REPUBLIC OF KENYA

COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF LAIKIPIA

THE HANSARD

Tuesday, 20th December, 2022

The House met at the Assembly Chambers at 3.17 p.m.

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

PRAYERS

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

DELAY OF SITTING DUE TO TECHNICAL ISSUES

Speaker: Hon. Members, I wish to notify you that we are late in starting our today's session contrary to the provisions of the Standing Order No (31) in terms of hours of meeting. Due to the level of preparedness required in taking into consideration the work ahead of as scheduled in today's order paper. Further, we experienced technological issues in regards to the E-Parliament system gadgets use. Our IT team is working tirelessly to ensure these hiccups are settled out in time and future. We apologise for inconvenience caused.

PAPERS LAID

CONSIDERATION OF NOMINEE FOR APPOINTMENT AS COUNTY SECRETARY

Hon. Simon Kanyutu: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. On behalf of the Majority Leader. I wish to lay the paper on appointment on vetting of Samuel Koinange Wahome, nominee for appointment by H.E the Governor, as the County Secretary.

(Hon. Simon Kanyutu laid the Paper on the Table)

CONSIDERATION OF NOMINEE FOR APPOINTMENT AS CHIEF OFFICER FOR FINANCE, COUNTY PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT.

Hon. Stephen Nderitu: *Asante, Bwana Spika. Nilikuwa nimefinya halafu nikaona Mheshimiwa Kanyutu pia amesimama. Nikajua ni haki nifuate ratiba ambayo imenakiliwa. Kwa sababu umenipa nafasi, nitaendelea na biashara*. I have a report to lay on the vetting of the nominee for Finance and County Planning Committee on the vetting of Mr. Daniel Kingori Ngumi, appointed to the position of Chief Officer Finance, County Planning and Development. Thank you.

(Hon. Stephen Ndiritu laid the Paper on the Table)

CONSIDERATION OF NOMINEE FOR APPOINTMENT AS CHIEF OFFICER FOR COUNTY ADMINISTRATION AND PUBLIC SERVICE

Hon. Samuel Mugambi: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have a paper to lay on the first report of the Joint Committee on County Cohesion, Justice Legal Labour and Social Welfare and Community Services on the vetting of Mr. Peter Ndirangu Hinga, Nominee for Appointment as the Chief Officer for County Administration and Public Service.

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(Hon. Samuel Mugambi laid the Paper on the Table)

CONSIDERATION OF NOMINEES FOR APPOINTMENT AS CHIEF OFFICERS FOR WATER, ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES AND LIVESTOCK AND FISHERIES

Hon. Leila Hussein: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I beg to lay the following papers on the approval hearing by the Sectoral Committee on Agriculture, Environment and Natural Resources on the vetting of one Mr. Samuel Abraham Lemanyishoe, Nominee for Appointment as the Chief Officer for Water, Environment and Natural Resources. Secondly, we have Ms. Mary Wanja Gachuru, Nominee for Appointment as the Chief Officer for Livestock and Fisheries.

(Hon. Leila Hussein laid the Papers on the Table)

CONSIDERATION OF NOMINEE FOR APPOINTMENT AS CHIEF OFFICER FOR YOUTH AND SPORTS

Hon. Irene Wachuka: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Report of the Labour, Social Welfare and Community Services Committee on the vetting of Ms. Jecinta Segetet Koree, Nominee for Appointment as the Chief Officer for Youth and Sports.

(Hon. Irene Wachuka laid the Paper on the Table)

CONSIDERATION OF NOMINEE FOR APPOINTMENT AS CHIEF OFFICER FOR TRADE TOURISM, COOPERATIVE AND ENTERPRISES

Hon. Catherine Nyokabi: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have a paper to lay on the report of the Trade, Tourism and Cooperative Committee vetting of Mr. Samuel Njuki Mahiga, Nominee for Appointment as the Chief Officer for Trade, Tourism, Cooperatives and Enterprise.

(Hon. Catherine Nyokabi laid the Paper on the Table)

CONSIDERATION OF NOMINEES FOR APPOINTMENT AS CHIEF OFFICERS FOR INFRASTRUCTURE, LANDS, PUBLIC WORKS AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND LANDS, HOUSING, URBAN DEVELOPMENT & RENEWABLE ENERGY

Hon. Simon Kanyutu: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I beg to lay the following papers. The report by the Transport and Public Works Committee on the vetting of Mr. Peter Gathecha Macharia, Nominee for Appointment as the Chief Officer for Infrastructure, Lands, Public Works and Urban Development.

I beg to lay another paper the report of the Transport and Public Works Committee on the vetting of Mr. Kenneth Irumbi Kabara, Nominee for Appointment as the Chief Officer for Lands, Housing, Urban Development and Renewable Energy.

(Hon. Simon Kanyutu laid the Paper on the Table)

Speaker: Hon. Members, the committees are consulting as it was a joint committee work. I would like to give the floor to Hon. Daniel Mugweru.

