (e) *Discipline and commitment in service to the people.*

Article 75 of the Constitution requires a State Officer, whether in public or private life to behave in a manner that avoids conflict between personal interest and public official duties.

This Article further prohibits a State Officer who has been removed from office under it from holding any other State Office.

Article 77(1) of the Constitution prohibits a full time State Officer from participating in any other gainful employment.

Article 78 of the Constitution disqualifies persons who are not Kenyan Citizens from appointment as State Officers.

In addition, the Committee considered Section 10 of the Leadership and Integrity Act, 2012 in particular which provides that

A State Officer shall to the best of their ability

- a) *Carry out the duties of the Office efficiently and honestly.*
- b) *carry out the duties in a transparent and accountable manner*
- c) *keep accurate records and documents relating to the functions of the office; and*
- d) *Report truthfully on all matters of the organization which they represent.*

c) Suitability of the nominee with regard to the nominee's abilities, experience and qualities.

The suitability of the nominee was assessed after scrutiny of the academic credentials, professional training and experience, personal integrity, background and qualities as well as his performance during the approval hearing conducted on Monday, 17th February, 2025.

Pre- vetting Meeting

The Committee held a pre-vetting meeting on Monday 17th February, 2025 at 9:00 am and noted the following: -

- (i) **THAT**, the nominee had not notified the Clerk of the County Assembly of his withdrawal from the approval process as outlined under section 7(12) of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approvals) Act, 2017.
- (ii) **THAT**, the Committee would examine the nominee in accordance with the criteria set out in section 8 of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act, 2017.

VETTING OF THE NOMINEE

Mr. Titus Wafula Makokha, the nominee for the position of Chairperson of the Bungoma County Rural and Urban Affordable Housing Committee, appeared before the committee for vetting on 17th February 2025 at 2:00 p.m. The Committee noted the following;

Date and Place of Birth

The nominee of ID NO. 10856046 is a Kenyan male born on 19th March 1970 in Kabula Ward, Bungoma County. Apart from being a Kenyan citizen, the nominee does not hold any dual citizenship.

Academic and Professional Qualification

The nominee from the documents submitted has a Master of Business Administration (MBA) from Moi University (2007) and a Bachelor of Science from the University of Nairobi (1994)

Employment Record

The nominee is a practicing engineer with extensive experience in power supply and infrastructure development. He worked for Kenya Power and Lighting Company (KPLC) from 1995 to 2008 then transitioned to Rural Electrification from 2008 to 2016. Since 2016, he has been working as a contractor in the power supply sector

Income and net worth

The nominee submitted that his net worth is KShs.208, 809,714 comprising of developed lots, land, vehicles and cash.

Professional association and membership

The nominee from the documents submitted is a member of Institute of Engineers Kenya and Institute of Engineering technologies and technicians in Kenya

Potential Conflict of Interest

The nominee affirmed that should a conflict of interest arise, he would declare it and recuse himself from any deliberations related to the matter

Pro-bono/Charity Work

The nominee stated that he has maintained a power line in his vicinity in Malinda and Sibembe area for the last 10 years.

Integrity

The nominee submitted documents that show compliance to the requirements of Chapter six of the constitution on leadership and integrity.

Questions specific to the position nominated for

The committee asked questions specific to the affordable housing project to which the nominee responded as shown:

On the key responsibilities of the committee he was nominated to serve in

The nominee outlined the following as key responsibilities of the Committee:

1. Developing a framework for the attainment of affordable housing
2. Develop an affordable housing investment programme for the County
3. Collaborate with municipality boards in development plans for social and physical infrastructure

On what strength makes him qualify for the position

The nominee stated that in his working, he has been heavily involved in uplifting rural areas through project implementation which makes him better placed to serve in the position he is nominated for.

On whom he will be answerable to if given the opportunity

The nominee responded that he will be responsible to the appointing authority who is the Governor.

On the relationship between boma yetu and affordable Housing project

The nominee clearly stated that boma yetu program allows individuals to save towards house ownership and allocation of homes.

Committee's observations on the suitability of the nominee

The Committee having considered the nominee's filled questionnaire pursuant to Section 6(8) of the Public Appointments (County Assembly Approval) Act, 2017, his curriculum vitae and having heard his oral submissions during the approval hearing, made the following observations on his suitability for appointment as the chairperson, Bungoma County Rural and Urban affordable housing committee;

1. **THAT**, the nominee meets the requirements of Chapter Six of the Constitution on leadership and integrity; he had a police clearance Certificate and a duly filled self-declaration form.
2. **THAT**, from his submissions during vetting demonstrated knowledge, skills and experience in leadership and institutional management. He was also conversant with role of the chair, county rural and urban affordable housing
3. **THAT**, in accordance with Article 78(1) and (2) of the Constitution, the nominee is eligible for appointment to State Office since he is a Kenyan citizen and does not hold dual citizenship.
4. **THAT** the nominee was awarded an average score of 83.625% by the committee.

