# REPUBLIC OF KENYA

## COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF LAIKIPIA

### THE HANSARD

**Tuesday, 18th October, 2022**

*The House met at the Assembly Chambers at 2.30 p.m.*

*[The Speaker (Hon. Lantano Nabaala) in the Chair]*

PRAYERS

### NOTICE OF MOTION

COMMITTEE ON APPOINTMENT

**Hon. John Maina:** Thank you Mr Speaker, Sir. I beg to give notice of the following motion;

THAT, pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order No. 184(1), this House approves the appointment of the following Members to the Committee on Appointment in addition to the Members specified under paragraphs 1.

1. Hon. Nicholas Mwaniki

2. Hon. Eunice Moile

3. Hon. Simon Kanyutu

### MOTIONS

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**Hon. John Maina:** Thank you Mr Speaker, Sir. I beg to move the following motion;

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3. Hon. Simon Kanyutu

Mr. Speaker, I wish to request Hon. Lempaira to second.

*(Hon. Nicholas Lempaira seconded)*

*(Question proposed)*

**Speaker**: I now open the floor for Members to debate and deliberate on the same. Hon. Theuri?

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**Hon. Anthony Theuri:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. I stand to support this list because I can see as you have read the names, to me and to the majority of this House, if we agree it is well balanced. If you look at the gender or regional balance, we have Nicholas Mwaniki who happens to come from Laikipia East. We have Eunice Moile representing the people of North and the gender at the same time.

Mr. Speaker, we have Simon Kanyutu who hails from Laikipia West, Marmanet Ward and he also brings the experience of the previous House not forgetting that he was once an elected councillor in the same ward. So, I approve of this and believe they are going to be fair without forgetting the people they will represent in this House will be the needs of the majority, the people of North, West and East. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir.

**Hon. Parleto Lekopien:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir. I am in support of the said Committee as my learned friend noted that the gender is properly balanced. Mr. Kanyutu represents the independent and so I think it has to balance everything. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Hon. Catherine Kibue:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. I rise in support of this motion on the approval of the appointment committee. On my side, I have confidence with this Members and I know they are energetic and they are going to deliver to this House for the betterment of this Honourable House. Thank you.

**Hon. Nicholas Lempaira:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. I stand to support these names as represented. I think it is regionally balanced and also the Members of the House who will represent us during the vetting. I have no objection with the names and I support it fully. Thank you.

**Hon. Salim Edung**: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I support the motion. Those Members who were elected as the Committee, we support them because we are the ones who selected them to be in that committee. I support the motion.

**Speaker:** If there is still any one, the floor is still open. I call upon the mover to give a reply.

**Hon. John Maina**: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I wish to thank Members and I think these names represents Members in this Assembly. For the betterment of our unity, I wish to thank everyone who supported this motion. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

*(Question put and agreed to)*

## MESSAGE

NOMINATIONS OF COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

**Speaker:** Hon. Members, earlier, I had notified the House that I will do a delivery of messages. I now take the opportunity to do so. Hon. Members, we have a message from the office of the Governor.

Hon. Members, pursuant to the provision of Standing Order Number 43 which stipulates that;

*(1) The Speaker shall read to the Assembly any message from the Governor or the Senator of the County delivered to the Speaker for the communication to the Assembly.*

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Hon. Members, Standing Order Number 43(3) further stipulates that;

*(3) When a Message from the Governor or the Senator of the county is read, the message shall be deemed to have been laid before the Assembly and the Speaker may either;*

*(a) Direct that the message be dealt with forthwith, or*

*(b) Appoint a day for the consideration of the message; or*

*(c) Refer the message to the relevant committee of the Assembly for consideration.*

Hon. Members, the message from the Governor on the nominations of the CECM's stands committed to the committee on appointment for action as stipulated in the Standing Orders. I thank you. Here is the message from H.E the Governor.

Pursuant to section 35 of the County Government Act and other applicable laws, I Joshua Wakahora Irungu, in my capacity as the Governor of Laikipia County hereby forward to the County Assembly for approval, names of the person successfully shortlisted by the mandated consultant, to be considered for appointment as County Executive Committee Members of Laikipia County. Factors that were considered when coming up with a final list include, academics, regional balance, ethnicity and gender among others. The following is the list of the nominees;

**1. Albert Wagurah Taiti- Health**

Albert has vast experience in the health sector especially in medical training. He has been key in the establishment of various KMTC Campuses in the country including the only one in Laikipia County at Nyahururu County Referral Hospital. He holds a Bachelor of Science in community development from Egerton University, Masters in Community Health and Development from Great Lakes University of Kisumu.

**2. Leah Njeri- Water, Environment and Natural Resources**

Leah is a development professional with over 15 years of experience mainly in the arid and semi-arid areas. She has worked with the community natural resource management groups, producers and women entrepreneurs. She is a holder of B.A from Moi University.

**3. Samuel Wachira Gachihi- Finance, County Planning and Development**

Samuel holds a Bachelor of Art (Economics and Sociology) from University of Nairobi. He has worked in the National Treasury and has a wealth of experience in supply chain and public finance management.

**4. Sylvia Museiya Kihoro- Education, Sports, Youth and Social Services**

Sylvia has sixteen years of experience in the government as well as in non-governmental organisations. She holds a Bachelor of Education (Arts) from Nairobi University and Bachelor of Law from Mount Kenya University.

**5. Edwin Kasoo- Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries**

Edwin holds a Bachelor of Commerce (Management Science option) from the University of Nairobi and currently finalizing with Masters of Art in Environmental, Planning and Management from the same institution.

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**6. Stephen Biwott Kisorio- Trade, Tourism, Cooperatives and Enterprise**

Stephen holds a Bachelors of Arts (Mathematics and Economic Option). He has vast experience in academics and humanitarian works.

**7. Ekwam Martin Nabos- Infrastructure, Lands, Public Works and Urban Development**

Ekwam is currently working in the Ministry of Devolution as a Deputy Director, capacity building and technical assistance. In the first County Government of Laikipia, he served as the Chief Officer of Trade and Tourism and also acted in the same capacity in the Department of Finance. He holds a Bachelor of Arts and Master of Business both from Moi University.

