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**TUESDAY, 1<sup>SH</sup> JULY, 2025**

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

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

### PRAYER

### COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

Honourable Members, I have two communications to make;

#### **DISCHARGE OF MEMBERS FROM COMMITTEES**

#### **FROM THE AZIMIO COALITION**

Reference is made to Standing Order no. 178 (1), 178 (2). Hon. Ali Machani and Hon. Everton Nganga have been discharged from Selection Committee and replaced by Hon. Makhanu Cornelius and Hon. Metrine Nangalama.

Thank you in advance for understanding and your cooperation in this matter.

#### **VISITING STUDENTS AND TEACHERS FROM LITTLE MARAFIKI ACADEMY**

I'm pleased to warmly welcome the students and teachers from little Marafiki Academy located within Bungoma Township, Kanduyi Sub-county. The purpose of this important visit is to provide the students with the practical understanding of the legislative process and the structure of our County Government.

The visiting delegation comprises of the 108 students, kindly be upstanding students.

*(Students stood at the gallery)*

Kindly be seated please.

They have been accompanied by 8 teachers;

1. Madam Sally Wekesa
2. Madam Christine Nangila
3. Madam Loreen Wechuli

4. Madam Winny Wangila
5. Amos Wanjala
6. Hillary Wanjala
7. Collins Wekesa
8. Caren Okumu

Kindly be upstanding.

*(Applause)*

Kindly resume your seats please.

At the statement hour on our Order Paper, I will allow Honourable Members to make some brief comments to encourage the learners who are before us.

We will proceed from there.

## **PAPERS**

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

**Mr. Speaker:** Hon. Wafula Waiti, proceed and do the necessary.

**Hon. Wafula Waiti:** Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I rise to table a report on the Committee on Agriculture, Livestock, Irrigation, Fisheries, and Cooperative Development on the status of implementation of the House resolutions for the year 2022/2023.

*(Paper laid on the floor by Hon. Wafula White)*

**Mr. Speaker:** Honourable members, the report by the sectoral Committee on Agriculture, Livestock, Irrigation, Fisheries and Cooperative Development on the implementation of House resolutions for the year 2022/2023 is hereby tabled and it becomes the property of the House accordingly.

## **NOTICES OF MOTION**

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

**Mr. Speaker:** Hon. Waiti, proceed and issue a notice accordingly.

**Hon. Wafula Waiti:** I rise to issue a notice of motion that this House adopts the report of the sectoral committee on Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries, Irrigation and Cooperative Development on the implementation of the House resolutions for the year 2022/2023.

**Mr. Speaker:** Honourable members, a notice of motion has been duly issued by the sectoral Committee on Agriculture, Livestock, Irrigation, Fisheries and Cooperative Development of the implementation of the House resolutions for the year 2022/2023.

I urge the table clerks to have the same shared to the gadgets of Honourable Members. The same will come up as a motion in our Order Paper in the course of the week or once the same is scheduled by the HBC accordingly on our Order Paper

## QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS

**Mr. Speaker:** Honourable members, I said earlier on that we have visitors in the public gallery, pupils from Little Marafiki Academy. I urge that we have some few speakers at most two or three then we move on accordingly.

Hon. Bernard Kikechi, you are allowed to proceed.

**Hon. Bernard Kikechi:** Thank you, Hon. Speaker. First of all, I want to applaud our young girls and boys who are seated in the gallery and to congratulate them for making it into this House of rules and procedures. I want to encourage our young ones that education is a journey, a journey that needs resilience and hard work in class. I passed through all processes as you are doing and now I am an Honourable Member sited in this House. So mine is to briefly encourage our pupils to work hard, respect your teachers and parents at home, and always make sure that you complete all the assignments that you are given.

I know some of you aspire to be engineers, doctors and others politicians like us. The key to that is to work hard in your studies and to make sure that you pass in your examinations.