COMMITTEE'S OBSERVATION

Pursuant to Section 7(8) & (9) and Section 8 of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act, 2017, the Committee observed that the nominee **met** the integrity threshold; demonstrated knowledge of topical, administrative and technical issues touching on the portfolio to which he had been nominated; and had the requisite abilities, academic qualifications and professional experience to be **APPROVED** for appointment as the Chairperson, County Affordable Housing Committee.

COMMITTEE GENERAL RECOMMENDATION

Pursuant to **Section (9) (2) of The Public Appointments (County Assembly Approval) Act N.O 5 of 2017**, the Committee recommends that the County Assembly **approves** the nomination and subsequent appointment of Mr. Titus Wafula Makokha as the Chairperson, Bungoma County Rural and Urban affordable Housing committee.

The adoption schedule is signed by all 15 members and other attachments. At this juncture with your permission, allow me to call upon the Chair of this committee to second the adoption of this report.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Thank you so much Hon. Johnston Okasida Ipara, Vice chair of the committee for your eloquence in moving the report. Hon. Masai Chemion.

Hon. Francis Chemion: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I want to first of all thank the mover who is my able Chair of the committee. He has done it very well and I am very sure members have followed.

I just want to ask the members of this House that we need to acquaint ourselves with the new law that is bringing these committees to our counties. Please I think our committee clerk should share that law to the wall of all the members so that you go through because we have been operating in a vacuum. Affordable Housing was coming to Bungoma; there was no committee at the County level so we could not tell what was happening because we did not have our own committee.

Parliament came up with a law in 2024 last year that is now setting committees at the County level. That is why we have one of the members of that committee who is the non-executive Chair, his or her name is supposed to be submitted by the appointing authority who is the Governor to the County Assembly for vetting. The rest of the other members are there by virtue of the positions they hold like the Chief Officer Housing, CECM then there are others also who are appointed directly, they are not vetted to come up with that rural affordable Housing committee.

This is a very critical committee for us and you have looked at the mandate given by the law that was made last year, the mandate that has been given to that committee. They will help us do much, the issue of planning, prioritizing is captured in our report very well and therefore members, the chair that has been brought to us, we vetted him here and he is suitable to hold that position.

He had all the things that were required by law. He answered most of our questions without any error and therefore members I do not want to belabor much, we are a bit late already.

I would wish and implore the memberships who are here that we adopt this report so that the Governor can proceed to appoint the other members and we have a committee for our County.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Thank you Hon. Masai Chemion member for Kaptama.

(Applause)

And Chair lands committee. Hon. Members now allow me propose that this House adopts the report by the sectoral committee on Lands, Urban, Physical planning and Housing on the vetting of the nominee for appointment to the position of Chairperson County Rural and Urban affordable Housing committee. I propose!

Well Hon. Members, having observed that you keenly followed the proceedings as the mover was presenting the report, allow me now put the question that this House adopts the report by the sectorial committee on Lands, Urban, Physical planning and Housing on the vetting of the nominee for appointment to the position of Chairperson County Rural and Urban affordable Housing committee.

(Question put and agreed to)

The ayes have it and the report is hereby adopted.

(Applause)

Our table clerks will transmit the same to the relevant offices for action as per the report.

**REPORT BY THE SECTORIAL COMMITTEE ON GENDER, CULTURE AND
SOCIAL WELFARE ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE
DEPARTMENT OF GENDER, CULTURE AND SOCIAL WELFARE FOR THE
PERIOD ENDED 30TH JUNE, 2024**

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Yes. Hon. Jeremiah Kuloba, member for Township ward, you have the pleasure to move.

Hon. Jeremiah Kuloba: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to give a report on the Financial Statements for the department of Gender Culture and Social welfare for the period ended 30th June 2024.

PREFACE

The Quarterly Financial Statements and reports for the period ended 30th June, 2024 were tabled in the House on 16th October, 2024 and committed to the committee on Gender and Culture for interrogation and reporting back to this House. The committee held interrogation with the department of Gender and Culture on Monday 4th November, 2024 and therefore submits its report herein below.

The report contains the legal framework and objectives that informed the committee to analyze the financial statements as submitted and thereafter through an interrogation process. The report also highlights the department of Gender and Culture expenditure analysis that is budget execution by programmes and sub-programmes, pending bills and outstanding imprest. Finally, it contains the committee's observations and recommendations on the financial statements and reports with respect to the department of Gender and Culture.

MANDATE OF THE COMMITTEE

The Sectorial Committee on Gender, Culture and Social Welfare derives its mandate from the provisions of Standing Order 217 (5) of the Bungoma County Assembly Standing Orders which shall be to:

- a) Investigate, inquire into, and report on all matters relating to the mandate, management, activities, administration, operations, coordination, control and monitoring of budget;

Hon. Speaker, I am advised.

