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

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

PRAYER

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

1. VISITING STUDENTS FROM ST. AUGUSTINE GIRLS LUKHUNA

Mr. Speaker: Honourable Member I have a communication on visiting delegation. I am delighted to welcome the visiting students and teachers from St. Augustine Girls High School Lukhuna from Tongaren Ward, Tongaren Sub-county to the County Assembly of Bungoma today.

It is with great pleasure that we receive you for this educational tour which offers you a unique opportunity to witness first hand operations of our county legislative and gain valuable insights into the process that entails governance. The visiting delegation comprises of the following, 41 students; be upstanding please.

(Students rise)

Kindly be sitted.

(Students resume their seats)

They are accompanied by two teachers;

1. Mukewa Burton
2. Winnie Chepkemboi

Be upstanding.

(Teachers rise)

Kindly resume your seats.

(Teachers resume their seats)

I encourage you to learn from the experiences of staff and honourable Members. Further, the door of the County Assembly is always open for students like you who show an interest in the democratic process that guides our development. During the statement hour, I will allow Members to make some remarks about the visiting delegation to the Assembly today. Next item.

PAPERS

1. BUNGOMA COUNTY RECEIVER OF REVENUE QUARTERLY REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30TH MARCH, 2025

2. BUNGOMA COUNTY DISASTER AND EMERGENCY FUND REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR
THE PERIOD ENDED 30TH MARCH, 2025

Mr. Speaker: Yes Honorable Kirong!

Hon. Joan Kirong (Deputy Leader of Majority): Thank you Mr. Speaker for allowing me to table the said reports. Before that allow me welcome Honourable Members after the long recess and also welcome visitors in the gallery.

Mr. Speaker, I rise to table Bungoma County Receivers of Revenue Quarterly report and financial statements for the period ended 30th March, 2025 and Bungoma County Disaster and Emergency Fund report and financial statements for the period ended 30th March, 2025.

(Papers laid by Hon. Joan Kirong Deputy Leader of Majority)

Mr. Speaker: Honourable members, the Bungoma County Receiver of Revenue quarterly report and financial statements for the period ended 30th March, 2025 and Bungoma County Disaster and Emergency management fund report for the financial statements for the period ending 30th March, 2025 are hereby tabled. Subsequently I commit the same to the Committee on Finance and Economic Planning for processing and reporting back to the House.

3. REPORT ON THE SECTORAL COMMITTEE OF ROADS TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE AND PUBLIC
WORKS ON 1ST AND 2ND QUARTER FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31ST
DECEMBER, 2024

Mr. Speaker: Yes Honorable member from the Roads Committee, Hon. Polycarp you proceed.

Hon. Polycarp Kimeta (Vice Chairperson, Roads Committee): Honourable Speaker Sir, I rise to table a Report by the Sectoral Committee on Roads, Transport, Infrastructure and Public Works on 1st and 2nd quarterly financial statements for the period ended 31st December, 2024.

(Paper laid by Hon. Polycarp Kimeta Vice Chairperson, Roads Committee)

Mr. Speaker: Honourable Member, when you table you are supposed to bring it forward, you don't retain it. Now that you are back from a long recess you must be energized.

Honourable Members a report of the Sectoral Committee on Roads, Transport, Infrastructure and Public Works on 1st and 2nd quarter financial statements for the period ended 31st December, 2024 is hereby tabled and formally becomes a property of the House.

5. REPORT ON THE SECTOR COMMITTEE ON GENDER, CULTURE AND SOCIAL WELFARE ON 1ST AND 2ND QUARTER FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 2024

Mr. Speaker: Yes Hon. Kennedy Wanyama. Kindly proceed!

Hon. Kennedy Wanyama: Thank you Hon. Speaker, I rise to table a report on the Sectoral Committee on Gender, Culture and Social Welfare on 1st and 2nd quarter financial statements for the period ended 31st December, 2024. Thank you.

Mr. Speaker: Honourable members, the report by the Sectoral Committee on Gender, Culture and Social welfare on 1st and 2nd quarter financial statements for the period ended 31st December, 2024 is hereby tabled and formally becomes the property of the House.

5. REPORT BY SECTORIAL COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND ECONOMIC PLANNING ON FIRST AND SECOND QUARTER FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 2024

Mr. Speaker: Yes, Vice Chair of Finance, Proceed!

Hon. Orize Kundu (Vice Chairperson, Finance Committee): Thank you Mr. Speaker. I rise to table a report of the Sector Committee on Finance and Economic Planning on First and Second Quarter Financial Statements for the period ended 31st December, 2024.