Otherwise, I wish you well as you are here in this gallery studying how the House conducts its business. I wish you all the best. As you go back to school, kindly remember that hard work in class pays.

**Mr. Speaker:** Hon Kuloba, proceed.

**Hon. Jeremiah Kuloba:** Asante Bwana Spika kwa kunipa fursa hii. Kwanza, ningependa kuwakaribisha wanafunzi wa Little Marafiki Angels ambayo ipo katika Wadi yangu. Kama wanafunzi hawanijui, mimi ndiye Mheshimiwa wenu, huenda wazazi wenu wanajua. Kwa

hivyo nasema karibuni katika jumba hili, najua mmekuja kusoma na kuangalia jinsi ambavyo waheshimiwa wanafanya kazi zao hapa.

Kikubwa ni kwamba tunataka muwe na msingi bora, huo ndio ufunguo wa maisha, na unatokana na nyinyi kuwa na nidhamu. Weka bidii masomoni, sisi kama nchi tunawategemea nyinyi kama viongozi wa kesho, hivyo kwa lolote mfanyalo, fanyeni mkijua kuwa kesho inawategemea.

Kazi yetu hapa ni majukumu matatu; kwanza ni uwakilishi, ambapo tunawakilisha masuala ambayo wazazi wenu ama nyinyi kama wanafunzi mnataka ifanywe na Kaundi. Pili, ni utungaji wa sheria. Tunaangalia sheria zinazotengezwa zisiwe ni za kuwakandamiza wananchi wa kawaida. Tatu, ni kuangalia kuwa kazi ambazo zinafanya na serikali ya Kaundi, ambayo inafaa ifanywe kulingana na sharia.

Mnaporudi nyumbani, waambieni kuwa leo mmetembelea jumba la kutunga sheria la Bungoma, wengine wenu walikuwa hawajawahi tembelea mahali hapa. Pia, mmebadilisha mazingira kwa sababu ninavyo jua, mnapotoka Mpeli ama Mufutu, mkitembea ni kwenda shuleni, hamjawahi tembea upande huu.

La mwisho, mkirudi nyumbani muwapelekee wazazi wenu salamu kochokocho kutoka katika jumba hili. Salamu ambazo ni za waheshimiwa hawa, wamewaambia wawe na siku njema.

**Mr. Speaker:** Thank you, Hon. Kuloba. Hon. Linda Kharakha, proceed!

**Hon. Linda Kharakha:** Spika, nashukuru kwa kunipa nafasi. Leo kuongea na watoto wetu wa Little Academy ambao wametembelea jumba hili. Najua mnakuwa na mjadala shuleni lakini sasa mmeputa kuona moja kwa moja jinsi inavyofanya na hii ni mjadala ya kisasa. Si zile mijadala munaigiza kule shuleni.

Kwa hivyo mkiwa hapa, mchukue nafasi kuangalia katika jumba hili na maabara yetu kwa sababu hili jumba limekuwa na nafasi kuskiza mambo muhimu ambayo yanajenga kaunti yetu na taifa letu kwa jumla.

Kwa hivyo pia ningependa kuwaleeza kwamba, mtie bidii, mjizatiti katika vitabu ili muwe watu wa manufaa kwa jamii yetu.

Kisha pia, kama muko maswali yoyote tuko tayari hapa kuwaeleza na kuwaelekeza iwapo nafasi itaturuhusu.

La mwisho ni kuwatakia kila la heri mnapo rudi shuleni. Mungu mwenyezi awajalie afya na mawazo mema ili muweze kusoma.

(Applause)

**Mr. Speaker:** Thank you, Honorable Linda. Honorable members, allow me on behalf of the entire House and the Assembly Management to wish the children hard work in their class, respect for their teachers and their parents so that they become good people in future. We proceed!

## MOTION

### **REPORT OF THE SECTORAL COMMITTEE ON YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS ON FIRST AND SECOND QUARTER FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER, 2024**

**Mr. Speaker:** Yes, Hon. Violet, we are wondering where the members are there. I have seen the chairperson has surfaced. Kindly proceed Hon. Violet Makhanu? Honourable members have set up the very good standard. Can we confirm?

