

# **COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF BUNGOMA**

## **COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF BUNGOMA**

### **COUNTY ASSEMBLY DEBATES**

#### **THE DAILY HANSARD**

**WEDNESDAY, 25<sup>TH</sup> JUNE, 2025**

**Afternoon Sitting**

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## THE DAILY HANSARD

**WEDNESDAY, 15<sup>TH</sup> JUNE, 2025**

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

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

### PRAYER

### QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS

It is notified that pursuant to Standing Order 47 (2)(c) the following member will request for a statement and reply before the House

**Mr. Speaker:** Hon. Jeremiah you proceed but before I allow you, may I confirm any Member present from the Roads Committee? Hon. Nganga you will step in for Hon. Kengele so that you respond. You can proceed Hon. Kuloba.

**Hon. Jeremiah Kuloba:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, I rise to request for a statement on the status of various roads within Township Ward. Hon. Speaker sir, pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 47(2), I hereby seek for a statement from the Chairperson Committee on Roads and Public Works, this is in relation to the state of the following roads within Township Ward.

1. Old Mfutu Road to Wamunyinyi to Cooperative Bank Road
2. Wamunyinyi Building, Mpeli Primary School Road
3. Masinde Muliro Stadium to Red Cross Road
4. Postal Ground- Mandizini Road

In the statement, let the Chair inquire and elaborate on the following.

1. Whether the Department is aware of the bad state of the said roads, especially when it rains
2. Are there any plans to rehabilitate the said roads now that the rainy season is here?
3. Are there any contractors assigned to the maintenance of the said roads? If yes, let the Chair inquire into :
  - a. What was the entire contractual amount for the said works?
  - b. What amount has so far been paid to the contractor?
  - c. What is the outstanding balance due to the contractor?
  - d. What measures has the Department put in place to solve the drainage problem in Bungoma Town?

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Speaker:** Hon. Nganga?

**Hon. Everton Nganga:** Thank you, Hon. Speaker; I request that we are given 21 days so that we can provide a comprehensive response.

**Mr. Speaker:** You will be given 14 days as per the practice; you are part of the Committee on Liaison you know. You will be given at most two weeks to give feedback, and if you don't get feedback in two weeks, we'll add you more time when you give us a progress statement. For now, we will allow you up to 9<sup>th</sup> of July, 2025.

**Hon. Everton Nganga:** Most obliged, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Speaker:** It's okay. We'll proceed to the next item.

## MOTION

1. REPORT BY THE SECTORIAL COMMITTEE ON LABOR RELATIONS, MEMBER SERVICES AND FACILITIES ON THE 1<sup>ST</sup> AND 2<sup>ND</sup> QUARTER FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER, 2024

**Mr. Speaker:** Yes, who is moving the report? Come and move the report, you'll have the microphone but you know what is supposed to be done first. Establish your quorum.

**Hon. Jeremiah Kuloba:** Members of Labour, be upstanding.

**Mr. Speaker:** Let them be upstanding, we confirm, Hon. Nganga, you are a Member, as per 6<sup>th</sup> of June? Are you having a quorum? There's no quorum, the quorum is eight plus one. Do you have them?

**Hon. Jeremiah Kuloba:** No, sir. Thank you.

*(Loud consultations)*

**Mr. Speaker:** There is no committee which is outside, if you don't know. Let them be upstanding. How many are they? Do you have the quorum? Quorum is eight plus one. Are you a Member Hon. Jerusa?

**Hon Jerusa Aleu:** Yes.

**Mr. Speaker:** Why are you hiding? Members I think there is a mischief here! Hentry Nyongesa, Busolo Sudi, Antony Lusenaka, Joan Kirong, Miliah Masungo, Everton Nganga, Charles Nangulu, Idd Owongo, Martin Chemorion, Polycarp Kimeta, Orize Kundu, Caleb Wanjala, Abraham Obama, Bridgit Katasi and Jeremiah Kuloba. Jerusa you are not a member!

*(Loud Consultations)*

We are dealing with the report before the House!

*(Loud Consultations)*

She is not a Member of this committee!

