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Afternoon Sitting

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The House met at 2:30 p.m.

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

PRAYER

PAPERS

REPORT BY THE SECTORAL COMMITTEE ON YOUTH AND SPORTS ON THE STATUS OF AJIRI CENTRE

Hon. Dorcas Ndasaba (Member, Youth): Thank you, Mr. Speaker Sir. I rise to table the report by the sectoral Committee on Youth and Sports on the status of Ajiri centre.

(Hon. Dorcas Ndasaba laid the paper on the Table)

Temporary Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Ndasaba. Hon. Members, a report by the sectoral committee on Youth and Sports on the status of Ajiri Centre having been laid on the table of this Honourable House, it becomes a property of this House and shall form the basis of deliberation in our subsequent sessions.

REPORT BY THE SECTORAL COMMITTEE ON TOURISM, ENVIRONMENT, WATER AND NATURAL RESOURCES ON ESTABLISHING THE VIABILITY OF TOURIST ATTRACTION PLANS IN BUNGOMA COUNTY BY THE DEPARTMENT OF TOURISM, ENVIRONMENT, WATER AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Hon. Edwin Opwora (Chair, Tourism): Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I rise to table a report by the sectoral committee on Tourism, Water and Natural Resources on establishing the viability of tourist attraction plans in Bungoma County by the department of Tourism in respect to the department of Tourism, Environment, Water and Natural Resources and Climate Change.

(Hon. Edwin Opwora laid the Paper on the Table)

Temporary Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Edwin Opwora. Members, a report by the sectoral Committee on Tourism, Environment, Water and Natural Resources on establishing the viability of tourist attraction plans in Bungoma County by the department of Tourism, Water and Natural Resources having been laid on the floor of this House, it becomes a property of the House and shall form order of business in our subsequent sessions.

NOTICES OF MOTION

REPORT BY THE SECTORAL COMMITTEE ON YOUTH AND SPORTS ON THE STATUS OF AJIRI CENTRE

Hon. Dorcas Ndasaba: Thank you, Mr. Speaker Sir. I rise to issue a notice of motion that this House adopts the report by the sectoral committee on Youth and Sports on the status of Ajiri Centre.

Temporary Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Dorcas Ndasaba. A notice having been issued that this House adopts the report by the sectoral committee on Youth and Sports on the status of Ajiri Centre I hereby direct the Clerks at the Table to ensure that the same is circulated to members and it shall form the basis of our deliberations in our subsequent sessions.

REPORT BY THE SECTORAL COMMITTEE ON TOURISM, ENVIRONMENT, WATER AND NATURAL RESOURCES ON ESTABLISHING THE VIABILITY OF TOURIST ATTRACTION PLANS IN BUNGOMA COUNTY BY THE DEPARTMENT OF TOURISM, ENVIRONMENT, WATER AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Hon. Edwin Opwora: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise to issue a notice of motion that this House adapts the report by the sectoral committee on Tourism, Environment, Water and Natural Resources on establishing the viability of tourist attraction plans in Bungoma County by the department of Tourism, Environment, Water and Natural Resources.

Temporary Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Edwin Opwora. Members, a notice of motion having been issued that this House adopts the report by the sectoral Committee on Tourism, Environment, Water and Natural Resources on establishing the viability of tourist attraction plans in Bungoma County by the department of Tourism, Water and Natural Resources, I hereby direct the Clerks at the Table to ensure that the same is circulated to members and it shall form the basis of our discussions in our subsequent sessions.

QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS

STATEMENT PURSUANT TO STANDING ORDER 47 (2) (A)

Hon. Anthony Luseneka: *(On a Point of Information)* Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I am just wondering as we are sited here, we have almost 4 methods of signing in this plenary. I am seeing this biometric, we have the cards, a register, Sergeant-At-Arms are also ticking our names as if we are in a military camp, CCTVs are there, so I am wondering if we cannot trust one system, our own system, who else could trust us? We are very keen on making sure that we are captured on all the lists, missing the point on why we are here, some of us are just here because we want to sign in. If you can give direction on that, which method is authentic because when you forget

your card at home they say that... I need your protection, so if you can give us direction on the best method to make sure that I am present today in this Assembly.