CONSIDERATION OF NOMINEE FOR APPOINTMENT AS CHIEF OFFICER FOR EDUCATION, SOCIAL SERVICES AND GENDER

Hon. Daniel Mugweru: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. On behalf of the Joint Committees on Education, Vocational Training and ICT and Labour, Social Welfare and Community Services and on behalf of the Joint Committee Chairperson, Irene Wachuka. I have a paper to lay on the report of the Joint Committee on Education, Vocational training and ICT and ICT and Labour, Social

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Welfare and Community Service on the vetting of Mr. John Mwangi Gichuki nominee of Appointment as the Chief Officer Education, Social Services and Gender.

(Hon. Daniel Mugweru laid the Paper on the Table)

NOTICES OF MOTION

CONSIDERATION OF NOMINEE FOR APPOINTMENT AS COUNTY SECRETARY

Hon. Simon Kanyutu: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. On behalf of the Majority Leader, I wish to give notice of the following motion;

> THAT, taking into consideration the findings of the Committee on Appointments in its report on the approval hearing of Nominee for Appointments to the Office of County Secretary, and pursuant to the provisions of Articles 179(2b) of the constitution, Section 35(2) and sections 4 and 9 of the public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act, 2017, Section 44(2) (D) b of the County Government Act,2012, this House approves the nomination of Mr. Samuel Koinange Wahome for appointment by H.E the Governor as the County Secretary.

CONSIDERATION OF NOMINEE FOR APPOINTMENT AS CHIEF OFFICER FOR TRADE TOURISM, COOPERATIVE AND ENTERPRISES

Hon. Catherine Nyokabi: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I wish to give notice of the following motion;

> THAT, taking into consideration the findings of the Sectoral Committee on Trade, Tourism and Cooperatives in its report the vetting of a Nominee for Appointment as Chief Officer, and pursuant to the provisions Section 45(1) b of the County Government Act, 2012, this House approves the appointment of Mr. Samuel Njuki Mahiga as the Chief Officer, County Department of Trade, Tourism, Cooperative and Enterprise.

CONSIDERATION OF NOMINEE FOR APPOINTMENT AS CHIEF OFFICER FOR COUNTY ADMINISTRATION AND PUBLIC SERVICE

Hon. Samuel Mugambi: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I wish to give notice of the following motion;

> THAT, taking into consideration the findings of the Joint Committee on County Cohesion, Justice and Legal Matters and Labour, Social Welfare and Community Services in its report the vetting of a Nominee for Appointment as Chief Officer, and pursuant to the provisions Section 45(1) b of the County Government Act, 2012, this House approves the appointment of Mr. Peter Ndirangu Hinga as the Chief Officer, County Department of County Administration and Public Service.

CONSIDERATION OF NOMINEES FOR APPOINTMENT AS CHIEF OFFICERS FOR WATER, ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES AND LIVESTOCK AND FISHERIES

Hon. Leila Hussein: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. On behalf of the Chair, Hon. Joseph Gitahi. I beg to move the following motion;

> THAT, taking into consideration the findings of the Sectoral Committee on Agriculture, Environment and Natural Resources in its report the vetting of a Nominee for Appointment as Chief Officer, and pursuant to the provisions Section 45(1) b of the

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County Government Act, 2012, this House approves the appointment of the following Chief Officers;

1) Mr. Samuel Abram Lemanyishoe – County Department of Water, Environment and Natural Resources.

2) Ms. Mary Wanja Gichuru - County Department for Livestock and Fisheries.

CONSIDERATION OF NOMINEES FOR APPOINTMENT AS CHIEF OFFICERS FOR INFRASTRUCTURE, LANDS, PUBLIC WORKS AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND LANDS, HOUSING, URBAN DEVELOPMENT & RENEWABLE ENERGY

Hon. Simon Kanyutu: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I beg to move the notice of two motions;

THAT, taking into consideration the findings of the Sectoral Committee on Transport and Public Works Committee in its report the vetting of a Nominee for Appointment as Chief Officer, and pursuant to the provisions Section 45(1) b of the County Government Act, 2012, this House approves the appointment of Mr. Kenneth Irumbi Kabara as Chief Officer, County Department. Lands, Housing, Urban Development and Renewable Energy.

Mr. Speaker. I beg to move the following motion;

THAT, taking into consideration the findings of the Sectoral Committee on Transport and Public Works Committee in its report the vetting of a Nominee for Appointment as Chief Officer, and pursuant to the provisions Section 45(1) b of the County Government Act, 2012, this House approves the appointment of Mr. Peter Gathecha Macharia as Chief Officer, County Department of Infrastructure, Lands, Public Works and Urban Development.

CONSIDERATION OF NOMINEE FOR APPOINTMENT AS CHIEF OFFICER FOR FINANCE, COUNTY PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT.