*(Loud Consultations)*

Orize be upstanding! The Members I have read are the real Members of the committee whose report we are adopting here, are we together? Whether you were removed or added there, we are dealing with the report of this committee as per that time. So, how many are you?

*(Loud consultations)*

Do not worry; Martin Chemorion and Orize Kundu are Members. If they are eight we proceed!

*(Loud consultations)*

Members, this is my observation to every Member in this House at the moment. Previously, the Committee Clerk signed from the imprest and then it was surrendered as a group. Now, each one of you goes to the cash office to sign his individual claim, are we together? If you are going to receive money and the report is saying you were absent, you will be surcharged, not as a committee but as an individual who signed for the payment but the report is saying you were never there.

Going forward, the moment you sign a claim for payment, equally confirm that the report you are signing to have attended is also signed, starting with this one. Antony Lusenaka, Everton Nganga, Orize, Abraham Obama, make sure that it is signed!

*(Loud Consultations)*

Members!

*(Loud Consultations)*

I am reading your own report which I have! My question is how do you do adoptions? This report is from your secretariat and they look the same. Proceed, but my message is delivered to you, make sure that during your individual claim for payment you also sign the report of that committee, you will be surcharged individually and not as a committee. Proceed Hon. Jeremiah Kuloba!

**Hon. Jeremiah Kuloba:** Thank you Mr. Speaker.

# **REPORT OF THE SECTORAL COMMITTEE ON LABOUR RELATIONS, MEMBERS SERVICE AND FACILITIES ON 1<sup>ST</sup> AND 2<sup>ND</sup> QUARTER FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER, 2024**

That, this House adopts the Report of the Sectoral Committee on Labor Relations, Members Service and Facilities on 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> financial statements for the period ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024, laid on the Table of the House on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> June, 2025.

## **Chapter One**

### **Preamble**

Mr. Speaker, it is my duty to present the Report of the Committee on Labor Relations, Members Service and Facilities on the County Assembly Service Board and the County Public Service Board on 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter financial statements for the financial year 2024/2025 for the period ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024.

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

### **Committee Mandate**

The Sectoral Committee on Labour Relations, Members Service and Facilities is constituted pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 217 of the County Assembly of Bungoma and has executed its mandate in accordance with number (5) of the aforementioned Standing Order that provides:

- (a) investigate, inquire into, and report on all matters relating to the mandate, management, activities, administration, operations and estimates of the assigned departments;
- (b) study the programme and policy objectives of departments and the effectiveness of the implementation;
- (c) study and review all county legislation referred to it;
- (d) study, assess and analyze the relative success of the departments as measured by the results obtained as compared with their stated objectives;
- (e) investigate and inquire into all matters relating to the assigned departments as they may deem necessary, and as may be referred to them by the County Assembly;

(f) to vet and report on all appointments where the Constitution or any law requires the County Assembly to approve, except those under Standing Order 208 (Committee on Appointments); and

(g) Make reports and recommendations to the County Assembly as often as possible, including recommendation of proposed legislation.

### **Committee Membership**

The following Members constituted the Committee on Labour Relations, Members Service and Facilities Committee as at the time of reporting;

1. Hon. Hentry Nyongesa	Chairperson
2. Hon. Busolo Sudi	Member
3. Hon. Anthony Lusenaka	Member
4. Hon. Joan Kirong'	Member
5. Hon. Milliah Masungo	Member
6. Hon. Everton Nganga	Member
7. Hon. Charles Nangulu	Member
8. Hon. Idd Owongo	Member
9. Hon. Martin Chemorion	Member
10. Hon. Polycarp Kimeta	Member
11. Hon. Orize Kundu	Member
12. Hon. Caleb Wanjala	Member
13. Hon. Abraham Obama	Member
14. Hon. Brigid Katasi	Member
15. Hon. Jeremiah Kuloba	Member

### **Guiding principles in the Examination of the Bungoma County Government Quarterly Reports and Financial statements.**

In the execution of its mandate, the Committee on Committee on Labour Relations, Members Service and Facilities is given a legal backing under the Constitution of Kenya 2010, Public

Finance Management Act, 2012, County Governments Act, 2012. These statutory provisions include:

### **1. Constitutional Principles on Public Finance**

Article 201 of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010 enacts fundamental principles that “...shall guide all aspects of public finance in the Republic...” These principles include, *inter alia*, that: **201(a)** there shall be openness and accountability, including public participation in financial matters; **201(d)** Public money shall be used in a prudent and responsible way; and **201(e)** financial management shall be responsible, and fiscal reporting shall be clear.

