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

(Mr. Speaker [Hon. Emmanuel Situma] in the Chair)

**PRAYER**

**QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS**

**QUESTION IN RELATION TO THE CONSTRUCTION OF A MATERNITY WING  
AT MUNGORE HEALTH CENTRE IN KHASOKO WARD**

**Mr. Speaker:** Hon. Otsiula, it's your statement. Yes Hon. Nganga

**Hon. Everton Nganga:** Thank you, Honourable Speaker. When I see advocates sited together I became much worried because may they planning for a coup. If that is the current sitting style...

**Mr. Speaker:** Hon. Nganga, the only chairs reserved for this Honourable Members is for the Leadership only, the rest they can sit anywhere and I don't bar any members to consult at any given time

*(Applause)*

That's why when I walked in Hon. Sudi was consulting with the Majority Leader here. So Hon. Otsiula, I think this is a response that you are expecting from the Chair committee on Health. Yes Hon. Makari or the Vice chair of the committee.

**Hon. George Makari:** Thank you, Honorable Speaker. I wish to respond to the statement as raised by Hon. Otsiula and which came to the Committee on Health.

I wish to report to the House that actually we invited the Executive Committee Member and the attendant officers to the committee and in attendance was the mover of the statement Hon. Otsiula.

We deliberated and came up with a few issues and I think they are not few because they are exhaustive issues as deliberated by the committee.

Let me report as follows;

The Committee on Health services received a question sought by Hon. Benjamin Otsiula in the House 10<sup>th</sup> of July 2025 and you referred it to the committee for response pursuant to standing order 47(2) (c) of the County Assembly of Bungoma Standing Orders. The statement was in relation to the Construction of a maternity wing at Mung'ore Health Centre in Khasoko ward. The committee was given up to 29<sup>th</sup> July, 2025 to provide a response through the Chairperson and here we are. The committee requested for reply from the department of Health and Sanitation through the Office of the Clerk on 11<sup>th</sup> July, 2025.

The reply reached the Office of the Clerk of the County Assembly and consequently to the committee on 25<sup>th</sup> of July 2025. On 28<sup>th</sup> July, 2025 at 10:00 a.m., the CECM Health and Sanitation accompanied by the Chief Officer and the Director provided a reply to the committee as follows

**Question one: The procurement process, advertisement evaluation report professional opinion and award**

**Response**

The mentioned documentation was awarded and interrogated by the committee. The suppliers were invited through E-Sourcing Open National Tender in line with Public Procurement and Asset Disposal Act 2015 part 11 section 92 subsection f were tenders were advertised on the IFMIS portal on 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2024. Two bidders participated in the bidding. The evaluation was done on 12<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> November, 2024 and MS-Malewa limited was recommended after meeting the requirements stipulated.

Evaluation report was combined based on the bids information submitted thereafter a professional opinion was issued and award was issued to the winning bidder.

**Question two: The names of the Directors of the companies that won the tender**

**Response:** The details of the Directors from the registry of companies evidenced by the cr12 provided and interrogated to the committee

**Question three: The BQ's of the projects**

**Response:** In the BQ provided the project had Bills of Quantities generated for proposed construction works for maternity wing for various scopes of work, builder's works electrical works and septic tank.

**Question four: Provide the project agreement for the project**

**Response:** The project agreement was provided by the committee. A contract was signed between the client the department of Health and Sanitation and the contractor MS Malewa Limited

**Question five: Status of the project and how much has been paid to the contractor**

**Response:** The contractor did site clearance and no other works have been undertaken.

**Question six: Why the project has stalled**

**Response:** The contractor abandoned the site without giving any formal communication or notice

**Question seven: Action taken on the contractor for failure to adhere to timelines stipulated in the contract**

**Response:** The department has instructed the project manager to prepare documents, termination of contract in line with the procedures of procurement. A communication to that effect was provided to the committee as evidence.

**Question Eight: Measures the department has put in place to ensure the project is completed**

**Response:** The project was earmarked for completion in FY 24/25 that has just lapsed with the advent of accrual accounting. The funds will be carried over to the fy25/26 during Supplementary Budget and finally the committee undertook to follow up on the progress before the contract expires on 17<sup>th</sup> August 2025 and after expiry of the contract. We agreed that we will follow up every stage of the way until the Honourable Member is satisfied.

The owner of the statement was satisfied with the response provided and the commitment made by the committee to follow up.

**Mr. Speaker:** Hon. Otsiula, you have heard the response

**Hon. Benjamin Otsiula:** Honourable Speaker, I have heard the response it is true I was invited before the Committee and the CEC promised to fast-track and ensure that before the contract is terminated, the contractor reports back to site. Therefore I agree with the contents of the report.

**Mr. Speaker:** I think with that settled, let's go to the next item

## MOTION

### **REPORT OF THE SECTOR COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, LIVESTOCK, FISHERIES IRRIGATION AND COOPERATIVE DEVELOPMENT ON IMPLEMENTATION OF HOUSE RESOLUTIONS FOR THE YEAR 2022 AND 2023**

**Mr. Speaker:** Yes, Hon. Opwora.

**Hon Edwin Opwora:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am here on the floor to move a report on the status of Implementation of the House resolutions for the year 2022-023.

#### **Preface**

Pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order No. 205 of the County Assembly of Bungoma Standing Orders all the reports of the Sectoral Committee on Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries, Irrigation and Cooperative Development adopted by the House were officially submitted to the County Executive Committee Member (CECM) responsible for Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries, Irrigation, and Cooperative Development for implementation.

The CECM is required to report back to the Assembly within sixty (60) days, detailing actions taken in response to each resolution in accordance with Standing Order 205(2) of the County Assembly of Bungoma Standing Orders and Article 183(3) of the Constitution of Kenya.

Despite the legal requirement, the Committee notes with serious concern that the CECM has consistently failed to submit any implementation status reports on the resolutions adopted by the House for the year 2022 and 2023. This persistent non-compliance undermines the oversight role of the County Assembly and contravenes the principles of accountability and transparency as outlined in the Constitution.

In response, the County Assembly resolved to conduct a formal interrogation of the Department to assess the progress, challenges and level of compliance in implementing the following resolutions and Legislation.

During the period under review, the County Assembly adopted the following reports, all of which were subsequently conveyed to the department for implementation:

1. Report on Implementation status of farm input support program adopted on 28/02/2023 reference BCA/CC/6 Vol. IV (10) dated 1/03/2023
2. Report on the Bungoma County Government nine months financial statements for FY 2022/2023 with respect to the department of Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries, Irrigation and Cooperative Development adopted on 03/10/2023 reference BCA/CC/6 Vol. IV (12) dated 6/10/2023.
3. Report on the status and impact of dams irrigation, schemes and water pans in the County adopted on 1/11/2023 reference BCA/CC/6 Vol. IV(25) dated 7/11/2023.

### **County Legislations requiring implementation**

1. The Bungoma County Co-operative Societies Act, 2023
2. The Bungoma County Agricultural Produce Cess Act, 2017

The Committee invited the County Executive Committee Member to appear before it for interrogation. The invitation was formally communicated via a letter referenced CAB/ADM/6VOL.V (93).

The interrogation was held on 16<sup>th</sup> May 2025 at 2:00 p.m. within the County Assembly Precincts. This report contains the responses from the department, committee observations and recommendations.

### **Mandate of the Committee**

The Sectoral Committee on Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries, Irrigation and Cooperative Development 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;
- b) Consider quarterly reports of the assigned departments and report to the House within twenty-one (21) sitting days upon being laid;
- c) Study the programme and policy objectives of departments and the effectiveness of the implementation;

- d) Study and review all County legislation referred to it;
- e) Study, access and analyze the relative success of the departments as measured by the results obtained as compared with their stated objectives;
- f) Investigate and inquire into all matters relating to the assigned departments as they may deem necessary, and as may be referred to them by the County Assembly;
- g) To vet and report on all appointments where the constitution or any law requires the House to approve, except those under Standing Order 204 (Committee on Appointments); and
- h) Make reports and recommendations to the House as often as possible, including recommendation of proposed legislation.

### **Committee Membership**

The Committee on Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries, Irrigation and Cooperative Development as currently constituted comprises the following Members:

1.	Hon. Wafula Waiti	Chairperson
2.	Hon. Idd Owongo	V. Chairperson
3.	Hon. Busolo Sudi	Member
4.	Hon. Everlyne Mutiembu	Member
5.	Hon. Meshack Simiyu	Member
6.	Hon. Anthony Lusenaka	Member
7.	Hon. Simotwo Franklin	Member
8.	Hon. Jerusa Aleu	Member
9.	Hon. Alfred Mukhanya	Member
10.	Hon. Caleb Wanjala	Member
11.	Hon. Edwin Opwora	Member
12.	Hon. George Tendet	Member
13.	Hon. Benard Kikechi	Member
14.	Hon. Martin Chemorion	Member
15.	Hon. Nganga Sifuna	Member

### **Acknowledgement**

The Sectoral Committee on Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries, Irrigation and Cooperative Development wishes to express its sincere appreciation to your Office and that of the Clerk of the County Assembly of Bungoma for the invaluable logistical, technical, and administrative support extended to the Committee throughout the execution of its oversight mandate.