Following this, in Standing Order Number 43, I therefore refer this message into the Committee that has just been appointed by the House, the Committee on Appointment.

EXPOSITION OF PUBLIC POLICY IN GOVERNOR'S ADDRESS

*(Resumption from the previous debate held on 13th October, 2022 at 2.30 PM)*

**Speaker:** Hon. Members, as you remember, we had two days of deliberations in regards to the address by H.E the Governor to the House. This is a continuation of the same motion. Therefore, the floor is open for Members to continue contributing to the same.

**Hon. Stephen Ndiritu:** Asante, Bwana Speaker. Nachukua hii nafasi kumshukuru Mungu na kuwapongeza wale wote ambao tumebahatika kuingia katika Bunge hili. La muhimu ni kwamba leo nimefika hapa kujadili hotuba ambayo ilipeanwa na Gavana wa Laikipia. Nashukuru kwa sababu nilikuwa katika Bunge ambayo ilipita. Wakati tulikuwa tunafunga Bunge, nilisema tulikuwa wengi na huenda tukarudi tukiwa wachache nikiwa mmoja wao. Nashukuru Mungu kwa sababu imeweza kujitokeza.

Bwana Spika, pia nachukua hii nafasi kuwashukuru wapiga kura wote ambao walinipigia kura katika Wadi ya Thingithu. Tulikuwa watu wengi lakini wakaona ninatosha kuwakilisha katika hili Bunge. Pia ningetaka kuwakumbusha Waheshimiwa ambao wako hapa ambao wamepatiwa majukumu kwamba wiki iliyopita na wiki hii tumesimama hapa kuongea na ni vizuri tukumbuke ya kwamba muda ambao tuko nao ni wa miaka tano. Tutarudi kwa wananchi tuwaombe kura, watupatie ama watunyime. Hiyo itakuwa ni haki yao ya kidemokrasia.

Naomba Waheshimiwa wote ambao wako hapa kuwa makini sana wakati wanatekeleza kazi ambayo tumejukumiwa kisheria ya kuhakikisha ya kwamba tumelinda maslahi ya mpiga kura na maslahi ya watu wote wa Laikipia kwa jumla, walio wengi na wachache. Bwana Spika, nashukuru sana na nawapongeza wananchi wa Thingithu kwa kunipatia hii nafasi ili niwe katika Bunge hili kwa muhula mwingine wa miaka tano.

Kuhusu hotuba ya Gavana, nafikiri aliweza kutoa hotuba ambayo alieleza mambo mengi kuhusu agenda zake na mambo ambayo angetaka kufanya katika Kaunti ya Laikipia. Kwanza nampongeza kwa sababu alionekana mkakamavu. Anaonekana ni Gavana ambaye yuko tayari kufanyia wananchi kazi. Alipokuwa akisoma hiyo hotuba, niliona aliguzia mambo ambayo ataweza kufanya Laikipia nzima na sekta mbalimbali.

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Nampongeza kwa kuangalia elimu. Alisema katika pesa iliyokuwepo ya milioni hamsini, ataongeza milioni hamsini nyingine. Hizo pesa zitatumika kusaidia watoto ambao hawajiwezi ambao hawana pesa ya kutosha kujisimamia. Nampongeza sana. Alipokuwa akieleza hayo nilijiuliza swali moja, wakati wote tunaongeza pesa, ni lazima tujue hizo pesa zitatoka wapi. Kama bajeti yetu ni ya bilioni sita, hatuwezi kuwa na zaidi ya hizo pesa isipokuwa tuko na mbinu ya mahali tutapata hizo pesa.

Hilo ni jambo ambalo ningetaka lishughulikiwe na serikali iweze kutueleza ni mbinu gani watatumia ili kuhakikisha wamepata milioni 150 ili watoto ambao wanateseka wafaidike. Wadi ambayo nawakilisha najua iko na watoto ambao hawana pesa ya karo ya shule. Kwa mfano wazazi wa Majengo hawajakuwa na mapato ya kutosha. Naelewa hao wazazi wanafaa kuangaliwa na watoto wao pia ili waweze kusoma.

Chama ambayo tuliingia nayo hapa ni ya *Bottom-Up* ya Mama mboga, mfanyikazi wa *wheelbarrow* na pikipiki. Ningetaka zisaidie mama mboga na mtu wa mkokoteni ambaye yuko pale Majengo. Isiwe tutaweka hizo pesa na badala ya hizo pesa zisaidie wale ambao wako huko, zinasaidia matajiri katika huu mtaa na watu ambao wanafanya kazi ya Serikali ambao wako na mishahara.

Hayo mambo huwa yanatendeka lakini kwa wakati huu naomba Bunge hili liwe makini ili tuweze kuangalia hizo sehemu. Pia katika Wadi yangu kuna sehemu inaitwa Njogu-ini, Sweetwaters, Baraka na Ruai na wazazi wa huko hawawezi kulipia watoto wao karo ya shule. Hao ni watu ambao nawakilisha na ni lazima niseme hayo kwa sababu walipiga kura katika kila kituo. Walinipatia kura ili nije niwatetee hapa.

Bwana Spika, katika sekta ya maji naona Gavana yuko na njia nzuri ya kuhakikisha ya kwamba tumepata maji na sehemu zote zimepata maji. Tunajua katika Laikipia kuna sehemu ambazo hazina maji ambazo ziko na shida hasa upande za Kaskazini mwa Laikipia, Mashariki na Magharibi mwa Laikipia. Tulipokuwa tunachaguliwa, mimi nilichaguliwa Thingithu na ninaelewa shida ambayo iko Thingithu. Ninajua kuna watu ambao hawana maji ya kutosha kama Njogu-ini.