*(Loud Consultation)*

**Hon. Chikati:** Mr. Speaker, they are overflowing.

**Mr. Speaker:** Hon. Chikati, you are out of order! It's only me who confirms whether, you are overflowing or not. Being seen and confirmation of the membership has to come from Hon. Violet. I can see Hon. Violet, Grace Sundukwa, Obama, Mukoyandali, Cornelius, Psero, Chikati, Chemion, Cornelius, Nangulu, Alan, Caleb, Idd, Mukoyandali, Catherine, No this one is having your name here, and you have signed it. Chemorion, Tendet is present.

I think the quorum as stated by Hon. Chikati is overflowing. Kindly proceed!

**Hon. Violet Makhanu:** Honourable Speaker, I want to appreciate you for this time, and I'm surprised today you decided to call the names of the Members belonging to this committee.

**Mr. Speaker:** I have been doing so, the issue is that we had a challenge with the former Committee Members still part of the committee, so we must look at the adoption schedule because our Members are here saying they are in Gender, but they are not a part of Gender now since they have been removed. So kindly proceed.

**Hon. Violet Makhanu:** Thank you, Honorable Speaker. I'm on my feet to move a report by the Committee on Youth Affairs and Sports on the Half Year Financial Statements for the Financial Year 2024/25 for period ended 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2024.

The Financial Statements was tabled in this County Assembly of Bungoma on 5<sup>th</sup> March 2025 and stood committed to all Sectoral Committees for their interrogation, input and recommendation through a report to this Honorable House.

## COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

As at the time of compiling this report, the Committee was constituted of the following members;

1. Hon. Violet Makhanu	Chairperson
2. Hon. Grace Sundukwa	V/Chairperson
3. Hon. Timothy Chikati	Member
4. Hon. Francis Chemion	Member
5. Hon. Cornelius Makhanu	Member
6. Hon. Charles Nangulu	Member
7. Hon. Allan Nyongesa	Member
8. Hon. Caleb Wanjala	Member
9. Hon. Idd Owongo	Member
10. Hon. Job Mukoyandali	Member
11. Hon. Catherine Kituyi	Member
12. Hon. Jacob Psero	Member
13. Hon. Abraham Obama	Member
14. Hon. Martin Chemorion	Member
15. Hon. George Tendet	Member

## ACKNOWLEDGMENT

I take this opportunity to thank all Hon members of the Committee for dedicating their time to interrogate the Youth and Sports department Half Year Financial Statements for the period ended 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2024. The Committee would also like to appreciate the Secretariat who worked with us for their commitment to ensure that the report was produced on time. Lastly, the Committee is grateful to the offices of the Speaker and that of the Clerk to 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 Youth Affairs and Sports, to table the Report on the Half Year Financial Statements of the department of Youth and Sports in Bungoma County for the period ended 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2024.

Report Signed by Hon. Violet Makhanu Chairperson Sectoral Committee on Youth Affairs and Sports.

## **KEY HIGHLIGHTS ON THE HALF YEAR FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2024/2025**

### **REVENUE**

The department had an initial budgetary allocation of Kshs.71, 824,586 composed of Kshs.23, 007,518 recurrent and Kshs.48, 817,586 developments. It additionally realized Kshs. 40,500 as local revenue from hire of stadia.

### **EXPENDITURE**

During the period, Kshs.50, 368,298 was received which translated to 73% absorption of the budget. The expenditure is broken down as follows;

#### **General Administration, Planning and support services:**

Kshs. 8.39M was received against an allocation of Kshs.23, 007,518 which is 37% absorption.