Further, I acknowledge with deep gratitude the unwavering commitment, dedication, and professionalism demonstrated by Members and their active participation and deliberations which greatly enriched this report.

Additionally, the Committee extends appreciation to the Secretariat assigned to support its functions.

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It is now my honor and privilege, on behalf of the Sectoral Committee on Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries, Irrigation and Cooperative Development, to table this report before this Honourable House for consideration and adoption.

Report signed by Hon. Wafula Waiti Chairperson Committee on Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries, Irrigation and Cooperative Development

### **Comprehensive Examination and Analysis of the Implementation Status**

This chapter provides a comprehensive examination and analysis of the implementation status of committee reports and County Legislations in respect to the Department of Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries, Irrigation and Cooperative Development.

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The following are the House resolutions for each of the aforementioned reports, departmental response and committee observations and recommendations.

### **Report on Implementation status of farm input support program**

#### **Resolution 1**

THAT, the department is hereby directed to review the policy and further develop regulations to comply with regulation 197(1)(d) of the Public Finance Management(County Governments) Regulations, 2015 on administrative Cost.

#### **Department Response**

In the Financial year 2023/2024, the total payment for Maize and fertilizer was 319,060,915 (open tender). Administrative cost amounted to 5.2million shillings (4.5Million on vetting committees and 700,000 on Monitoring and evaluation) translating to 1.63% of the total cost. In FY 2024/2025, the total payment for fertilizer and seed was 180million (Government to Government). The estimated administrative cost which is to be spend is Kshs. 5.1million (Vetting committee - 4.5million and M&E - 600,000) translating to 2.83% of the total cost.

#### **Committee observation**

The department is yet to develop Regulations to comply with regulation 197(1)(d) of the Public Finance Management(County Governments) Regulations, 2015 which provides for a maximum of 3% to be utilized on administrative Cost.

**Resolution 2**

The department should incorporate extension services and follow up programs for better implementation.

**Department Response**

The Department has Staff at Sub County and ward level managing FISP. The department has Officers implementing the programme per ward and farm input support programme monitoring and evaluation report 2023.

**Committee observation**

Implemented

**Resolution 3**

**THAT**, the department should as a matter of urgency review the Bungoma County Policy Framework for Agriculture Input Support to Resource Poor and Vulnerable Small Holder Farmers policy and submit the same to county assembly for adoption before next financial year.

**Department Response**

The Bungoma County Agriculture sector policy 2023 was developed and approved by the assembly to anchor agriculture inputs in the department (Issue 5, Pg. 13 of the Policy).

The Bungoma County Agriculture Inputs guidelines and services guidelines 2023 was developed and rejected by the assembly because they were not anchored by any County or Natural Act and they were not providing for substantive issues which ordinarily should be provided for in a policy or Act of the County Assembly.

After rejection the department embarked on developing an Agriculture Input Bill and Regulations for Vulnerable Farmers which is on-going.

**Resolution 4**

**THAT**, the Directorate of monitoring and evaluation is hereby directed to establish a robust monitoring and evaluation system that can inform future decisions to improve the programme.

**Department Response**

The department has designated M\$E officer in the Agriculture directorate who does monitoring and evaluation on the programme. The department has in place Bungoma County FISP M&E status report 2023)

**Committee observation**

The resolution was implemented. However, the department should work on the challenges facing the programme as highlighted in the monitoring and evaluation report, 2023 and develop strategies to address them.

### **Resolution 5**

**THAT** the department should strictly supply the fertilizer and maize seed on time to boost productivity.

#### **Department Response**

The 2023/2024 inputs were delivered from 8/3/2024 to 15/3/2024. (Annexed Bungoma County delivery Notes)

#### **Committee Observation**

The Committee observed that the implementation of the House resolution remains partially achieved. While some progress has been made, the department has not fully complied with the directive to ensure timely supply of agricultural inputs specifically fertilizer and maize seeds across all regions of the County.

The delays in delivery were attributed by the department to procurement-related challenges and logistical constraints. As a result, several areas continue to experience disruptions in their planting schedules, undermining the intended impact of the programme on food security and agricultural productivity.

### **Resolution 6:**

**THAT**, the County should develop mechanism to introduce subsidy programme to enable sustainability.

#### **Department Response**

The Department has partnered with the National Government in the purchase of fertilizer to reduce the costs. The process of developing Frameworks (Bungoma County agriculture input equipment and services bill and regulations) is on-going to anchor sustainability.

#### **Committee Observation**

The Committee noted that the process is on-going.

### **Resolution 7**

**THAT**, the department should put in place a system of countywide soil mapping that would inform the type of fertilizer to be availed to farmers under the farm input program.

#### **Department Response**

The Bungoma County Institutions Bill is currently in the assembly to strengthen, streamline and resource the Soil Testing Labs for improved service delivery within the county.

#### **Committee observation**

The process is on-going.

### **Resolution 8**

The department is directed to develop an Agricultural Soil Management Policy which will address sustainable agricultural land management practices and submit the same to the county assembly within 90 days from the adoption of this report.

#### **Department Response**

The Bungoma County Agriculture Soil Management Policy, 2023 was developed passed by the County Assembly and launched for implementation. Partners through County Agriculture Sector Steering Committee (CASSCOM) have been mobilized to start implementing

**Implementation status**

Implemented

**Resolution 9**

**THAT**, the department should put mechanisms in place to deter beneficiaries from selling the farm input.

**Department Response**

The department has a designated maize value chain officer who collaborates with the vetting committee comprised of both the National and County Government officials for follow up. KIAMIS registered farmers from the National data base is used to ensure genuine farmers benefit.

**Committee observation**

The Committee observed with concern that, despite the presence of designated maize value chain officers within the department, beneficiaries continue to engage in the unauthorized sale of farm inputs supplied under the County Farm Input Support Programme.

This practice undermines the core objectives of the programme, which is aimed at supporting resource-poor and vulnerable smallholder farmers to enhance productivity and achieve food security. The Committee notes that this challenge points to gaps in enforcement, follow-up mechanisms and community sensitization on the appropriate utilization of the inputs provided.

**Resolution 10**

**THAT**, the department should put in a timely monitoring and Evaluation programme to access the social economic impact on the residents of Bungoma County

**Department Response**

The department has a designated M& E officer who does follow ups on the programme. (FISP monitoring and evaluation report Annexed)

**REPORT ON THE BUNGOMA COUNTY GOVERNMENT NINE MONTHS FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR FY 2022/2023 WITH RESPECT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, LIVESTOCK, FISHERIES, IRRIGATION AND COOPERATIVE DEVELOPMENT**

**Resolution 1**

**THAT**, the County Treasury should indicate how much each department received as exchequer for easy comparison in the quarters

**Department Response**

S/no	Department	Approved Estimates FY 2022/23	Recurrent Expenditure	Development Expenditure	Total Expenditure

1.	<b>Agriculture and Irrigation</b>	<b>762,285,317</b>	<b>190,678,419</b>	<b>29,998,308</b>	<b>220,676,727</b>
2.	<b>Livestock, Fisheries and Veterinary</b>	<b>146,588,536</b>	<b>76,860,537</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>76,860,537</b>
3.	<b>Cooperative development</b>	<b>34,237,478</b>	<b>7,265,618</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7,265,618</b>
4.	<b>NARIGP</b>	<b>332,916,544</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>237,245,331</b>	<b>237,245,331</b>
5.	<b>ASDSP II</b>	<b>30,756,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5,344,642</b>	<b>5,344,642</b>
<b>Total</b>		<b>1,232,138,834</b>	<b>274,804,574</b>	<b>272,588,281</b>	<b>547,392,855</b>

However, the recommendation touches on mandate of the County Treasury on financial reporting on preparation and submission of financial statements.

### **Committee observations**

Implemented

### **Resolution 2**

**THAT**, the department should break down the budget execution by programmes and sub-programmes into activities for easy scrutiny and oversight.

### **Committee Observation**

The department submitted the budget execution by programmes and sub-programmes for the period under review.

### **Resolution 3**

**THAT**, the department must submit departmental monthly/annual work plan and procurement plans for comparison purposes with the financial report by the committee.

### **Committee observation**

Implemented

### **Resolution 4**

**THAT**, the department must ensure compliance of Regulation 93(5) (6) of PFM Regulation 2015 on surrendering imprest and enhance imprest management system.

### **Department Response**

The Department has been adhering to the imprest surrender regulation where the imprest holder is required to surrender his/her imprest within 7 working days failure to do so, a disciplinary action is taken to recover the full amount from salary of the defaulting officer.

**Committee observation**

The Committee critically examined the department's compliance with the Public Finance Management (County Governments) Regulations 2015, specifically Regulation 93(5) and (6), which mandates the timely surrender of imprests.

While the Department reported adherence to the stipulated imprest management protocols, the department reported unsurrendered imprest of Kshs. 496,000 for the period ended 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2024.

**Resolution 5**

**THAT**, the department must give pending bills first charge when it comes to budgeting.

**Department Response**

This has been adopted, a good example is this FY 2024/2025 where we committed approximately 80% of our Departmental budget allocation to clear pending bills.

**Committee observation**

The Committee notes with concern that despite claiming to have committed approximately 80% of the departmental budget, the department still has outstanding pending bill amounting to Kshs. 148,293,615 as at 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2024.