Honorable members, the report by the sector committee on Finance and Economic Planning on 1st and second Quarter Financial Statements for the period ending 31st December, 2024 is hereby tabled and formally it becomes the property of the House.

NOTICES OF MOTION

1. REPORT OF THE SECTORIAL COMMITTEE ON ROADS, TRANSPORT, INFRASTRUCTURE AND PUBLIC WORKS ON FIRST AND SECOND QUARTER FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 2024

Mr. Speaker: Hon. Wandabusi, you proceed and issue a notice please.

Hon. Polycarp Wandabusi: Thank you, Hon. Speaker Sir. I rise to give a notice of motion that this House adopts the report by the sectorial committee on Roads, Transport and Infrastructure and Public Works on First and Second Quarter Financial Statements for the period ended 31st December, 2024.

Mr. Speaker: Thank you Hon. Wandabusi. Honourable Members, a notice has been duly issued that this House adopts the report by the Sector Committee on Roads, Transport, Infrastructure and Public Works on the First and Second Quarterly Financial Statements for the period ending 31st December, 2024. The same is shared with the honourable MCA's on their gadgets and is going to come up as a motion on our Order Paper in the course of the week or once the scheduled by the HBC.

2. REPORT BY THE SECTORIAL COMMITTEE ON GENDER, CULTURE, AND SOCIAL WELFARE ON FIRST AND SECOND QUARTER FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 2024

Mr. Speaker: Hon. Ken, proceed!

Hon. Ken Wanyama: Thank you Hon. Speaker. I rise to give a notice of motion that this House adopts a report of the Sectorial Committee on Gender, Culture and Social Welfare on First and Second Quarter Financial Statements for the period ended 31st December, 2024.

Mr. Speaker: Honourable Members, equally, a notice of motion has been duly issued by the committee that this House approves the report by the Sector Committee on Gender, Culture and Social Welfare on First and Second Quarter Financial Statements for the period ending 31st December 2024. The same be shared with honourable Members on their gadgets, it's going to form part of business on the Order Paper in the course of the week or once scheduled by HBC.

3. REPORT OF THE SECTORIAL COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND ECONOMIC PLANNING ON THE FIRST AND SECOND QUARTER FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 2024

Mr. Speaker: Hon. Orize, proceed and issue a notice please!

Hon. Orize Kundu (Vice Chairperson, Finance Committee): Thank you Mr. Speaker. I rise to give a notice of motion that this House adopts a report by the Sectoral Committee on Finance and Economic Planning on First and Second Quarter Financial Statement for the period ended 31st December, 2024.

Mr. Speaker: Honourable Members, a notice of motion has been duly issued that this House adopts the report by the Sector Committee on Finance and Economic Planning on the First and Second Quarter Financial Statements for the period ending 31st December, 2024.

The Clerks at the Table to ensure the report is shared with honourable MCA's on their gadgets as the same will form part of our business on the Order Paper in the course of the week or once scheduled by the HBC.

STATEMENTS

1. STATEMENTS PURSUANT TO STANDING ORDER 47(2) (A)

Mr. Speaker: Yes, Hon. Ipara, you have the honor of sharing the tentative weekly program to the House.

Hon. Johnston Ipara: Thank you Hon. Speaker for the honor to take Members through the weekly program of the business of the County Assembly for the week commencing today Tuesday 3rd to Thursday 5th June, 2025.

Tuesday 3rd June, 2025 at 2:30

Papers

- I. Bungoma County Receiver of Revenue Quarterly Reports and Financial Statements for the period ended 30th March, 2025.
- II. Bungoma County Disaster and Emergency Management Fund Report and Financial Statements for the period ended 30th March, 2025.
- III. Report of the sectorial committee on Roads, Transport, Infrastructure and Public Works on First and Second Quarter Financial Statements for the period ended 31st December, 2024. It has been done by the Chair sectorial committee on Roads, Transport, Infrastructure and Public works.
- IV. Report of the sectorial committee on Gender, Culture and Social welfare on First and Second Quarter Financial Statements for the period ended 31st December, 2024.
- V. Report of the sectorial committee on Finance and Economic Planning on First and Second Quarter Financial Statements for the period ended 31st December, 2024. It has been done by the Chairperson.

Notices of Motion

- I. That this House adopts the report of the sectorial committee on Roads ,Transport, Infrastructure and Public works on First and Second Quarter Financial Statements for the period ended 31st December, 2024. It has been done by the Chairperson.
- II. That this House adopts the report of the sectorial committee on Gender, Culture and Social welfare on First and Second Quarter Financial Statements for the period ended 31st December, 2024. It has been done by the Chairperson.
- III. That this House adopts the report of the sectorial committee on Finance and Economic Planning on First and second Quarter Financial Statements for the period ended 31st December, 2024.