Hilo jambo ningetaka liangaliwe sana maana wakaazi wa sehemu hiyo hawana maji. Ningetaka pia Gavana aweze kuelewa ya kwamba hata kama Kaunti ni kubwa, kuna sehemu inaitwa Njogu-ini na Mbugutia na watu wako na shida. Hao watu wanafaa kuwa na maji ya kutosha. Vilevile sehemu ya Majengo na Ruai wako na shida.

Wakati tunagawa hizi pesa, tungefaa kuweka pesa ya maji na tuhakikishe kila sehemu imepata maji ya kutosha kwa sababu hiyo ni haki ya kila mwananchi kupata maji kwa sababu hiyo iko katika Katiba ya Kenya na tuliapa hapa kuilinda. Kwa hivyo yule mtu ambaye yuko Sosian, Mukogodo, Ngobit na Githiga na Ol Moran ambako kila wakati kuna vita anafaa kupata maji kwa sababu hiyo ni haki yao ya kidemokrasia.

Bwana Spika, hayo ni mambo ambayo niliweza kuangalia ambayo naona yanafaa kuangaliwa. Bwana Spika, Gavana aliweza kuzungumzia mambo ya wafanyibiashara. Alisema kuna pesa ambayo itaongezwa. Kwa kweli hizo pesa zitaongezwa na zinafaa kuongezwa. Wakati mwingi tunaongeza pesa kusaidia wanabiashara na badala ya kusaidia mwananchi ambaye yuko chini, yule ambaye anafikia hizo pesa anaelewa mambo mingi na si *hustler* wa kawaida.

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Unapata kwamba mchuuzi anayezungusha mali hapa hawezi kufikia ile pesa. Kwa hivyo, mimi ningeomba kwamba wakati tutakapoangalia hayo mambo tuhakikishe ya kwamba yule mama mboga anayetandika mali yake hapa nje ama kule kwa barabara pia awe na haki ya kufikia hizo pesa ambazo ni za kusaidia wafanyabiashara wote. Tusije hapa tukasema ya kwamba hizi pesa ni za wafanyabiashara halafu tukienda kuangalia vigezo vya kuipata tunaona ni lazima uwe na *logbook*, hatimiliki, akaunti au pesa kwenye benki.

Mimi najiuliza utakuwaje na pesa kwenye benki ilhali huna pesa? Mama mboga anayeuza mboga kwenye soko ya Nanyuki ambapo nawakilisha hana leseni. Huyo mama anatandika mali yake chini bali anahitaji kupata hizo pesa. Lazima tutafute mbinu ya kuhakikisha kwamba hata yule asiye na *logbook* ama hati miliki, anaweza kuja na risiti ya malipo na kupewa hizo pesa bila maswali wala mambo mengi kwa sababu hizo pesa ni za kusaidia mwananchi wa kawaida ambaye ni *hustler* wa *bottom-up.* Isiwe kwamba tulipokuwa tunachaguliwa tunaongea mambo ya *bottom-up* kisha tukifika hapa tunaanza kuongea mambo ya *trickle-down.* Tunataka kuanza pale chini tuinuke. Hayo ndiyo ninaweza kuzungumzia kwa upande wa biashara.

Jambo lingine nililokosa kwenye hii ripoti ya Gavana ni kuhusu mabarabara. Bwana Spika, hata kama tunataka kuwasaidia watu wetu, iwapo hatuna barabara hakuna kitu tunafanya. Leo tunaweza kutengeneza hospitali na kuweka mashine kubwa kubwa na kuleta madaktari waliohitimu kwenye kila kiwango, bali iwe kwamba mwananchi aliye kule mashinani hana barabara ya kupitia kutoka huko hadi kufika hospitalini. Hatuna helikopta itakayokuwa ikitoka hapa kumwendea yule mwananchi.

Kwa hivyo, ningependa Gavana azungumze kinagaubaga kwenye ripoti yake kuhusu mabarabara. Ningetaka pia kuwaeleza hawa Waheshimiwa wote ambao wamepata fursa ya kuingia hapa kwamba hata utengeneze nini, uvae nguo gani ama umpelekee maji hadi kwake nyumbani, mwananchi akikosa barabara bila shaka atakuchapa urudi nyumbani kisha alete mwingine hapa. Kwa hivyo, ni lazima tuwe makini sana. Wakati wa kutengeneza bajeti tujue ni pesa ngapi iliyotengewa barabara, biashara, elimu na idara ya afya. Hayo ni mambo tunayopaswa kujua na kuelewa.

Tuelewe pia ya kwamba serikali iliyopita, licha ya kwamba wengi wao walienda nyumbani, wengi wao pia wamerudi, kwa mfano mimi. Kilichonifanya nirudi sio kwamba mimi ni mweusi kuliko wengine, sio kwamba mimi ni mrefu kuliko wengine, sio kwamba nilikuwa mnene kuliko wengine wala sio kwamba nimesoma kuliko wengine. Waliangalia jambo moja na kuona ya kwamba hawakuwa wanafika mtaani wala hawakuwa na barabara bali sasa nimejenga. Hayo ndio mambo yaliyofanya baadhi yetu hata walio hapa kama wakieleza ukweli; hicho ndicho kimoja kati ya vile vitu ambavyo mwananchi aliviangalia na kumpa kura.

Najua kwamba kwenye wadi yangu hicho ndicho kitu cha kwanza kilichoangaliwa. Mheshimiwa Kanyutu pia alikuwa hapa na akisimama hapa kuongea ukweli atasema ya kwamba hicho kilikuwa mojawapo ya vigezo vilivyomfanya achaguliwe. Mheshimiwa Mugweru yuko pale naye pia ni vivyo hivyo. Kwa hivyo pia wale ambao Mungu ametusaidia na tukabahatika kuja, iwapo hatutatengeneza mabarabara ya kutosha, hata tufanye nini tujitayarishe tu kuenda nyumbani.

Iwapo mwananchi hatapata barabara, basi tuwe tayari. Nami nafikiri hakuna mtu hapa aliye tayari kuenda nyumbani ama kubaki huko. Lakini kama nyinyi wote mnataka basi mtaenda salama

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mimi nibaki hapa kuendelea na kazi na kuhakikisha ya kwamba ninawahudumia wananchi wa Laikipia kwa njia ambayo ni ya haki.

