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COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF BUNGOMA

HANSARD OFFICIAL REPORT

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The House met at 2:30 p.m.

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

PRAYER

Mr. Speaker: Hon. Kawa, what is the problem? Why is everyone looking at you? Maybe the lunch you took is the one making my Honourable members happy. What is the issue?

(Laughter)

Hon. Tony Barasa: Mr. Speaker, you know this House has got some rules and regulations including those of how to dress. I don't know if Hon. Kawa is properly dressed in this House? Kindly if not allow the sergeant at arms ...

(Laughter)

(Loud consultations)

Mr. Speaker: Honourable Members, I want this one to live with the consciousness of Hon. Kawa for him to confirm for himself. They say Honourable members of a County Assembly or the public shall be dressed in contemporary business or office attire for both gender. So I do not want to go into the issue of what amounts to decent dressing for Hon. Kawa. I would want to leave it to his consciousness if he is dressed in what we are saying in a contemporary business or office attire.

In the Speaker's Committee today, we have been discussing the issue of the dress code and we would want to bring those rules for your own input. The one I'm having has been used since 2017 and we want you people to look at them and have your input, but I will ask you that just dress decently if it is a fitting coat.

(Applause)

Are we together? I am not called upon to rule whether it is a coat or the long trouser. So Hon. Kawa, I know people are excited, but I don't want to make you an example of my ruling. I allow you to sit today, but kindly have fitting coats.

(Laughter)

I think the advice has been taken by every Honourable member.

PAPERS

REPORT BY THE SECTORAL COMMITTEE ON YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS ON THE STATUS OF STADIA IN BUNGOMA COUNTY

Hon. Violet Makhanu (Chair Youths): Thank you, Honourable Speaker. I'm on my feet to table a report on the Committee on Youth Affairs and Sports on the Status of Stadia in Bungoma County.

Mr. Speaker: Honourable Members, the report for the Sectoral Committee on Youth Affairs and Sports of the Status of the Stadia in Bungoma County is hereby tabled and it now becomes the property of the House accordingly.

NOTICES OF MOTION

REPORT BY THE SECTORAL COMMITTEE ON YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS ON THE STATUS OF STADIA IN BUNGOMA COUNTY

Hon. Violet Makhanu: Thank you, Honourable Speaker. I'm on my feet to issue a notice of motion that this House adopts the report by the Sectoral Committee on Youth Affairs and Sports on the status of Stadia in Bungoma County.

Mr. Speaker: Honourable Members, a Notice of Motion having been duly issued by the Sectoral Committee on Youth Affairs and Sports on the status of the Stadia in Bungoma County, I direct the table clerks to share the report with the Honourable Members, as it is going to form business on our Order Paper in the course of next week accordingly.

STATEMENTS

BUSINESS OF THE COMING WEEK

Hon. Stephen Wamalwa: Thank you, Honourable Speaker. This is the weekly programme of business of the County Assembly, commencing 7th March to 9th March 2023.

Tuesday 7th March, 2023 at 2:30 p.m.

Papers

- This House approves the appointment of members of the selection panel to fill the vacancy of a member to the County Public Service Board.
- This House adopts the Report by Powers and Privileges Committee on conduct that constitutes breach of County Assembly Privileges.

Statements

- Statement sought by Hon. Alfred Mukhanya from the chairperson, sectoral Committee on Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries, Irrigation and Cooperative Development on environmental and health menace being experienced by the residents of Ndivisi ward living close to Makemo dam.

Motions

- Report by Implementation Committee on the Implementation status of the Bungoma County industrialization and Bungoma County drilling rig policies

Wednesday 8th March, 2023 9:30 a.m.

Papers

- Report of the Auditor General on the COVID-19 vaccines roll out for the Bungoma County Government by the Public Accounts and Investment Committee.
- Report of the Auditor General on the Bungoma County Assembly Car Loan and Mortgage scheme fund. Member of the County Assembly for the year ended 30th June, 2021.
- Special audit report of the Auditor General on the public participation in the County budget making process for the FY 2021 /22
- Report of the Auditor General on the Bungoma Country persons with disability Empowerment Fund for the year ended 30th June, 2021

Notices of motion

- Report of the Auditor General's on COVID-19 vaccine roll out for the Bungoma county government by public accounts Investment Committee.

Statements

- Statement sought by the Hon. Jack Kawa from the chairperson sectoral Committee on Public Administration and ICT in relation to the incomplete construction of Bokoli ward office in the FY 2015/016
- Statements sought by the Hon. Anthony Luseneka from the chairperson sectoral Committee on Tourism, Environment, Water and Natural Resources on the extension of NZOWASCO water pipeline from Makotelo to Namirembe.

Motions

- This House approves the appointment of the following members of the selection panel to fill the vacancy of a member to the County Public Service board 1) Moses Naruenyi 2) CS Elizabeth Wanyonyi 3) Dr. Lucy Mandila 4) Donald Kapten and 5) CPA Steven Sungwacha
- That this House adopts the report by the Sectoral Committee on Youth Affairs and Sports on the status of stadia in Bungoma County.

Wednesday 8th March, 2023 at 2: 30 p.m.

Papers

- Report by the Sectoral Committee on Education and Vocational Training on the fact finding visit on the status of ECDE centres for the FY 2017 /2018 and 2018/ 2019

Notices of motion

- Report by the Sectoral Committee on Education and Vocational Training on the fact finding visits on the status of ECDE centres for the FY 2017/ 2018 and FY 2018/ 2019

Statements

- Statement sought by the Hon. Anthony Lusenaka from the chairperson sectoral Committee on Public Administration and ICT on the construction of Ward offices in Bukembe West Ward
- Statement sought by the Hon. Jack Wambulwa from the chairperson sectoral Committee on Finance and Economic Planning on the remittance of CESS to the County.

Motions and Bills

- Report by Powers and Privileges Committee on conduct that constitutes breach of County Assembly Privileges.

Thursday 9th March 2023 2:30 p.m.

Papers

- Report by sectoral Committee on Health on the fact finding activity on the status of the collection and usage of on generated revenue on development projects in respect to the department of Health and Sanitation.

Notices of motion

- Report by the Sectoral Committee on Health on the fact finding activity on the status of the collection and usage of on generated revenue on development projects in respect to the department of Health and Sanitation.

Statements

- Statement informing the count assembly of the weekly business coming before the House from 14th Tuesday to Thursday 16th of March, 2023.