Hon. Stephen Nderitu: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I wish to give notice of the following motion;

THAT, taking into consideration the findings of the Sectoral Committee on Finance and County Planning in its report the vetting of a Nominee for Appointment as Chief Officer, and pursuant to the provisions Section 45(1) b of the County Government Act, 2012, this House approves the appointment of Mr. Daniel Kingori Ngumi as the Chief Officer, County Department of Finance, County Planning and Development.

CONSIDERATION OF NOMINEE FOR APPOINTMENT AS CHIEF OFFICER FOR EDUCATION, SOCIAL SERVICES AND GENDER

Hon. Daniel Mugweru: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I wish to give notice of the following motion;

THAT, taking into consideration the findings of the Joint Committee on Education, Vocational Training and ICT and Labour, Social Welfare and Community Services in its report the vetting of a Nominee for Appointment as Chief Officer, and pursuant to the provisions Section 45(1) b of the County Government Act, 2012, this House approves the appointment of Mr. John Mwangi Gichuki as the Chief Officer, County Department of Education, Social Services and Gender. This is on behalf of the Joint Committee headed by Hon. Irene Wachuka. Thank you.

CONSIDERATION OF NOMINEE FOR APPOINTMENT AS CHIEF OFFICER FOR YOUTH AND SPORTS

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Hon. Irene Wachuka: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I wish to give notice of the following motion;

THAT, taking into consideration the findings of the Sectoral Committee on Labour, Social Welfare and Community Services, in its report the vetting of a Nominee for Appointment as Chief Officer, and pursuant to the provisions Section 45(1) b of the County Government Act, 2012, this House approves the appointment of Ms. Jecinta Segetet Koree as the Chief Officer, County Department of Youth and Sports.

MOTIONS

CONSIDERATION OF NOMINEE FOR APPOINTMENT AS COUNTY SECRETARY

Hon. Simon Kanyutu: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. On behalf of the Majority Leader, taking into consideration the finding of the Committee on Appointments in its report, I beg this House approves the nomination of Mr. Samuel Koinange Wahome for appointment by H.E the Governor as the County Secretary.

On behalf of the committee, we were able to vet Mr. Koinange. On behalf of the members of the Committee on Appointment and pursuant to the provisions of Standing Orders (184), it is my pleasant duty to present to the House, the Committee on Appointment report on the approval hearing of Mr. Samuel Koinange Wahome Nominee for the Appointment as the County Secretary.

On 1st December, 2022. Hon. Speaker, through communication informed the House, that the Clerk of the Assembly that he has received the name of the nominee and directed that the name and curriculum vitae be referred to the Committee on Appointment. That is what we really did and we had our observations;

a) He had satisfied the requirements of the chapter six of the Constitution of Kenya, on leadership and integrity.

b) He has been cleared by the Criminal Investigations Department.

c) In accordance with article (178) (1) (2) Of the Constitution of Kenya and Section (44) of the County Government Act. He is a Kenyan citizen and do not hold dual citizenship

d) His academic credentials and experience are impressive and compliance with section (7&8) of the Public Appointments as County Assembly Approval

e) He has never been in charged in a Court of Law.

f) As stipulated in Article 75(1) of the Constitution, he has no potential conflict of interests…….

Speaker: Order! Order! Hon. George Karuiru. We need silence in the chambers, proceed Hon. Kanyutu.

f) He has satisfied the requirements of Article (77) (1) Of the Constitution of Kenya 2010, Section (44) of the County Government Act.

g) He has never been dismissed from office for contravention of the provisions of public Officer Ethics Acts which deals with conduct of public officers.

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h) He had not been adversely mentioned in any investigatory report of County Assembly or any Commission of Inquiry.

Committees Recommendation;

Pursuant to Article 179(2) (b) of the Constitution, Section 9(2) of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act, 2017, Section 44(2) (D) (b) of the County Governments Act, 2012 and Standing Order No. 184(4), the Committee recommends that, this House approves the nomination of Mr. Samuel Koinange Wahome, for appointment by H.E. the Governor as the County Secretary.

Without much ado and am sure because we had a good time investigating the Hon. Member and him sailing from my area, I can attest to some of the issues he was explaining to the Assembly. I have an experience of his work in style. I call upon Hon. Moile to Second.

(Hon. Eunice Salaten seconded the motion)

(Question proposed)

Hon. Nicholas Mwaniki: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I stand on support of Hon. Koinange being appointed as the County Secretary of Laikipia County. I find him very competitive and very qualified for that job. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Daniel Mugweru: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I also rise in support of the report on approval of the Appointment of the said Samuel Wahome Koinange, to work as the County Secretary in the County Government of Laikipia as he was proposed by H.E the Excellency the Governor.

You being the Chair of that Committee on Appointment and having other Members who we respect in this House, I really support the approval of Samuel Wahome Koinange to be the County Secretary of this Government. On this vetting, there are one or two things he was able to open up and give out policies on how he will curb some of the things that are really haunting this County.