Section 149(1) (a) and (b) of the PFM Act 2012 provides as follows... “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
- b) Effective, efficient, economical and transparent”

### **2. Direct Personal Liability**

Article 226(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”.

### **3. 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* *Allocation;* *and*  
*(c) publish and publicize them*

### **Acknowledgment**

**Mr. Speaker,**

I take this opportunity to thank all the members of the Committee for dedicating their time to analyze, interrogate and come up with the report on the County Assembly Service Board and County Public Service Board Half Year Financial Statements for the Finance Year 2024/2025, for the period ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024. The Committee would also like to appreciate the secretariat attached to the committee for its commitment and support. 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 Half Year Financial Statements of the County Assembly Service Board and County Public Service Board for Bungoma County for Financial Year 2024/2025.

It is signed by; Hon. Hentry Nyongesa.

**MCA. Bumula Ward.**

**Chairperson, Committee on Labor Relations, Members Service and Facilities.**

## **CHAPTER TWO**

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

#### **THE COUNTY PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD**

**Mr. Speaker,**

The County Public Service Board of had a total approved allocation of Kshs. 65,928,430 which was distributed as Kshs. 49,910,124 on recurrent and Kshs. 16,018,306 on development.

## **REVENUE**

**Mr. Speaker,**

The Board does not collect any revenue and AIA. A total of Kshs 15,702,414 was realized as exchequer release towards recurrent and Kshs. 8,000,000 was towards development as at the end of the period under review.

## **EXPENDITURE**

**Mr. Speaker,**

The total expenditure budget for the period was Kshs 14,378,323.46 representing 21.8% total budget absorption;

Mr. Speaker I am being interfered with. A lot of noise coming from my background!

**Mr. Speaker:** Proceed!

Under Recurrent, the allocation of Kshs. 49,910, 124 had an expenditure of Kshs. 14,378,323.46 (28.8%) on the following votes:

- Human resource management (Basic salary, pension and promotions) had an allocation of Kshs. 11,712,720 with absorption of Kshs. 5,481,139.11 this absorption represents 46.8% of the salary vote.
- Communication supplies services with an allocation of Kshs. 381,714 had an expenditure of Kshs. 186,724.15 (49%)
- Domestic Travel and Subsistence with an allocation of Kshs. 11,511,341 had an expenditure of Kshs. 2,193,015 (19%). The expenditure includes Kshs. 1,500,000 as facilitation to carryout authentication of academic and professional documents and Kshs. 415,140 paid as a pending bill to African Touch Safaris Ltd
- Advertising services with an allocation of Kshs. 1,072,354 had an expenditure of Kshs. 183,280 (17%)
- Training expenses with an allocation of Kshs. 3,257,658 had an expenditure of Kshs. 599,311.85 (18%)

- Hospitality with an allocation of Kshs. 11,952,609 had an expenditure of Kshs. 4,504,500 (38%)
- Fuel oil and lubricants with an allocation of Kshs. 1,513,043 had an expenditure of Kshs. 756,521 (50%)
- Legal fees with an allocation of Kshs. 1,798,000 had an expenditure of Kshs. 469,522 (26%)
- Purchase of office furniture with an allocation of Kshs. 554,000 had an expenditure of Kshs. 4,310.35
- Insurance Cost, Office and General Supplies Services and routine maintenance of other assets had no expenditures during the period under review.

## **BUDGET EXECUTION BY PROGRAMS AND SUB-PROGRAMS**

**Mr. Speaker,**

### **Development**

During the period under review, the Board spent Kshs. 8,000,000 from an allocation of 16,018,306 towards construction of administration block.