**Resolution 6**

**THAT**, the department must provide a report on what the County managed to collect from Chwele Fish Farm and Chwele Chicken Slaughter house in the period under review alongside Financial statements.

**Department Response**

The County managed to collect Kshs. 52,000 in form of Revenue from Chwele Fish Farm.  
(Evidence not provided)

**Committee observation**

Not implemented

**Resolution 7**

**THAT**, the department should provide a breakdown of NARIGP and ASDSP II implemented programmes

**Committee observation**

Department provided the annual report for 2022/2023 for the NARIGP and ASDSII program.  
(Implemented)

**Resolution 8**

**THAT**, the department must submit expenditure reports in the sub-department of Livestock and Fisheries.

**Committee Observation**

Implemented.

Report on the status and impact of dams irrigation, schemes and water pans in the County

**Resolution 1**

**THAT**, the department should immediately transfer the land ownership of dams and irrigation schemes from the name of the defunct local authorities to the County Government of Bungoma and develop a comprehensive inventory.

**Department Response**

The Department in partnership with the Department of Lands started with securing dam land through surveying and demarcation before the transfer of land ownership, so far 13 dams have been surveyed and demarcated (Tongaren: Makolwolwe, Lutukayi/Karma, Namanjalala, Sinoko; Kanduyi: Namasanda, Khalaba B; Bumula:Bosio, Kimilili;Lutonyi, Webuye East: Wabukhonyi; Sirisia: Nabumukoya and Lukaala/Vitonge; Webuye West: Misikhu A Kabuchai: Muyayi)

There is a comprehensive dam inventory in place.

**Committee observation**

**On-going**

**Resolution 2**

**THAT**, the department is implored to lobby for funding through donors/partners to rehabilitate dams across the County.

**Department Response**

The Department is registering Irrigation Water Users with the office of the Attorney General in order to qualify for any funding. We have had some support from partners i.e. FAO came handy in survey and demarcation, NARIGP rehabilitated two dams Kapkara in Lwandanyi and Wabukhonyi in Siboti Ward.

**Committee observations**

Implemented.

**Resolution 3**

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**THAT**, the Department should develop a mechanism to rehabilitate all the dams in the County in phases.

**Department Response**

In the current Financial Year, the Department allocated funds to rehabilitate Magemo dam in Ndivisi Ward in FY 2024/25.

Sitabicha dam in Siboti Ward is currently undergoing rehabilitation under FLLoCA programme.

Kapkara in Lwandanyi Ward and Siboti Ward were rehabilitated in FY 2023/24 under NARIGP.

NAVCDP plans to fund the irrigation component at Kapkara dam.

The Department is registering Irrigation Water Users Association with the Office of the Attorney General to qualify for funding from partners/donors. So far Kapkara and Wabukhonyi Irrigation Water Users Association have been registered in process of registering Kamusinga-Kamtyong Irrigation Water Users Association.

**Implementation Status**

Implemented

**Resolution 4**

**THAT**, the department should put in place security measures to avoid vandalism also sensitize the community to own the projects.

**Department Response**

There are Dam management committees in place to help control vandalism instances

There have been community meetings at the dam sites on need basis by Sub County officers

**Committee observation**

Not Implemented

**Resolution 5**

**THAT**, the department should expedite on the formation and training of dam management committees for sustainability of the dams.

**Department Responses**

Dam management committees have been formed and members' capacity built by the department with the support from partner's i.e FAO and NAVCDP.

**Committee observation**

The department did not provide evidence of capacity building undertaken.

### **Resolution 6**

That the Department and area leaders should sensitize the community on the potential economic activities that could be realized from the dams and irrigation schemes.

### **Department Response**

Sensitization has been done with the support of partners. Public participation meeting for rehabilitation of Kisawayi and Napara dams in Siboti ward was done. Public participation report in place.

### **Implementation status**

Partially implemented

### **Resolution 7**

The department in liaison with the Department of Lands, Urban and Physical Planning undertake a land survey of all the dams and determine the acreage, establish boundaries, beacon the dams and reclaim the encroached lands.

### **Department Response**

The exercise is ongoing with support from FAO, so far 13 dams have been surveyed and demarcated (Tongaren: Makolwolwe, Lutukayi/Karma, Namanjalala, Sinoko; Kanduyi: Namasanda, Khalaba B; Bumula:Bosio, Kimilili; Lutonyi, Webuye East: Wabukhonyi; Sirisia: Nabumukoya and Lukaala/Vitonge; Webuye West: Misikhu A Kabuchai: Muyayi)

### **Committee observation**

On-going

### **Resolution 8**

That the Committee reiterates that the department should do due diligence/proper background check on contractors before awarding the contracts to build/rehabilitate dams in the County. Further the Department should carry out proper supervision of the projects during rehabilitation to avoid poor workmanship.

### **Department Responses**

These parameters have been included in evaluation/assessment forms used during tender evaluation exercise.

The Department has brought on board the panel of expert to carry out supervision.

### **Implementation status**

Not implemented

### **Resolution 9**

The framework for county governments to implement national policies on environmental conservation relating to dams should be developed.

**Department Response**

The National policy was done in consultation with County officers, County issues were factored in hence the need for the department to domesticate it to County level.

**Implementation status**

Not implemented

**Resolution 10**

That the Department should address the pollution menace at Wabukhonyi dam in Kabuchai Sub-County and any other dam that is posing a risk to human and animal life.

**Department Response**

The problem at Wabukhonyi dam is a public health issue. The adjacent auction ring for livestock attracts market actors who dump waste. This waste finds its way into the dam.

There is also a graded road that directs run off full of silt and animal waste to the dam.

Necessary action should be taken by the public health team.

**Implementation status**

Not implemented.

**Resolution 11**

The department should liaise with the County attorney and institute legal action on the person who Grabbed land belonging to Maliki Dam in Milima Ward and any other grabbed land and ensure that the same is recovered, fenced and title deed transferred to the County Government Bungoma.

**Department Response**

The exercise of recovery of encroached land is on-going; so far 13 parcels have been recovered.

**Committee Observation**

The Committee observed with concern that the parcel of dam land belonging to Maliki Dam, located in Milima Ward, remains under illegal occupation. Despite previous recommendations and awareness of the encroachment, no tangible steps have been taken to reclaim the land and individual responsible for the encroachment continues to occupy the property.

**The Bungoma County Co-operative Societies Act, 2023****Department Response**

The Bungoma County Cooperative Societies Act, 2023 was enacted to regulate and promote the growth of Cooperative Societies within Bungoma County. The Act aims at enhancing the Socio-economic development of Bungoma County by fostering a robust Cooperative movement. The Act is being partially implemented, some of the parts being implemented include; Administration and offices, Rights and liabilities of members, Duties of Cooperative Societies, Amalgamation and division of Cooperative Societies, Rights and obligations of Cooperative Societies, Property and Funds of Cooperative Societies, dissolution, settlement of disputes.

Part III on Formation, organisation and Structure of Cooperative Societies, only article 1-11 is being implemented by the County, the rest of the Articles require regulations to be fully implemented. Additionally, Amalgamation and division of Cooperative Societies, Inquiry, Charges by Cooperative Societies, inspection and surcharge, general provisions all require regulations to implement. There is need to lobby for funds to finalize on the Bungoma County Cooperative Funds regulations that is at draft stage.

### **The Bungoma County Agricultural Produce Cess Act, 2017**

#### **Department Response**

The County has not made any amendments to the Cess Act. However, drafted the Bungoma County Agricultural Produce Cess (Fund) Regulations, 2025, for better carrying out of the objects of the Act.

### **COMMITTEE OBSERVATIONS**

The Committee made the following Observations:

1. Most of the committee recommendations from the year 2022 and 2023 have either been partially implemented or not implemented at all. In particular: Soil testing, dam rehabilitation, community sensitization and anti-vandalism strategies have been initiated but lack clear evidence of full implementation. Lack of Regulations continues to impede full realization of existing Acts like the Bungoma County Cooperative Societies Act, 2023 and Agricultural Produce Cess Act, 2017.
2. Although the Department claims to adhere to PFM regulations on Imprest surrender. The Committee observed instances of unsurrendered imprests and non-adherence to **Regulation 93 (5) (6)** of the PFM (County Governments) Regulations, 2015.
3. Despite assertions of prioritization of pending bills, the department still had a pending Bill of Kshs. 148,293,615 as at 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2024.
4. The Committee observes that despite previous resolutions and clear evidence of land grabbing and encroachment of dams' land across the County particularly in **Maliki Dam (Milima Ward)** no decisive enforcement action has been undertaken. Encroachment of dams' land poses a grave risk to public assets, food security, and infrastructure and future donor investments.

5. The Committee observes that while the department continues to implement key initiatives and programmes such as the Farm Input Support Programme (FISP) there remains a critical gap in the assessment of the **actual socio-economic impact** of these programmes on the intended beneficiaries. In the absence of Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) reports, the County Assembly is unable to adequately determine whether the objectives of such programmes are being achieved which hinders effective oversight, transparency and evidence-based decision-making on budget allocations and policy direction.

## COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

The committee made the following recommendations;

1. **THAT**, the department should develop and submit to the County Assembly the Bungoma County Agriculture Inputs and Services Support Bill, Regulations for the Bungoma County Cooperative Societies Act, 2023 and the Agricultural Produce Cess Act 2017 within Sixty days(60) from the adoption of this report. The department should also put in place strategies for full implementation of the Bungoma County Cooperative Societies Act, 2023.
2. **THAT**, the department must strictly enforce imprest surrender timelines and surcharge Accounting Officers for non-compliance as per PFM regulations.
3. **THAT**, the department should prioritize the clearance of all pending bills in subsequent budgets and to align future expenditures strictly with the approved budget ceilings and cash flow projections.
4. **THAT**, the department must liaise with the County Attorney to institute legal action against individuals who have encroached on dams' land and institute legal recovery and protection of encroached dams' land (e.g., Maliki Dam). Recovered land must be documented, titled and fenced. The County Executive Committee Member for Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries, Irrigation and Cooperative Development should submit a progress report within Sixty (60) days from the adoption of this report.
5. **THAT**, the department should undertake a comprehensive socio-economic impact assessment of all programmes under its mandate i.e. the Farm Input Support Program (FISP). The County Executive Committee Member for Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries, Irrigation and Cooperative Development should submit to the County Assembly Monitoring and Evaluation reports within Sixty days (60) from the adoption of this report and on quarterly basis henceforth for accountability and performance of the programmes.

I can confirm that all Members appended their signature on the adoption schedule.

We have on the annexure;

1. Farm input delivery notes.
2. The farm input support program monitoring and evaluation report 2023
3. Submissions from the department on implementation status of adopted reports and the enacted legislation.

Mr. Speaker, allow me call upon Hon. Martin Chemorion to second this report.

**Mr. Speaker:** Hon. Martin Chemorion, you do have the honor of seconding the Committee report.

**Hon. Martin Chemorion:** Thank you, Honourable Speaker for giving me this chance. I want to thank the mover of the motion, the Chair of Tourism, Hon. Edwin Opwora for moving the motion eloquently and ensuring that each and every detail is read out. The implementation had mixed achievements; there are areas where the department scored, implemented some actions that we had actually recommended and of course other areas that they didn't. Maybe the major area that they implemented was inclusion of extension officers and coordination of the fertilizer subsidy program.

Another area that they did was a appointing of M&E, having an M&E officer to ensure that the activities, the fertilizer distribution activities are well tracked and of course the implementation of the maize growing is also done well.

Also on the issue of subsidy, introduction of subsidy, lacking the law, so the department had actually to ensure that the alliance with the national government through the national cereals board to ensure that the County access the subsidized fertilizer distributed by the National government through the cereals board.

There are other areas that they didn't do well, especially on dams. Protection of dams, preventing encroachment of dams. One of the dams that had been encroached; the Maliki Dam in Milima Ward, whereby we are recommending that the CEC in charge of Agriculture to liaise with the County Attorney to ensure that the encroached land at Maliki Dam is actually repossessed and turned back to the original use, that is what we are actually recommending.

Other areas that the department scored was it trying to register farmers through KIAMIS, whereby the details of the farmers are captured and they are put in the database of the National database in accessing, the farm inputs.

We actually recommended that they have to demarcate the dams, and I'm happy that the department in conjunction with the FAO has managed to demarcate 13 dams and that progress is ongoing.

On the issue of, the policies and the bills, and operationalization of some Bills and amendment; for example, amendment of the CESS to fill up the gaps that are there, that area has not been done properly. And that is why we are actually recommending that there is need for some Bills and regulations Bills to be brought to this House. For example, Bills on Agriculture inputs and services support program Bill should be brought to the Assembly so that we can facilitate the access of Agricultural equipment and inputs and services to our farmers.

Regulations to operationalize the Cooperative Act, we have seen as moved by the member, that they have partly implemented sections of that Act, but other sections need regulations for it to be operationalized.

We are giving out so much to the Community and yet we are not seeing the impact, for example, the seeds and fertilizer, we are not getting the impact assessment reports that can inform these future decisions, whether to increase or to decrease or we do away with these programs, so that at least we don't lose money or we don't deny the Community services. So if we have a thorough impact assessment that will help us to make informed future decisions.

The CESS law actually says the way it's being implemented, because the other day I was interacting with the Revenue Officers in my Ward, they are not using the CESS rates but they use laws that are passed through the financial Bill, which is actually robbing the traders, because they are using different Laws to collect CESS, and yet the CESS Law is available, maybe the amounts that are being charged are far much less than what is in the other Bills. For those many remarks, I want to second the motion.

**Mr. Speaker:** Thank you, Hon. Martin Chemorion.

Honourable Members, allow me to be able to propose a motion for debate.

*(Question proposed)*

Hon. Violet Makhanu!

**Hon. Violet Makhanu:** Thank you, Honourable Speaker for catching my eye. I want to first appreciate the mover of the report, Hon. Edwin Opwora for moving the report eloquently. I want to appreciate the seconder of the report Hon. Martin Chemorion, he did it so well that he tried to emphasize on some issues we need to understand as a House.

I'm concerned about the delays of supply of farm inputs; maybe I don't know whether it's me alone or all Honourable Members. This is where the Department of Agriculture has failed, when it comes to supplying of these inputs, like this year we delayed most of our farmers who were supposed to benefit on the same. I realize that these inputs were being supplied in small quantities, like in my Ward, maize was brought first and because of lack of storage, we were forced to call the farmers to come and pick the maize, and advise them to go plant maize

without fertilizer, so later DAP fertilizer came, we again called farmers to come and pick the same fertilizer to go and now top trace their maize that was planted without fertilizer.

**Mr. Speaker:** Hon. Violet Makhanu, am not understanding how do you use a DAP for top tracing?

**Hon. Violet Makhanu:** That's what was done, Honorable Speaker.

**Mr. Speaker:** I'm learning from you

**Hon. Violet Makhanu:** Most of the farmers planted their maize without fertilizer and maybe did the top tracing after the germination of their maize.

Then when DAP came, we gave them, they went and did what we had advised them. Then after some time, CAN came, we again called them to come and pick the same. And you know some of these farmers are vulnerable, they don't have money to travel all those distances to pick the same fertilizer. It also became expensive to some of us who received their inputs in the same way, we were being forced to pay for the offloading charges and the department didn't plan for the same. So I don't know whether this department has a budget for administrative costs or not, so that they are able to cut off such like expenses during the time they are supplying this input.

Let the department know that in case this fertilizer comes, it's supposed to be supplied once, so that it is given once and farmers can do their things in their farms.

**Mr. Speaker:** Thank you, Hon. Violet Makhanu. Yes, Hon Tony!

**Hon. Tony Barasa:** Thank you Hon. Speaker. First, I want to thank the mover who has moved a motion in a very eloquent manner. I have a concern on page 14, on issues to do with the grabbed lands of our dams. As you have heard about Kapkara dam which is in Lwandanyi Ward. If you compare with the report we got from Lawrence Sifuna task force report, currently the dam is at 29 acres and according to the Sifuna Taskforce, the land is more than 65 acres, so I want to urge the committee to put the department so that they can also liaise because I have seen that they have already done for around 8 if I am not wrong. So we also need to acquire the land of Kapkara dam because it is located in a heritage area it is shared between Lwandanyi Ward and Busia County, so that we can protect the land of this dam to a maximum of around 65 acres.

On the same page, we have a comprehensive inventory of the dams. I am aware of a dam near Tororo called Kambi chafu dam, which has been grabbed as it is nowhere to be seen. I urge the Chair to pass this information and if the inventory is picking up that Kambi chafu dam, so that we can also go into details for us to secure dams that have been grabbed.

If you go near Tulienga Primary school at Wambisi area, there is five acres piece of land meant for a dam, where the community could be taking their cattle there, but it has also been grabbed and I urge the executive to go deeper to unearth how many dams have been grabbed and how are we going to get them back. I support.

**Mr. Speaker:** Thank you. Hon. Opwora, you reply.

**Hon. Edwin Opwora:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. First of all, I want to thank Honorable Martin for seconding the motion. Hon. Violet raised a key concern on the delays of the farm inputs. As you remember the subsidy program, the maize came from two suppliers, we had the Kenya Seed and Western Seed, so it was a bit difficult to control so that they could come all at a single period. The challenges that were there definitely were observed and as a committee we are going to ensure that we push the department to plan better in the future.

Hon. Tony has also raised the issue of the grabbed land and as part of our recommendation; this is an on-going exercise that all the dams are being surveyed with the help of our partners to ensure that we get the actual acreage of the dams. As you noted in the report, we already have an issue where the law is trying to deal with the land grabbers and what Hon. Tony has raised about Kambi chafu is an on-going exercise as noted by the Committee and we believe that this information will be shared with the department.

Otherwise, I want to thank all the members who have listened to it and also satisfied with the report. I request that the motion is passed on the floor.

**Mr. Speaker:** Thank you, Hon. Otsiula for reply to the motion

*(Loud consultation)*

Sorry, Hon. Opwora. You are yet to report back to me you know. When it catches up, you will feel how I do.

Honorable members, allow me proceed with this last part of the motion so that Honorable members would be able to make a decision over the same.