As the report indicated, he promised to be very efficient and accountable which we all need in this County. He promised to be in allegiance with the Governor who was elected by the majority in this County without compromising. You can be so allegiant but on the other hand, you are compromising the execution of the role of the County Secretary.

He being able to balance the allegiance and also performing his duties is one of the attributes that we need for a County Secretary. In that Office of the County Secretary, it is the fulcrum of the County and so even corruption surrounds in that office. Any corruption that happens in the County moves around that office. He was able to promise and gave out on strategies on how he will curb corruption in that office.

He promised on how he will accomplish the previous employment. A lot of people employed in the previous year's got letters of Appointment but are still not in the payroll. Him promising that he will accomplish the mission that was started by the previous regime that is the best thing he can do in this County.

It has been said on several occasions that we have been having ghost workers in this county and he promised he will work on that. He said that that system of having ghost workers in this

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County will stop. Having said that he will manage the issue of wage bill, that needs someone courageous. Somebody who is able to fight those wars because they are difficulties that comes when you are balancing the wage bill. Automatically, there are some people who lose jobs and all that.

Him saying that he will manage that high wage bill, that is the best thing that can happen in this County. From our end, we need money for development. When maybe we manage the high wage bill, then we will have money for development in this County. I support and also call upon Hon. Members to continue supporting Mr. Koinange to the County Secretary of this County.

Hon. Irene Wachuka: Asante Sana. Bwana Spika. Kwanza nikushukuru kamati ambayo ilimkagua Bw. Koinange ambaye ni mzaliwa wa Wadi ya Marmanet. Ni mtoto ambaye amezaliwa mle kijijini na pia ametoka hapa Laikipia. Nimesimama kumuunga mkono kama *County Secretary* wa Laikipia, na maana ya kuunga mkono ni kazi ambayo ametuonyesha akiwa anasimamia kwa niaba.

Gavana anapoenda kule Ng'ambo anaacha mamlaka kwake, lakini sisi ametuonyesha kama Wanalaikipia ni mtu anaweza pia hii kazi na ndio maana kamati iliyomkagua ikaona ni vizuri na amepita kuwa *County Secretary* wa hapa Laikipia na pia ni mtu anatenda. Tunapoenda kwa Ofisi yake, tunampata kule kwa ofisi akiwa amewajibika na anatushughulikia sisi wote. Nashukuru Gavana Wa Kaunti ya Laikipia, Joshua Irungu kwa kuonelea amteue Bwana Koinange kama Katibu wa Kaunti na kamati ambayo ilichunguza Koinange. Asante na naunga mkono.

Speaker: I call upon the mover of this motion to reply.

Hon. Simon Kanyutu: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am grateful for I have realized that Members have been able to interact with the Acting County Secretary. We are confirming somebody we know and I am happy with the way the Honourable Member for Igwamiti has said "hajaangaliwa na macho mbaya kutoka amuone ofisini". This means it is a witness.

I am happy to get him tested and I appreciate. I call upon all the Honourable Members now that we have the active County Secretary, we move forward as a county to ensure that all activities move on as required by the law. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I beg Honourable Members to approve that young County Secretary from Marmanet Ward.

(Question put and agreed to)

CONSIDERATION OF NOMINEE FOR APPOINTMENT AS CHIEF OFFICER FOR COUNTY ADMINISTRATION AND PUBLIC SERVICE

Hon. Samuel Mugambi: Hon. Speaker, I beg to move the following motion;

THAT taking into consideration the findings of the joint committees of County Cohesion Justice and Legal Matters and Labour, Social Welfare and Community Services in its report on the vetting of a nominee for appointment as Chief Officer and Pursuant to the provision of Section 45 (1) b of the County Government Act, 2012 this House approves the appointments of Mr. Peter Ndirangu Hinga as Chief Officer County Department of County Administration and Public Service.

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Pursuant to Section 45 of the County Government Act and section 6 of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act, H.E the Governor nominated Mr. Peter Ndirangu Hinga, for appointment as Chief Officer for County Administration and Public Services.

The nomination of the Chief Officer was conveyed to the Speaker of the County Assembly through a letter (Reference Number: CGL/GVN/E (I)/12) dated 1st December, 2022. The nominee's curriculum vitae and testimonials were enclosed in the said letter.

Pursuant to Standing Order 43(1) and section 7(1) of the public appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act 2017, the Honourable Speaker on 1st December, 2022 read the message from H.E the Governor communicating the name of the nominee to the House for the position of Chief Officer County Administration and Public Service.

Pursuant to Standing Order 46(1), the nominee for the position of the Chief Officer was committed to the County Cohesion, Justice and Legal Matters and Labour, Social Welfare and Community Services Committees for vetting and reporting to Assembly within twenty one sitting days.