The current composition of the Committee on Gender, Culture and Social Welfare is as follows:

| | | |
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| 1. | Hon. Jack Kawa | -Chairperson |
| 2. | Hon. Abraham Obama | -V/Chairperson |

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| 3. | Hon. John Wanyama | -Member |
| 4. | Hon. George Kwemoi | -Member |
| 5. | Hon. Alfred Mukhanya | -Member |
| 6. | Hon. Florence Juma | -Member |
| 7. | Hon. Jeremiah Kuloba | -Member |
| 8. | Hon. Alice Kibaba | -Member |
| 9. | Hon. Grace Sundukwa | -Member |
| 10. | Hon. Joseph Nyongesa | -Member |
| 11. | Hon. Godfrey Mukhwana | -Member |
| 12. | Hon. James Mukhongo | -Member |
| 13. | Hon. Christine Mukhongo | -Member |
| 14. | Hon. Orize Kundu | -Member |
| 15. | Hon. Violet Makhanu | -Member |

FISCAL AND LEGAL FRAMEWORK

Article 226(2) of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010 states that, the Accounting Officer of the National Public entity is accountable to the National Assembly, while the Accounting Officer of a County Government entity is accountable to the County Assembly for its financial management.

The County Assembly discharges its oversight function on the executive through the Committee system. According to ***Section 116 of the Public Finance Management Act, 2012***, an Accounting Officer for a County Government entity shall prepare a report for each quarter.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Jeremiah, you can skip that Fiscal and Legal Framework because we can reference it in our documents so you can move to 1.5

Hon. Jeremiah Kuloba: Acknowledgement!

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Yes!

Hon. Jeremiah Kuloba

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

I take this opportunity to extend my gratitude to the Office of the Speaker and the Clerk of the County Assembly for the logistical support accorded to the Committee in their execution of its mandate. My appreciation also goes to all members of the Committee for their

dedication in examining the Financial Statements and reports with respect to the department of Gender and Culture.

Mr. Speaker Sir. It is therefore my pleasant duty and privilege, on behalf of the Sectoral Committee on Gender, Culture and Social Welfare, to table this report for the House's deliberation and adoption.

Report signed by Hon. Jack Kawa Chairperson, Committee on Gender, Culture and Social Welfare

Should I read from there?

Mr. Deputy Speaker: You can proceed!

DEPARTMENTAL EXPENDITURE ANALYSIS

The department of Gender and Culture had an approved 2nd Supplementary budget of Kshs. 124,614,300 comprising Kshs. 83,243,038 recurrent and Kshs. 40,412,749 for Development expenditure programmes.

At the end of period under review the absorption for the department was Kshs. 91,470,715 representing 73%: recurrent expenditure was Kshs. 71,775,403 and development was Kshs. 19,695,312.

RECURRENT EXPENDITURE

General Administration planning and support services

- Compensation to employees, the approved allocation was Kshs. 34,907,953 with absorption of Kshs. 31,984,863 leaving a balance of 2,923,090 which translates to 92%.

During interrogation, the department explained to the Committee that the balance of Kshs. 2,923,090 was meant for promotions of officers in the department which were not done. The Kshs. 31,984,863 was not inclusive of May and June salaries hence the allocation was insufficient, the salary requirement for May and June was not provided.

Further, the monthly expenditures on personnel was submitted as follows; Kshs. 2,476,003.30 in July, Kshs. 2,622,080.00 in August, Kshs. 2,991,280.15 in September, Kshs. 2,936,086.00 in October, Kshs. 3,641,172.20 in November, Kshs. 3,641,172.20 in December, Kshs. 3,609,611.75 in January, Kshs. 3,576,289.20 in February, Kshs. 3,571,655.85 in March, Kshs. 3,571,655.85 in April.

- Planning and budgeting with a budget of Kshs. 1,400,000 had 100% utilization in the period under review.
- Utility for office operations with a budget of Kshs. 280,000, Kshs. 109,597 was spent translating to 39% absorption rate.

- Administrative service management with an allocation of Kshs. 11,784,026, Kshs. 9,673,927 was spent representing 82% absorption rate.

Cultural Development and management programme

Under this programme, the following sub-programmes were implemented;

KICOSCA games, the department spent Kshs. 28,917,542 out of the 2nd supplementary approved budget of Kshs. 29,875,000 translating to 97% absorption rate

The breakdown on the expenditure of Kshs. 28,917,542 on KICOSCA 2023 was submitted as follows:

- ✓ KICOSCA preparation meetings Kshs. 324,200
- ✓ Kshs.2,330,000 on KICOSCA logistics,
- ✓ Kshs. 768,000 on KICOSCA games football men
- ✓ Kshs. 488,000 on KICOSCA handball men
- ✓ Kshs. 717,500 on Basketball women team spent
- ✓ Kshs. 1,098,000 on Kamabeka team
- ✓ Kshs. 570,500 on handball women
- ✓ Kshs. 767,900 on basketball men
- ✓ Kshs. 1,829,000 on KICOSCA folksong team,
- ✓ Kshs. 446,000 on volleyball women was facilitated with
- ✓ Kshs. 1,190,000 on KICOSCA athletics,
- ✓ Kshs. 1,316,700 on medics and enforcement,
- ✓ Kshs. 1,133,300 on KICOSCA Gender and Culture department staff
- ✓ Kshs. 1,621,000 on KICOSCA netball team
- ✓ Kshs. 418,600 on KICOSCA governor's office
- ✓ EALASCA trials 2,973,000
- ✓ EALASCA games Kshs. 3,067,200

On participation in Kenya Music Festival with an allocation Kshs. 500,000, the department utilized Kshs. 158,200 representing 32% absorption rate.