Wednesday 4th June, 2025 at 9:30 a.m.

Papers

1. A report of the sectorial committee on Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries, Irrigation and Co-operative Development on First and Second Quarter Financial Statements for the period ended 31st December, 2024.

2. A report of the Sectoral Committee on Lands Urban Physical Planning and Housing on first and second quarter financial statements for the period ended 31st December, 2024.

Notices of Motion

1. THAT, this House, adopts the report of the sectorial committee on Agriculture, Livestock Fisheries Irrigation and Cooperative development on first and second quarter financial statements for the period ended on 31st December, 2024 it will be done by the chairperson sectorial committee on Agriculture.
2. THAT, this House adopts the report of the Sectorial Committee on Lands Urban Physical Planning and Housing on first and second quarter financial statements for the period ended 31st December, 2024 it will be done by the chairperson sectorial committee on Lands

Questions and Statements

It's notified that pursuant to Standing Order NO 47, the chairperson Sectoral Committee on Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries, Irrigation and Cooperative Development will respond to the following questions on Wednesday morning 4th June 2024; the question is a Member for Kaptama Ward, Hon. Francis Chemion to get a response from the Chairperson Sectoral Committee on Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries Irrigation and Cooperative Development.

Motion

1. A report on sectorial Committee on Roads, Transport, Infrastructure and Public Works on first and second quarter financial statements for the period ended 31st December, 2024.

Wednesday, 4th June, 2025 at 2:30 p.m.

Papers

1. A report by the Sectoral Committee on Tourism Environment Water and Natural Resources on first and second quarter financial statements for the period ended 31st December, 2024.
3. A report by the Sectoral Committee on Roads, Transport, Infrastructure and Public Works on status of implementation of the Bungoma County Transport Act 2025

Notices of Motion

1. That this House adopts the report of the Sectoral Committee on Tourism Environment Water and Natural Resources on first and second quarter financial statements for the period ended 31st December.
2. That this House adopts the report of the Sectoral Committee on Roads, Transport, Infrastructure and Public Works on the status of implantation of Bungoma County Transport Act 2025.

Motion

1. A report on Sectorial committee on Gender Culture and Social Welfare on first and second quarter financial statements for the period ended 31st December, 2024.

Thursday, 5th June, 2025 at 2:30 p.m.

Papers

1. A report by Sectoral Committee on Trade Energy and Industrialization on first and second quarter financial statements for the period ended 31st December, 2024
2. Report by the Sectoral Committee on Public Administration and ICT on first and second quarter financial statements for the period ended 31st December, 2024.

Notices of Motion

1. That this House adopts the report of the sectoral Committee on Trade Energy and Industrialization on first and second quarter financial statements for the period ended 31st December, 2024.
3. That this House adopts the report of the sectorial committee Public administration and ICT on first and second quarter financial statements for the period ended 31st December, 2024.

Question and Statement

Hon. Speaker, a Member of the House Business Committee pursuant to provisions of Standing Order number 47 2(a) will move tentative program for next week.

And lastly, Hon. Speaker,

Motion

1. Report of the Sectorial committee on Finance and Economic Planning on first and second quarter financial statements for the period ended 31st December, 2024. Hon. Speaker, I submit.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you Hon. Ipara Okasida for sharing the tentative weekly program by HBC for this week's transaction. We will move to the next item,

QUESTION NUMBER TWO OF 2025 BY HON. GOERGE MAKARI MCA MUSIKOMA WARD.

Hon. Speaker: It is indicated that statement on question number two on the Order Paper will be made by Hon. George Makari. I am notified that Hon. Ipara Okasida will seek the said statement on his behalf. Proceed Hon. Ipara.

Hon. Ipara Okasida: Thank you Hon. Speaker. On behalf of Hon. Makari, I move straight to the question.

In relation to questionable financial statements on the Bursary and Scholarship program for the financial year 2023/2024 the CECM is to inquire into and provide answers to the following;

1. Provide the breakdown on the expenditure of the borrowed Loan of Ksh. 7,715,800 which was borrowed by the department from the fund and the current status on its repayment
2. State weather, the said borrowing was repaid within a year from the date on which it was borrowed as per the requirements of Section 142 (3) of the Public finance Management Act 2012
3. Give elaborate explanation on the discrepancies highlighted herein above in respect to the financial statements of the fund during the reporting period
4. That administrative fee for the scholarship grant and bursaries has always been 3 percent of the total allocation as per the regulations governing the fund.
5. The CECM to provide justifications for the expenditure of Kshs5,203,660 as an administrative cost, which translates to 5.2%. Five, give a status report in respect to the current status of the forensic audit as ordered by the Senate Committee on Public Accounts and Investments mentioned above.