- Statement sought by the Hon. Kennedy Wanyama from the chairperson sectoral Committee on Education and Vocational Training on the status of Muyayi vocational training centres.

Motions and Bills

- Report by the sectoral Committee on Education and Vocational Training on the fact finding visit on the status of ECDE centres for the FY 2017/ 2018 In FY 2018 /2019

Mr. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Stephen Wamalwa. That was item under statements a number 7.

MOTION

REPORT BY THE IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE ON THE IMPLEMENTATION STATUS OF THE BUNGOMA COUNTY INDUSTRIALIZATION AND THE BUNGOMA COUNTY DRILLING RIG POLICIES

Hon. Jacob Psero: Thank you, Mr. Speaker Sir. I stand to move the motion that this House adopts the report by the Committee on Implementation on the implementation status of Bungoma County Industrialization Policy and the Bungoma County Rig Drilling Policy.

Chairperson's Foreword

The Committee on Implementation is mandated to scrutinize resolutions of the House (including adopted Committee reports), petitions and the undertakings given by the County Executive and examine whether such decisions and undertakings have been implemented within the sixty (60) days provided for in the Standing Orders and whether such implementation has taken place within the minimum time necessary and satisfactory explanation for the delay or partial implementation.

The Committee wrote to the Department of Environment, Water Natural Resources and Tourism and Department of Trade Energy and Industrialization requesting for implementation status of the Bungoma County Water Drilling Rig Policy and The Bungoma County industrialization policy respectively

The report entails a compilation of the responses received and their status of implementation.

The Committee registers its appreciation to the Office of the Speaker and the Clerk of the County Assembly for facilitating it towards the achievement of its mandate and the production of this report.

Pursuant to Standing Order 202(7), it is, therefore, my pleasant duty and privilege, on behalf of the Committee on Implementation, to lay this report on the Table of the House for adoption.

Signed by Honorable Jacob Psero - Chairperson, Committee on Implementation.

Mandate of the Committee

The Committee on Implementation is established pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 212 of the County Assembly Standing Orders. The Committee scrutinizes the resolutions of the House (including adopted Committee reports), petitions and the undertakings given by the County Executive and examine whether or not such decisions and undertakings have been implemented and where implemented, the extent to which they have been implemented; and whether such implementation has taken place within the minimum time necessary; and whether or not legislation passed by the House has been operationalized and where operationalized, the extent to which such operationalization has taken place within the minimum time necessary.

Standing Order 205(2) further provides that, within sixty days of a resolution of the House or adoption of a report of a committee, the relevant County Executive Committee Member under whose portfolio the implementation of the resolution falls shall provide a report to the relevant Committee of the House in accordance with Article 183(3) of the Constitution.

Committee Membership

The Committee membership comprises -

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| 1. Hon. Jacob Psero | -Chairperson |
| 2. Hon. Maureen Wafula | -Vice-chairperson. |
| 3. Hon. James Mukhongo | -Member |
| 4. Hon. Aggrey Mulongo | -Member |
| 5. Hon. Franklin Simotwo | -Member |
| 6. Hon. Catherine Kituyi | -Member |
| 7. Hon. Vitalis Wangila | -Member |
| 8. Hon. Alfred Mukhanya | -Member |
| 9. Hon. Job Mukoyandali | -Member |
| 10. Hon. Abraham Obama | -Member |
| 11. Hon. Alice Kibaba | -Member |

Introduction

The Committee commenced to appraise itself on the policies adopted by the House during the Second County Assembly pursuant to Standing Order 212 (4) which requires the Committee to scrutinize the resolutions of the House (including adopted Committee reports), petitions and the undertakings given by the County Executive.

BUNGOMA COUNTY INDUSTRIALIZATION POLICY

The policy seeks to offer a legal and institutional framework to guide the implementation of the Bungoma County Integrated Development Plan (CIDP 2018-2022) and the Strategic plan, 2016-2020. The policy will facilitate creation of an enabling environment for the growth of the

industrial sector in the County. It focuses on value addition for both primary and high valued goods; and linkages between industrial sub-sectors and other productive sectors to drive the industrialization process and aims at providing strategic direction for the sector growth and development by:

- i. Creating an enabling environment for private sector-led industrial development and a business environment capable of attracting local and foreign investments for the sector growth and development;
- ii. Taking into consideration, other existing policies, capacities and capabilities, the country's strengths and weaknesses as well as the challenges and opportunities offered by globalization and regional integration;
- iii. Recognizing the importance of promoting resource-based industries, and in particular, labour intensive, export-oriented industries for increased productivity and growth in all the industrial sub-sectors, bearing in mind the impact of forward and backward linkages in the economy;
- iv. Encouraging sustainable creativity and innovation to continually improve the production process and the quality of products;
- v. Encouraging effective development of industrial human resource and specific skills for industry to enhance competitiveness;
- vi. Identifying the foundational pillars and measures for the vibrancy and growth of the Industrial Sector and recommending appropriate policy interventions for the realization of the sector goals;

The department developed the Bungoma county investment and cooperation Bill which was eventually passed by the County Assembly and further identification of hundred acres industrial park land was carried out by the Fiscal planning Department. .

Committee Remarks

The intervention has been partially implemented

Committee Observations

The committee observed the following:

1. That a concept was not developed on special Economic Zone area
2. That the County Investment and Development Corporation Bill was developed and passed by the county assembly.
3. That the Infrastructure development for the SEZ was not undertaken
4. That the Promotion on Bungoma County as an investment destination was not undertaken

5. That no Proof of any agreements signed with investors in the industrial park was availed to the committee

6. There was no proof that the requisite infrastructure has been provided for setting up factories in the industrial park.

Committee Recommendation

The committee recommends the following:

1. That a concept on special Economic Zone area should be developed immediately.
2. That the relevant department of Trade, Energy and industrialization to operationalize the Bungoma County Investment and Development Corporation Act passed by the County Assembly.
3. That the department is hereby directed to develop Infrastructure for the SEZ within three months from the adoption of this report.
4. That the department should Promote Bungoma County as an investment destination within 90 days after the adoption of this report.
5. That the department of Trade, Energy and industrialization should provide a Proof of any agreements signed with investors in the industrial park.

c) Micro Small Medium industries (MSMIs)

The Micro Small and Medium industries sector like the Micro, Small and Medium entrepreneurs hold the key for accelerated creation of wealth and employment both in urban and rural areas in Kenya. This sector requires the following policy interventions:-

- i. Profile all MSMIs in the County
- ii. Undertake Capacity building for the MSMIs in product development
- iii. Undertake experiential training visits for MSMIs

Submission by the department

The department submitted that the interventions have not been implemented because of lack budgetary allocation and technical staff (Industrial Development Officers)

Committee Remarks

Not implemented.