Hold herbal medicine day with an allocation of Kshs. 500,000. The whole amount was spent representing 100% absorption

Liquor licensing with an allocation of Kshs. 1,000,000 was not expended

Construction of Sang'alo multi-purpose hall with an approved budget of Kshs. 6,440,351, Kshs, 6,345,642 was spent translating to 99% absorption rate. The project is at 70% completion with a pending bill of Kshs. 15,395,126.40

Gender equality and empowerment of vulnerable Groups

Under this programme, the department of Gender and Culture has the following sub-programmes:

- Operations of Gender Technical working Group with an approved budget of Kshs. 1,500,000 had absorption of Kshs. 1,493,020 representing 100% that was spent on consultative/ engagement with GBV survivors in the ten sub-Counties and holding Gender Technical Working Groups quarterly meetings.
- Gender based violence with an allocation of Kshs. 2,000,000 had 0% absorption rate. The department submitted that the programme was not carried out because no payment was made after requisition.
- International Disability day with an allocation of Kshs. 1,000,000 was not spent.
- Women international day had an allocation of Kshs. 1,000,000 where Kshs. 1,000,000 was absorbed in celebration of Women International Day held in Mbakalo Stadium, Mbakalo ward On 8th March, 2024.
- The Women Empowerment Fund and Disability Empowerment Fund with allocation of Kshs. 20,526,343 and Kshs. 12,317,615 had absorption of Kshs. 12,000,000 and Kshs. 8,000,000 respectively that was used on clearing pending bill on construction of Masinde Muliro Stadium.

2.3 PENDING BILLS

As per the submission during interrogation, the department of Gender and Culture has a total pending bill of Kshs. 16,251,126 as shown in the table below;

| S/No | Supplier /contractor Name | FY of the contract | Details of work performed | Contract Amount | Outstanding pending Bill Amount as of 30 th June, 2024 | Amount paid (Kshs.) | Status |
|------|---------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------|---|---------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1 | Madividji enterprises | 2023/2024 | Supply and delivery of toners | 298,000 | 73,000 | 225,000 | Supplied and partially paid |

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| 2 | Pasisi enterprises limited | 2019/2020 | Construction of Sang'alo multipurpose hall | 20,895,126.40 | 15,395,126.40 | 5,500,000 | Work in progress |
| 3 | Sangoti enterprises limited | 2023/2024 | Supply and delivery of catering items | 1,250,000 | 250,000 | 1,000,000 | Supplied and partially paid |
| 4 | Webar investment | 2023/2024 | Supply and delivery of cleaning items | 260,000 | 260,000 | Nil | Supplied and not paid |
| 5 | Prudential west agency | 2023/2024 | Provision of insurance for motor vehicle | 200,000 | 200,000 | Nil | Service offered and not paid |
| 6 | Elmewa joint enterprises | 2023/2024 | Supply and delivery of stationery | 298,000 | 73,000 | 225,000 | Supplied and partially paid |
| Total | | | | 16,251,126 | 6,950,000 | | |

OUTSTANDING IMPRESTS

As at 30th June, 2024 the department had an outstanding imprest of Kshs. 699,000.

During the interrogation, the department clarified that the imprest was meant for thanks giving prayers Kshs. 599,000 and office imprest of Kshs. 100,000. The imprest holders had surrendered but it had not been removed from the IFMIS system.

COMMITTEE OBSERVATIONS

The committee observed the following:

1. **THAT**, the department utilized Kshs. 12,000,000 and Kshs. 8,000,000 funds meant for Women and Disability to pay for completion of Masinde Muliro Stadium.