### **ACCOUNTS PAYABLE**

**Mr Speaker,**

The accounts payable at the beginning of the financial year amounted to Kshs. 18,727,363.30. Out of the amount, the Board paid Kshs. 929,436 towards recurrent while Kshs. 8,000,000 was development and relates to the construction of the Board's office block. At the end of the period under review, the board had outstanding accounts payable of Kshs. 9,797,927.60.

### **ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE.**

**Mr. Speaker,**

The County Public Service Board had cleared and had one unsurrendered imprest which relates to standing office imprest of Ksh. 300,000 that is usually surrendered at the end of the Financial Year.

### **THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY SERVICE BOARD.**

#### **REVENUE**

**Mr. Speaker,**

The total budget for County Assembly for the financial year 2024/25 is Kshs. 1,356,950,433 as per the approved annual budget comprising of a total of Kshs. 1,166,950,433 Recurrent budget and Kshs. 190,000,000 towards Development.

### **EXPENDITURE**

**Mr. Speaker,**

The total receipt for the period was Kshs. 402,095,610 which includes Kshs. 392,095,984 exchequer release and Kshs. 9,999,626 paid by County Executive on behalf of the County Assembly (The submitted figures from Treasury for this is Kshs. 9,549,626, a variance of Kshs. 450,000). From the receipts, the expenditure amounted to Kshs. 447,771,996 representing 33% total budget.

### **BUDGET EXECUTION BY PROGRAMMES AND SUB-PROGRAMS**

Under recurrent, the allocation of Kshs. 1,166,950,433 had an expenditure of Kshs. 447,771,996 (38%) on the following votes:

- Compensation to employees with an allocation of Kshs. 538,627,763 had an expenditure of Kshs. 250,087,980. This absorption represents 46.4% of the salary vote.
- Utilities, supplies and services with an allocation of Kshs. 2,750,000 had an expenditure of Kshs. 1,252,332 (46%)
- Communication supplies services with an allocation of Kshs. 6,997,000 had an expenditure of Kshs. 859,850(12%)
- Domestic Travel and Subsistence with an allocation of Kshs. 123,197,900 had an expenditure of Kshs. 66,130,245 (54%).
- Foreign Travel and Subsistence with an allocation of Kshs. 6,000,000 had an expenditure of Kshs. 2,675,896 (45%).
- Printing and Advertising services with an allocation of Kshs. 12,356,000 had an expenditure of Kshs. 864,499 (7%)
- Training expenses with an allocation of Kshs. 65,528,285 had an expenditure of Kshs. 23,656,939 (36%)
- Hospitality with an allocation of Kshs. 58,723,784 had an expenditure of Kshs. 17,083,652 (29%)
- Insurance costs with an allocation of Kshs. 51,005,383 had an expenditure of Kshs. 24,185,031 (47%).....
- Specialized materials with an allocation of Kshs. 7,916,500 had an expenditure of Kshs. 777,600 (10%)
- Other operating expenses with an allocation of Kshs. 127,831,755 had an expenditure of Kshs. 53,357,463 (42%)

- Office general supplies with an allocation of Kshs. 18,620,040 had an expenditure of Kshs. 4,283,412 (23%)
- Fuel oil and lubricants with an allocation of Kshs. 5,700,000 had an expenditure of Kshs. 1,370,000 (24%)
- Routine maintenance of vehicles and other transport equipment with an allocation of Kshs. 10,162,000 had an expenditure of Kshs. 462,832 (5%)
- Routine maintenance of other assets with an allocation of Kshs. 15,634,323 had an expenditure of Kshs. 581,250 (4%)

Under Development, the allocation of Kshs. 190,000,000 had an expenditure of Kshs. 58,705,434 (31%) which was for the construction of the Debating chambers.

## **ACCOUNTS PAYABLES**

**Mr. Speaker,**

As at December, 31<sup>st</sup> 2024, the trade payables amounted to Kshs. 148,004,587, broken down as follows;

- a. Trade payables – Kshs. 116,037,703
- b. Employee payables – Kshs. 29,677,751
- c. Other payables (tax arrears) – 2,289,133

## **ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLES**

**Mr Speaker,**

County Assembly had cleared all outstanding imprests by 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024.