Committee Observations

The committee the following

1. That the Profiling for all MSMIs in the County was not done
2. That Capacity building for the MSMIs in product development was not undertaken
3. That the Experiential training visits for MSMIs was not undertaken

Committee Recommendations

1. That the department to Profile all MSMIs in the County
2. That the relevant department is hereby directed to carry out Capacity building for the MSMIs in product development.
3. That the relevant department should carry out the experiential training visits for MSMIs within 90 days from the adoption of this report.

d) Constituency Industrial Development Centres. (CIDCs)

The constituency industrial development centres initiated by the National government are largely incomplete and therefore not operationalized. These are a major opportunity that should be put into use in order to promote industrialization culture among the citizens of Bungoma County.

Policy interventions include:

- i. Provide for funds to complete the CIDCs
- ii. Operationalize and use CIDCs as business incubation centres

Submission by the department

The department submitted that the interventions have not been implemented because of lack budgetary allocation and technical staff (Industrial Development Officers)

Committee Remarks

Not implemented.

Committee Observations

The committee made the following observations:

1. That the department of Trade and Industrialization has not budgeted for Funds for completion of the CIDs

2. That the CIDs have been operationalized and used as business incubation centres

Committee Recommendations

The committee made the following recommendations:

1. That the department of Trade and Industrialization should allocate funds for completion of the CIDs in the financial year 2023/2024

2. That the department should operationalize CIDs within Financial Year 2023/2024.

e) Creativity, innovation and technology adoption

In a dynamic world, creativity and innovation play a key role in fostering industrial growth and technology adoption. This is particularly important for the youth attending training in middle level colleges and institutions of higher learning.

Policy interventions include:

- i. Establish technology and science parks for integration of youth in industrialization
- ii. Develop ICT hubs for fostering industrial growth within the County

Submission by the department

The department submitted that the interventions have not been implemented because of lack budgetary allocation and technical staff (Industrial Development Officers)

Committee Remarks

Not implemented.

Committee Observations

The committee observed the following:

1. That the Technology and Science parks to integrate youth in industrialization were not established
2. That the ICT hubs to foster industrial growth within the county were not developed.

Committee Recommendations

The committee recommends the following:

1. That the department should make budgetary provisions in the financial year 2023/2024 to establish technology and science parks to integrate youth in industrialization.

2. That the department is hereby directed to develop a programme to establish ICT hubs to foster industrial growth within the County.

f) Market intelligence and market Linkages

The County Government through relevant Departments will network and secure both domestic and export markets for products manufactured within the County through the following policy interventions: -

- i. Establish Farmer producer organizations/Producer business groups for purpose of increasing production and sustainability of marketing
- ii. Embrace commodity exchange and ICT platforms for market linkages
- iii. Promote and strengthen local manufacturing
- iv. Promote consumption of locally manufactured goods

Submission by the department

The department submitted that the interventions have not been implemented because of lack budgetary allocation and technical staff (Industrial Development Officers)

Committee Remarks

Not implemented.

Committee Observation

The committee observed the following:

1. That farmer producer organizations such as Cooperative societies have been established and are operational.
2. That the commodity exchange and ICT platforms for market linkages have not been embraced.
3. The department did not demonstrate to the committee any efforts done to Promote and strengthen local manufacturing.
4. The department did not provide any measures taken by the County Government to promote consumption of locally manufactured goods.

The County Government of Bungoma anticipates targeting particular segments of the local economy for promotion. These include the following;

Milk Processing Plant

Policy interventions in this regard include:

- i. Firm up negotiations with potential investor
- ii. Develop the milk plant in the Special Economic Zone
- iii. Establish systems and structures for supporting increased milk production
- iv. Support the development of dairy related industries e.g. feed mills s

Submission by the department

The department submitted that the following:

1. Milk processing facility (infrastructure) has been constructed and completed under the department of Agriculture in Webuye.
2. An Investor to equip and operationalize the plant has been identified by the department of Agriculture.

Committee Remarks

Partially implemented.

Committee Observation

The committee observed the following:

1. There was no evidence submitted before the committed on Measures the department is putting in place in respect to negotiations with potential investors.
2. Webuye Milk processing plant has been constructed; however machines and other equipment have not been installed.
3. The department did not demonstrate any efforts being done to put in place the systems and structures for supporting increased milk production.
4. The department did not provide any evidence on the extent to which the County Government has supported the development of dairy related industries.

Hon. Linda Kharakha: The chair is reading something that we don't have in our report here. I don't know if it is in order. Some parts are missing.

Mr. Speaker: It appears the Chair of the Committee is skipping some pages because of his young age. From page 11 you went right away to page 13. Kindly repeat. Hope you have a report in your gadget.

Hon. Jacob Psero: I was informed by the clerk that the report was in the gadget. I'm sorry if it is not there, but I want to believe that it is there. I'm sorry for skipping a page.

Hon. Jack Kawa: I want to request through your office, that as much as we have been getting some reports through the email, we want to request that let the Clerk's office try so that they can furnish us with hard copies. We want this House to move smoothly.

Mr. Speaker: Hon. Kawa, I think in the Committee that you serve in, we are going paperless. It is either in WhatsApp or in your email. We can't afford to have every Committee report coming here 65 Copies. I have never seen it. This will be the first request. In the first Assembly, we never had 65 copies at the same time unless I ask your neighbour Hon. Aggrey who is young with a sharp memory.

Let's proceed but we will make sure that we have the report on your BCA WhatsApp and on our emails, so that you can access comfortably. We can't manage to have the hard copies. Imagine every Committee bringing 65 copies it is very expensive.

Hon. Metrine Nangalama: How are we now going to give recommendations now that we don't have it on our WhatsApp or email?

Mr. Speaker: I have a gadget here, so let me just confirm. Members, are you having the report?

Then that is your mistake. You could have said in the beginning so that we adjourn because that is not your problem. The Clerk is always failing the plenary sitting.

Members, the report was sent at 1:01 p.m. so the Members are having it. That is why the Honorable Members were able to know that the chair was skipping some pages. Even in the last Assembly, members were saying that they were not having the report because they were eating heavy lunch. For today, let me hear the following members.

Hon. Evelyn Wabwire: Thank you for allowing me to speak. I think we might be having the report in our gadgets but we were not inducted on how to use the gadgets.