6. Provide any other information which the CECM deems relevant to the subject matter in question.

Hon. Speaker, those are the questions that the Hon. George Makari wanted explanations and details.

Mr. Speaker: Vice-Chair Committee on Education or any member of the said Committee Education? Hon. Vitalis are you a senior member of the committee? I am wondering why you're moving towards the Dispatch. Proceed.

Hon. Vitalis Wangila: Thank you, Mr. Speaker Sir. On behalf of the chairperson, I hereby request for 14 days to enable the committee and the owner of the statement to consider the response from the County Executive Committee Member in relation to the questionable financial statements on bursary and scholarship program for the financial year 2023-2024 and report to this House. Thank you.

Mr. Speaker: Hon. Vitalis you have sought for 14 days to be given to the department. You will be given 14 days running from today. The feedback will be given back on 17th of June, 2025 during the 2:30 p.m. session.

Honourable members, allow me to invite Honourable Members to make brief remarks about our visitors in the Public Gallery. Form four students from St. Augustine Girls High School Lukhuna from Tongaren Sub County to the County Assembly of Bungoma. I will start with the host MCA of the said school Hon. Ipara Okasida.

Hon. Ipara Okasida: Thank you Hon. Speaker. I start by thanking the students and teachers of St. Augustine Secondary School from Lukhuna for making a historic event. I am saying it is a historic event because this is the first school from Tongaren/Kiminini Ward to pay a visit to this House. Personally as their representative and as their servant I don't take that for granted.

Such a visit helps the students to understand what happen in the House. What are the responsibilities of the Honourable Members, and are they guided by any discipline? Today I am proud when they go back; they will be more informed than they came.

Let me also inform the House that this was the first secondary school in Tongaren. It was the largest, the first school and it was also the first girls secondary school in Tongaren Kiminini ward. So this is a school that makes history.

In terms of education, it's one of the schools that we are proud as the residents of Tongaren, the ward and the sub county at large. We are not ashamed to associate with them, because it's a

school that has shaped several dignitaries within our country. Just to name one of them we had Dismas, who was a senior police officer in the Kenyan government, who was a student of the older Lukhuna, before it was changed to a girls' school.

For you students, I know you are history students who are preparing for your end year exams which will determine your future. What you are supposed to do is make sure every moment you have, it is spent in preparation for crossing the bridge. This will take you to the other side where you will participate in the development and economic progress of our county and the country.

Today you have come as students but I am looking forward, in the next five to ten years, I want to hear that part of you are representing the people of Tongaren or from where you come from. As the Members of the County Assembly or as senior members of the National Police Service, or as the teaching fraternity as the madams who are sitting there today with you. The future is determined by what you do today and tomorrow. Therefore, don't wait for anybody to get anything for you.

One time when I was visiting a friend in Ghana; Ghanaians have one belief; they believe that you don't wait for opportunity to come your way, you must grab that opportunity. If it comes near where you are, grab it. For you, our angels from Lukhuna St. Augustine grab every opportunity that's within your reach.

Lastly, the late Thomas Sangara said, 'who feeds you, controls you'. Let's not accept to be fed; let's feed the others. With that I submit.

(Applause)

Mr. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Linda.

Hon. Linda Kharaka: Thank you, Mr. Speaker for the opportunity to encourage our young girls from Lukhuna Girls. I rise with pride to see young girl's sitted in the gallery today to witness the businesses that we are transacting today. It is an opportunity. Today you sit in the gallery as students; tomorrow you will be taking up the seats as leaders. Therefore, it is a unique opportunity.

I remember and I usually say to others who have come like you, I tell them some few years ago, I sat in a courtroom, the way you are sitted, not knowing what befell me. During that visit, I made up my mind that I want to be a lawyer. It is not by accident that you are sitted at the gallery. It is because you are having a preview of what you could be in the future. Therefore, you are leaders in the making. I encourage you to carry yourself with pride as leaders to be and leadership is not about being given, it's about seizing the opportunity. Being students who are going to sit for

exams, I want to encourage you to take every opportunity serious to revise for your exams. Take every subject as serious as it is because you do not know what the future holds and you determine it today.

To the teachers of Lukhuna and the parents who seized the opportunity to enable the students to come here today, I applaud you. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Linda. Hon. Jeremiah Kuloba, proceed.