Temporary Speaker: Thank you, Leader of Minority. Before I respond I can see Hon. Jackson Wambulwa is online, let's allow him.

Hon. Jackson Wambulwa: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I want to second what the Leader of Minority has raised. As you are aware starting from the entrance you have to finger in...

(Laughter)

Yes you have to finger in...

Temporary Speaker: Hon. Jackson Wambulwa, please explain we need to understand what you mean by fingering in.

Hon. Jackson Wambulwa: Hon. Speaker, fingering and keying in is one and the same. Coming inside you have to enter your card, as you enter your card the Sergeant is standing trying to tick who is present and who is not present. After that they are bringing another kit you have again to key in; surely how many times are we going to do this. CCTV is there monitoring who is in this House, your own computer as you are sited you already know who are this House. I think it is becoming unbearable. We request the leadership where the Leader of Minority is to sit down and discuss and have a way forward.

There are Counties that have no gadgets at all; do you want to tell me these counties cannot be paid because of that? Not all Counties have gadgets, for us at least we have tried and we are ahead. Why should it be an audit query to Bungoma and other Counties are not being audited over the same?

We have major fraud cases out there that are happening. Why should they target these poor Members of County Assemblies whom even the government does not want to recognize when it comes to increasing their pension? They are always out there to monitor us on how we are moving, whereas coming for these chamber sittings we are not being paid anything. Why should we be monitored left and right? We are not being paid so it is time as a House we make a stand but before we make that stand, I want to request the leadership to sit down and discuss, and have a solution to this. If it will be the card then let it be that and not this many ways, it must be either one or two but not too many things that make members feel unsafe.

Temporary Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Jack Wambulwa for the concerns. I will give 2 minutes to Hon. Everton Nganga,

Hon. Everton Nganga: Thank you, Hon. Speaker for giving me a chance to contribute on what Honourable Leader of Minority has raised. This is a changing world and the systems that are being introduced are here to make sure that Members are never surcharged anymore because

there are so many audit queries that are always raised by the Auditor General. To my understanding, in accounting when I am reconciling a bank reconciliation statement and the cash book that is found in the business of the owner, I look at the items that are appearing in the bank statement and the cash book of the business so that at the end of everything, I will discover those that were appearing in both and those that were not appearing in both then I will make my conclusion.

I am for the system, let it exist and nobody should be worried, you are elected to come here and ventilate on issues oversight, we have to be here. If we are not doing anything bad why are you worried?

(Applause)

Hon. Francis Chemion: Hon. Speaker, I will not take two minutes. I just want to take one minute. Something that has come up and is recorded on HANSARD is fingering in and if you look at what it means in the dictionary... I want you to ask that it is deleted from our records, because we members don't finger in. You can declare that bit.

Temporary Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Masai Chemion. I want to call upon the Honourable member who used the word to do the necessary.

Hon. Jack Wambulwa: Hon. Speaker, unless Hon. Chemion did not get my correction because I ended up telling the House it is keying in, so fingering and keying in is more or less one and the same; using a finger. When you use a finger, you enter into a hole what do you say?

Temporary Speaker: Okay members, I think because we have other businesses to conduct in the House I will give Hon. Job to be the final member to contribute on this issue then I will give my direction.

Hon. Job Mukoyandali: Thank you, Mr. Speaker for giving me this chance. I concur with what majority of the members have said, we need to make a link so that all these systems are working in unison so that it doesn't look like we are being monitored as if we are criminals. We have come here to represent people and I am sure that no member will just miss to come here, so let them link these systems to become one so that the work is easy.