(Applause)

It seems we are looking for the report from where we don't know.

Mr. Speaker: When they say on the Gadget that lets meet in the tent. Hon. Metrine is able to use the gadget but now that it is a report, she is not able to use the gadget. The beautiful part of these inductions is like what Hon. Mutiambu told me some time back, that you go for induction on how to use HANSARD system, she forgot that induction will be done in this plenary itself but

not in Kisumu. So I have heard your sentiments, so let us have this report done today. Thereafter, we can look around and see our *Kamukunji* hall is ready for induction and everything will be done.

I have been able to take Hon. Evelyn's sentiments and I will be able to talk to the leadership because I have observed that members require urgent induction to use their gadgets although they send me WhatsApp messages to meet in the tent.

Hon. Henry Nyongesa: I think you have now taken the interests for most of us and therefore I also take that direction that we are inducted. The only problem is that those gadgets are simless. They only use Wi-Fi. From where I sit, in my house, I don't have Wi-Fi and I don't know how to hotspot. So it is only here, where we can use Wi-Fi for the gadgets. So if I'm outside the precincts of this Assembly, I cannot access that information.

Mr. Speaker: If you cannot have Wi-Fi in your home then I'm imagining Hon. Simotwo in Chepyuk where they have no access to Safaricom or Airtel network.

Hon. Linda: I would like to remind Hon. Henry that if he is able to use his data on the phone, you can still hotspot it on your tablet.

Mr. Speaker: What he is trying to say is that connecting the tablet to his smart phone is a problem. He will be trained.

Hon. Stephen Wamalwa: Hon. Henry Nyongesa is trying to make this House lively, so that people can concentrate. Otherwise things should be correct and we should have to move on because in the first place, if he can know that a phone has hotspot, then he is a veteran.

Mr. Speaker: He is not taking in our local top up of our ten bob.

Hon. Job Mukoyandali: I think Hon. Nyongesa heard me talking about hotspot and that is why he is mentioning about something that he doesn't know. He only heard me talking about hotspot and I'm sure if you asked him what hotspot is, he will not be able to explain. I think that is why he should speak to Hon. Linda in Camera, so that he is able to know what hotspot is. Otherwise, I support what Hon. Evelyn has said and if we go by that, five days will be enough to know and understand these things.

Mr. Speaker: While you are requesting for that training, I'm just imagining what some young people like Hon. Aggrey Mulongo will be doing in that training. Let us go back to the report

Hon. Jacob Psero: This report is a good one. Let's go to page 12.

Committee Recommendations

The committee recommends the following:

That the department should make budgetary provisions in the financial year 2023/2024 to establish technology and science parks to integrate youth in industrialization.

1. That the department is hereby directed to develop a programme to establish ICT hubs to foster industrial growth within the County.

f) Market intelligence and market Linkages

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Submission by the department

The department submitted that the interventions have not been implemented because of lack budgetary allocation and technical staff (Industrial Development Officers)

Committee Remarks

Not implemented.

Committee Observation

The committee observed that:

1. Farmer producer organizations such as Cooperative societies have been established and are operational.
2. The commodity exchange and ICT platforms for market linkages have not been embraced.
3. The department did not demonstrate to the committee any efforts done to Promote and strengthen local manufacturing.
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The County Government of Bungoma anticipates targeting particular segments of the local economy for promotion. These include the following;

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The department submitted that the following:

1. Milk processing facility (infrastructure) has been constructed and completed under the department of Agriculture in Webuye.

2. An Investor to equip and operationalize the plant has been identified by the department of Agriculture.

Committee Remarks

Partially implemented.

Committee Observation

The committee observed the following:

1. There was no evidence submitted before the committee on Measures the department is putting in place in respect to negotiations with potential investors.
2. Webuye Milk processing plant has been constructed; however machines and other equipment have not been installed.
3. The department did not demonstrate any efforts being done to put in place the systems and structures for supporting increased milk production.
4. The department did not provide any evidence on the extent to which the County Government has supported the development of dairy related industries.

Textile and Clothing industry

Policy interventions will include:-

- i. Revive/rehabilitate and or establish/ rehabilitate and or establish an ultra-modern cotton processing ginnery at Malakisi
- ii. Promote cotton farming and offer competitive pricing to cotton farmers
- iii. Start auxiliary activities such as weaving, knitting and animal feeds processing alongside cotton ginning
- iv. Establish a textile/apparel factory in the county.
- v. **Submission from the department**
- vi. The department submitted that the revival of Malakisi cotton production and ginnery was factored in the Bungoma Integrated Development Plan, 2017/2022 however, no budgetary allocation was done.
- vii. **Committee Remarks**
- viii. Not implemented.
- ix. **Committee observation**
- x. The committee observed that the department failed to provide any evidence on what it's doing to implement the interventions in respect to establishing textile and Clothing industry in the County

Recommendations

The committee recommends that the department to make budgetary provision in the financial year 2023/2024 to revive an ultra-modern cotton processing ginnery at Malakisi as envisioned in the policy.

Leather and Leather goods

The leather industry has great potential since the people of Bungoma are generally good farmers of both crops and livestock. The County Government of Bungoma targets to improve and commercialize the entire value chain through raw material base of hides and skins, tanneries and other leather products through the following policy interventions:-

- i. Finalize negotiations with potential investor in the leather value chain
- ii. Enhance quality leather production in the County through providing trainings on leather production in collaboration with KIRDI and KITI for livestock producers and business people in the leather industry.
- iii. Undertaking capacity building in product development and promotions

Submission by the department

The department submitted that the interventions have not been implemented because of lack budgetary allocation and technical staff (Industrial Development Officers)

Committee Remarks

Not implemented.

Committee Observations

The Committee observed the following:

1. The department has not initiated any negotiations with potential investor in the leather value chain.
2. That the department initiated a programme to enhance quality leather production in the County through providing trainings on leather production in collaboration with KIRDI and KITI for livestock producers and business people in the leather industry.

Committee Recommendations

The committee recommends that department should make budgetary provisions in the Financial Year 2023/2024 to establish an industry on leather and leather goods.

Jua Kali sector

The Jua Kali or the informal sector of manufacturing in Bungoma has great potential that is not yet tapped. It is also a key entry point for informal employment and therefore it deserves urgent attention. The County Government aspires to undertake the following policy interventions:-

- i. Liaise with KIE and obtain ownership of Jua Kali shades around the County and revitalise their operations
- ii. Capacity build artisans in the Jua Kali sector in collaboration with MSEA, KIRDI AND KIHBIT

Submission by the department

The department submitted that the interventions have not been implemented because of lack budgetary allocation and technical staff (Industrial Development Officers)

Committee Remarks

Not implemented.