Bwana Spika, nafikiri mambo yalikuwa mengi lakini, nikitumia hekima niliyopewa na Mungu, itabidi nifikishe hapo na niwatakie Wajumbe wote walio hapa kila la heri. Wakati wowote wanapofanya kazi yao wakumbuke kuwa kuna mwananchi anayemngojea pale. Siku zinaenda. Tuangalie mwananchi nasi pia tujiangalie. Tusije tukawa tunaangalia mambo yote huko na kukosa kuangalia hapa. Tunataka pia wote wanaofanya kazi hapa waangaliwe.

Bwana Spika, mimi nashukuru kwa sababu ulipokuja hapa tulikuwa na hawa masajenti ninaowaona hapa. Walikuwa wameishiwa lakini nafurahi kwa sababu leo wako na nguo nzuri na wako sawa. Hata kama hawajakuwa sawa kabisa hiyo ni hatua inayoonyesha ya kwamba kuna mahali tunakoenda. Kwa hivyo, ningetaka washughulikiwe na tushughulikiwe, na tujue sisi tuko hapa kwa muda mfupi ambao Mungu ametupatia. Ninashukuru na kuomba tuwe kitu kimoja. Tuungane tuhakikishe ya kwamba tunawakilisha wananchi waliotuchagua kwa njia ya haki na ukweli. Asante.

**Speaker:** Thank you very much, Hon. Stephen Ndiritu for your maiden speech. I can still see there are Members who have not given their maiden speeches. I want to invite Hon. Daniel Mugweru to the floor.

**Hon. Daniel Mugweru:** Thank you, Hon. Speaker, for giving me this opportunity in the Third Assembly, being my first speech in regards to the many days that I will be in this Assembly as God wishes. My name is Daniel Mugweru, I represent the people of Umande. Umande is a ward that neighbours Nanyuki Ward and on the other end it borders Segera Ward, as well as Mukogodo East Ward and Meru County. There in between is Umande Ward. Those are the people I represent in the County Assembly of Laikipia.

Before anything, I wish first of all to thank God for giving me an opportunity to come back into this House. We were so many, we went for campaigns to be elected and true to what I am saying is that over 60% did not come back. Being counted among the 20% that came back is not that easy. It is God's power and grace and I thank God for that. I also wish to thank the people of Umande because since time immemorial, I am the first person to be re-elected in Umande Ward.

Nobody has ever come twice, I am the first one who has come twice since the municipal days. I am the first one to be re-elected in Umande Ward. So I wish to thank the people of Umande for having faith and confidence in me that I can deliver to them. So I wish to thank them because they did that helped by God.

I wish to thank the President who was elected this time round. It is a real confirmation that there is a God in Heaven. You do not need to strain or work extremely hard, you need to look upon God and He will bless you, open your doors and straighten your paths. Where there are valleys, He will level them, the mountains will be levelled. when God is holding your hands. So I am really thankful that we have that President. I also wish to thank the Governor who was elected in this County. I wish to thank the Senator, Woman Representative and the three Members of Parliament who were elected to serve the people of Laikipia together with the Members who are here.

I wish to thank you, Hon. Speaker, for God granting a chance to you. I normally say that an opportunity is given out by God to a specific person at a specific period for a specific purpose.

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So in this specific period, it was meant that you are the one who will be our Speaker and there is a specific reason and purpose why God said that you are the one to become the Speaker of this House. All the Members who were re-elected, congratulations to you because it was not easy to come back. Hon. Shuel, going back home and coming back here is not just easy. It has taken God's hand as well as your efforts, God blesses the work of our hands. If you just sit down, God cannot just bless anything. He normally asks, "What do you have in your hand?" So I am sure you worked very hard to come back after the five years that the people of Mukogodo East had told you to go for a rest.

I wish to congratulate the Hon. Members who are newly elected in this Third Assembly. You fought and defeated the ones who were here, so it was not easy for you. Congratulations. I also really wish to congratulate the specially elected Members who we mostly call the Nominated Members; they are specially elected. We have thousands of people in Laikipia and they all qualify to be specially elected, but the six of you emerged from among five hundred thousand. Being among them is not easy, so congratulations. The House is one, we are going to work as a team to make sure that Laikipia shines compared to the other 46 counties in Kenya.

I wish to congratulate everyone for being here. I wish to congratulate the staff who really assisted us to come back to this House, including the Serjeants-at-Arms who we normally are with in this House. They really assisted us. Were it not for them, we probably could not have delivered to the electorate. Some of them would even advise us immediately when we got into the Assembly and the few who took their advice are here today working for the next five years for the great people of Laikipia. So, I wish to thank them all: The Staff, the Clerk and everybody else.

Hon. Speaker, what drives us and makes us successful in this House is simple mutual respect. It should be mutual; when I respect you, you respect me, I respect the other Member, I respect the staff, we respect the Executive and they respect us, the independence of every person; that makes us successful. So, mutual respect to each of us is paramount. Without that we are all going to lose but with respect and determination, we are going to emerge victors and probably in the next five years some of us will come back here. Most of the nominated ones will probably be elected; we have two who have been elected and they were nominated. With God's grace they will come back.

Others will even go to the National Assembly and Senate, and probably our next Governor in 2027 is seated here, nobody knows. Kang'ata started from councillor and he is now the Governor of Muranga. He has no other position that he can ascend to unless after ten years he becomes the President of this country. The blessings of God are not limited, so I believe that the next Senator, Member of Parliament or Governor is probably in this House, nobody knows. If we have mutual respect and serve our people diligently with a lot of honesty we are going to get all that God has prepared for us.

I wish to thank the Leadership of this House, the Majority Leader, Deputy Speaker, Deputy Majority Leader, Chief Whip, Deputy Chief Whip and all those who have leadership positions in this House. This power has been bestowed upon you and it is about delegation. The people of Umande delegated their power to me and I am representing them. None of them will be coming here to represent themselves, I will be representing them for the next five years. In the same way, you who have been given leadership positions in this House, we have delegated our power to you because we cannot all be Majority Leaders or Deputy Speakers or the Chief Whip.