*(Question put and agreed to)*

The ayes have it

*(Applause)*

The report is adopted accordingly.

Next item,

## **BILLS** **BUNGOMA COUNTY VALUATION AND RATING BILL 2024**

**Hon. Francis Chemion:** Thank you, Honorable Speaker. Pursuant to Standing Order 141 (1) I move that the Bungoma County Valuation and Rating Bill 2024 be now read a second time. I call upon Hon. Ipara to second.

**Mr. Speaker:** Hon. Ipara,

**Hon. Johnston Ipara:** Honorable Speaker Sir, I rise to second!

**Mr. Speaker:** Honorable members, in compliance with Standing Order 141(1) read together with 2, I now order that the Bill be read for the second time and subsequently we will collapse the House into the Committee of The Whole House in compliance with Standing Order No.142 accordingly.

I think it be read first! It ought to be read first, that is what I said! Clerks!

*A Bill for an Act of County Assembly of Bungoma to give effect to the provisions of article 209 (3) of the constitution to provide a comprehensive framework for the imposition of rates on land, buildings and other immovable property in Bungoma County and for connected purposes- Second reading*

**Mr. Speaker:** Honorable members, the Bill having been read the second time, we will be upstanding to go the committee of the Whole House accordingly!

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE HOUSE

(Order of the Committee Read)

[The Speaker (Hon. Emmanuel Situma) left the Chair]

IN THE COMMITTEE

[Temporary Chairman (Hon. Benjamin Otsiula) in the Chair]

BUNGOMA COUNTY VALUATION AND RATING BILL 2024

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE HOUSE

**Temporary Chairperson:** Order members! Honorable members, welcome to the committee of the Whole House for consideration of the Bungoma County Valuation and Rating Bill 2024. I now call upon the table clerk to read out the parts of the Bill with the sequence specified in Standing Order 144.

**CLAUSE 4: OBJECTIVE AND PURPOSE OF THE BILL**

**Temporary Chairperson:** Chair, Hon. Francis Chemion!

**Hon. Francis Chemion (Chair Lands):** Thank you, Hon. Speaker. That Clause 4 of the Bill be amended by introducing two new objectives to cater for valuation.

- a) Provide for a legal framework for effective valuation and property rating in the County
- b) Enhance efficiency, accountability and transparency in administration of land valuation and rating.

I now call upon Hon. Nyongesa to second!

**Hon. Hentry Nyongesa:** Chair I second!

(*Question of the amendment proposed*)

(*Question put and agreed to*)

*(Question that Clause 4 as amended be part of the Bill proposed)*

*(Question put and agreed to)*

**CLAUSE 5: ESTABLISHMENT OF COUNTY RATING AND VALUATION OFFICE**

**Hon. Francis Chemion:** Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I move that Clause 5 of the Bill be amended

- i) In sub Clause 2 by inserting the word County immediately before the word valuation so as to read clause 2; 'The office shall be headed by the County Valuation and Rating Officer who will be a public Officer designated by the County Public Service Board'
- ii) Sub clause 5(3) a, b, and c be deleted in the entirety and be replaced
  - a) Be registered by the valuers registration board in accordance with the valuers Act Cap 532 and
  - b) Have a minimum experience of 7 years in valuation from the date the person was registered by the valuers registration Board.

I now call upon Hon. Wafula Waiti to second the amendment.

**Temporary Chairperson:** Hon. Waiti, proceed and second!

**Hon. Wafula Waiti:** Thank you, Hon. Chair. I second!

*(Question of the amendment proposed)*

*(Question put and agreed to)*

*(Question that Clause 5 as amended be part of the Bill proposed)*

*(Question put and agreed to)*

**CLAUSE 6: OFFICES OF THE COUNTY RATING AND VALUATION OFFICE**

**Temporary Chairperson:** Honorable members, I now propose the question that clause 6 be part of the Bill. I now put the question that clause 6 be part of the Bill

*(Question that Clause 6 be part of the Bill, proposed)*

*(Clause 6 agreed to)*

The ayes have it!

**CLAUSE 7: FUNCTIONS OF COUNTY VALUATION AND RATING OFFICE**

**Temporary Chairperson:** Chair, Francis Chemion!

**Hon. Francis Chemion:** Thank you Chair. I move an amendment that Clause 7 of the Bill be amended by inserting the word 'the' immediately before the word 'County' on the subtitle so as to read functions of the County Valuation and Rating Office.

I now call upon Hon. Metrine Nangalama to second.

**Temporary Chairperson:** Hon. Metrine Nangalama, proceed!

**Hon. Metrine Nangalama:** Thank you Chair. I second.

*(Question of the amendment proposed)*

*(Question put and agreed to)*

*(Question that Clause 7 as amended be part of the Bill proposed)*

*(Question put and agreed to)*

The ayes have it!

**CLAUSE 8: EXPENDITURE OF COUNTY VALUATION OFFICE**

**Temporary Chairperson:** Hon. Chemion!

**Hon. Francis Chemion:** Chair, I move that Clause 8 of the Bill be amended by inserting the word "the " immediately before the word 'County' on the subtitle so as to read expenditure of the County Valuation office.

I now call upon Honorable Mulongo, the Minority Whip to second.

**Temporary Chairperson:** Hon. Aggrey Mulongo!

**Hon. Aggrey Mulongo:** Thank you Chair, I second!

*(Question of the amendment proposed)*

*(Question put and agreed to)*

*(Question that Clause 8 as amended be part of the Bill, proposed)*

*(Question put and agreed to)*

The ayes have it!

### **CLAUSE 9: RECEIVER OF REVENUE TO COLLECT THE REVENUES**

**Temporary Chairperson:** Honorable members, I now propose the question that Clause 9 be part of the Bill. I now put the question that clause 9 be part of the Bill.

*(Question proposed that Clause 9 be part of the Bill)*

*(Question put and agreed to)*

The ayes have it!

### **CLAUSE 10: RATES TO BE PAID TO THE RECEIVERS OF REVENUE**

**Temporary Chairperson:** Hon. Francis Chemion!

**Hon. Francis Chemion:** Thank you Chair. I move that Clause 10 of the Bill be amended i) Sub clause 1 by inserting the word 'Land' immediately after the word all and further inserting the word 'other property' immediately after the word any so as to read all land and any other property rates due and payable together with any other interest or penalties there on shall be paid to the receiver of revenue or any other person authorized to collect rates.

ii) Sub Clause 2(b) by inserting the word 'the' immediately after the word buy so as to read. At any other place as may be determined by the receiver of revenue.

I now call upon Hon. Makhanu to second!

**Temporary Chairperson:** Hon. Cornelius Makhanu!

**Hon. Cornelius Makhanu:** Thank you Chair. I gladly second!

*(Question of the amendment proposed)*

*(Question put and agreed to)*

*(Question that Clause 10 as amended be part of the Bill, proposed)*

*(Question put and agreed to)*

**CLAUSE 11: PREPARATION OF A VALUATION ROLL**  
**CLAUSE 12: AMENDMENT OF VALUATION ROLL**  
**CLAUSE 13: SUPPLEMENTARY VALUATION ROLL**  
**CLAUSE 14: CONTENTS OF VALUATION ROLL**

*(Question that Clause 11, 12, 13 and 14 be part of the Bill, proposed)*  
*(Question put and agreed to)*

**CLAUSE 15: POWER OF ENTRY AND INSPECTION**

**Temporary Chairperson:** Hon. Francis Chemion, Chair Lands!

**Hon. Francis Chemion:** Thank you Chair. I move that Clause 15 of the Bill be amended in sub clause 4 by separating it into two distinct parts.

To cater for failure to comply and one for falsifying information so as to read 'for the County valuation and Rating Officer may by notice in writing require the ratable owner or the occupiers of any land to make a return containing such written particulars regarding that land as may be necessary to enable preparation of Valuation roll or supplementary valuation roll accurately. Any ratable owner or occupier who neglects to furnish the particulars within 14 days after being called upon to do so commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a term of imprisonment not exceeding 6 months or a fine not exceeding Kshs.20,000 and any person who furnishes to any County valuation and rating officer a false statement of value or of any other particulars aforesaid commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a term of imprisonment not exceeding 6 months or a fine not exceeding Kshs. 20,000.

I now call upon Hon. Eunice to second!

**Temporary Chairperson:** Yes, Hon. Eunice Kirui, proceed!

**Hon. Eunice Kirui:** Thank you Hon. Chair. I second!

*(Question of the amendment proposed)*  
*(Question put and agreed to)*

*(Question that Clause 15 as amended be part of the Bill, proposed)*  
*(Question put and agreed to)*

Clause 16, Basis of Valuation

Clause 17, Exempt properties

Clause 18, Excluded public areas

*(Question that Clause 16, 17, and 18 be part of the Bill, proposed)*  
*(Question put and agreed to)*

**CLAUSE 19: DEPOSIT AND INSPECTION OF DRAFT VALUATION ROLL AND SUPPLEMENTARY VALUATION ROLLS.**

**Temporary Chairperson:** Yes, Hon. Francis Chemion!

**Hon. Francis Chemion:** Chair, I move that Clause 19 of the Bill be amended in sub clause 7 by deleting the 2 appearing immediately after the word section and inserting thereof the number 3 so as to read; without prejudice to the foregoing provisions within 21 days after publishing the notice provided for in subsection 3. I now call upon Hon. Opwora Edwin to second!