The Committee held three sittings; two to prepare for the vetting process and the third meeting in which the nominee appeared and was vetted in accordance with the public appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act, 2017.

I take this opportunity to thank all Members of the two committees for their input and valuable contributions during the deliberations and vetting exercise. The committee also takes this opportunity to thank the office of the Speaker and that of the Clerk of the County Assembly for the logistical support accorded to it during the vetting exercise.

On behalf of the County Cohesion, Justice and Legal Matters and Labour, Social Welfare and Community Services Committees and pursuant to Section 9(1) of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act, 2017, and the provisions of Standing Order No. 191 (5) (f), it is my pleasure and duty to present to the House, the Committees' report on the vetting of the nominee for appointment to the position of Chief Officer County Administration and Public Service.

Mr. Speaker, I request you give me permission to go to Committees' Recommendations; Pursuant to Section 9(2) of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act, 2017 and Standing Order No. 191(5) (f), the Committees recommends that, this House approves the nomination of;

(i) Mr. Peter Ndirangu Hinga, for appointment by H.E the Governor as Chief Officer County Administration and Public Services.

I now request Hon. Ndiritu the MCA for Thingithu to second.

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Asante, Mheshimiwa Spika. Nimesimama kuunga mkono uteuzi wa Hinga kama Afisa Mkuu wa Utawala. Bwana Spika, Hinga aliweza kufika kwa kamati na tukaweza kumkagua. Mimi kama mwanachama wa hiyo kamati niliomwona kama mtu mkakamavu ambaye anaelewa kazi yake na yuko tayari kufanyia Wanalaikipia kazi. Naunga mkono na ninaafiki ripoti ambayo imeletwa na mwenyekiti ambaye tunamdhamini; Mheshimiwa Gatati. Asante.

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(Question proposed)

Hon. Irene Wachuka: Asante, Mheshimiwa Spika. Nimesimama kuunga mkono Bwana Hinga. Pia yeye alikuwa amekaimu lakini tumeona kazi ambayo amefanya akiwa amekaimu na tukimpitisha, atafanya zaidi kuliko vile alikuwa anafanya. Namuunga mkono na nashukuru Mheshimiwa Gatati ambaye alikuwa Mwenyekiti wakiwa na kamati yake kwa kufanya kazi nzuri. Asante, Bwana Spika.

Hon. Antony Theuri: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I support Mr. Peter Ndirangu. I came late when they were vetting him and I had to be the amicus during the vetting session. Mr. Speaker, I know Mr. Hinga on a personal level. He and the County Secretary were in the transitional government in the previous regime. He is an honest and hardworking person and this Assembly will not regret having him as the Chief Officer. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you. I now call upon the mover to reply.

Hon. Samuel Mugambi: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I take this opportunity to thank the members who have participated well and supported the appointment of Mr. Hinga. We wish Mr. Hinga all the best in his endeavours. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

(Question put and agreed to)

CONSIDERATION OF NOMINEE FOR APPOINTMENT AS CHIEF OFFICERS FOR WATER, ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES AND LIVESTOCK AND FISHERIES

Hon. Leila Hussein: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. On behalf of Hon. Gitahi, I beg to move the following motion;

> THAT taking into consideration the findings of the Sectoral Committee on Agriculture, Environment and Natural Resources in its report on the vetting of a nominee for appointment as Chief Officer and Pursuant to the provision of Section 45 (1) b of the County Government Act, 2012 this House approves the appointments of the following persons as Chief Officers;
>
> 1. Mr. Samuel Abram Lemanishoe; County Department of Water, Environment and Natural Resources.
> 2. Mrs. Mary Wanja Gichuru; County Department Mr. Peter Ndirangu Hinga as Chief Officer County Department for Livestock and Fisheries.

Pursuant to Section 45 of the County Government Act, 2012, H.E the Governor nominated Mr. Samuel Abram Lemanyishoe as Chief Officer Nominee for Water, Environment and Natural Resources Department and Mrs Mary Wanja Gichuru as Chief Officer Nominee for Livestock and Fisheries Department.

The nomination of the two (2) together with seven (7) other persons was conveyed to the Clerk of the County Assembly through a letter (Reference Number: CGL/GVN/E(I)/12), (Annexure ii), dated 29th November, 2022. The nominees' curriculum vitae, testimonials and questionnaire were presented to the Clerk on Wednesday 7th December, 2022. On 1st December, 2022 pursuant to Standing Order No. 43 (1), the Speaker of the County Assembly read the message from H.E the Governor communicating the names of the nominees to the House for the position of Chief Officers.

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Pursuant to Standing Order No. 46(1) the names of the nominee were referred to the relevant sectoral committees for vetting, approval and report to the House on or before 21st December, 2022.