Committee Observations

The committee made the following observations:

1. That the department has not approached KIE with a view of obtaining ownership of Jua Kali shades around the County and revitalise their operations.
2. The department has not done any Capacity building for artisans in the Jua Kali sector.

Committee Recommendations

1. The committee recommends the department of Trade Energy and industrialization to immediately start negotiations with a view of taking over ownership Jua Kali Shades belonging to KIE as envisaged in the policy.
- iii. That the department should carry out Capacity building of artisans in the Jua Kali sector in collaboration with MSEA, KIRDI AND KIHBIT
- iv.

THE BUNGOMA COUNTY WATER DRILLING POLICY

Background

The County Government having acquired the County Water Drilling Rig equipment, that consists of the following; - the drilling rig and support truck; Test Pumping Unit and Geotechnical equipment (Tetrameter and Borehole camera), the overall goal of this policy is to operationalize the sustainable use of the County owned water drilling rig for increased access to water by the Citizenry of Bungoma County.

Objectives

The Objectives of this policy are:

- I. To integrate sustainable operation frameworks for water machinery and equipment into the Water Sector`s planning, decision-making, budgeting and implementation
- II. To guide the use of the County owned water rig for enhanced exploitation of ground water sustainably.
- III. To encourage stakeholder engagement and participation in decision- making with regard to the utilization of the county water drilling rigs.
- IV. To enhance resource mobilization for sustainable ground water exploitation.

Guiding Principles

The implementation of this policy was to be guided by the following principles: -

- a) **Professionalism:** The siting, supervision and construction of drilled boreholes in Bungoma County shall be undertaken by competent and registered government/NGO staff, consultants and contractors.
- b) **Siting:** Borehole preliminaries shall be undertaken earlier and approvals received before commencement of drilling. A hydro geological desk study shall be carried out and the detailed method for siting agreed (with stakeholders including communities)
- c) **Technology Selection and Construction Method:** The most cost-effective construction method for providing an all-year water supply of the desired quantity and quality shall be considered first.
- d) **Procurement:** Procurement procedures for siting, supervision and drilling contracts shall ensure that contracts are awarded to competent consultants and drilling contractors. Once regulations are in place, only registered and accredited consultants and contractors will be eligible to tender
- e) **Construction:** Boreholes constructed shall be cost-effective, with an expected lifespan of 20 to 50 years. Construction shall adhere to specifications with respect to diameter, depth, casing and screen, gravel pack/formation stabilizer, verticality, drilling additive and sanitary seal.
- f) **Supervision:** Full time supervision is the preferred option in Bungoma County. There shall be a trained and experienced supervisor on the site from when the department/contractor mobilizes his equipment to the site through construction/rehabilitation and completion to demobilization.
- g) **Water Quality Testing:** The water quality for all boreholes shall be tested in accordance with the Guidelines for Water Quality Monitoring
- h) **Contract Management:** Management of the siting, supervision and drilling contract shall be in line with national and international systems
- i) **Data:** a borehole numbering system shall be developed; all new boreholes drilled shall be numbered accordingly, in a manner that can be clearly distinguished for ten to twenty years.

Monitoring: Regular visits to water users with completed boreholes to monitor the water user committees and functionality of the water points for six months and then at least once per year shall be enhanced.

OPPORTUNITIES AND STRATEGIC POLICY INTERVENTION

- a) **Site Identification**

Water drilling operations commence with site identification as borehole siting requires consideration of aspects such as: - prevailing geology and available ground water resources; usage; proximity to other boreholes; accessibility of the site among other issues.

Strategic Policy Interventions

The County in collaboration with relevant stakeholders and the community shall undertake the following: -

- i. Implement the County Water Master Plan in site identification.
- ii. Undertake feasibility studies and geophysical surveys to map County ground water resources before commencement of any drilling.
- iii. Establish a framework for prioritizing the most water stressed areas and emergency cases for water drilling projects.
- iv. Promote equitable distribution of water drilling projects across the County.
- v. Strictly adhere to regulations under the EMCA Act and Water Act on licensing of sites and acquisition of permits prior and after borehole drilling.
- vi. Undertake drilling on public land and institutions - health centers and public schools in ways that enhance access by surrounding community.

Submission by the Department of Environment, Water, Natural Resources and Tourism

The Rig Unit was established to manage the Drilling Rig Fleet and drill boreholes as per the Standard Maintenance and service manual provided by (PRD).

During the financial Years 2020/2021, 2021/2022 the Rig Policy was not effected and the operations were mainly under the contract of the supplier.

After this period the rig unit was formed with engagement of contractual staff to man the rig fleet. They were trained by PRD on operations, maintenance, and servicing.

Site identification: The department will give priority to the County Integrated Development planning framework and County water master plan in identifying where to drill boreholes. This will be in consultation with all the ward leadership who are the people representatives.

The Department will set up a frame work contract arrangement to carry out the Hydro-geological surveys on the proposed sites to assess viability and availability of ground water. This framework contract will be budgeted for in the next Programme Based Budget FY 2023/24.

The Department will spread the boreholes across all the 45 Wards in the county, where the Rig Unit will sink the borehole after the due process and compliance is carried out.

The Local leadership through the CEF allocation will then be required to prioritize development of the borehole.

The Department will allocate funds for Borehole materials in its next budget FY 2023/24 to enable the rig operations across the 45 wards.

Committee remarks

Not implemented

b) Revenue Generation

The County water drilling rig units are machinery that could be utilized not only to provide financial resources for maintenance of the unit but also generate revenue for the County.

Strategic Policy Interventions

The County in collaboration with relevant stakeholders and the community shall undertake the following: -

- i. Develop regulations in consultation with the County Treasury on modalities and fees/charges for hiring out the drilling unit or its components.
- ii. Develop a clear strategy for sharing the revenue generated through hiring out the rig in consultation with the County Treasury and in accordance with the Public Finance Management (PFMA) Act.
- iii. Give priority to County drilling projects over hiring out.

Submission by the department of Environment, Water, Natural Resources and Tourism

Revenue generation: The department has taken the policy direction of not leasing the Drilling Rig to 3rd party/ private individuals. The department will manage all drilling operations on its own account and thus no revenues will be generated. This is in line with the main objective of “Clean, safe, domesticated water to all county residences”. The department is also in cognizance of the fact that they have several private dealers in operation in Bungoma County and it is not their business to be in competition with them.