**Temporary Chairperson:** Hon. Edwin Opwora!

**Hon. Edwin Opwora:** Honorable Chair, I second.

**Temporary Chairperson:** Thank you, Hon. Opwora for seconding.

*(Question of the amendment proposed)*

*(Question put and agreed to)*

*(Question that Clause 19 as amended be part of the Bill, proposed)*

*(Question put and agreed to)*

## CLAUSE 20: OBJECTIONS ON DRAFT VALUATION ROLL AND BILLS

**Temporary Chairperson:** Hon. Francis Chemion!

**Hon. Francis Chemion:** Thank you Chair. I move that Clause 20 of the Bill be amended in sub clause 1(b) by deleting the word ascribed appearing immediately after the word value and replacing it with the word described so as to read b) Any value described in any draft valuation roll of draft supplementary valuation roll to any ratable property . I now call upon Hon. George Makari to second the amendment.

**Temporary Chairperson:** Hon. George Makari!

**Hon. George Makari:** Thank you Hon. Chair. I rise to second.

*(Question of the amendment proposed)*

*(Question put and agreed to)*

*(Question that Clause 20 as amended be part of the Bill, proposed)*

*(Question put and agreed to)*

## CLAUSE 21: WITHDRAWAL OF OBJECTIONS

*(Question proposed that Clause 21 be part of the Bill)*

*(Question put and agreed to)*

## CLAUSE 22: UNCONTESTED DRAFT VALUATION AND SUPPLEMENTARY VALUATION ROLES

**Temporary Chairperson:** Honourable Chairperson Lands

**Hon. Francis Chemion:** Chair I move that Clause 22 of the Bill be amended:

- I. In sub clause (1) by deleting number 21 (5) appearing immediately after the word section and replacing it with 20(1)(c) so as to read
  - i) If on the expiration of the period of 30 days referred to in section 20(1) (c) no objections have been received...

II. In sub-clause 2 by inserting the letter 'a' immediately after the word publish so as to read

ii) The County Executive member shall publish a notice that the valuation role or supplementary valuation role has been signed and certified under this section

I now call upon Hon. Ipara to second

**Hon. Johnston Ipara:** Thank you Chairperson, I rise to second

**Temporary Chairperson:** Hon. Okasida, thank you for seconding. I don't know what Hon. Allan is doing over there but I think he was guiding you on how to second.

*(Question of the amendment proposed)*

*(Question put and agreed to)*

*(Question that Clause 22 be part of the Bill, proposed)*

*(Question put and agreed to)*

### **CLAUSE 23: ESTABLISHMENT OF VALUATION COMPLAINTS COMMITTEE**

*(Question proposed that Clause 23 be part of the Bill)*

*(Question put and agreed to)*

### **CLAUSE 24: QUORUM OF THE VALUATION COMMITTEE**

**Hon. Francis Chemion:** Thank you, Honorable Chair. I move that Clause 24 of the Bill be emended in sub clause (2) by inserting letter 'a' immediately before the word chairperson' so as to read

2. 'Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (1) if at any sitting the chairperson is absent, the members of the committee present shall appoint a person from among themselves to act as chairperson during that sitting'

I now call upon Hon. Wafula Waiti to second

**Hon. Wafula Waiti:** Honourable Chair, I rise to second

**Temporary Chairperson:** Thank you, Hon. Wafula Waiti

*(Question of the amendment proposed)*

*(Question put and agreed to)*

*(Question that Clause 24 be part of the Bill proposed)*

*(Question put and agreed to)*

### **CLAUSE 25: CONDUCT OF MEMBERS**

**Temporary Chairperson:** Honourable members, I now propose a question

*(Question proposed that Clause 25 be part of the Bill)*

*(Question put and agreed to)*

### **CLAUSE 26: PROCEDURE OF VALUATION COMPLAINTS COMMITTEE**

**Hon. Francis Chemion:** Thank you, Honourable Chair. I move that Clause 26 of the Bill be amended in sub-clause 5 by inserting letter 's' at the end of the words 'objection' and appearing immediately after the word assessment so as to read

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26(5) The Secretary of the committee shall cause a note to be taken of any evidence given before it and shall keep minutes of its proceedings and a record of any assessment, objections and findings in regards to each objection.

I now call Hon. Makhanu to second

**Hon. Cornelius Makhanu:** Thank you Chair, I second.

**Temporary Chairperson:** Thank you, Hon. Makhanu.

*(Question of the amendment proposed)*

*(Question put and agreed to)*

*(Question that Clause 26 be part of the Bill proposed)*

*(Question put and agreed to)*

### **CLAUSE 27: DETERMINATION OF OBJECTIONS**

**Hon. Francis Chemion:** Chair I move;

1. That clause 27 of the Bill be amended in (1) by deleting '21' appearing immediately after the word 'section and inserting '20' thereof so as to read

i) Valuation complaints committee shall at sittings duly called by the secretary consider the objections made under section 20

2. Sub-clause 6 by inserting the word 'with necessary changes' immediately before the word apply and further by deleting the word 'mutatis mutandis' appearing immediately before 'apply' so as to read

ii) The valuation complaints committee shall consider the objections made under paragraph 2(5) and the provisions of section 27(5) shall apply with necessary changes in respect of those objections

I now call upon Hon. Jeremiah Kuloba to second

**Hon. Jeremiah Kuloba:** I rise to second

**Temporary Chairperson:** Honourable members, I put the question.

*(Question of the amendment proposed)*

*((Question put and agreed to)*

*(Question that Clause 27 be part of the Bill proposed)*

*(Question put and agreed to)*

### **CLAUSE 28: CERTIFICATION OF VALUATION ROLE**

**Hon. Francis Chemion:** Thank you, Hon. Chair. I move that clause 28 of the Bill be amended in sub-clause 4 by inserting letter 'a' immediately after the word publish so as to read;

28(4) The county executive committee member shall publish a notice that the valuation or the supplementary valuation role has been signed and certified under this section and that the notice shall state the manner in which and the latest day by which appeals may be made.

I now call Hon. Makari George to second the amendment

**Hon. George Makari:** Thank you, Honourable Chair. I want to stand and second the amendment

**Temporary Chairperson:** Honourable members, I now put the question;

*(Question of the amendment proposed)*

*(Question put and agreed to)*

*(Question that Clause 28 be part of the Bill proposed)*

*(Question put and agreed to)*

### **CLAUSE 29: COMING INTO FORCE OF VALUATION ROLE**

**Temporary Chairperson:**

*(Question proposed that Clause 29 be part of the Bill)*

*(Question put and agreed to)*

### **CLAUSE 30: APPEALS**

**Hon. Francis Chemion :** Honourable Chair, I move that Clause 30 of the Bill be amended by deleting the word 'subordinate' appearing immediately before the word 'court' and further by deleting the words 'presided by a magistrate' appearing immediately after the word 'court' and substituting thereof the word 'of competent jurisdiction' so as to read

30. 'Any person who has appeared before the valuation complaints committee on the consideration of an objection made before that committee under this committee or who has submitted an objection in writing to the valuation committee and who is aggrieved by the decision of the valuation complaints committee on the objection may appeal against the decisions of the valuation complaints committee within 30 days from the date of competition notice to a court of a competent jurisdiction.

Hon. Edwin Opwora, you can second.

**Hon. Edwin Opwora:** Honourable Chairperson, I second

**Temporary Chairperson:** I now put the question.

*(Question of the amendment proposed)*

*(Question put and agreed to)*

*(Question that Clause 30 be part of the Bill proposed)*

*(Question put and agreed to)*

### **CLAUSE 31: CASES STATE**

### **CLAUSE 32: VALUATION ROLE NOT TO BE CHALLENGED OR SET ASIDE**

**Temporary Chairperson:**

*(Question proposed that Clauses 31 and 32 be part of the Bill)*

*(Question put and agreed to)*

### **CLAUSE 33: FORMS OF RATING**

**Hon. Francis Chemion:** Thank you Chair, I move that:

1. Clause 33 be amended in sub clause 1(a) by deleting the word 'schedule' and number one appearing immediately after the word 'in' and substituting the same with the words 'the First schedule' so as to read

33(1) (a) Area rate as provided for in the First Schedule

2. Deleting the subsection 33(1)(b) entirely

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3. Deleting the word schedule and number 3 appearing immediately after the word 'in' and inserting the word in second schedule so as to read;

33(3) Site value rate or an improvement rate as provided for in the second schedule.

I now call Hon. Eunice Kirui to second

**Hon. Eunice Kirui:** Thank you Hon. Chair, I second

**Temporary Chairperson:**

*(Question of the amendment proposed)*

*(Question put and agreed to)*

*(Question that Clause 33 be part of the Bill proposed)*

*(Question put and agreed to)*

**CLAUSE 34: IMPOSITION OF RATES AND ADOPTION OF FORM OF RATING**

**CLAUSE 35: ADOPTION OF FORMS AND METHODS IN EXISTENCE**

**Temporary Chairperson:** Honorable members,

*(Question proposed that Clauses 34 and 35 be part of the Bill)*

*(Question put and agreed to)*

**CLAUSE 36: PAYABLE RATES TO BE DETERMINED ANNUALLY**

**Hon. Francis Chemion (Chairperson Committee on Lands):** Honourable Chair, I move that Clause 36 of the bill be amended in sub clause 2 by deleting the word 'schedule, and number '4' appearing immediately after the word 'in' and inserting therein the word 'the Third schedule' so as to read

36(2) without prejudice to (1), the County Assembly may in determining the amount of a rate payable use the wording set out in the Third schedule of the Act.