Secondly, there are so many notable changes happening within our area of work especially when I talk about our committees and every day we are being informed of changes, like recently I was informed that if you go to Kisumu, you will not be given transport reimbursement. I don't know if this applies to Bungoma only or other counties. I don't know if we are working within the budget or outside the budget. Therefore, many things are coming up and if there is any advisory maybe coming from the Controller of Budget then we are supposed to do something. It should be tabled in the House so that all members are aware of what is happening instead of things happening without our knowledge.

(Applause)

Temporary Speaker: Members, we have two motions ahead of us, allow me give directions. Hon. Hentry Nyongesa?

Hon. Hentry Nyongesa: Mr. Speaker, I have listened to the Leader of Minority...

Temporary Speaker (Hon. Benjamin Otsiula): You said you are rising on a point of information.

Hon. Hentry Nyongesa: Yes Mr. Speaker. That the Leader of Minority has raised a motion within a motion but I am thinking loudly that decisions are trickling up-down and the Leader of Minority is in leadership in this House. The leader was raising a query that what we are monitoring is becoming much. But the information trickles from up-down, therefore, I think the leader was testing our capability if we can argue on the same but he has the information. Hence, I concur with Hon. Jack that he has the answer and in the next sitting the Leader of Minority will give us the answer on the same.

Temporary Speaker (Hon. Benjamin Otsiula): That is a presumption that the Leader of Minority has information. Members I want to appreciate you for your concerns. I have already directed Hon. Ipara and therefore just persevere. I appreciate the concerns made by honourable Members in this House concerning the issue at hand. We have the biometric register, we also have the cards and you also key in as you come in. However, this is an issue that has already been raised by a host of the honourable members here and the issue is now with the Liaison Committee and the House Leadership. It is going to form the basis of consideration as this committee is expected to retreat from today evening for a report writing exercise. I kindly call upon honourable members to be patient so that after those deliberations an official communication will be made in this House. We now proceed with the order of business as per the order Paper.

Hon. Johnston Ipara: Thank you Hon. Speaker for this opportunity to present the weekly programme of the business of the County Assembly for the week commencing Wednesday 6th to Thursday 7th 2024. Before I proceed holding on the privilege I have if the members can listen; if we can request our friend Hon. Jack Wambulwa as a honourable Member for Kimaeti and a responsible member of this House and gentleman to withdraw the word "fingering" if this any person comes to our archives and he reads this word; you probably think of an act...

Temporary Speaker (Hon. Benjamin Otsiula): Hon. Johnston Okasida Ipara, Hon. Jackson Wambulwa clearly stated that he rephrased and used the words "key in". Therefore, kindly proceed.

Hon. Johnston Ipara: I thank you for your guidance Hon. Speaker.

Wednesday 6th March at 9:30 a.m.

Order of Business

Papers

1. A report by the House Business Committee on the Session plenary review between February to December 2023
2. A report by Sectoral Committee on Finance and Economic Planning on Bungoma County Receivers of Revenue financial statements for the period ended 30th June, 2023

Notices of Motion

1. That this House considers having legislation on naming of roads, streets, numbering of House and building, branding of buildings with county colours.
2. That this House adopts a report by the House Business Committee on the second session plenary review February to December 2023
3. That this House adopts a report by the Sectoral Committee on Finance and Economic Planning on the Receivers of Revenue financial statements for the period ended 30th June, 2023

Motion

1. A report by Sectoral Committee on Agriculture, Livestock, fisheries, Irrigation and Cooperative Development on Bungoma County Government Fourth Quarter financial statements from the period ended 30th June 2023 with respect to the department of Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries, Irrigation and Cooperative development
2. A report by Sectoral Committee on Finance and Economic Planning on the Receivers of Revenue financial statements for the period ended 30th June, 2023 with respect to the department of Finance and Economic Planning

Wednesday 6th March at 2:30 p.m

Order of business

Papers

1. A report by Committee on Roads, Transport, Infrastructure and Public Works on the status of road projects (Box Culverts) implemented under the Disaster Management Emergence Fund financial years 2020-2021 and 2021/2022.