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We cannot be everything. So at this period when God has anointed you to lead this Assembly, make sure you do your best and God will bless you from Heaven and the Assembly will be seen as the best in the whole country. So let us work hard because God has given us that opportunity. If God gives you any position, utilize it properly. God has given it to you with a reason and purpose.

Make sure you meet the purpose of God why he gave you that position. When we were campaigning, we promised our people so many things. I being one of the elected Members, I am not putting myself aside. I promised a lot to the people of Umande. Now that we are in this Assembly, we must now start moving from politics of promises and start the promises of actualization.

We need make what we promised actual. We should make sure that we deliver what we promised; this is not the time to promise. If you see a leader making promises out there, maybe he did not utilize his time properly when he was campaigning. First, fulfil what you promised, stop promising more, and fulfil what you promised during the campaign.

If you just hear a Member like myself in a meeting or in a church telling people that I will do this and I had not promised it in my manifesto and I have not fulfilled what I had promised, then there is a problem in me. I need first of all to make sure that I actualize and I deliver everything that I promised so that I may give new promises. The more you promise the more you put yourself into problems.

Nobody knows what is ahead of us. You will just promise without knowing that our budget is limited. Nobody knows whether we will have Covid like the one we had. We had promised a lot of things. Our vision was destroyed in between, so stop promising more. First fulfil what you promised so that the people, who elected you may have the urge to make you come back into this House or even give you a bigger position.

The Governor was here and the Address he made to the people of Laikipia was not meant for the Members only. It was meant for the whole people of Laikipia. The people he represents and also it is an image or reflection to all other Counties. Maybe other Counties were following because everybody out there needs something. You can see in the Media that everybody wants to have a piece of land in Laikipia. The Address he made is not just for Honourable Members, it is for the people of Laikipia. He addressed even the people outside Laikipia who are willing to come to this County, maybe to be served by us and the Governor himself. He addressed much on health and in this address.

I like being honest to myself, normally speak my mind and why I do this is because God gave me this head and it is the best head I know. I cannot request you to give me yours, to use it for five minutes then I return. Whatever I say whether it pleases you or not, you should always stand and say that my best head told me to say that. My best head that I believe in God gave me.

The issue of health I wish to thank the Governor because it touches everyone who is here. It touches the people of Laikipia. In the address I was concerned about the Kshs. 380 million. I am not opposed to the Kshs. 380 million. My only concern is this; we need the doctors to treat the people of Laikipia.

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Now the question is this, they have been out of work for the last two years. I am only concerned on us to why; we are paying them for those two years. I felt probably I would have started by saying, your Excellency the Governor you had another Governor before. You went home during his era and now I am back. I want to bring you back to work and then we start from there.

When we say that we are going to pay these people for over two years for work not done, we need to look at value for this money. The work done should be paid. Over two years, I do not feel that they should be paid. It is also important to inform the Members of this House that the development budget for Laikipia has been around Kshs. 700 million every year without forgetting that we were collecting revenue to the last coin during those five years.

For example, I have seen waivers, these and these people should not be paying this revenue. I am sure from now; we will not be collecting revenue as it should. It will reduce automatically and sometimes let us be realistic. Having a development budget of Kshs. 700 million in those years, it means probably from this year we will be having a development budget of Kshs. 500 million.

When we say now in the development of Ksh.500 million, we are taking Kshs. 380 million for people who never worked, the answer is very simple we are going to have development of less than Kshs. 200 million per year. It will not be felt by the people of Laikipia. If Kshs. 700 million were not felt and that is why most of the Members went home because those people never felt the development of Kshs. 700 million. How do you tell me they will feel the development of Kshs. 200 million?

That tells us, if we will go in that direction, the first year will be a waste. That is why we need to reason together and start thinking about the future. We were not elected to be here for five years. We need ten years and be promoted. We have to start thinking about it. Hon. Stephen Ndiritu as I was getting in, I have found him talking about the development record that he gave in Thingithu that is what brought him to this House another time.

It means if we do not deliver to the people, we are all going back to our homes very early in the morning. It is your responsibility too, to help us deliver. If we do not deliver, we will go home then new Members will come. Probably the new Members will come with a new Speaker.

It is a responsibility for you to help us deliver for this House to remain the way it is. If we do not deliver, we will go home and new people will come. Probably they deliver or even fail to deliver. As we discuss on their delivery or not we will have gone home. It is upon us to work together, reason together and ask ourselves, do you want to be here for five years? Do you want to come back? What make us to come back? Then we look at that direction Mr. Speaker.

We need doctors in this County, we need health services in this County but also, we need to look at value for money. As we deliver also we know it is the taxes of the people of Laikipia that we are utilizing. When we talk about health and more so when we discuss about Nanyuki Teaching Referral Hospital, Nyahururu Teaching Referral Hospital, Rumuruti Hospital and Doldol, we need also to understand that there are dispensaries and health centres in our Wards.

Every Ward here has at least two or three health centres and dispensaries. Before you come to Nanyuki Teaching and Referral Hospital, some of the problems could have been solved in those health centres. Members, as we talk about NTRH, we also need to talk about Kalalu dispensary,

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Mugumo dispensary and as well Ndidika Dispensary. Those are health centres that are deep down in our Wards.

As we invest much in health, let us devolve that investment to our villages, sub locations and have our dispensaries have medicine and enough nurses. Let our health centres work day and night and even on weekends. With that, we are going to ease the burden that is in the Teaching Referral Hospitals in this County.

As we were campaigning, everybody in this Assembly probably mentioned something to do with water. Water scarcity in Laikipia, you cannot go ignoring that. When we talk about water, we need now to move ahead because water and agriculture go together. We need to invest heavily in water and Agriculture in this County.