I now call Hon. Sudi Busolo to second the amendment.

**Hon. Isaiah Busolo:** Thank you Honourable Chairperson, I second

**Temporary Chairperson:**

*(Question of the amendment proposed)*

*(Question put and agreed to)*

*(Question that Clause 36 be part of the Bill proposed)*

*(Question put and agreed to)*

**CLAUSE 37: EFFECT OF DEFAULT IN DETERMINING ANNUAL RATES**

**CLAUSE 38: WHEN RATES ARE DUE**

**CLAUSE 39: PERSON LIABLE TO PAY RATES**

**Temporary Chairperson:**

*(Question proposed that Clauses 37, 38 and 39 be part of the Bill)*

*((Question put and agreed to))*

**CLAUSE 40: COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO DETERMINE DISCOUNT RATES**

**Hon. Francis Chemion (Chairperson Committee on Lands):** Chair, I move that Clause 40 of the Bill be amended by inserting the word 'committee' immediately after the word 'executive' so as to read;

40. The County Executive committee member for Finance in accordance with the Public Finance Management Act shall determine the rate.

I now call upon Hon. Wafula Waiti to second.

**Hon. Wafula Waiti:** Honourable Chair, I second.

**Temporary Chairperson:**

*(Question of the amendment proposed)*

*(Question put and agreed to)*

*(Question that Clause 40 be part of the Bill proposed)*

*(Question put and agreed to)*

#### **CLAUSE 41: POWER TO ALLOW DISCOUNT**

**Temporary Chairperson:**

*(Question proposed that Clauses 41 be part of the Bill)*

*(Clauses 41 agreed to)*

#### **CLAUSE 42: UNPAID RATE TO BE RECOVERABLE AS SUMMARY DEBT**

**Hon. Francis Chemion:** Thank you chair, I move that Clause 42 of the Bill be amended in sub clause 3(b) by deleting the word 'and' appearing before the word *prima facie* and substituting thereof the word 'as' so as to read;

42(3) (b) the amount or a part of the amount that has not been paid on or before the date shall be admissible as *prima facie* evidence against the defendant in proceedings under this section.  
I now call Hon. Machani to second

**Hon. Ali Machani:** Honourable Chair, I second.

**Temporary Chairperson:** Thank you, Hon. Ali Machani, it seems like you are getting good briefs from Hon. Florence

*(Question of the amendment proposed)*

*(Question put and agreed to)*

*(Question that Clause 42 be part of the Bill proposed)*

*(Question put and agreed to)*

#### **CLAUSE 43: NOTICE AND ITS EFFECT WHERE RATE IS UNPAID**

**Hon. Francis Chemion (Committee on Lands):** Thank you Chair, I move that:

1. Clause 43 of the Bill be emended in 43(1) by deleting the word 'and' appearing immediately after the word 'county' so as to read;

43(1) Where any rate or part thereof remains unpaid after the day on which it became payable, the County Valuation and rating office may serve a written notice under (2) upon any person paying rent to the owner of the land in respect of which such rate was imposed.

2. Clause 43(2)(a) be amended by deleting the number '12' appearing immediately after the word 'section' and inserting therein the number '10(1)' so as to read:

43(2)(a) The amount of arrears payable which may include interest calculated in accordance with section 10(1)

I now call Hon. Metrine Nangalama to second

**Hon. Metrine Nangalama:** Thank you Chair, I stand to second

**Temporary Chairperson:**

*(Question of the amendment proposed)*

*(Question put and agreed to)*

*(Question that Clause 43 be part of the Bill proposed)*

*(Question put and agreed to)*

#### **CLAUSE 44: UNPAID RATES TO CONSTITUTE A CHANGE ON LAND**

**Hon. Francis Chemion:** Thank you, Hon. Chair. I move that Clause 44 of the Bill be amended in sub clause (2) by deleting the word 'and' appearing immediately after the word 'County' so as to read;

44(2) The County Valuation and rating office may in the prescribed form deliver notification of a charge to a registrar of land under which such land is registered and the registrar shall register the notification against the title to the land.

I call Hon. Ipara to second

**Hon. Johnston Ipara:** Honourable Chair, I rise to second

**Temporary Chairperson:** Thank you, Hon. Johnston Okasida.

*(Question of the amendment proposed)*

*(Question put and agreed to)*

*(Question that Clause 44 be part of the Bill proposed)*

*(Question put and agreed to)*

#### **CLAUSE 45: STATEMENT ON RATES**

#### **CALOUSE46: SERVICE OF DOCUMENTS**

**Temporary Chairperson:**

*(Question proposed that Clauses 45and 46 be part of the Bill)*

*(Question put and agreed to)*

#### **CLAUSE 47, RULES AND REGULATIONS**

**Temporary Chairperson:** Hon. Francis Chemion.

**Hon. Francis Chemion:** Thank you, Chair. I move that Clause 47 of the Bill be amended in sub-clause 1 by inserting the word committee immediately after the word county, further by deleting letters appearing at the end of the word ratings. So as to read, the County Executive Committee Member may make regulations generally for the better carrying out of the provisions and purposes of this Act, and different rules may be made in respect of different forms of rating or different rating areas.

I now call Hon. Mulongo to second.

**Temporary Chairperson:** Minority Whip, Hon. Aggrey Mulongo.

**Hon. Aggrey Mulongo:** Thank you, chair. I stand to second.

**Temporary Chairperson:** Thank you, Hon. Aggrey Mulongo.

*(Question of the amendment proposed)*

*(Question put and agreed to)*

*(Question that Clause 44 be part of the Bill proposed)*

*(Question put and agreed to)*

## **CLAUSE 48, TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS**

*(Question that Clause 48 be part of the Bill, proposed)*

*(Question put and agreed to)*

## **NEW CLAUSE**

**Temporary Chairperson:** Next, new clause. Hon. Francis Chemion.

**Hon. Francis Chemion:** Thank you, Chair. I move that the Bill be amended by inserting a new clause immediately after Clause 5 and renumbering Clause 6 as 7 onwards so as to read, Clause 6, Appointment of Value;

i) A county government shall appoint a valuer to undertake valuation and prepare a main valuation role or a supplemental role for the county government at the appointed time of valuation.

ii) Where a private valuer is considered for appointment under Subsection 1, the county government shall adhere to the provisions set out in the Public Procurement and Asset Disposal Act, Cap 412C.

I now call upon Hon. Edwin Opwora to second.

**Temporary Chairperson:** Hon. Edwin Opwora.

**Hon. Edwin Opwora:** Thank you, Chair, I second.

**Temporary Chairperson:** Thank you, Hon. Edwin Opwora.

*(Question of the amendment proposed)*

*(Question put and agreed to)*

*(Question that the new clause be part of the bill, proposed)*

*(Question put and agreed to)*

First Schedule, area rate

*(Question that First Schedule be part of the bill, proposed)*

*(Question put and agreed to)*

## **SECOND SCHEDULE, AGRICULTURAL RENTAL VALUE.**

**Temporary Chairperson:** Chair, Hon. Francis Chemion.

**Hon. Francis Chemion:** Thank you, Honorable Chair. I move that the Bill be amended by deleting the second schedule in its entirety and renumbering Third Schedule as second schedule onwards.

I now call upon Hon. Ipara to second.

**Temporary Chairperson:** Hon. Johnston Ipara.

**Hon. Johnston Ipara:** Honorable Chair, I second.

**Temporary Chairperson:** Thank you, Hon. Johnson Ipara.

*(Question of the amendment proposed)*

*(Question put and agreed to)*

*(Question that the amendment be part of the bill, proposed)*

*(Question put and agreed to)*

## **FOURTH SCHEDULE, DETERMINING THE AMOUNT OF RATE THAT IS PAYABLE**

*(Question that the fourth schedule be part of the bill, proposed)*

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*(Question put and agreed to)*

### CLAUSE 3, INTERPRETATION

**Temporary Chairperson:** Chair, Hon. Francis Chemion.

**Hon. Francis Chemion:** Thank you, Chair. I move that clause three of the Bill be amended by

- i) Deleting divination of agricultural rental value rate in its entirety.
- ii) Deleting one appearing immediately after the word schedule and inserting the word the first immediately after the word of. So as to read, area rate has the meaning assigned to it in accordance with the paragraph one of the first schedule.
- iii) Deleting three appearing immediately after the word schedule and inserting the word the second immediately after the word of. So as to read, improvement rate has the meaning assigned to it in paragraph two of the second schedule.
- iv) Deleting the words given by appearing immediately after the word meaning and inserting the words assigned to it. So as to read, receiver of revenue has the meaning assigned to it by the Bungoma Account Revenue Administration Act 2019.
- v) Deleting letter three appearing immediately after the word schedule and inserting the word second immediately after the word of. So as to read, site value rate has the meaning assigned to it in paragraph one of the second schedule.
- vi) Deleting the statement includes any improvement on, in or under the land appearing immediately after the word land in the entirety and inserting therein the following statement, the solid part of the surface of the earth. So as to read, land, the solid part of the surface of the earth.
- vii) Deleting letter seven appearing immediately after the word section and replacing it with the letter eight and further by deleting the first valuation for rating act, CAP 266 appearing immediately after the word they and replacing it with the phrase the National Rating Act 2024. So as to read, notable owner has meaning assigned to it by section eight of the National Rating Act 2024.
- viii) Deleting the phrase valuation for rating act, CAP 266 appearing immediately after the word they and replacing it with the National Rating Act 2024. So as to read, ratable property has the same meaning as in the National Rating Act 2024.