## CHAPTER THREE

### COMMITTEE OBSERVATIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

#### Committee's Observations.

**Mr. Speaker,**

The Committee made the following observations.

1. The construction of the County Public Service Board (CPSB) office block is currently at 20% completion. The project has stalled due to delayed payments amounting to Kshs. 3.7 million, as indicated in the payment certificate raised.
2. As of 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2024, the County Treasury had not reported an expenditure of Kshs. 8,000,000 incurred on the construction of the CPSB office block.
3. During the review period, it was noted that neither the County Assembly Service Board nor the County Public Service Board had any outstanding imprests. The only imprest recorded was a standing imprest of Kshs. 300,000 under the CPSB, which is duly cleared at the end of every financial year.
4. The Treasury reported having lent Kshs. 9,549,626 to the County Assembly Service Board. However, the actual amount should have been Kshs. 9,999,626, resulting in a variance of Kshs. 450,000. The discrepancy pertains to expenditure on fuel, oil, and lubricants.

It was observed that certain votes registered low absorption rates as at the end of the second quarter of the 2024/25 Financial Year.

#### Committee's Recommendations

The following recommendations were made by the Committee:

1. **THAT** the County Treasury should expedite the payment of the outstanding certificate amounting to Kshs. 3.7 million. This will facilitate the return of the contractor to the site and support the timely completion of the CPSB office block, thereby avoiding potential penalties and contract variations.
2. **THAT**, the County Treasury should actively collaborate with the respective user departments to ensure the accuracy and completeness of financial reporting to prevent instances of misreporting in the financial statements.
3. **THAT**, both the County Assembly Service Board (CASB) and the County Public Service Board (CPSB) should enhance budget execution and strive to attain a minimum absorption rate of 50% across all vote heads by the end of the second quarter of the Financial Year. Annexures are attached. I think that's all, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Speaker:** You should invite your seconder of the motion!

**Hon. Jeremiah Kuloba:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, I think I'll call upon the chair.

**Mr. Speaker:** You are not the chair?

**Hon. Jeremiah Kuloba:** Okay, I'll call upon the chairperson to come and second the report. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Hon. Henry Nyongesa (Chairperson, Labour):** Thank you Hon. Speaker. I want to apologize, the town is chaotic and that's why most of my Members are not in the House Hon. Speaker, including myself, I came late.

Hon. Speaker, I want to take this opportunity to thank the mover of the motion Hon. Jeremiah Kuloba and the entire membership of the Labor Committee. As the mover of the motion has put it, two entities, that is, the Public County Service Board and the County Assembly Service Board have been expediting its services under the constitution.

Mr. Speaker, the only development project being undertaken by the County Public Service Board is construction of its administration block. The money that was requested as payment for this project was done as per the requisition from the board.

The only thing under the Public Service Board was on imprest which I want to inform the House that as we discuss this report, the said imprest was surrendered. I want to confirm to the House that the County Public Service Board is discharging its mandate and obligation as per the requirements of the constitution.

The same is for the County Assembly Service Board where even Members can see what is happening. Under development, I can assure the House that the allocation we approved is being utilized prudently for intended purposes. The good workmanship by the contractor putting up the new debating chamber is visible.

As I second this report, I want to urge Members to approve this report in totality and urge that more funds should be allocated to both entities; the County Public Service Board and the County Assembly especially under development to complete their projects; Administration block for CPSB and debating chamber and Speakers official residence for the County Assembly. Hon. Speaker, I second the motion. Thank you.

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you Hon. Hentry Nyongesa for seconding the report that was moved by Jeremiah Kuloba.

*(Question proposed)*

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon Ipara...

**Hon. Johnstone Ipara:** Hon. Speaker, I want to loud the mover and seconder of the report and particularly identify myself with this report and the reason is, it is a committee that prudently utilizes the funds that are allocated to the Assembly.

I want to commend you and what makes me commend this committee is in on Page 9, on development allocation for the new debating Chamber for the County Assembly. Hon. Speaker, the County Assembly is exceptional. It is doing exemplary work compared to what the Executive does. Hon. Speaker, we are now approaching third floor and we have only utilized Kshs.92 million compared to Executive who have spent about Kshs.100m and there is nothing to be seen on the ground. When we talk loudly that we want prudent, and careful utilization of scarce resources we get, we must lead by example, and this County Assembly is leading by example. Honourable Members, lets applaud this committee.