When we say this, we need even to move a step ahead and start lobbying because of the Finances we have in this Country. If we say the Kshs. 6 billion in this County is what we are going to utilize to deliver, truth be told we are not going to deliver. We need to start lobbying and for us to lobby in the best is closely working together. We should try to tap more money from the Ngo's and I heard you are good in that.

We start tapping money from the National Government and bring those resources to this county. For example, today were it for not for the water pans we lobbied for from the National Government in Umande, we did water pans worth over Kshs. 40 million. Where could we have gotten Kshs. 40 million in the budget of Laikipia?

Today as we are speaking we have a contractor in Umande Ward, doing the same water pans of Kshs. 19.5 million. If I sit down here and the money that we are going to distribute in the budget, we are going to get utmost Kshs. 5 million per Ward, where am I going to get such finances? As an Assembly we need to work hard and you being the spokesman of the Assembly, we need to be seeing you in front of us, as we request for more funds for this County. With that one we are going to solve these issues of water.

As a County, we did a lot of water pans. The previous Members who were there, I am sure every Hon. Member can tell that their Ward there was a water pan or so. Now we need to move ahead and start discussing about dam liners because having water pans without dam liners is a waste. We should now start budgeting on how we are going to get dam liners so that the Agriculture Sector is improved. when we sit down as a House we need to discuss those things. In the Governor Address, he mentioned something that made me feel proud about education. I am sure that the Hon. Members who are here, the newly elected Members I was not there but am sure but they campaigned on the issue of bursaries.

You are not getting bursaries; the bursary has been siphoned by your Hon. Member, I am sure almost all of you mentioned that. Immediately you elect me, you will be getting bursaries. You have not been getting, they have been given to certain communities and certain villages. I am sure they were elected on that platform because education is key in this County. Hon. Members that was a promise which is good and it was good because when you want to win a battle, you look at the weakness of your opponents. Maybe you capitalize on that weakness and now this is the time the others who are fighting you will capitalize on the same weakness.

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When I had the Governor saying that we are going to increase the bursary from Kshs. 50 million to a Ksh.100 million, that really touched me. I know for example myself, I was giving out bursaries to 700 students in Umande. Now I will be giving 1,400 students in the Ward.

That will be a double allocation and I am sure with a Kshs.100 million for bursary, I am sure your opponents will never mention anything to do with bursary. When we go to the budget, make sure we defend this to the end irrespective of where you come from. In the last Assembly, because maybe in future if I mention something somebody will rise on a point of order questioning me. Today because I have the freedom to say this, nobody will question me.

In the last Assembly, we had issues with the people from Laikipia North. The people from Laikipia North could fight when we discussed the issue of bursaries. A small percentage of them probably go to school. Most of them could say we do not need bursaries, we need to reduce them to Kshs. 25 million. If you look at our last budget, last year's budget we had a bursary allocation of Kshs. 25 million. We reduced it from Kshs. 50 million to Kshs. 25 million and it was led by the people of Laikipia North because most Ngo's capitalize in their areas. For example, in Mukogodo East we have this Ngo called compassion.

The Compassion Ngo could give them scholarship at least 50 percent, so they were never interested in the bursary. I am requesting that this time round, the people of Laikipia North will stand firm and make sure that our students are learning by getting enough bursaries for us to improve education in Laikipia. I really support the Hon. Governor, for seeing it necessary to increase the bursaries to a 100 percent. He also mentioned about the employment of ECDE teachers, which we have been fighting for since we joined this Assembly. We need to employ them because if we don't, we will be burdening the parents who are down there.

Hon. Speaker, we cannot say that we will be giving out bursaries to the nursery students, the only thing we can do to them is employing their teachers and also building good classrooms for them. Let's support each other Hon. Members as we work in making sure that we construct more ECD classes. On that one, I know that people of Laikipia North will be really in support of that because most of the pupils, I used to hear them saying that their classes are under trees. That was the message that you're getting from them. On this one, we need to construct modern class rooms to nursery pupils. Hon. Speaker, when the governor talked about it, I was really impressed.

Having said that, there is something else he touched on about the wage bill. This animal called wage bill in Laikipia needs to be tackled and it cannot be tackled by cowards. We must be bold enough to face this animal. A time comes, say wage bill is 53% And we need to drop to 40% without forgetting that when we go that direction, at least a percentage of people will go home and they went home.

When hon. Shuel hears that people are going home, he will start saying that people from Mukogodo East cannot go home. I'll also say that people from Umande cannot go home and others too will say we have few employed people. That topic has been there. To face this animal called wage bill, we must have bold people. We need to have bold members; we must face it with a lot of courage for us to win this battle.

As we fight this battle, we also need to urge the Executive arm of the Government not to start telling us that the wage bill is high and on the other hand, they are employing more people. You cannot tell us that we have a high wage bill yet you are employing. You sack 100 People paid

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Kshs. 10,000 Then you employ one "big person" who is consuming the whole amount of the 100 people. That has been the trend in this county. You hear them say that they are going to sack 200 employees. When you look at those employees, all of them are paid under Kshs. 15,000. They then employ one single advisor who is getting the salary equivalent to that which could have been paid to 200 people. That's very unfair.

As much as we talk about wage bill, we need to start because this issue lies on the hands of the Governor and executive. He needs to stand up and say that this time around, he has only one or two advisors. Advise is important but everyone when advised, it will be upon them to choose whether to take the advice or not. Most people are never advised. Because you are given that responsibility by the people of Laikipia, that advice is not very necessary.

Even if I tell you we go this direction and your good head tells you to go the other direction, you will just go your direction. We really need to maybe reduce the number of advisors because they get a lot of money for no reason. We also need to reduce the number of chief officers. You'll find that in one department. We have two to three Chief Officers.

When we talk about the wage bill, let's not look at those people who work in environment sector, the people who offer cleaning services in the streets and enforcement officers who are here. We are talking of wage bill but only concentrating at those junior people yet we are we are adding more senior people who are consuming a lot of money in this county Hon. Speaker.