Consequently, the Clerk of the County Assembly placed an advertisement in the print media on Friday, 2nd December, 2022, inviting the public to submit memoranda by way of written statements on oath (affidavit) on the suitability or otherwise of each of the nominees. Further, pursuant to section 8 of the public appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act, the committee observed that the two nominees did demonstrate knowledge on topical administrative and technical issues touching on respective departments they have been nominated to.

Having conducted the approval hearings for the nominee pursuant to section 9 of the public appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act and Standing Order 191(5) (f), the committee recommends that this House approves the nomination of;

(i) Mr. Samuel Abram Lemanyishoe for appointment as Chief Officer for water, Environment and Natural Resources.

(ii) Mrs. Mary Wanja Gichuru for appointment as Chief Officer for Livestock and Fisheries.

May I take this opportunity to thank all the Members of the Committee for their input, valuable contributions and time during the approval hearings and deliberations during report writing. The Committee also takes this opportunity to thank the Offices of the Speaker and that of the Clerk of the County Assembly, for the technical support accorded during exercise.

On behalf of the Committee on Agriculture, Environment and Natural Resources and pursuant to section 14(3) (b) of the County Government Act, section 9(1) of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act and the provisions of Standing Order 179(6), it is now my duty and privilege to present to the House, the report of the Committee on Agriculture, Environment and Natural Resources the approval hearings of the nominees for the appointment to the positions of County Chief Officers; Water, Environment and Natural Resources Mr. Samuel Abram Lemanyishoe and Livestock and Fisheries Mrs. Mary Wanja Gichuru.

Committee's Recommendations

Pursuant to Section 45 of the County Government Act, 2012, Section 9(2) of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act, 2017 and Standing Order No. 179, the Committee recommends that; this House approves the nomination of;

(i) Mr. Samuel Abram Lemanyishoe, for appointment by H.E the Governor as County Chief Officer for Water, Environment and Natural Resources Department.

(ii) Mrs. Mary Wanja Gichuru, for appointment by H.E the Governor as County Chief Officer for Livestock and Fisheries Department.

I call upon Hon. Kanyutu to second.

Hon. Simon Kanyutu: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Being a Member of that committee, we vetted the two nominees and they proved that they are capable of doing their work. Mr. Speaker, as a former Chair of this Committee, these nominees are up to the task and I wholly support we approve them as a House. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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(Question proposed)

Hon. Paul Leshuel: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I support the approval of the nominees. The nominees have met the requirements academically and other requirements that are stipulated in the Constitution. I also support the nominee because the nominees are the portfolios that balance the region. Apart from that Mr. Speaker, Water is an issue in Laikipia North. We have an interest in livestock because I am a pastoralist.

When I see the nominees I stand to support them and I am sure basing on the report of the committee, they will perform their duty based on their knowledge, capability, and experience. Mr. Speaker, I have no doubt that they are going to perform their duties. Mr. Speaker, I support. Thank you.

Hon. Salim Edung: Bwana Spika, nashukuru kwa sababu ya hii nafasi ambayo umenipatia. Nilipokuwa nikipekua hizi nakala, nimeangalia kwa makini sana hawa wateule wawili. Wote wako mbele kimasomo na ni watu ambao wakiwa katika serikali yetu, watausaidia sana katika Kaunti ya Laikipia. Nikiangalia kwa makini, sisi kama watu wa Kaskazini mwa Laikipia, katika kilimo na mifugo, mifugo ndio uti wa mgongo.

Tulisema kwamba anatosha kupatiwa hiyo nafasi kuliko kusema akaimu. Ni lazima aingie katika hiyo nafasi ili ahudumie Wanalaikipia. Asante, Bwana Spika.

Hon. George Karuiru: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise to give my contributions to the nominee. Firstly, I would like to congratulate the committee for vetting. One thing I trust this committee is that through you Mr. Speaker, they have been delegated to vet and bring the report to this Honourable House. I trust the committee and whatever they did by interrogating and bringing it to this House is the appropriate way of doing things.

I trust the two nominees despite the many hardships in Laikipia County. They are equal to the task and I know despite my fellow Honourable Member calling himself a pastoralist, when we do the two tasks, there will be no more cattle rustling. They will bring cohesion, integration and justice to the people of Laikipia. As I have said, I trust the committee and I also trust your Honourable House in harmonisation.

If these nominees are guided to the letter, we might have intellectuals and people who think about the needs that are supposed to be done during the dry season and rainy season, they are going to bring togetherness of all the communities in this Laikipia County. If they are tasked, because I trust the committee and you Mr. Speaker who gave the committee the mandate to vet them, Laikipia will be different.

As some people have said, Laikipia is one of the counties that delegates the lifespan of every other person in Kenya. If you would like to reach seventy years threshold, come to Laikipia. Mr. Speaker, I know they are equal to the task. I must congratulate the Governor for coming up with these nominees. When we task them as Chief Officers who are the accounting officers of the department, our county will change and endeavour. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I support.

Speaker: I call upon the mover to reply.