Hon. Jeremiah Kuloba: Ahsante Bwana Spika kwa kunipa fursa hii kuzungumza neon moja ama mawili kwa hawa wanafunzi. Kwanza nyinyi wanafunzi mjivunie kuwa mmepewa fursa ya kutembelea...

Mr. Speaker: Hon. Kuloba, I have seen you have made some statement that has made Hon. Chikati happy. I don't understand what is happening but be aware that he is very happy today.

Hon. Jeremiah Kuloba: Ahsante Bwana Spika. Nilikuwa nawaeleza wanafunzi hawa wajivunie kuwa wanafunzi wa kwanza kutoka shule yao kutembelea chumba hili la kutunga sheria. Napenda muwe wanafunzi wenyewe nidhamu; nidhamu hiyo ianzie shuleni irudi nyumbani mkitaka kufaulu maishani. Mwe watu wa kuwaheshimu wazazi; sio wazazi wa nyumbani pekee, hata walimu pia ni wazazi wenu; kwa hivyo muendeleze jambo hilo.

Mimi ninajua hii shule, nilisoma kule na Mwalimu Mkuu wakati huo miaka ya themanini kwa jina Parmanas Wanjala. Ilikuwa shule ya mseto na mwalimu yule najua alienda kufunza katika chuo kikuu baada ya kuwa Mwalimu Mkuu katika moja wapo ya shule eneo la Tongareni.

Nataka pia msome mkijua kesho yawategemea nyinyi, msome mkijua nyinyi ni viongozi wa kesho, tunawategemea sisi katika jumba hili. Tutafika umri fulani na hatutakuwa hapa lakini nyinyi ikiwa mmefaulu maishani mtapata nafasi ya kuingia hapa. Msingoje eti mpewe nafasi, sharti kung'ang'ania na kunyakua. Utafanya hivyo tu iwapo utatia bidii katima masomo na kupata alazama nzuri zitakazo kuwezesha kuendeleza masomo yako baada ya kidato cha nne. Sisemi kwamba mje mchukukue nafasi hizi sasa hiver kwa sababu bado tuko hapa, mjipange wakati mwingine. Ahsante Bwana Spika.

Mr. Speaker: Hon. Chikati, proceed.

Hon. Timothy Chikati: Thank you, Hon. Speaker for this chance to talk to our young sisters from St. Augustine Secondary School, Lukhuna. Hon. Speaker, St. Augustine, Lukhuna are my neighbors, and most of the students are drawn from my Ward, from Naitiri/Kabuyefwe Ward, Mbakalo, Milima, and even Trans Nzoia and part of Kakamega.

As Hon. Ipara said, it was the first school in the county having drawn most of the students before they separated the boys who went into their own school within the same Ward, and they converted the school to a girls' school.

The message to my young sisters is that they should believe in themselves. Great achievements begin with a single step, and you are already on the right path. Stay straight, work hard, and never be afraid to ask questions or make any mistakes. The future belongs to you who are bold enough to learn, grow and lead. You are our future leaders. Keep going as you are on the right path.

To our professional teachers representing the entire school, Mr. Mukewa and Teacher Winnie, thank you for your unwavering dedication and knowledge you share every day. Your impact reaches beyond the classroom. We are truly grateful for all you do and we appreciate you. We know that our students are going to sit for the exams, the history students and the students representing the other subjects, our prayers are with you, and truly you are our future leaders.

His Excellency, our Governor; always tells us that you cannot be escorted when you are not going anywhere. Your parents, teachers and us as your leaders are escorting you; don't assume us. You need to visualize your destiny. When you are sitting here, make your destiny. Say this is where I want to get; whether a teacher, an engineer, a professor, a pilot or even a farmer. It's all in your hands; it is you to determine. Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Shikati. Honourable Members, allow me, on behalf of the entire honourable Members and the leadership of the House wish all the candidates from St. Augustine Lukhuna Girls, all the best in the examinations.

As emphasized by honourable Members, respect your teachers and your parents, and work hard. To the teachers, we respect and appreciate the work you are doing for us because we entrust our children to you to take care of them for us. Teaching is a calling; it is not just a profession. Where you are, you have a calling to be the teachers to our young girls and boys. We wish you all the best as you prepare them for the end-year exams, which is basically KCSE. Wish you well and journey mercies back to school. Next item, please.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Speaker: Honourable Members, there are no bills and motions on today's Order Paper, being our first day after recess. Therefore, we will adjourn our sitting today and resume tomorrow Wednesday 4th June, 2025, in our normal sitting at 9:30 a.m. Have a good evening.

The House rose at 4:19 p.m.