

COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF BUNGOMA

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TUESDAY 8TH FEBRUARY, 2022

Afternoon Sitting

COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF BUNGOMA

HANSARD OFFICIAL REPORT

TUESDAY 8TH FEBRUARY, 2022

The House met at 2:30 p.m.

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

PRAYER

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

I do have a communication to make. Honourable members, I have a communication and this is in reference to the election of Hon. Beatrice Wekesa as Vice Chairperson, Gender and Culture Committee and this is following the committee meeting held on 8th February, 2022 at 11:00 a.m. in the County Assembly temporary committee room.

Hon. Beatrice Wekesa was elected unopposed as the Vice Chairperson Gender and Culture Committee pursuant to the Standing Orders. This communication is for purposes of notification and communication for further necessary action attached in the notice of the meeting.

I take this opportunity to congratulate Hon. Beatrice Wekesa for being elected the Vice Chairperson of this committee.

STATEMENTS

WEEKLY PROGRAM OF THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY FOR TUESDAY 8TH - 10TH FEBRUARY 2022

Statement pursuant to provisions of Standing Order 41(2) (a)

Hon. Sospeter Nyongesa (Member, HBC): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I stand to inform the Assembly on the weekly program of the business pursuant to Standing Order 36. The week commencing Tuesday 8th -10th Thursday, February 2022.

(Loud Consultation)

Order please Honourable members!

Members as you have seen today starting this time, we have had the following; Administration of Oath, Communication from the Chair, Messages, Petitions, Papers, Notices of Motion and Statements.

Under Motions;

That this House adopts a report by Sectoral Committee on Tourism, Environment, Water and Natural Resources on the Bungoma County 4th Quarter Financial Statements in respect to the Department of Tourism, Environment, Water and Natural Resources.

Tomorrow that is Wednesday 9th 2022 at 9:30 am we shall have Administration of Oath, Communication from the Chair, Messages, Petitions, Papers, Notices of Motion and Statements.

Under Statements pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order number 41 (2) (c) a statement sought by Hon. Frankline Simotwo from the Chairperson, sectoral Committee on Health in respect to construction of Chepyuk and Kaimkul dispensaries in Chepyuk ward in the Financial year 2017/2018.

Under Motions

That this House adopts the report by Sectoral Committee on Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries, Irrigation and Co-operative Development on the key achievements in the Agriculture sector for the financial year 2020/2022.

At 2:30 p.m. we shall have Administration of Oath, Communication from the Chair, Messages, Petitions, Papers, Notices of Motion and Statements

Under Motions

That this House adopts a report by Implementation Committee on the implementation status of the Bungoma County Alcoholic Drinks Control Act of 2015, The Bungoma County Trade Licencing Act of 2017, The Bungoma County Parking Management Act of 2017, The Bungoma County Property Hire and Lease Act of 2017 and the Bungoma County Agricultural Produce CESS Act 2017.

On Thursday at 2:30 p.m. we shall have: Administration of Oath, Communication from the Chair, Messages, Petitions, Papers and Notices of Motion, Statements and Motions.

Under Motions

That this House adopts the report by the Sectoral Committee on Lands, Urban, Physical Planning, Trade, Energy and Industrialisation on the Bungoma County 4th Quarter financial statements in respect to the Department of Lands, Urban, Physical Planning, Trade, Energy and Industrialisation.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Sospeter Erastus Nyongesa for that presentation. Honourable members, that enables us to understand the tentative program running through the week so that we are abreast with the same for guidance an attendance of the plenary accordingly.

MOTIONS

That this House adopts the report by Sectoral Committee on Tourism, Environment, Water and Natural Resources on the Bungoma County Fourth Quarter Financial Statements in respect to the Department of Tourism, Environment, Water and Natural Resources.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Thank you, the Chairperson Sectoral Committee on Tourism, Environment, Water and Natural Resources.

Hon. Frankline Simotwo (Chairperson, Tourism): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise to read a report on Committee on Tourism, Environment, Water and Natural Resources on the Bungoma County Government quarterly report on Financial Statement for the period ended 30th June, 2021 in respect to the Department of Tourism, Environment, Water and Natural Resources.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Mr. Speaker Sir, I take this opportunity to thank the offices of the Honourable Speaker, the Clerk and the County Assembly of Bungoma for the support received as it discharged its mandate.