On the same breath to enable smooth Rig Operations, the Department has come up with an innovative idea to improve in water supply provision at a minimal cost at the community level. The water ATM/ Dispensing booth, will provide revenues and increase clean water access to communities. The revenues will go into maintenance of the Booth and the Rig fleet.

Committee remarks

Not implemented

C) Operation and Maintenance

The water drilling rig units are machinery that must be serviced to ensure water drilling operations are without any hitches for the County to attain its objective of increasing water accessibility.

Strategic Policy Intervention

The County in collaboration with relevant stakeholders shall undertake the following:

- i. Establish a schedule for proper and timely servicing of the rig and associated machinery e.g., framework contract arrangements
- ii. Undertake servicing at qualified providers or even suppliers of the equipment
- iii. Mobilize adequate resources for the water drilling rig operations including budgetary allocations by the county government.
- iv. Employ and train rig operators and other requisite officers to oversee operations and maintenance of the water drilling rig units in collaboration with the Kenya Water Institute
- v. Provision of Personal Protective Equipment (PPEs), tools, equipment and comprehensive insurance to the rig operators and officers
- vi. Install fleet management systems such as GPS systems, log sheets, work schedules to ensure efficient operations.
- vii. Store the equipment in a safe and secure facility.

Submission by the department of Environment, Water, Natural Resources and Tourism

Operation and Maintenance: The Drilling fleet was supplied with a clear and standard operation, maintenance and service manual, which is being followed by the Drilling Unit. The supplier, PRD is the sole service provider and has the requisite capacity to carry out regular services and manage breakdowns when they occur.

The Drilling Rig operators are all provided for with standard personal protective equipment while in operation.

The Drilling Rig fleet is parked at the Water Headquarters yard. The yard has adequate security as it is manned by contracted guards by the County Government and the premise is CCTV secure.

Going forward the Department will install the fleet management and GPS systems in subsequent financial years as per its plans.

During interrogation the department submitted that the rig was currently undergoing routine maintenance by Paranthaman Exporters drill rig Kenya Limited in Nairobi from 27th January, 2023 and will be ready for use after 10 days.

Committee Remarks

Partially implemented

COMMITTEE OBSERVATIONS

The committee observes that;

1. The department did not provide proof of conducting geological surveys before sinking boreholes which is a requirement for site identification.
2. The department did not establish a framework for prioritizing the most water stressed areas and emergency cases for water drilling projects.

3. The department did not have a schedule to guide the operations of the Rig.
4. The department has not developed regulations on modalities for hiring out the drilling unit or its components since it has not intentions of leasing the Rig to third party or private individuals.
5. The department has a clear and standard operation, maintenance and service manual provided by the supplier which is being followed to ensure timely servicing.
6. The department faces budgetary constraints which affects the effective operations of the rig.
7. The department has engaged contractual staffs who were trained by Paranthaman Exporters drill rig Kenya Limited on operations, maintenance and servicing.

Committee recommendations

The Committee recommends the following: -

Mr. Speaker: Excuse me, you have not read number 8 and 9 under observations by the committee

Hon. Jacob Psero: Okay, sorry, thank you speaker

8. The drilling Rig Fleet is parked at the water headquarters yard which has adequate security as it is manned by contracted guards by the County Government and the premise is CCTV secure.
9. The department has not installed the fleet management and GPS system for tracking and efficient operations.

Committee Recommendations

The Committee recommends the following: -

1. That the department should always carry out geological surveys before sinking boreholes with the engagement of relevant qualified expertise.
2. That department should identify and prioritize the most water stressed areas and capture the same in the County Water Master Plan.
3. That the Department should put in place measures and plans to respond to emergency cases for water drilling.
4. That the department to provide for every financial year a schedule to indicate the dates and periods for sinking the boreholes in each ward and submit to the County Assembly for Honorable Members to note.
5. That the department is hereby directed to review the Rig policy to incorporate the idea of the water ATM/Dispensing booth to provide revenues and increase clean water access to communities at a minimal cost. The revenues should go into maintenance of the Booth and the Rig fleet.

6. That the department should make adequate budgetary allocation in the financial year 2023/2024 for effective operations and maintenance of the Rig.
7. The department should allocate funds through CEF to construct one borehole in each ward per financial year.
8. The department should carry out refresher training of the contracted staff to equip them with emerging technologies in the operations of the Rig.
9. That the department should construct a shade for the Rig fleet for long-term storage and parking to avoid the effects of weather hazards.
10. That the department should install the fleet management and GPS system for tracking and monitoring movements of the Rig fleet.

CONCLUSION

The committee shall endeavour follow up on the implementation of all House resolution and ensure the letter and spirits of all the resolutions are implemented. I urge this House to adopt this report.

Finally, I want to request a very loyal member of the committee to second, Hon. Job Mukoyandali.

Mr. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Psero. Hon. Job Mukoyandali?

Hon. Job Mukoyandali: Mr. Speaker, I rise to second the motion.

(Applause)

Mr. Speaker: What Honorable Job has done is what I said that I oversaw this issue of report lacking on the gadgets. He is trying to use the same trick. Honorable members, a motion has been moved and seconded that this House adopts a report by the Implementation Committee on the implementation status of Bungoma County Industrialization and Bungoma County Drilling Rig Policies.

(Question proposed)

Hon. Martin Cheseto: Thank you Mr. Speaker for giving me time to contribute. First of all, I want to my neighbour Hon. Psero because Cheptais and Chesikaki are neighbouring wards. At the same time he is my mentor; because he is the first person who gave me a job as un-trained teacher way back in 90's. I want to make comments...

Mr. Speaker: Hon. Martin, avoid mentioning years because you know some people were not yet born. Just say some time back.

Hon. Martin Cheseto: Thank you Mr. Speaker for the correction. I want to make some comments on industrialization; I think the observations that the committee has made are pertinent and useful to inform future decision making process.

On the issue of cottage industries; we have some cottage industries which are incomplete. Immediately devolution came in, the National Government handed over projects to the County Governments, so that they can continue especially projects that were handed over by the department of special programmes. I can mention one in Lwandanyi on Tomato processing; it is a fully equipped tomato processing plant which only needs capitation. It needs seed money or capital to start off.

There is also two projects in my ward; one is Chepkube Banana value addition which has been captured in this report. This is a fully equipped banana processing plant which has a capacity to even ripen 2 tons of bananas per week. Unfortunately may be the department has not been serious to connect power so that the plant can take off.