The major expenses were on the following:

- i. Compensation to employees Kshs.5.99 M against a budget of Kshs.13, 151,163 which translated to 46 % absorption. This amount includes June 2024 salary that was paid in July.
- ii. Administrative, Planning and Support Services with an allocation of Kshs.9,856,355 received Kshs.853,118

### **Sports and Talent Development**

Sports and talent development had an allocation of Kshs.48, 817,068 and received Kshs.44.24m during the period. This went towards, Masinde Muliro, Chemoge High Altitude Training Centre and Mbakalo stadium.

### **ACCOUNTS PAYABLE**

The department had a total of Kshs.97, 476,497.50 payables at the close of December 2024. Kshs.96, 171,648 relate to Development while Kshs.1,304,850 relate to recurrent expenditure.

## **ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLES**

The department did not have any un-surrendered imprests to report on as at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024.

## **COMMITTEE OBSERVATIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

### **Committee General Observations**

The committee made the following observations.

1. There were discrepancies in figures submitted by the treasury in the Financial Statements and the ones by the department for instance Administrative, Planning and Support Services with an allocation of Kshs.9, 856,355 received Kshs.2.4m while the department submitted receiving Kshs.853, 118 only.
2. According to the department, Phase I of the Chemoge High Altitude training Centre was 99% complete.
3. The department does not have an officer in charge of collecting revenue from hire of stadia.
4. The construction of the Youth Empowerment Centre in Ndivisi is stalled.
5. The department did not submit on any retention related to the on-going projects.
6. The department is underfunded yet, demographically, the majority of county is made up the youth.

### **Committee Recommendations**

The following recommendations were made by the Committee:

1. **THAT**, the treasury, should engage the department in reconciling figures to curb on discrepancies while reporting.
2. **THAT**, the Department should terminate in writing the contract on proposed erection and completion of Youth Empowerment Center at Ndivisi by Jadebo Enterprises within thirty days from the adoption of this report.
3. **THAT**, the Department should facilitate completion and operationalize the Chemoge High-Altitude Training Centre to aid in streaming of revenue for the department.
4. **THAT**, the treasury should adequately fund the Youth and Sports Department to facilitate talent development.

We have the adoption schedule that is signed by the members and the rest are the annexures attached to the report.

Now I want to call upon Hon. Martin Chemorion Cheseto to second the report.

**Mr. Speaker:** Hon. Martin, you have the honor of seconding the committee report. Kindly proceed

**Hon. Martin Cheseto:** Thank you, Hon. Speaker. First and foremost, I want to appreciate the Chair of Youth and Sports for moving the report eloquently. Honorable members, in the observation and recommendation, we have stated we are getting conflicting figure on the expenditure especially on the expenditure on the planning and administrative having a budget of about Kshs 9 million, and reporting by the department of finance reporting it as an expenditure of Kshs 2.4million visa-a-vis the report that the sports department has the expenditure of about Kshs 853, 118. So there is a need for the CECM of Youth and Sports and that one of Finance to reconcile the figures just before submitting it to the County Assembly.

I want also to appreciate the department for not having pending imprest. I think it's the first time a department has no un-surrendered imprest by the end of that first and second quarter, so they have actually obeyed or lived within the PFM Act of the timeline of the surrendering of imprest.

Also, we noticed that this department has a stadium which people utilize but because of this lack of an officer seconded by the ministry to oversee usage of these stadiums, we find that we actually lose revenue. The department could not even give us the revenue realized from these facilities but the department of finance had actually generated some revenue from these facilities and yet the department of sports was not aware. So there is need to have an officer to be in charge of revenue in this department, so that we don't miss the revenues from these facilities.

The CEC should be reminded that it doesn't require this House to be reminding them that if you have a project that has lived out of its contract period. They ought to act rather than us reminding them that they have to cancel the contract or terminate the contract. So this is happening especially on the Ndivisi stadium.

Most of the population of this county is made of youth but unfortunately the department has not been budgeting for youth activities. I want to appreciate this House for being magnanimous enough, especially the Liaison committee for identifying this problem and giving it a solution. And that is why we are having this coming financial year, this Assembly has allocated money for the youth, so that they can also benefit and feel part of this County. For those many remarks, I want to second the motion.