2. **THAT**, the outstanding imprest was Kshs.699, 000; Kshs. 100,000 for office imprest and Kshs. 599,000 for thanksgiving prayers which is a programme in the department of Gender and Culture.
3. **THAT**, the pending bill in the department stood at Kshs. 16,251,126 out of which Kshs. 15,395,126.40 is in respect to Sang'alo Multipurpose Hall.
4. **THAT**, on personnel emoluments, the department had an allocation of Kshs. 34,907,953 with absorption of Kshs. 31,984,863 that was not inclusive of the salaries for May and June, 2024 and a balance of Kshs. 2,923,090 was meant for promotions.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

1. **THAT**, the Accounting officer should comply with the provision of Section 154 (2) (c) of PFM Act 2012 on not reallocating more than 10% from one program and Section 196 (1) of PFM Act, 2012 and Section 104 (1) of County Government Act by spending funds on programs as approved in the budget estimated.
2. **THAT**, the Accounting Officer should submit a report on the status of the Women empowerment and Disability empowerment Funds.
3. **THAT**, the Accounting Officer should ensure compliance of Regulation 93(5 and 6 of PFM Regulation, 2015 on imprest management system and he should submit a report on the action taken on the un-surrendered imprests within 14 days after adoption of this report.
4. **THAT**, the department should prioritize pending bills in budgeting and come up with a plan on how it will settle its pending bills and submit a report within 30 days from the adoption of this report

The report is well signed in the adoption schedule by all members of the committee. I think that is the end of that report

Mr. Deputy Speaker: You can call the seconder

Hon. Jeremiah Kuloba: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I call upon Hon. Mukhanya to second the report

Hon. Alfred Mukhanya: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I want to laud my member of the Committee on Gender Hon. Jeremiah for having taken us through the report eloquently and I want to urge this House to adopt the report.

As he has gone through, you realize the absorption rate in the department of Gender has been above average and normally when we have the allocation the absorption is important in that you utilize all the money that has been given to the department.

On imprest, we are happy that there are changes that in future if you are an imprest holder you know your account and make sure that if any balance is left, you surrender.

When you look at Kanduyi stadium, money is properly utilized and the report is so perfect that we have no problem when it comes to expenditure. Look at the absorption rate when it comes to Sang'alo institute, when we went around Sang'alo we saw what happened and the absorption rate was also up to date. Without laboring so much, i will urge this House that we adopt this report and move to the next level. I second

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Thank you so much Hon. Mukhanya Alfred. Hon. Members, allow me now propose to the House a motion for debate.

(Motion proposed)

Hon. George Makari: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I want to support this report with a very difficult heart. I want to applaud the mover of the motion, when he began he had glasses on his eyes but by the end he had removed them.

If there is a department that has taken us in circles, and who have very opaque expenditure, it is this department called Gender and Culture, they will take you in circles about KICOSCA games on who went there, they took the committee to Kisumu and came back and what have you and at the end of the day they will tell you we paid participants this amount of money but in real sense the amount that was paid is not commensurate with participants. We have information about even some directors removing their children from school to allow them partake in these games and they are paid as staff. You will find that some of those payments in the vote head go to people that are not even employees of the County Government.

Hon. Jeremiah has just read that KShs.699 is un-surrendered imprest and this one is cutting across almost all departments, they are very lucky that in Gender it is only KShs.699, in other departments it reads KShs.29Million, KShs.3 or KShs.5Million. This issue of un-surrendered imprests as a House we must tackle it.

I want to remind the House that next week we will be going through the 1st supplementary budget, I want to urge all members to be very keen on the coming budget because therein there are matters that we will have to highlight and check with the toothcomb. We have to look at them critically because there are sinister motives from the executive in that supplementary budget.

Something got my eye when Hon. Jeremiah was submitting, that prayers cost KShs.599, 000, who was being paid for prayers, did you call God down and gave him an envelope of KShs.599, 000 or who was getting paid for prayers? Are prayers paid for? I thought prayers are a God given service and we offer it for free. When the mover comes...

Mr. Deputy Speaker: You should make it clear so that Hon. Jerusa can hear it very well, the issue of prayers and payment

Hon. George Makari: That is what I am wondering, KShs.599, 000 for prayers, paid to who and which prayers? Did you call God down and gave him an envelope of KShs.599, 000? Let this committee tell us. Also Speaker, can we now just enumerate the number of committee members present in this House, we have Hon. Jeremiah, Hon. Mukhanya, where are the rest?

Can they just stand up so that we know how many members of Gender committee are represented in this House? Their report is here and we can refuse to pass it, I can see Hon. Waiti is very uncomfortable, is he a member?

Mr. Deputy Speaker: He is a member of the praying team

Hon. George Makari: The way he is sitting he could be a beneficiary of those prayers' money, i can gauge his mood, he also benefited from this money for prayers.

When you look at the report, some vote heads went unutilized and some were put on the use that was not intended, what is the use of budget then? The department actually did not know what it was doing while budgeting; if you can budget Kshs.20mIllion for women empowerment then you allow KShs.12 Million to be taken to Masinde Muliro Stadium to pay for pending bill, does it mean they didn't need the money? Why did you budget and why didn't you use the money that was given? They left it unutilized and somebody somewhere saw a loophole and out of the KShs.20Million picked KShs.12Million to pay for Masinde Muliro Stadium that was taken over by Central Government, that also during the Madaraka day there was an allocation of a lot of money for various vote heads to clear pending bills but still Gender also releases KShs.12Million out of KShs.20 Million, an allocation that was for women and disability. I think that is not fair.