Hon. Leila Hussein: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank the Members for their contributions and I wish the nominees all the best.

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(Question put and agreed to)

CONSIDERATION OF NOMINEE FOR APPOINTMENT AS CHIEF OFFICER FOR YOUTH AND SPORTS

Hon. Catherine Umija: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. On behalf of Hon. Catherine Nyokabi, the Chairperson for Labour, Social Welfare and Community Services Committee, I beg to move the following motion;

> THAT taking into consideration the findings of the Sectoral Committee on Labour, Social Welfare and Community Services in its report on the vetting of a nominee for appointment as Chief Officer and Pursuant to the provision of Section 45 (1) b of the County Government Act, 2012 this House approves the appointments of Ms. Jecinta Segetet Koree as Chief Officer, County Department of Youth and Sports.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the committee and pursuant to Standing Order No. 191(5) it is my pleasure and duty to the House, the Labour, Social Welfare and Community Services Committee Report on the vetting of Chief Officer, Youth and Sports Department.

Pursuant to provision of Standing Order No. 191(5) the committee is also mandated to vet and report on all appointments where the Constitution or any law requires the Assembly to approve, except those under Standing Order 184.

Pursuant to section 45 of the County Government Act and section 6 of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act, H.E the Governor nominated Ms. Jecinta Segetet Koree, for appointment as Chief Officer for Youth and Sports.

The nomination of the Chief Officer was conveyed to the Speaker of the County Assembly through a letter (Reference Number: CGL/GVN/E (1)/12), dated 1st December, 2022. The nominee's curriculum vitae and testimonials were enclosed in the said letter.

Pursuant to Standing Order 43(1) and section 7(1) of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act 2017, the Honourable Speaker on 1st December, 2022 read the message from H.E the Governor communicating the name of the nominee to the House for the position of Chief Officer for Youth and Sports. Pursuant to Standing Order No. 46(1), the nominee for the position of the Chief Officer was committed to Labour, Social Welfare and Community Services Committee for vetting and reporting to the Assembly within twenty one sitting days.

The committee held three sittings, two to prepare for the vetting process and a third meeting in which the nominee appeared and was vetted in accordance with the public appointments.

I take this opportunity to thank all Members of the Committee for their input and valuable contributions during the deliberations and vetting exercise. The committee also takes this opportunity to thank the Offices of the Speaker and that of the Clerk of the County Assembly for the logistical support accorded to it during vetting exercise.

On behalf of the committee on Labour, Social Welfare and Community Services and pursuant to Section 9(1) of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act, 2017 and the provisions of Standing Order No. 191(5), it is my pleasure and duty to present to the House the Committee's report on the vetting of nominee for appointment to the position of Chief Officer, Youth and Sports.

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The nominee observed all the statutory mandates and consideration and she delivered everything that she was supposed to deliver. She was cleared by the EACC. She also presented her academic credentials. She has never been charged in a court of law and she satisfied the requirements of Article 77 of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010 and section 35(4).

On behalf of the committee and in pursuant of Section 9(2) of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act, 2017 and Standing Order No. 191(5), the committee recommends that; this House approves the nomination of;

(i) Ms. Jecinta Segetet Koree for appointment by H.E the Governor as the Chief Officer Youth and Sports.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to call upon Hon. Nicholas Muturi to second me on this motion.

(Hon. Nicholas Mwaniki seconded)

(Question proposed)

Hon. Parleto Lekopien: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I stand to support the motion for Jecinta Segetet Koree. She is qualified. She is also from Sosian Ward and I am glad that she got this position. The last time she was also trying to get the Speaker's position but unfortunately, did not go through. So, I am really glad for her. I would also like to thank the Labour, Social Welfare and Community Services Committee for doing a good job to make sure that we get the best of the best for Laikipia. Thank you and I support.

Speaker: Thank you. Hon. Karuiru?

Hon. George Karuiru: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to congratulate Hon. Umija for her eloquence and representation of the committee. Ms. Jecinta Segetet Koree has been my junior in terms of the Assembly sports and was very vibrant. What I would urge the Hon. Members is that every ward represented here has got an architecture and way of sporting activities. When we go to the political aspect of it, there has been an argument that we do not have a budget for sports.

Mr. Speaker, during the previous Assembly and I thank God that I was in it; I would urge that we have a sports policy to guide our young men and women who are in sports. It is only last week or two or three days ago that we concluded the World Cup. With the vibrant nature of the youth, the Honourable, if you will allow me to call her that, Ms. Jecinta Segetet Koree, as vibrant as she is and very sportive. I know that if, through you and the Office of the Clerk, we have a sports budget. We have endeavoured and fought politically and I know you know that, we always fought that we spend the sports activity money which is not in policy. The current *Wanjiku* does not know that there are budgets and we must be guided. If it is about infrastructural development, ECD, trade, bodaboda sheds and those other things, there must be a budget of the same.