Notices of Motion

1. That this House adopts a report by Committee on Roads, Transport, Infrastructure and Public Works on the status of road projects (Box Culverts) implemented under the Disaster Management Emergence Fund financial years 2020-2021 and 2021/2022.

Motion

1. A report by Sectoral Committee on Education and Vocational Training on the Bungoma County Government fourth quarter financial statements for the period ended 30th June 2023 with respect to the department of Education and Vocational Training.

Thursday 7th March, 2024 at 2:30 p.m

Order of business

Questions and Statements

1. It is notified that pursuant to Standing Order 42(a) Member of the House Business Committee shall inform the House of the weekly program of the House.

A member of the House Business Committee pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 47 (2) will read the programme of that particular week

Motion

A report by the Sectoral Committee on Youth Affairs and Sports on the Bungoma County Government Fourth Quarter financial statements for period ended 30th June, 2023 with respect to the Department of Youth and Sports

Bills

1. Legislation on naming of roads, streets, numbering of Houses and buildings, branding of County Government of Bungoma buildings/facilities and vehicles with county colours.

That is the programme for next coming week and the members may reach this through our Clerks and the website.

Temporary Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Okasida.

Next,

MOTION

A REPORT BY SECTORAL COMMITTEE ON LABOUR RELATIONS, MEMBER'S SERVICES AND FACILITIES ON THE BUNGOMA COUNTY GOVERNMENT FOURTH QUARTER FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR PERIOD ENDED 30TH JUNE, 2023

Hon. Hentry Nyongesa (Chairperson, Labour): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise to move a motion on a report by the Committee on Labour Relations, Members Services and facilities on the fourth quarter financial statements for the period ended 30th June 2023 in respect to the County Public Service Board and the County Assembly Service Board.

Preamble

It is my duty to present the report by the committee on Labour Relations, Members Services and Facilities on the fourth quarter financial statements for the period ended 30th June 2023 with respect to the County Public Service Board and Assembly Service Board. The fourth quarter financial statement was tabled in the County Assembly of Bungoma and stood committed to sectorial committees for interrogation, input, and recommendations through a report to this House.

Temporary Speaker: You can skip the mandate because it is well stipulated in the Standing Orders.

Hon. Hentry Nyongesa: Thank you Mr. Speaker for the guidance.

Committee Membership

The following are members of the Committee on Labour Relations, Members Services and facilities;

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| 1. Hon. Hentry Nyongesa | Chairperson |
| 2. Hon. Catherine Kituyi | Vice Chairperson |
| 3. Hon. Anthony Luseneka | Member |
| 4. Hon. Joan Kirong | Member |
| 5. Hon. Milliah Masungo | Member |
| 6. Hon. Everton Nganga | Member |
| 7. Hon. Charles Nangulu | Member |
| 8. Hon. Jerusa Aleu | Member |
| 9. Hon. Linda Kharaka | Member |
| 10. Hon. Polycarp Kimeta | Member |
| 11. Hon. Metrine Wilson | Member |
| 12. Hon. Everlyn Anyango | Member |
| 13. Hon. Alice Kibaba | Member |
| 14. Hon. Bridgit Katasi | Member |

15. Hon. Caleb Wanjala Member

Guiding principles on the examination of the County Government Quarterly report and financial statements

In the execution of the mandate the Committee on Labour Relations, Members Services and facilities is given the legal backing under the Constitution of Kenya 2010, Public Finance Management Act 2012, and County Government Act 2012.

These statutory provisions include;

i) Constitutional Principles and Public Finance

Article 21 of the Constitution of Kenya 2010 enacts fundamental principles that shall guide all the aspects of public finance in the republic. These principles include;

(a) There shall be openness and accountability including public participation in financial matters, 201 (d) public money shall be used in prudent and responsible way and 201(c) financial management shall be responsible and fiscal reporting shall be clear.