Another one is a Dairy milk plant which requires seed money. I want to encourage the chairperson of Agriculture Committee to pay a visit to that plant. There is a whole milk cooler with three phase solar panels which can process milk into yoghurt and even mala. These projects have management committees but they don't have start-up capital. With this co-operative fund that is being deliberated on, I want the chairperson to be proactive so that such cottage industries to be given priority so that they can take off. If they do that the rural economies of the households can be improved and can even absorb the low skilled and educated people to limit the blame of being asked for jobs every now and then. For that, I beg to support the report.

Hon. Waiti Wafula: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I take this opportunity to comment Senior Principal Hon. Psero for the report he has just tabled in this House...

Mr. Speaker: He was moving not tabling.

Hon. Waiti Wafula: That he has moved in this House. I want to comment on Water; each one of us here is aware that water is life. The problem with our department of water is that once they give out the contract to whoever that is willing to do, they miss a point where they don't do proper geological survey; instead they do guess work. In most of our areas in this county, they have sunk several spots without getting water. How I wish that the department of water should be serious and do proper geological survey so that they don't miss spots.

At the same time, in the report they have recommended that water has to be drilled in either public institutions like schools or markets. How I wish that the department provides enough funding so that once water has been drilled in the nearby school, there is a provision of extension

of pipes to serve the surrounding residents for them also to enjoy water. Otherwise, I comment the mover of the motion.

Hon. Jack Kawa: Thank you, Honorable Speaker. First, allow me congratulate the Committee on Implementation chaired by my brother Hon. Psero. I will go straight to water because as Hon. Waiti has said, every day in the morning on our local media, you cannot miss hearing people calling in and talking about water. It is a pertinent issue in the County and as member we must come up strongly and support the report.

Let me remind Honorable members that in the last regime, I was the chairperson for Roads Committee. Whenever we had a programme we brought it to the House for members to make any corrections. The white elephant known as water drilling rig came into my Ward and a phone call was made for the machine to get out of my Ward. I wondered what was wrong with my ward that my people cannot get water.

The report is good, but I want to request that we invite the CECM, Chief Officer and Director for water to appear to get a way forward on the rig. We have 45 Wards; therefore let us not have special Wards because this county is for all of us. We want to tell the CECM that the machine must go round the 45 Wards. If this happens then we shall go on well.

I want to applaud the committee for observing that the people that are using the machine must be inducted so that when they come in my Ward to drill a borehole, they should know where the water is and its level before they start drilling. The report is good for us, I support it but I request that the chairperson should move ahead and invite the CECM to appear before this House. Otherwise, I support the report.

Hon. Johnston Ipara: Thank you, Honorable Speaker for according me this opportunity also to add my voice on the report. First of all, let me start by commenting the chairperson of Implementation Committee. This is a good report that has given a state of affairs in various departments. There is imbalance in budgetary allocations because if enough they could have implemented many projects like the proposed Constituency Industrial centres. I begin by commending him for emphasizing a lot on trade which shows how trade is important since it makes things move and brings things to the door steps of all households within our county. As we approve this report, I want to request that the recommendations by the Implementations Committee be implemented in totality, so that we don't make reports and go and pick dust in the shelves but reports that we can also remember in prosperity.

Firstly, the rig should not be hired out; it should be used for local use within the sub counties. Priority should remain water for the people and not water for commercial purposes because those who want for commercial they can hire those private rigs. I also want to request that a County

government through relevant department should avail the PPE's so that these officers have the accessories that they require. I heard Hon. Kawa say that they should have those machines that locate where water is. In their check list they must have all items that they require. If they are not available, then the Governor and the CECM Water should make sure at least these officers are given those accessories.

I want to request that this rig can proficiently work into 4 areas; East, West, South and North. If this rig is on the West, the second time it should be taken to the East, if it is on the North, it should be taken to the South, so that we can achieve equitable rotation of this rig.

Lastly, I want to ask the Honorable chairperson that next time they should appear on the list of table of contents so that Honorable members will be able to understand what you meant by CIDC because you made Honorable Leader get lost along the way because you omitted that part on the abbreviations. I support the report.

Hon. Hentry Nyongesa: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. First I want to applaud the Chairperson of Implementation Committee. Secondly you have stressed that he has used simple English although some of us who are a bit analogue have not accessed the report but we shall do it as we move.

I heard the chairperson mention all those things that have been overlooked like the dairy factory in Webuye and others that members have mentioned. We have raw materials and there is nothing being done on them in terms of value addition. Value addition will assist this County to solve the issue of unemployment. The recommendations that have been made by the committee should be taken seriously, for example the Malakisi Ginnery. The county is privileged to have good soil for cotton farming, and the machine is just rotting. Though the ginnery is under the National Government but since trade is a devolved function, I think the department is supposed to take some quick measures so that the factory can be productive to deal with the issue of unemployment.

As we walk around you find that the County has drilled water somewhere and during the dry season, the bore holes dry up, which means that the manpower and knowledge that was put in that area was not adequate. I request the Chairperson Committee on Water and Environment to fast tract implementation of this report to ensure the department has enough human resource in terms water engineers, hydrologists among others.

I think we need to do audit of the human resource within this County in terms of the department of Water so that we have proper human resource especially the water rig. That money could have been given to *Mama mboga* to do business yet the machine is doing de-service to the people of Bungoma. We are behaving as if we are solving the water problems in this County using the

water rig yet we are getting raw results. I support the report and its implementation must be fast tracked.

Hon. Stephen Wamalwa: Thank you, Honorable Speaker. I thank God that it was moved to the conclusion because if it wasn't, I can imagine these wonderful things that the report is carrying how it could be actualized. I thank the chairperson for moving the report effectively and also take this opportunity to thank the members of this committee for having done this commendable work. I don't forget the secretariat that worked with the Honorable members.

I want to talk about the Bungoma County Water Drilling Policy; this was long overdue. I wonder why sometimes we don't have priorities in our plans. I want to thank God that you are also still here because when the rig was procured you were the Speaker of this House and it was and still a noble idea.

Nevertheless, after the rig was acquired when you look at the submission by the department of environment, you realize that yes after acquiring this rig in the financial year 2021/2022, although the policy was not in place, the rig was misused. After the contractor who helped in procurement after he was out and it was handed over, the rig was misused because this House was divided and some people in this county were treated as if they were aliens and not part of this County. Some Wards could not even dream of having this rig come to drill water to help the people just because we had a wrong government in place.