I also appreciate committee members for dedicating their time to examine the Bungoma County Government Quarterly report and financial statements in respect to the department of Tourism, Environment, Water and Natural Resources for the period ended June, 30th 2021. Further, I would also like to appreciate the members of staff who worked with us for their commitment.

COMMITTEE'S OBSERVATIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

3.1 Committee Observations

Mr. Speaker, The committee made the following observations;

1. That the sector of Tourism and Environment utilized Ksh. 1,697,655.00 for salaries and wages.
2. That the Sector of Water and Natural Resources did not utilize Ksh. 54,739 189 representing 21% of the total allocation.
3. That the Pending payables as at 30th June, 2021 totalled Ksh. 200,629,775, Ksh. 49,568,413 being in respect to the sector of Tourism and Environment and kshs 151,061,362 for Water and Natural Resources.
4. That there has been apparent delay by the Departments in streamlining the procurement procedures thus not meeting the set targets in the annual procurement plans.
5. That the committee notes that department has not surrendered imprests worth Ksh, 4,191,800 and Ksh. 2,938,420 was surrendered out of stipulated timelines provided for in Regulation 93 of Public Finance Management (County Government) Regulation, 2015.

Committee Recommendations

Mr. Speaker,

The following were the recommendations made by the committee:

1. That Chief officers of the department of Tourism and Environment and Water and Natural Resources is hereby directed to recover outstanding imprest totalling to Ksh. 4,191,800 at prevailing central bank rates as provided for in regulations 93 of the Public Finance Management (County Government) Regulations, 2012 and provide a report to the County Assembly within 30 days from adoption of this report.
2. That the accounting officers to pay Ksh. 200,629,775 in respect to pending bills immediately upon the approval of the first supplementary Budget for the financial year 2021/2022.
3. That the Accounting to always pay all eligible bills within the financial year budgeted in compliance with Section 156 (4) (d) of the Public Finance Management Act, 2012 and treasury circular number 22/2019 issued on 19th December, 2019.
4. The department should initiate the implementation of projects as soon as the budget is uploaded to avert re- allocation of funds and escalating pending Bills.

I think the report was adopted and signed by the Chair. As you see the annexures; I will call upon Hon. Musebe to second the report.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Frankline Simotwo

Hon. Fredrick Musebe: Thank you, Honourable Speaker. I second the report.

(Applause)

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Very well. Thank you Hon. Musebe for that. Now, Honourable members, a motion having been moved and duly seconded, I now put the question that this House adopts the report by Sectoral Committee on Tourism, Environment, Water and Natural Resources on the Bungoma County Fourth Quarter Financial statements in respect to the Department of Tourism, Environment, Water and Natural Resources.

I Propose.

(Laughter)

(Question Proposed)

Hon. James Barasa Mukhongo I can see your arms are...

Hon. James Mukhongo: You know Honourable Speaker, I am impressed with the manner in which the Chair has presented the report and that is the way to go. I just wanted to appreciate him and the entire committee.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Very well. That is nice.

Hon. Chrispinus Wamusai: Honourable Speaker, mine is first to support the report as I support allow me also laud the able Chair of this committee and the entire committee membership for the job well done.

I support.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Very well Hon. Chrispinus Wamusai Simiyu contribution and wonderful attributes to the Chairperson to the committee.

Well, I will call upon the mover of the motion to reply.

Hon. Frankline Simotwo: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As I say I want to congratulate this House for adopting this report without hesitation. I wish that members we continue as we dispense this report to be implemented as it is. Thank you for that support

(Applause)

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Simotwo for your reply. Honourable members, the motion having been moved and duly seconded and debate albeit in a short way having ensued and reply well put by the Chair, I now put a question that this House adopts the report by the Sectoral Committee on Tourism, Environment, Water and Natural Resources on the Bungoma County Fourth Quarter Financial Statements in respect to the Department of Tourism, Environment, Water and Natural Resources.

(Question put and agreed to)

The Ayes have it! The report is adopted.

Honourable members, that having been our last item in the Order Paper of the day, this House will adjourn its sitting to tomorrow Wednesday 8th 9:30 a.m.

We adjourn.

(House Adjourns)