I want to stop there for more members to contribute, otherwise with a very heavy heart I want to try and support, I am not supporting fully but I am trying to support, thank you Hon. Speaker.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Hon. George Makari, a strict supporter and debater in this House. I am just seeing Hon. Hentry try to lift his finger I don't know if that is a KANU mark or Salvation Army, I don't understand, the problem is I am not having a sign language interpreter, you are trying to communicate?

Hon. Hentry Nyongesa: Yes

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Are you a member of Salvation Army

Hon. Hentry Nyongesa: Yes

Mr. Deputy Speaker: That is well, you can communicate

Hon. Hentry Nyongesa: Mr. Speaker, it is true that Hon. Waiti and I normally dress in white on Sunday so that is the sign for us. I want to take this opportunity to first thank Hon. Jeremiah who had an accident when he was discussing with his first lady and he broke his leg that is why he is limping and I want to send my sincere quick recovery wishes.

I want to say something about Gender and Culture, that department as it is pronounced is supposed to take care of so many things including those who are vulnerable especially ladies and the old. I want to single out something that happened though I was not there, I just heard but you see sometimes when you keenly scrutinize it might be good, on the just concluded games in Kampala which I saw the bus ferrying participants to Kampala just someday after

the Assembly had travelled. I am told the participants were waiting for facilitation and the bus stood there for 2 days waiting for facilitation. While in Kampala, participants were paid only for 2 days and not 4 days but the money was there. I was waiting for the mover of the motion to read those figures that this money was meant for EALASCA and was spent in totality, this happened when they were having games in Kakamega county here in Mumias where most of them were forced to commute which might have significantly contributed to their lack of victory during games.

That said and done, I want the mover to shade light on the facilitation money that was given to participants. On Sang'alo...

Hon. Waiti Wafula: (*On a Point of Information*) Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I take this time to inform my colleague in this Assembly and also my fellow church member. I listened very keenly to the presentation of Hon. Jeremiah and he was presenting to this House a report for a period ended 30th June 2024 that means the EALASCA games were held in Kisumu. The member should be informed that what he has been talking about was done in this financial year in Kampala.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Waiti, it is important that being worshipers of the same church you make him aware so that you can go to heaven together. Hon. Hentry, you can proceed

Hon. Hentry Nyongesa: Thank you Hon. Speaker, when we are in whites Hon. Waiti is always in front so sometimes he thinks ahead and so I agree with that.

I want to mention something on Sang'alo; that the absorption money that is being put in Sang'alo was nowhere in the budget.

What is coming out from the report is that money meant for Gender and Culture was taken to Masinde Muliro stadium and I have very serious concerns with that. I want the mover to come up clearly on who approved this money to go to Masinde Muliro Stadium. When we were going towards Madaraka day, a lot of things were happening including painting carried out by armed officers, which money was spent on what because even now as we are talking under the Pending bill, I am sure the mover of the motion has mentioned about the pending bill so let him categorize this thing. We need to know what was done by the National Government and what was done by the County Government because window panes were done by the National government. I heard money was even carried in cash by the County Government to go and pay some of the suppliers but I have not seen the mover of the motion state.

Also some furniture was brought in to solve of emergencies. I am told they were even inviting new supplies for the same and so the mover has to come out very clearly on that. Hon. Makari stated that he will struggle to support the report, for me I might not support the report wholesomely until the mover of the motion panel beats it and gives us the exact figures that were being spent at Masinde Muliro stadium. I reserve my support for now.

Hon. Jeremiah Kuloba: Thank you Mr. Speaker for giving me an opportunity to reply. Hon. Makari has raised about participants and expenditure where none staff members took part in games, during the period under review, we did not have a report of the same for consideration.

On the imprest for Kshs.699, 000, I am happy to report to this House that we have new systems in place where every person shall be accountable for himself and KShs.699, 000 for players; we are still making a follow up on the same.

On the absorption of women fund, the Kshs. 12 Million that was moved from women fund, I don't think when I am offering a reply there should be a point of information. The KShs.12 million that was moved from Women Empowerment fund, I think there was a problem and we are making a follow up over the same with the Accounting Officer who did that because it was more than 10 per cent as stipulated by the law and everything is going to take place. Going forward, we shall be doing strict scrutiny of the budget and every member of the committee shall scrutinize the budget before we pass it.

Lastly, there is no official complaint by any KICOSCA participant as said by Hon. Hentry, so it is just hearsay and we also take it as such because there is no formal written and signed complaint that has been presented before this committee over the same.

Then he talked about participation in KICOSCA in Mumias, he is talking of things that happened after 2023/24 financial year while this report is talking of a period ended 30th June 2024. Thank you, Mr. Speaker and I urge this House to adopt this report so that we straighten things in that department.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Makari, after a reply, let us not go that direction, you are a veteran, after a reply is given, let's finish the process.

Thank you so much and I want to applaud Hon. Jeremiah, he has tried and we should encourage members who try on their first attempt, we should not make them scared.