I want to thank God for this policy because there will be no time again in the history of this rig being in this County that whatever happened during that time will never repeat itself. I want to pray again that as we actualize this, let there be equity and I should say there must be equity. That those wards that have benefitted the people are enjoying the fruits should not again be given undue advantage. We want to pray that the rig will reach out to the wards that it has never been there, so that people of this county can have equal opportunity and they can enjoy the fruits of devolution and what it actually means. Devolution was about bringing development to every corner of this country and in Bungoma, devolution is actually true if only resources of this county can be shared equitably across the County.

(Applause)

Therefore, this rig will reach out to those corners where previously it was not supposed to.

I also want to laud and say that when you look at the objectives and especially no.3 they are talking about engagement and participation. Let us not have things on paper; we need things that are on paper and we actualize them that there will be participation. In this respect I believe that participation is all inclusive and on this Honorable members are either specially elected otherwise called nominated those that were elected at the ballot. I want to believe that the

department will seek the participation led by members that the Honorable members will be on the forefront so that we represent our people effectively in this county.

I am guided by the guiding principles of the water rig and it is beautifully written; I pray that the chairperson of this committee and this House, we shall live true to this beautiful narrations called guiding principles so that we can manage this rig and Bungoma will not be a desert; in fact some deserts are better than Bungoma. If I may mention even some Wards like Siboti, it has been in news for wrong reasons. It is not my ward but I have to talk about it because it is within Bungoma. Not mentioning about the people of Mitua/Soysambu Ward that were neglected by the second government of Bungoma. This beautiful report should be actualized and let us practice what we write. I support this report.

(Applause)

Hon. Linda Kharakha: Thank you, Mr Speaker. I rise to support the report by the Implementation Committee. I have heard members who rose to talk about an equitable distribution of development and the management of the rig for instance. I would like to bring to the attention of this House that if members of this House could sit and agree that we have a budgetary allocation towards geographical information system (GIS) so that the resources of our County can be allocated equitably, we will not have to rise on the floor of the House to speak about other Wards being special than others; or others being given priority. There will be a proper distribution of development across Counties and Wards using this geographical information system.

Mr Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Linda. Allow me invite Hon. Jacob.

Hon. Jacob Psero: Thank you Mr. Speaker for giving me this opportunity again to answer some few questions raised by members. First, I want to thank the House for listening to me; and at the same time raising those questions. I start with the issue of abbreviations, which was considered; is only that we don't have messages in our gadgets but Hon. Linda who is here in this House is ahead of us; and she has already seen where those abbreviations are and their explanations. Being a former teacher; particularly a geography teacher and mathematics; abbreviations lose meaning if they are not given explanations. So I have done the explanation just take your time when you are free and you will be able to get the meaning of all those words.

I want to inform you that Implementation Committee is only getting information from the mother committees. In this particular House, I request the Chairpersons of the various departments that we have mentioned particularly the one of Trade and Industrialisation and the one for Water to ensure that you have made a follow-up of what you have presented. Otherwise it will be a waste of time if you are going to bring in good recommendations and you don't make a follow-up.

Hon. Ipara, I request you to look at your area particularly the problem of the technical staff, it is a big problem; in fact when interrogating the CEC and his staff, we will note with a lot of

concern that we have only two officers handling that department and they are retiring soon. By December, we shall not be having any technical staff in your department. You should see what you can do to ensure that that issue is sorted out.

About the rig, I want to believe what we were told by the CEC Water is going to work. I have a lot of trust in him because of what he told me; and he has already started implementing it. For example, yesterday I was in his office and I saw the staff being trained on the issue of the rig before it is allowed to move out to do the work. I am very sure you will be able to do something. The Chair of the Water department; unfortunately he is not here but I want to believe he will be able to get the information. Let him make a follow-up and be able to answer all those issues so that we can succeed. We cannot be able to get enough water in our county if we are not serious with what we are saying. The rig indeed cost a lot of money to this county and now that it is on, the other time it was misused let's hope this particular time, we are going to make a follow-up and ensure that it works well. Then Honorable members, when it comes to your area, don't stick to the rig for so long. I am told for it to complete one bore hall, it just requires three days; so after 3 days please release it to the next member so that we can all benefit.

Otherwise, after 6 days, we as the Committee on Implementation shall visit those areas again to find out about the implementation status; if not we shall bring the motion to this House and the person concerned will show course why disciplinary measures should not be taken against him.

(Applause)

Mr. Speaker: Thank you Hon. Jacob Psero for your reply to the motion that was before this House. Honourable members, allow me now to be able to proceed and put a question to the said motion so that the House can be able to make a decision over the same.

(A question was put and agreed to)

(Applause)

BUNGOMA COUNTY CULTURAL HERITAGE BILL 2022

Mr. Speaker: Yes Hon. Kawa or you come and be able to move from the dispatch. This one please.

(Laughter)

Hon. Jack Kawa: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. On behalf of my committee, I move that the Bungoma County Cultural Heritage Bill 2022 be read for the third time. I want to call upon Hon. Ken to second the Bill.

Mr Speaker: Hon. Ken Wanyama, you have the honour of seconding the Bill by Hon. Kawa.

Hon. Ken Wanyama: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise to second the Bill.

(Applause)

Mr Speaker: Thank you. I just want to confirm a section in our County Government Act specifically section 24(2). Honorable members, I would now be able to propose a motion that Bungoma County Cultural Heritage Bill 2022 be read for a third time.

(Question proposed)

Honourable members, in the absence of a contribution, I will now put a question.

(A question was put and agreed to)

(Applause)

A Bill of an Act of the County Assembly of Bungoma to promote and protect culture and cultural heritage in the County and for connected purposes -Third Reading.

Mr. Speaker: Honorable members, the Bungoma County Cultural Heritage Bill has now been formally approved or passed by this House. It now ceases to be a Bill and it now becomes Bungoma County Cultural Heritage Act 2022.

(Applause)

Honorable members in compliance with section 24 of the County Government Act, the same should be forwarded to his Excellence the Governor for assenting, so that it has a commencing date for its operation accordingly.

(Applause)

Hon. Kawa, I will inform you that day so that you are present during the assenting. I will urge you come with the coat you are having.

(Laughter)

Honorable members, looking at our Order Paper for today, that was the last item and we now adjourn our sitting today being the 2nd of March, 2023 and resume our sittings on 7th of March, 2023 in our 2:30 p.m. sitting.

(House adjourns)