*(Applause)*

**Mr. Speaker:** Thank You, Hon. Cheseto.

*(Question proposed)*

Hon. Gorge Makari, proceed.

**Hon. George Makari:** Thank you, Hon. Speaker. Allow me first of all to laud the mover of the motion Hon. Violet Makhanu. This is among shortest motions I have ever come across in this House. When I was about now to get comfortable and begin following the report, it was over. However, that is the report.

I want to refer to observation number one. This is an oversight body and Honorable Speaker; you realize that someone wrote to this House and said that one of the problems they face as an executive is oversight by the County Assembly of Bungoma. I want to throw this back to the committee. If the committee knew that there were discrepancies, let me read the recommendation. Number one; there were discrepancies in figures submitted by the Treasury in the financial statements and the ones by the department. For instance, administration, planning and support services with an allocation of Kshs 9,856,355 received Kshs 2.4 million while the department submitted receiving Kshs 853,118. As a committee when they realized that these were discrepancies and I can point to you the Honorable Members of this committee led by the Chair and some of them are very notable figures. But is it possible that they could not call up the department and County Treasury together to interrogate and find a solution and say where these discrepancies came from. If the department says we received 2.4M but the department says the only money they received is only Kshs 853,118, the Chair should clarify if there were any that was met to find out the exact amount that the department received?

Lastly, if there is a department that is underfunded is this one, you can just look at the report. We are beginning then ending. There is no money in that department. We are just beginning and then it is over. That shows clearly that funding is not there. If it was a department that is funded, we could have a volume of almost 100 pages being read. A report of 2 pages they begin with membership then before you realize they are on recommendations, then adoption schedule; which committee is that?

*(Laughter)*

This shows that these people are not funded. I do not need to be informed and that is a Member of the committee who...

**Mr. Speaker:** Hon. Makari... Proceed, it is declined...

**Hon. George Makari:** Thank you, Hon. Speaker for protecting me...

*(Loud consultations)*

So now the seriousness of the matter when we are doing budgeting and I am glad the seconder of the motion has highlighted. I am glad to the Liaison Committee that now walking into this financial year that has begun today, I know there is an allocation to the youth docket so that next

time when they come, the report will not be one page. The expenses will be so many, so that the Chair can take one hour going through their report not 5 minutes. So I want to support the report but of course sympathize with them because they are not funded, so there's no problem. Let me support the report. I Submit.

(*Applause*)

**Mr. Speaker:** Honorable Members, it appears that there are no more contributors. Allow me allow the mover to respond but in future, I ask Members not to demean the length of the report. Otherwise, there is no other contributor so what do I do maybe because the report is shorter.

(*Laughter*)

Hon. Makari and Hon. Ipara be appreciating the work of the Honorable Members especially Hon. Job and Chikati senior Members of this committee. Proceed!

**Hon. Violet Makhanu:** Thank you, Honorable Speaker. You know Hon. Makari is always demeaning everything I don't know whether because he is a big bodied member in this House...

(*Laughter*)

That is why he wants everything big in this House...

**Mr. Speaker:** I will not say its offensive because the body is big ...

(*Laughter*)

**Hon. Violet Makhanu:** I am sorry but you know I thought as a committee it is only wise to be short and clear , but hearing Hon. Makari sentiments about the discrepancies in the committee which is common in all the departments. We sit on different committees in this assembly and this is something that is all over in all departments so it is not about Youths and Sports. I don't know what Mheshimiwa Makari wanted me to tell him but as a committee we are on it and we will ensure that things will go the right way in the department.

I want to appreciate my seconder who said about underfunding in this committee and Hon. Makari who said the same that this is one of the departments that have been underfunded and I have always been complaining about the little money that is always put on this department. I have been calling for additional funds to go to Youths and Sports.