This animal called wage bill needs to be faced out and we as Members only need the Governor to lead us by being in front because most Governors want the Members to be in front. They are the kings. Let them go in front and then we back them. We will support them to fight this animal. Hon. Speaker, the Governor mentioned about the infrastructure, and as Hon. Member for Thingithu has said, most of us came back because of what we did and especially things to do with roads. Myself, Hon. Speaker, I used to do between 30 to 40 kilometres per year, which was history

In the first government of Laikipia, they did 14.8 kilometres in Umande Ward for five years while myself I did 30 to 40 Kilometres per year. That means we were doing around 150 kilometres and Hon. Members here can attest to this. If tomorrow myself who was doing 30 kilometres per year, do 10 kilometres in the same year, those people will never listen to me. I want to do over for 30 kilometres.

I want to move from 30 to 50 kilometres and that applies to every Member who is here. If they reduce it, the message will be very clear that the people elected a conman to steal our coffers and that message will be very bad for all of you. Let us therefore work hard. Let us work together to see that whatever we are doing, we doubled it so that we may be re-elected in the next five years.

Hon. Speaker about bridges, we also need to put our hearts on that and support that department. The reason I am talking about infrastructure roads is because I was surprised, and I always speak my mind, I was shocked that in the Governor's address there was nothing to do with roads. That was the platform that made me come back. When you don't mention that, then you're killing me. It will be like buying me a rope to commit suicide Mr. Speaker. That's why I'm mentioning on the same.

If you don't mention the issue of roads in Laikipia, you would have mentioned nothing. If you don't mention roads, if you don't mention water, if you don't mention agriculture, then you

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have mentioned nothing. Therefore, Hon. Speaker, the issue of roads, whether the Governor mentioned about roads or not, Hon. Members, let us work hard to make sure that we give all season roads in this county Hon. Members.

On the same, the only place that was touched on is about the leasing program. The leasing program to me needs to be addressed. We need a lot of care and be very sober as we face the issue of leasing. The reason why I'm saying that we need to be very sober is that during the last regime, I was the Chairperson of the Infrastructure Committee. So, when I talk about roads and I talk about it passionately, let nobody question me because that is my profession. That is my background and in the five years we did not manage to get the leasing agreement. That is the agreement that was between Laikipia and whoever gave us the leasing program.

We did not get the original agreement and so Hon. Speaker, the leasing program, please support me. I can confidently say that if it were not for the leasing program, I could not be here for the second time and the same is true for any other Member who is here. The leasing program really helped us and some of the Members lost because of that leasing program failing to go to their areas.

A place like Ngobit, let me mention Ngobit because the Hon. Member is there and she is here too. I have the records. There are some wards that never saw the leasing program in their areas and if you look at them, all Hon. Members are home. None of them came back. So, I'm saying this because I understand it.

We need to face the leasing program with a lot of soberness. Let's first of all cooldown and not listen to people who are inciting us from outside. Let us first of all, get the agreement and understand the repercussions because we need to ask ourselves, how was that agreement? Probably if the agreement was not good for us, then we will do away with it. If the agreement was good for us, then we continue with the same agreement. Honourable Speaker, there would be no point of abolishing an agreement that maybe will attract a penalty bigger than we can afford.

If we are told that there is a penalty like Kshs.1 billion, then that tells us that the first year will see a wastage of Kshs.380 million, the second year and third will waste another billion. So, it means for the first four years we will not have done anything for the people Laikipia. We therefore need to sit down as Members with the executive and bring the agreement to the table, analyse it, discuss it and see the repercussions and then face the issue according to how the agreement was written. Something else that the Governor never mentioned and probably I am mentioning is because I promised the people of Umande to resolve the wildlife/human conflict. He never mentioned it but I promised the people of Umande.

We are farmers; unfortunately, when the time for harvesting comes, men and women who are supposed to harvest don't because elephants will come in to harvest on their behalf. It really touched me and I am sure it was just an oversight. I'm sure we are going to work on it. We need to work very hard on these issues of human/wildlife conflict in Laikipia.

We need to push ranches that are here especially in Laikipia North where most of them are and also Laikipia East and West. We don't need the animals ourselves. The people of Umande don't need the animals, they are needed by Oldaiga, Lenaisho and Naisoit. For us, we need farmers. We either push them to have their animals on their end to allow our famers to cultivate properly

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or else we may find ourselves doing the wrong things. Hon. Speaker, on the issue of human/wildlife conflicts, it needs to be addressed.

The Governor also highlighted The Infrastructure Bond. The Infrastructure Bond was meant for smart towns. In Umande ward where we have one smart town in Kalalu, we need to face this issue with a lot of soberness. Most of the Members here might not shout here but some of them have Fuliza, M-Shwari and bank-loans, not that they don't have money. They are also looking forward to have car loans and mortgage. It's not that they don't have money, they need all that money together so that they will be paying them in instalments.

Loans are not bad, Hon. Speaker. The issue about loans is about how you utilize it. If you utilize it badly then you mess yourself. For the issue of the Infrastructure Bond, we need first to discuss and ask ourselves how much we are supposed to pay in instalments. For how long? What's their interest rates? When we see that we are not given a fair deal, then we can do away with it. If it's a fair deal, then we work with it. Hon. Speaker, let us not face this thing with emotions but discuss it first and ask ourselves, is the deal fair to the people of Laikipia or is it out to mess the people of Laikipia? If we find it fair to the people of Laikipia, then we will work towards it.

Thirdly, I must mention about smart towns. When you go to Ngobit Ward in Wiyumiririe, along the road you will find heaps of murram blocking shops in that shopping centre. If you go to Kalalu shopping centre in Umande, you will find trenches of two metres deep along the town which is even hazardous to health. Hon. Speaker, they were started as smart towns but they were left there. Therefore, when we discuss about smart towns, we need to go back to those towns for example in Umande and first of all level those gullies and trenches so that we may open businesses for our people.

Before we do that, we need to have a budget and also ask whether the contractors who were there before had documents or whether they had right agreements. If do not abide by the contract, then we expect penalties. Those people will start saying that they were on site legally because the government is continuous. You don't just wake up as an Hon. Member and because a previous Members was doing a certain road, now that you are elected you say that you will not finish that road. You must finish the road because it is for the people.