Hon. Members, allow me put the question, Hon. Makari is breathing fire but we proceed

(Question put and agreed to)

The report is adopted and the Clerks at the Table will transmit the same to offices for further action. Hon. Makari with another member just shouted but they were only 2 or 3

(Laughter)

MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT OF THE HOUSE

Hon. Johnston Ipara: Hon. Speaker sir. I rise to move a motion for adjournment of the House from Tuesday 11th March 2025 to Wednesday 12th March 2025 to allow sector committees to interrogate the first supplementary budget estimates for financial year 2024/25. Aware that the 1st supplementary budget estimates have been tabled for consideration by this House, noting that it is essential for sector committees to conduct thorough interrogations of

the supplementary budget to ensure proper allocation of resources across various sectors; now therefore, this House resolves not to sit on Tuesday 11th and Wednesday 12th March 2025 and to resume sitting on Thursday 13th March 2025 at 2:30pm. I move.

I want to call upon Hon. Jack Wambulwa to second

Hon. Jack Wambulwa: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. As I second the motion, I want to urge colleague members to avail ourselves during interrogation; we need to be very keen with what we will be resolving. I want to call upon sector committees to be thorough, don't wait for Budget committee to make decisions for you, make decisions that will help people of Bungoma, decisions that are going to save us from the public. Let's not make decisions to please us and at the end of the day the common man will not get services. I support the report.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Thank you Hon. Jackson Wambulwa for seconding. Hon. Members, allow me now propose a motion to the House

(Motion proposed)

Hon. Hentry Nyongesa: I want to take this opportunity to thank the mover of the motion for thinking very fast. We are going towards the end of the financial year, because we are in middle of March and it is when we are looking at the 1st Supplementary Budget and reasons for this are well known to whoever was sitting on the supplementary budget. I believe all counties were waiting for the division of revenue allocation at the Senate which was done long time ago and it is now that we are having the Supplementary; this shows clearly that we are late.

It is true that we have to look at that Supplementary Budget because as the Chairperson budget committee is indicating that we have serious issues that have happened. You remember, we had money meant for the scholarship and the bursary, which somebody sitting somewhere has thought it wise that that money is not supposed to be given to people of Bungoma or rather Kenya. So we want to look at that thing seriously and find a way on how we are supposed to benefit our people from that serious mischief.

But as the Chair Budget has indicated, sometimes somebody can sit somewhere and do something timely, give you food, you are hungry, yes but he gives you food and gives you time. I happened to visit somewhere, which I don't want to mention, but I was accompanying my friends to his in-laws. And when we were given food, we were told that at that place where they come from, that is a scheme, that when you have gone there for funeral, you don't sit to eat more than 30 minutes.

So, just after when we had just finished washing hands, we were told that time is up, so we didn't eat. And this is a replica that might be brought that we are hungry of money, yes.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Hentry, was it that place I saw you?

Hon. Henry Nyongesa: Just near that place, we were in-laws in that home, and that's what happened. So we have been brought a Supplementary Budget and we are actually in need of money. So many things are pending, but we are told to pass this thing within the shortest time. Because we are retreating for the Legislative Council and the Chair Budget is here, he has given us a program for the Budget Committee.

How I wish that we have enough time to interrogate the supplementary budget, as the mover of the motion has said, that Tuesday and Wednesday, how I wish that we had some more time, because it's a serious issue, doing one supplementary budget in one financial year. I don't know, I don't know whoever was doing it, they know what intend to do.

So I want to support the motion, that we are given time for the sector committees to scrutinize those departmental budget very seriously. Like when Hon. Makari was asking a question of refurbishment, that might be answered in some areas..

I was listening to the Control of Budget, who was saying that this County has Kshs 2.6 billion in terms of pending bills. So we start wondering; he was mentioning the Counties that has serious pending bills, she started with Nairobi, Muranga, and I think Bungoma was almost number five, with Kshs 2.6 billion. And that is an area that people are hiding to have the money, because like when I just look at the report which we have concluded, you realize that somebody has budgeted for basketball or netball at a cost of around 700 shillings, and that money is in pending bill. They have not paid the supplier, and maybe this is why we are now being brought a document that is going to be approved by this House to add some criminality by paying somebody who has purchased a handball at Kshs 700,000. I have been buying many balls, including football. I don't know this County bought how many at the cost of 700,000, because me, I have been doing these games. Let's say, 20 balls, not more than Kshs 100,000. Here they are buying at Kshs 800,000, so we need enough time to look at a document, so that when it comes to Health, where Hon. Makari has very serious departments, including now the superintendents from Bumula, who are even purchasing things at cash without procurement, and they force the hospital to pay those debts.

I want to wish that that time is given, so that we scrutinize that supplementary budget seriously. But in addition, we are also having timeline documents, because I read on the newspaper today, the CFSP is supposed to kick off on Monday. So I think if wishes were horses, we could be here for almost the whole week looking at these documents, so that we have a clear report.