- ix) Inserting the phrase valuation and immediately after the word county. So as to read, county valuation and rating office has meaning assigned by section five of this act.
- x) Deleting the phrase valuation for rating act, CAP 266 appearing immediately after the word the, and inserting it with the phrase National Rating Act 2024, section 32. So as to read, supplemental valuation role means any supplementary valuation role prepared under the National Rating Act 2024, section 32.
- xi) Deleting the phrase valuation for rating act, CAP 266 appearing immediately after the word the, and inserting it with the phrase National Rating Act 2024, section 31. So as to read, valuation role means any valuation role prepared under the National Rating Act 2024, section 31.

I now call upon Hon. Jeremiah Kuloba to second.

**Temporary Chairperson:** Hon. Jeremiah Kuloba,

**Hon. Francis Chemion:** I can easily change.

**Temporary Chairperson:** Wait, you are now on Hansard. No, you have disappeared again.

**Hon. Jeremiah Kuloba:** Thank you, Chair. I second.

**Temporary Chairperson:** Thank you, Hon. Jeremiah Kuloba.

*(Question of the amendment proposed)*

*(Question put and agreed to)*

*(Question that Clause 3 as amended be part of the bill, proposed)*

*(Question put and agreed to)*

## **CLAUSE 2, APPLICATION OF THE ACT**

*(Question that clause 2 be part of the bill, proposed)*

*(Question put and agreed to)*

## **LONG TITLE**

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**Temporary Chairperson:** Hon. Chemion

**Hon. Francis Chemion:** Thank you, Chair. I move that the long title of the Bill be amended by inserting the word of immediately after the word Assembly and the word article immediately before 209. Further amendments is insertion of the word for immediately after the word provide so as to read, a Bill for an Act of the County Assembly of Bungoma to give effect the provisions of Article 20(3) of the Constitution to provide for a comprehensive framework for imposition of rights on land, buildings and other immovable property in Bungoma County and connected purposes.

I now call upon Hon. Eunice to second.

**Temporary Chairperson:** Hon. Eunice Kirui,

**Hon. Eunice Kirui:** Honorable Chair, I rise to second.

**Temporary Chairperson:** Thank you, Hon. Eunice Kirui for seconding repeatedly.  
*(Question of the amendment proposed)*

*(Question put and agreed to)*

*(Question that the long title as amended be part of the bill, proposed)*

*(Question put and agreed to)*

## **CLAUSE 1, SHORT TITLE**

*(Question that the short title be part of the bill, proposed)*

*(Question put and agreed to)*

**Temporary Chairperson:** I now call upon the Chairperson of the Committee to move Pursuant to Standing Order number 145-16 to move and do the reporting.

**Hon. Francis Chemion:** Thank you, Chair. Pursuant to the Standing Order 145(16), I beg to move that the committee do report to the House its consideration of the Bungoma County Valuation and Rating Bill 2024.

I call upon Hon. George Makari to second.

**Temporary Chairperson:** Yes, Hon. George Makari.

**Hon. George Makari:** Thank you, Honorable Chair. I rise to second the mover of the motion and support the Bill.

**Temporary Chairperson:** Thank you, Hon. George Makari.

*(Question put and agreed to)*

**Temporary Chairperson:** Hon. Allan Nyongesa, what is amusing you?

*(Normal House resumes)*

*[The Speaker (Hon. Emmanuel Situma) in the chair]*

## **REPORTING TO THE HOUSE ON BUNGOMA COUNTY VALUATION AND RATING BILL, 2024.**

**Mr. Speaker:** Honorable Members, allow me be able to invite the Chair of the Committee of the Whole House be able to report back to the entire House in compliance with the Standing Orders No.148.

Yes Hon. Otsiula, report to the chair.

**Hon. Benjamin Otsiula:** Thank you, Honorable Speaker.

Pursuant to Standing Order No. 147, I report that the Committee of the Whole House considered the Bungoma County Valuation and Rating Bill 2024 as follows.

Clause 4: Objective and purpose of the bill was approved with amendments.

Clause 5: Establishment of County Rating and Valuation Office was approved with amendments.

Clause 6: Officers of the County Rating and Valuation Office was approved without amendments.

Clause 7: Functions of County Valuation and Rating Office was approved with amendments.

Clause 8: Expenditure of County Valuation Office was approved with amendments.

Clause 9: Receiver of revenue to collect revenues was approved without amendments.

Clause 10: Rates to be paid to the receivers of revenue was approved with amendments.

Clause 11: Preparation of a valuation role was approved without amendments.

Clause 12: Amendment of valuation role was approved without amendments.

Clause 13: Supplementary valuation role was approved without amendments.

Clause 14: Contents of valuation role was approved without amendments.

Clause 15: Power of entry and inspection was approved with amendments.

Clause 16: Basis of valuation was approved without amendments.

Clause 17: Exempt properties was approved without amendments.

Clause 18: Excluded public areas was approved without amendments.

Clause 19: Deposit and inspection of draft valuation role and supplementary valuation roles was approved with amendments.

Clause 20: Objections on draft valuation role and appeals was approved with amendments.

Clause 21: Withdrawal of objection was approved without amendments.

Clause 22: Uncontested draft valuation role and supplementary valuation roles was approved with amendments.

Clause 23: Establishment of valuation complaints committee was approved without amendments.

Clause 24: Quorum of the valuation committee was approved with amendments.

Clause 25: Conduct of members was approved without amendments.

Clause 26: Procedure of valuation complaints committee was approved with amendments.

Clause 27: Determination of objections was approved with amendments.

Clause 28: Certification of valuation role was approved with amendments.

Clause 29: Coming into force of valuation role was approved without amendments.

Clause 30: Appeals was approved with amendments.

Clause 31: Case stated was approved without amendments.

Clause 32: Valuation role not to be challenged or set aside was approved without amendments.

Clause 33: Forms of rating was approved with amendments.

Clause 34: Imposition of rates and adoption of a form of rating was approved without amendments.

Clause 35: Adoption of forms and methods in existence was approved without amendments.

Clause 36: Payable rates to be determined annually was approved with amendments.

Clause 37: Effect of default in determining annual rate was approved without amendments.

Clause 38: when rates are due was approved without amendments.

Clause 39: Person liable to pay rate was approved without amendments.

Clause 40, County executive to determine discount rates was approved with amendments.

Clause 41, Power to allow discount was approved without amendments.

Clause 42, Unpaid rate to be recoverable as summary date was approved with amendments.

Clause 43, Notice and its effect where rate is unpaid was approved with amendments.

Clause 44: Unpaid rate to constitute a charge on land was approved with amendments.

Clause 45: Statement on rates was approved without amendments.

Clause 46: Service of documents was approved without amendments.

Clause 47: Rules and regulations was approved with amendments.

Clause 48: Transitional provisions was approved without amendments.

New clause: One new clause on appointment of value was introduced.

### Schedules

1. The first schedule, area rate was approved without amendments.
2. Second schedule, agricultural rental value was approved with amendments.
3. Third schedule, on a site value rate or an improvement rate site value rate was approved without amendments.
4. The fourth schedule, on determining the amount of a rate that is payable was approved without amendments.

Clause 3: On interpretation was approved with amendments.

Clause 2: On application of the Act was approved without amendments.

Long Title: Was approved with amendments.

Clause 1: On short title, was approved without amendments.

Honorable Speaker, I wish to report.

**Mr. Speaker:** Honorable Members, you need to second this? Yes. You are the mover of the Bill; I need the seconder of the same. Yes, Hon. Chemion

**Hon. Francis Chemion:** Thank you, Hon. Speaker. Pursuant to Standing Order 148(1) I beg to move that the House does agree with the committee in the said report. I request Hon. Ipara to second.

**Mr. Speaker:** Hon. Ipara.

**Hon. Johnston Ipara:** Hon. Speaker, sir, I second.

**Mr. Speaker:** Thank you, Hon. Chemion and Hon. Ipara. Honorable Members, I now propose the question that the House does agree with the committee in the said report.

*(Question proposed)*

*(Question put and agreed to)*

The Ayes have it.

The Bill is passed and it now goes to the Third Reading which ought to come up tomorrow in our Order Paper.

Thank you Honorable Members for remaining behind to actively take part in this Bill that is meant to enhance our revenue collection.

**ADJOURNMENT**

We now adjourn our sitting today and resume tomorrow on 30<sup>th</sup> of July 2025 in 9:30 a.m. session.

*The House rose at 5:03 p.m.*