We must first of all think about those smart towns which were started. We should start levelling those areas with our budget and then ask ourselves, whether the persons who did that had the right documents. If they did not have the right documents, then we are so lucky but if they had proper documents, then we will put the county into problems and more penalties. We need to discuss about this soberly.

Like now in Kalalu Shopping Centre, in the budget for smart towns, there was a budget set for maintenance and today the people of Kalalu cannot access clean water because their water lines were destroyed when those trenches were being drilled and they are suffering. If you go to Kalalu Mission Centre, they do not have water because their boreholes were destroyed in the name of smart towns. Therefore, we need to discuss this before we start rushing in decision making. I am calling upon this Assembly because it is our responsibility. The power was bestowed upon us by the community and therefore we need to act faithfully and with a lot of justice to the people of Laikipia.

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Hon. Speaker, the issue of budget and I must mention this because it is key to everyone who is here. One, for us to get proper budget, we must work very hard in revenue collection and look for donors. In that one, we may be able to clear the pending bills which we have been mentioning here because we need enough money to clear the pending bills. If we do not have enough money, then we might not find ourselves clearing the pending bills. We are going to move on with development while other people are crying outside there.

Fourthly, the budget of this county needs to be uniformly distributed. Let us not have a budget of Kshs.6 billion, we get Kshs.4 billion being for wage bill and from there we get Kshs.2 billion for health. The same people of Laikipia will start questioning me. You did a good hospital in Nanyuki but how shall we access that hospital because we do not have good roads. Even others will ask you, now that we have good hospitals, now we get sick and go eating the hospitals because we do not have food on the table. Shall we get sick to go and eat in the hospitals?

We must distribute the budget of Laikipia uniformly. If it is Kshs.300 million for health, then we need other Kshs.300 million for infrastructure and other Kshs.200 million for education. If we pump 90% of our resources towards one department, we will be judged harshly by the people of Laikipia. We must distribute our budget uniformly in all departments. We need to see the budget on Agriculture, Water, Health, Infrastructure and Education because all those departments are important to the people of Laikipia.

Those people who need education probably do not need health at that time. That person who is sick probably needs that health facility and at that time but at home others need food and therefore we need to distribute our budget uniformly. Hon. Speaker, as Hon. Members of this House we are expected to improve and raise the economy of this county. All of us know that we need to work very hard because if we improve agriculture, probably the problems we are facing in this county will be minimal.

In agriculture we also need to start thinking about value addition. Let us not just get milk but also add value to that milk and tomatoes. Let us improve the milk coolers that we got, give AI services, employ Extension Officers in this county, give subsidized fertilizers and not just wait on National Government but also subsidize farm inputs to our people to improve the economy of this county.

Hon. Speaker, when we were elected in this House, the people of Laikipia expected few things. One, to make proper laws for them. Let us work together to legislate because that is why we are here. Let us make laws which will not hurt our people but make laws which will be good that even God Himself will not judge us for that. As we are in this House, they also expect us to represent them here. Let every Hon. Member feel that it is their responsibility to represent their people.

Therefore, when you do not come for sessions in this House, always know that you are not representing them because the people of Umande cannot come to this Assembly to represent themselves. When they gave me this opportunity to represent them, I need to be in this House to speak on their behalf and represent them. When you see an Hon. Member talking with a lot of pain in regards to of the people who elected him, he is doing the right thing. Even if it does not please you, please bear with it because he/she is a representative of those people. Let us represent our people in this House because that is why we were elected.

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Five, we were elected to offer oversight to the Executive. Hon. Speaker, when I said about mutual respect, we also as an Assembly need to jealously safeguard our independence. It is so important to be independent so that we may be able to offer proper oversight to the Executive. Let us go to the people and tell them what we do for example to approve budget and from there we allow the Executive to implement. As they implement it, let us go there and give proper oversight to the work done.

It is so unfortunate to have a road done in Umande and after two or three months it is washed away by water. Then it shows that the Governor implemented the budget but I did not offer proper oversight. On that one, the only way to offer oversight is by safeguarding and protecting our independence jealously. When I am called by the Executive while perhaps we are doing a road in your area and I am told that there is this and that for you, by then I will have compromised quality.

Let us stand for quality and not quantity. You can do 10 kilometres of a road out of 50 kilometres of low quality and after five years every year you are back to where you started. We need to offer quality services and for that to happen we need to stand firm and offer proper oversight to the Executive. Hon. Members, I really wish to end my maiden speech there and the discussion towards the Governors speech. With those few remarks which I have made, in one way or another it will help us work together in unity to guard our independence jealously and to work in harmony and togetherness. All of us here want to come back especially the elected.

It is only today that they are lying to you that even if they come from your ward, they are not interested to vie but in the next three months you will hear them saying that they are vying. Therefore, the best thing is to work together and make sure that even if you go home, the one who is here comes back and that would be the best for us. Even if I go home for somebody who is nominated to come back, the better for us for the continuity of our government. Let us work together in supporting each other and let everybody be ambitious and look for higher positions because they are ours and God has given us the opportunity to have them. God bless you, bless Laikipia and bless the people of Umande. Thank you.

**Speaker:** Thank you, Hon. Mugweru for a very good maiden speech. You have touched closely to every point which had been addressed by H.E the Governor. Now I would still like to keep the floor open perhaps for another one more Member. From the records, I realize that we still have some Members who have not spoken and therefore we would want to give them time to do so. By the press of the button, I will be able to see a Member interested in giving a maiden speech.

*(Silence)*

Hon. Members, I wish to thank all of you for your speeches. I can see that 50% of Members have given their contributions. I believe that perhaps those who have not given their maiden speeches are still studying the Governor's speech since we still have one more day to do so. I would like to request all of you to rise.

## ADJOURNMENT

**Speaker:** The sittings of this House now stands adjourned until tomorrow Wednesday, 19th October, 2022 at 9.00 a.m.

The House rose at 4.22 p.m.

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