Otherwise, I support the mover of the motion. Mr Speaker, thank you.

Mr Deputy Speaker: Thank you so much. Hon. Makari.

Hon. George Makari: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. Mr Speaker, maybe just to also say something on this, and Hon. Nyongesa has brought it out, on this issue of supplementary which is in tandem with the pending bills.

If you check very well in the Finance Committee report, which was moved yesterday, as I support this motion of adjournment, the CECM Finance came to the Pascal Nabwana Hall and told us that the Pending bill for Bungoma County was Kshs 7 billion, and elected members were available that day. In the Annual Development Plan, I said this yesterday, the bills came down to Kshs 3 billion. If you check the report of yesterday, when they submitted the financial statements, now the pending bills came back to Kshs 1.3 billion. Who was cheating who? Was the CEC Finance lying to us, or we were cheating ourselves in that meeting? That now brings us to the question. If there is any supplementary budget, we have to look at properly, with a tooth comb,

We have issues with the cess money. I remember when you were also giving your views, and we were in the Committee of Finance, you said one time you delivered cane, and even the tonnages were not tallying. Now, there are many things we realize. Amongst them is that the monies that come from West Kenya, and the monies that are declared by the Revenue Department, are totally different. When West Kenya says in February we have given Kshs 5 million, the declaration from the Revenue Department is Kshs 1.8 million, the difference is only God knows where that difference goes.

In March they say we received Kshs 8 million. The Revenue Department brings us a report that the amount received in this month is Kshs 2 million, a difference of Kshs 6 million. Where does that difference go? So those are the things we have to scrutinize in the supplementary budget. And then, not just scrutinizing, this money came in when already the Annual Budget had been passed in June. It means this money is lying somewhere, it's waiting to be appropriated in the supplementary. We want to see that this money now actually is included in the supplementary budget.

If there is a budget we are going to scrutinize with a tooth comb, it is this supplementary budget. Somebody somewhere is sitting and is trying to imagine that Hon. Members are very stupid. I want to promise you this, that if there is anyone who will stand in the way of this House in scrutinizing this one, we will greet him. We are not going to joke this time around and going forward, because so many things are being given to this House, very different information.

When they give us information in the first quarter, it is supposed to be consistent up to the last quarter. For example, you find there are projects that were done in the first quarter. In the fourth quarter, they tell you that they now bring totally different projects apart from the ones that were done. I know they are supposed to be carried forward up to the fourth quarter. We did this in the first quarter, we did this in the second quarter, and now we are closing the year. The same projects are supposed to be there.

But you find that some of the projects in the fourth quarter now are missing. That is the sinister motive we are now going to look at. Hon. Speaker, I support that on Monday, members of Committees are going to scrutinize the budget entirely to get an informed opinion from the fiscal analysts.

Then on Tuesday now, the Executive is coming in. Now from an informed point of view, on Tuesday now we interrogate having had information on what they are supplementing and why they are supplementing that. Therefore, Hon. Speaker, I want to stop there and support the motion on adjournment.

Mr Deputy Speaker: Thank you, the Hon. George Wasike Makari for your contribution. Now let me call upon the Hon. Johnston to reply.

Hon. Johnston Ipara: Thank you, Hon. Speaker for the opportunity. First of all, let me begin by applauding the seconder of this particular motion and move so quickly to the comments by Hon. Nyongesa. If wishes were horses, beggars could be riding.

For bursary, our hands are tied up, because the matter is before court in Nakuru and there is nothing that can be done until the matter is completed.

Hon. Makari is always a wonderful contributor, a debater and that's why the authors of this motion picked the word through. Through in the sense this particular moment we should be informed most of the contracts have been approved, signed, and some of them are at the last stages of completion. So as you sit in that particular committee, the question that should be lingering in your mind is one, is this money that is being moved from where they are being moved to where they are being taken to, are they committed? If they are committed, then if we move them, what damage will it cause to the county in terms of negative consequences? So we must be very careful not to move money that has already been contracted, works has been done or at the last stages. And that's why the word through is. And I want to believe that that is also why Hon. Makari is using the word tooth comb.

That is through analysis of what is before us. The adjournment is to allow us to have a through interrogation and flush out any hidden malicious allocation and have it removed and return the amount in question to its rightful place. With that, I plead with the Hon. Members that let's approve this and see who wants to play with us and who wants to take this House for granted. I rest Hon. Speaker.

Mr Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Okasita for the reply. Hon. Members, allow me now to put the question before the House. That motion for the adjournment of the House that this House resolves not to sit on Tuesday, the 11th day, and Wednesday, the 12th March, 2025, and to resume sittings on Thursday 13th March, 2025, at 2.30 p.m.

(Question put and agreed)

(Applause)

ADJOURNMENT

Mr Deputy Speaker: Hon. Members, that being our last item on the Order Paper of the day, this House will adjourn and will resume our sittings on Thursday 13th March, 2025, 2.30 p.m. We adjourn.

The House rose at 5:21 p.m.