Section 149(1)(a)(b) of the PFMA, 2012 provides as follows; *the accounting officer is accountable to the County Assembly for ensuring the resources of the entity for which the officer is designated are used in a way that is;*

(a) Lawful and authorized

(b) Effective, efficient, economical and transparent

ii) Direct personal liability

Article 22(5) of the Constitution of Kenya 2010 is emphatic that *“If the holder of a public office, including a political office, directs or approves the use of public funds contrary to law or instructions, the person is liable for any loss arising from that use and shall make good the loss, whether the person remains the holder of the office or not”*.

Obligations of Accounting Officers

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

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

Revenue
(c) publish and publicize them

Allocation;

and

Acknowledgment

I take this opportunity to thank all the members of the Committee for dedicating their time to examine the County Assembly Service Board and County Public Service Board 4th Quarter Financial Statements for the Financial Year 2022/2023, for the period ended 30th June 2023. The Committee would also like to appreciate the Secretariat commitment. Lastly, the Committee is grateful to your office and the office of the Clerk of the County Assembly of Bungoma for logistical support received as it discharged its mandate.

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

The report is signed by myself as the Chair of the committee

Page 7, Chapter two, we have the key highlights on the fourth Quarter Financial Statements for the Financial Year 2022/2023 and it has been going round from all the committees but for the purpose of records

Key Highlights on the 4th Quarter Financial Statement for the Financial Year 2022/2023

The county targeted revenue projection for the financial year 2022/23 was **Kshs. 14, 824, 738, 618** as per the approved 2nd supplementary budget. Below is the breakdown of the sources of revenue;

No.	Source	Amount
1	Equitable share	10,659,435,192.00
2	Equitable share b/f	867,288,525.00
3	Retention	293,425,903.00
4	Conditional grant Development partner	1,543,977,937
5	Conditional grants National	113,228,200.00
6	Local revenue as per act	500,000,000.00
7	AIA	847,382,860.00
	Grand Total	14,824,738,616

The County Public Service Board

The County Public Service Board operated on a recurrent budget of 54,046,205 and a total development budget of Kshs. 10,000,000.

Revenue

The Board does not collect any revenue and AIA. A total of Ksh 45,587,411 was realized as exchequer based on the requests the Board had submitted. From the amounts received, 42,182,040 towards recurrent and Kshs. 3,405,371 was towards development.

Expenditure

Kshs. 6,713,128 was spent on staff salaries which represents 96% of the allocation towards the same.

Budget Execution by Programmes and Sub-Programmes

During the period under review, the Board anticipated only one project- Construction of the Office Block at a provisional figure of Ksh. 10,000,000. Out of the Budgeted amount, Kshs. 3,405,371 was paid to the Consultancy firm contracted to engage in developing BQs and building plans for the office in the year 2015.

Allocation of land has been an issue but currently, CECM Lands have awarded space next to the Labour Office and the contractor is set to begin works but currently just for correction, the project is ongoing and is behind Teacher's plaza. The site changed from labor offices to teacher's plaza

Accounts Payable

At the beginning of the FY 2022/23, a total of Kshs. 9,049,181 was due to the suppliers. As at 30th June 2023, the Board had paid a total of 8,149,181 had been paid leaving a balance of Kshs. 900,000 only owed to Joventure Hotel Kisumu. The amount has since been declared and shall be considered in the current Financial Year.

Supplier of credit vote had an allocation of Kshs. 6,603,181 on recurrent out of which Kshs. 2,623,600 recurrent pending bills was paid.

Development pending bill pay out was done on the allocation for construction of administration block to pay BQs and Plans for the administration block presenting misapplication of funds.

Accounts Receivable

The Board had outstanding imprests totalling to Kshs. 5,357,395 as at the 30th June 2023. The County Public Service Board had cleared and had no unsurrendered imprests to report on as at the time of interrogation.