*(Applause)*

We must also make others do as we do, because actually, I wonder an Executive that is left with a lion's share is not even ready to come and benchmark at the County Assembly. They use a lot of resources to go to Kisumu, do some learning that they don't put in practice. Hon. Speaker, you should not at any time with your team be ashamed, tell them exactly what we are and this is what we are and we are speaking from the front. We have work to show and they must be ready to learn from us. Let me take you back to page 6, this area I wanted to plead with you, if we wanted to have a good resource, it has to be developed through training. I have seen here we had an allocation of Ksh 3.257 million and we have only been able to utilize Ksh Kshs. 599 thousand. The Chief Whip is not ready to listen and is leading the noisemakers. Let me continue. If we can utilize this old money, develop the resources that we have, they can do better than we are doing right now. I plead maybe in the future, let us see how we can make them get the relevant courses, we send them and when they come back, we are the beneficiaries of the results of the training. I support and submit.

*(Applause)*

**Mr. Speaker:** Hon. Jeremiah you reply to the motion.

**Hon. Jeremiah Kuloba:** (*Mover to reply*) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It appears this report has been self-explanatory because you see as a good instructor, you can see how students behave when they don't have...

**Mr. Speaker:** Hon. Jeremiah there are no students here.

**Hon. Jeremiah Kuloba:** I was giving an example

**Mr. Speaker:** I am now reminding you there are no students here. I only have honourable Members here.

**Hon. Jeremiah Kuloba:** Honourable Members, I was trying to make them look like students and understand.

**Mr. Speaker:** What do you mean?

**Hon. Jeremiah Kuloba:** That they have understood.

**Mr. Speaker:** I am told some of them are your teachers, like Hon. Aggrey Mulongo.

**Hon. Jeremiah Kuloba:** Hon. Speaker, the report has been self-explanatory from the mood of the Members. I have maybe one or two comments about the low absorption of the funds that have been given to this department.

I think it has not been the making of this Assembly neither the making of the County Public Service Board to have a low absorption. I think this one has been necessitated by the late releases of the funds from the exchequer. Though, we shall be making timely requests to the CECM Finance to releases these funds on a timely basis.

Lastly, on prudent use of the resources, we are a good example as you can see the facility that is outside here, it is a good example of what the County Assembly Service Board is doing. Even the other one, we made a visit to one of the County Public Service Board, it is making some progress.

The only problem has been timely releases of funds to these projects. Otherwise, I think all is well. Thank you, pardon? One wants to misquote me. I said we shall be making timely visits or requests to the finance department so that they release finances to these projects and other departments. Thank you.

**Mr. Speaker:** But they are asking, what is your final prayer before this House?

**Hon. Jeremiah Kuloba:** It appears, Mr. Speaker...

**Mr. Speaker:** They are asking a very simple question.

**Hon. Jeremiah Kuloba:** No, Mr. Speaker...

**Mr. Speaker:** You are disappearing into thin air. What is your prayer before this House?

**Hon. Jeremiah Kuloba:** My prayer before this House is that I support the report and then, as I had said earlier we shall be requesting the required or the necessary...

**Mr. Speaker:** Hon. Jeremiah, a simple question I am asking you.

**Hon. Jeremiah Kuloba:** Pardon? I request this House to support the report. Thank you.

*(Applause)*

**Mr. Speaker:** You may be the only one supporting it unless you ask your colleagues to do so.

*(Laughter)*

*(Loud Consultations)*

Honourable members, allow me to be able to proceed and be able to put a question to the motion;

*(Question put and agreed to)*

*(Applause)*

The Ayes have it. The report of the Sector Committee on Labour Relations, Member Services and Facilities is hereby adopted by the House.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Honourable Members, equally I am informed by my Clerks at the Table that was the last item on our Order Paper. Therefore, we adjourn the day's sitting and resume tomorrow on Thursday, 26th 2025 at 2.30 p.m.

*The House rose at 3.29 p.m.*