I have also been blaming the Cabinet, we usually ask the CEC why he doesn't even protect the department to get enough funding and he says that now he cannot do much because it is a collective responsibility. At the same time he is not able to do anything to enable the department get more funding.

Now I want to let this House that as the Chair of this committee; this is what we have been going through. We meet, we need to do things but at the end of the day we don't have funds. You realize that when it comes to matters development, you find that any little money that is put in this department goes to pay pending bills and what have you and it is done, we normally work on empty pockets. No money and nothing can be done in this department. I have been crying about it but I want to appreciate the Liaison Committee; this time round we have some business to do as a committee. There was money allocated for the youths and I hope the same will continue up to the next Financial Year. Money will be put here to enable the department do projects that will help our youths. We have also told the department that we have projects like the Ndivisi youths ... Wee, inaitwaje, yenyе iko Lutacho?

*(Laughter)*

Youth Empowerment Center

**Mr. Speaker:** Hon. Violet, I am wondering, if you are supposed to be reply to the motion and you are seeking public participation. You want me to comment like Hon. Makari who has said that he has never seen such a report.

**Hon. Violet Makhanu:** No, I was looking for Mheshimiwa Mukhanya because it is in his Ward. The blame lies with the contractor and not the department. The contractor goes for a contract, does half the contract and leaves the site. This is among the nice projects that if completed most of the youths in Ndivisi and Mihuu will benefit from the project. Even Mbakalo has not been completed and many other stadia are incomplete in this County. We are hoping that we will have funding to enable us finish this projects at the right time like the one for Mheshimiwa Mukhanya.

We were telling the department to ensure that if the contractor is not there then let them terminate the contract and give it to somebody else who can be able to complete it in time so that the *wananchi* can benefit from the same.

Otherwise, as a committee, we want to appreciate members who have contributed to this motion and let's move together as a House to ensure that this department implements projects that will enable our youth develop their talents.

**Mr. Speaker:** Thank you, Hon. Violet.

*(Question put and agreed to)*

The ayes have it!

*(Applause)*

The report, its observations and recommendations are hereby adopted accordingly by the House.  
Next item,

## BILLS

### THE BUNGOMA COUNTY FOOD SAFETY CO-ORDINATION BILL 2025

**Mr. Speaker:** Yes Chair on the Bill of Food Safety Co-ordination Bill. Hon. Wafula Waiti proceed!

**Hon. Wafula Waiti:** Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I request that the Bungoma County Food Safety Co-ordination Bill 2025, be read for the first time.

*A Bill of the Act of the County Assembly of Bungoma to provide for the co-ordination of institutions in the control of food, safety make provision for the establishment of the food safety coordinating committee, establishment of the County Laboratory and for connected purposes.*

#### ***First Reading***

**Mr. Speaker:** Honorable members, the Bill having been read for the first time, the same is committed to the Committee of Agriculture for processing and reporting back to the House accordingly.

### THE BUNGOMA COUNTY AGRICULTURE INSTITUTIONS DEVELOPMENT BILL OF 2025

**Mr. Speaker:** Hon. Wafula Waiti,

**Hon. Wafula Waiti:** Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I request that the Bungoma County Agricultural Institutions Development Bill 2025 be read for the first time.

*A Bill for an Act of the County Assembly of Bungoma to provide for the development and management of Agricultural Institutions and for connected purposes.* ***First Reading***

**Mr. Speaker:** Honorable members, the Bungoma County Agricultural Institutions Development Bill 2025 having been read for the First time, the same is committed to the Committee of Agriculture for processing and reporting back to the House accordingly.

Honorable members, I think you still have your Standing Orders. You will have to look at Standing Order 139, 140,141 providing the guidance on processing of the same accordingly.

## ADJOURNMENT

Honorable members, I am duly informed by our table clerks here that the Bill we read was the last one on our Order Paper. So we will adjourn our sitting today and resume tomorrow Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> of July 2025 in our normal sitting at 9:30 a.m.

*The House rose at 3:22 p.m.*