The County Assembly Service Board

Revenue

The County Assembly relies on exchequer release as source of revenue. In the year under review, it had a total budget of ksh.1, 294,353,579 comprising of development ksh.106, 793,185 and recurrent ksh.1, 187,560,394. The transfers from exchequer amounted to 1,256,268,326

representing 97% release i.e. Ksh.1, 187,556,988 for recurrent representing a near 100% release while development ksh.68, 711,338 representing 64% release.

Expenditure

The Assembly had an annual Expenditure of Kshs. 1,245,449,346 which relates to 96% absorption comprising of Kshs.1, 176,738,008 recurrent expenditure and Kshs. 68,711,338 for Development expenditure.

Recurrent Expenditure Analysis

The total recurrent expenditure of Kshs. 1,176,738,008 as detailed below:

- Compensation of employees amounted to Kshs. 389,221,180.
- The use of goods and services absorbed Ksh. 421,802,189 and it included:
 - Utilities supplies and services Ksh. 1,774,335 Communication supplies and services Ksh. 1,920,647
 - Domestic travel and subsistence, and other transportation costs approved allocation of ksh.219, 159,701.
 - Foreign travel and subsistence Ksh 6,299,520
 - Printing, advertising and information supplies of Ksh. 7,670,030
 - Training expenses of Ksh. 18,749,119
 - Hospitality supplies and services of Ksh. 45,733,639
 - Insurance costs Ksh. 37,335,658
 - Specialized materials and supplies (purchase of uniforms and staff clothing) of Ksh. 1,840,172
 - Office and general supplies and services ksh.6,817,328
 - Fuel oil and lubricants Ksh. 2,569,300
 - Other operating expenses (Contracted guards, cleaning services, legal dues, membership fees, management fees, contracted professional services and ward offices expenses ksh.67,106,781
 - Routine maintenance- vehicles/motor cycle Ksh. 3,974,106
 - Routine maintenance of other assets ksh.851,854
- Acquisition of Assets Kshs 44,542,466 and it entailed:
 - Purchase of vehicles Kshs. 12,780,000
 - Purchase of Computer, printers and IT equipment Kshs. 10,206,056
 - Purchase of office furniture Kshs. 15,804,600.
 - Research studies, project preparation, Design and supervision Kshs. 5,751,810

Transfers to other Government Entities ksh.301, 135,214 represent:

- County Assembly MCAs Car loans and mortgage scheme Kss.163, 000,000

- County Assembly employee car loan & mortgage Scheme Kshs. 99,000,000
- Ward offices operations Kshs. 28,105,431
- KRA Kshs. 11,029,783

Social Security Benefits Ksh. 20,036,959 as broken down below:

- Gratuity ward staff offices partisan staff Kshs. 5,787,900
- Gratuity members of County Assemblies Kshs. 14,249,059

Budget Execution by Programmes and Sub-Programmes

Acquisition of Assets amounted to represented as Ksh 68, 711,338 representing 64% absorption County Assembly had an approved budget of Kshs. 106,793,185 for development. It was expended as follows;

- New administration block Ksh 62,451,513
- Pending bills for teammate audit system Kshs. 3, 550,418. 57.
- Hansard system Ksh 2,709,406.30

Accounts Payable

Accounts receivables (outstanding Imprests) across all departments amounted to Kshs. 13,788,064 compared to Kshs. 2,970,000 same period in the previous FY. Legislative services department has the highest outstanding imprests at Kshs. 3,768,500 followed by Committee Services department at Ksh. 3,018,200. The department with least outstanding imprests is Administration at Ksh. 40,000. As at the time of interrogation, the departments had cleared all the imprests.

General Committee Observations and Recommendations

Committee General Observations.

The Committee made the following observations.

1. The County Public Service Board has Land allocated to it and is set to begin construction of the office block.
2. The County Public Service Board had a total pending bill of Kshs. 900,000 as at 30th June 2023.
3. Under development expenditure, the County Public Service Board spent Kshs. 3,405,371 on coming up with the BQs for the Administration Block dating back to the year 2015.
4. The two Boards had no un-surrendered imprests to report on.

Committee Recommendations

The following recommendations were made by the Committee:

1. That, the County Public Service Board should declare and prioritize the payment of pending bills when preparing proposed budget estimates to avoid unnecessary litigation and accumulation.

2. That, the County Public Service Board should see to it that the construction of the Administration Block on the land allotted to them by the County Government before the lapse of the Financial Year.
3. That, County treasury should ensure the correctness of the financial statements by consulting the user departments.
4. That, Imprests should be managed according to the Public Finance Management laws that states: PFM reg, 93(5) A holder of a temporary imprest shall account or surrender the imprest within seven (7) working days after returning to duty station.

5. That, the approved budgets should be implemented pursuant to PFMA 149 (1).

(1) An accounting officer is accountable to the county assembly for ensuring that the resources of the entity for which the officer is designated are used in a way that is—

- (a) Lawful and authorized; and
- (b) Effective, efficient, economical and transparent.

That is the end of our report and the report was duly adopted by every member signed against the report and as agreed, that's a correct report.

Mr. Temporary Speaker: Thank you Hon. Henry Nyongesa for moving the motion.

Hon. Henry Nyongesa: I think the last page is the minutes of the committee that are approved by the same. So thank you, Mr. Speaker I want to request that Hon. Caleb Wanjala seconds the report.

Mr. Temporary Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Henry Nyongesa. Hon. Caleb Wanjala proceed

Hon. Caleb Wanjala: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise to second the report.

(Applause)

Mr. Temporary Speaker: Thank you Hon. Caleb Wanjala for your brief seconding remarks.

Hon. Members, a motion on the report by the Sectoral Committee on Labour Relations, Members Service and Facilities on the Bungoma County Government fourth quarter financial statements for the period ended 30th June, 2023. With respect to County Public Service Board and County Assembly Service Board having been moved, I hereby propose a question that this House adopts the report by the Sectoral Committee on Labour Relations, Members Service and Facilities on the Bungoma County Government fourth quarter financial statements for the period ended 30th June, 2023 with respect to County Public Service Board and County Assembly Service Board laid on the table of the House on 22nd February 2024. I propose the motion for debate now.

Yes members, I have not seen the mood of the House. I now put the question that a motion having been duly moved, seconded and debates having ensued, I now put the question that this House adopts the report by the Sectoral Committee on Labour Relations, Members Service and Facilities on the Bungoma County Government fourth quarter financial statements for the period ended 30 June, 2023. With respect to County Public Service Board and County Assembly Service Board laid on the table of the House on 22nd February, 2024.

(Question put and agreed to)

(Applause)

The report is accordingly adopted. We now move to the next item on the Order Paper.

PROCEDURAL MOTION ALTERATION OF THE HOUSE CALENDAR

Mr. Temporary Speaker: The Leader of Majority Hon. Joseph Nyongesa.

Hon. Joseph Nyongesa: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise to move a procedural motion on alteration of the House calendar that pursuant to the provision of Standing Order 31 (4) and in taking cognizant of the County Fiscal Strategy Paper 2024 that was tabled in this House on 28th February 2024 and in accordance with the Public Finance Management Act 2012, the paper should be approved by this House within the next 14 days.

Noting the timeline of each consideration by Sector Committees and the Budget and Appropriation Committee, this House resolves to alter its calendar for the Third Session that is Regular Session and therefore orders that the sitting of Tuesday 15th March, 2024, at 2:30 p.m. be altered and that House resumes its sitting from Wednesday 6th March, 2024 at 9:30 a.m.

Let me call Hon. Millie Masungu to second.

Mr. Temporary Speaker: Thank you the Leader of Majority. Hon. Millie Masungu, it is your time to second.

Hon. Millie Masungu: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I rise to second the report as moved by the Leader of Majority that the calendar be altered to allow Honourable Members participate in the House programmes.

Mr. Temporary Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Millie Masungu. Hon. Members, a procedural motion having been moved that pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 31 (4) and taking cognizant of the County Fiscal Strategy Paper 2024 that was laid in this House on 28th February 2024 and in accordance with the Public Finance Management Act 2012. The paper should be approved by this House within the next 14 days.

Noting the timeline of each consideration by Sector Committees and the Budget and Appropriation Committee, this House resolves to alter its calendar for the Third Session, Regular Session and therefore orders that the sitting of Tuesday 5th March, 2024 at 2:30 p.m. be altered and the House resumes its sittings as from Wednesday 6th March, 2024 at 9:30 a.m.

Hon. Members, I therefore propose a question that the sitting of Tuesday 5th March, 2024 at 2:30 p.m. be altered and the House resumes its sittings as from Wednesday 6th March, 2024 at 9:30 a.m.

(Question proposed)

Hon. Hentry Nyongesa: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Looking at the preparation of the budget for our coming financial year, I think the committees need ample time to have enough consultation with the executive. Arising from that, let the Sectoral Committees be given the time to handle what is in line with the budget lines.

I want to request that that the Sector Committees be given those powers and their recommendation should remain within the Sector Committees such that as the House will be approving what was emanating from the executive towards the Sector Committees, will be a picture and the recommendations of the Sector Committees. I support the motion.

Mr. Temporary Speaker: Thank you Hon. Henry Nyongesa for your contribution. Hon. Millie Masungu.

(Loud Consultations)

Hon. Millie Masungu: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I don't know why Hon. Members are looking at me seconding our motion does not restrict me from contributing on the same motion. Thank you very much to have given me this chance. Mine is just to insist that we are going to interrogate a budget, our annual budget with Executive and Sector Committees.

Mr. Temporary Speaker: Yes, Hon. Ali Machani, what is the point of information?

Hon. Millie Masungu: Mr. Speaker, I don't want to be informed.

(Loud consultations)

Hon. Ali Machani: Mr. Speaker, is it in order for a member to contribute twice to the same motion? She was given a chance to second the motion and had enough time to contribute. Is it in order for her again to come the second time on the floor on the same motion?

(Laughter)

Mr. Temporary Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Ali Machani. Hon. Millie Masungu requested to contribute, I thought she was going to rise on a point of information but being the seconder, I think she had her chance to make all pronouncements and I therefore sustain the point of information. Debate having ensued, I therefore call the mover of the motion to respond.

Hon. Joseph Nyongesa: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. First, let me appreciate members for the overwhelming support on alteration of Tuesday to Wednesday and Members what Hon. Nyongesa was saying is very key and also call upon Honourable Chairs and Committee Members on Sectoral Committees, that actually it is a programme or setting the ceilings of every department. So, if at all we are adjourning so that we have ample time, so that each committee should have at least or at most two hours, it means a committee has got time to go through it and ensure they are well informed with what we are going to pass or approve.

Hon. Members who are the chairs to the Sectoral Committees, again it is also your highest time also to go through it. You know we have always given the Budget committee a very hard time. This time we urge members of the Budget Committee to attend the Sectoral Committees because initially most of the interrogation, members of Budget Committee skip knowing that they will get it maybe during the budget making.

So kindly let's participate fully as members of those Sectoral Committees at least what we shall come up with and we know we should be comparing with the last budget that we are executing. Otherwise, I appreciate the support from the House and wish you all the best as you interrogate all programmes of sectors.

Mr. Temporary Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Joseph Nyongesa. Hon. Members, a Motion has been duly moved and subsequently seconded. I now put a question that the sitting of Tuesday 5th March, 2024 at 2:30 p.m be altered and that the House resumed its sittings as from Wednesday 6th March, 2024. At 9:30 a.m.

(Question put and agreed to)

The calendar of the House is altered accordingly.

(Applause)

ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Members, that was the last item on our Order Paper. Thank you for sitting through the session. We meet in our next session on Wednesday next week at 9:30 a.m. We adjourn accordingly.

House rose 3:48 p.m.