In most of the 47 counties, we have less than ten counties with a policy that guides on sporting activities. So I must join hands with the committee that adjoined this, that now we have a responsible person to stand on the collective accountability of the sporting activities namely Jecinta Segetet Koree. In future, I would want to urge this House to have in its jurisdiction a CECM for sporting activities. We are headed to January and I know we have had the famously known *Kanjo.*

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We had the KICOSCA games, the Assembly games and the KYSIA games which integrate county development wards and responsibilities of those managing those guys who are very good in sports.

I would urge the Honourable House in this case that has been brought by Hon. Umija, we would have direct response to the sporting activities so that we have streamlining right from the CECM, the CO, the Director and the ward development people in terms of sports. We have people who have different talents in terms of sports. I want to quote that in sports we have football, volleyball, netball and all those other games. If this is embraced and put into policy we are going to go far. If we start from the ward level then the county level up to the national level, we are going to leave our sports men and women in places in terms of all the departments that we have.

As Hon. Umija has put it, I think the Hon. Ms. Jecinta Segetet Koree as I personally know her in sporting activities, if she is given this position which I also join hands in supporting her, we are going to go far in terms of Laikipia County sports development. We are also going to go far in terms of our unemployed young men and women when it comes to their talents in sporting activities. I know that if it is embraced, we are going to go far. In terms of this, I embrace, congratulate, welcome and beg the County Government, the County Executive to embrace Jecinta Segetet Koree to be the CO of this noble department so that we can go far. Thank you and I support.

Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Karuiru. I now call upon the Mover to reply.

Hon. Catherine Umija: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to thank the Hon. Members for supporting this report. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Umija.

(Question put and agreed to)

MOTION

CONSIDERATION OF NOMINEE FOR APPOINTMENT AS CHIEF OFFICER FOR FINANCE, COUNTY PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT.

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I beg to move the following motion:

THAT, taking into consideration the findings of the Sectoral Committee on Finance and County Planning in its report on the vetting of the nominee for appointment as Chief Officer, and pursuant to the provisions of Section 45(1)(b) of the County Government Act 2012, this House approves the appointment of Mr. Daniel King'ori Ngumi as Chief Officer County Department of Finance, County Planning and Development.

Mr. Speaker, we have vetted this nominee by the name Daniel King'ori Ngumi and all Members have this report on their desks, a hardcopy of it. In this report there is the mandate of the committee, and because Members have this report they have already read the mandate of the committee. I would also like to inform the House that this committee consists of the following Members:

Committee Membership

(i) Hon. Stephen Ndiritu – Chairperson

(ii) Hon. John Gichuki – Vice-chairperson

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(iii) Hon. Catherine Umija – Member

(iv) Hon. Samuel Gatati – Member

(v) Hon. Paul Leshuel – Member

(vi) Hon. Mary Gathoni – Member

(vii) Hon. George Karuiru – Member

There is also the nomination of the Chief Officer for Finance and County Planning and Members have through that area. There is also the committee meetings and Members have read about our meetings and have confirmed that we have already sat and vetted the nominee.

Acknowledgement

I take this opportunity to thank all the Members of the committee for their input and valuable contributions during the deliberation and vetting exercise. The committee also takes this opportunity to thank the Office of the Speaker and that of the Clerk of the County Assembly for the logistical support accorded to it during the vetting exercise. On behalf of the Finance and County Planning Committee and pursuant to Section 9 (1) of the Public Appointments County Assembly Approval Act 2017 and the provisions of Standing Order No. 191, it is my pleasure and duty to present to this House the committee report on the vetting of the nominee for appointment to position of Chief Officer Finance, County Planning and Development.

There is the background which Members have read, the appointment process – they have gone through that paragraph. There is also the notification to the public, we did an advert and the public was aware of the vetting. The nominee was also tasked with submitting to the Office of the Clerk the duly filled questionnaire as provided under the First Schedule of the Public Appointments.

Mr. Speaker, on submission of the memorandum on 2nd December, the advert was put and the committee did not receive any submissions or memoranda contesting the suitability of the nominee. On the approval hearing of the nominee, Members have gone through it as well. Mr. Daniel King'ori Ngumi, nominee for Chief Officer Finance, County Planning and Development, appeared before the committee on Friday 9th December, 2022 at 11.00 a.m. and was informed by the Chair pursuant to the provision of Section 7 (10).

Members have gone through the area of self-introduction. On professional experience, the nominee has worked in the following entities: County Government of Kiambu (January 2021 – September 2022). He also worked in the County Government of Laikipia as an officer employee (January 2014 – December 2021); National Treasury officer employee (2009 – 2013). He has also been a director of EBI Limited from 2020 to date. On general and specific questions, the Members can go through the report and will see how the nominee responded to the questions.

Committee Observations

The committee observed that:

1. The nominee has satisfied the requirements of Chapter 6 of the Constitution of Kenya on leadership and integrity. He had been cleared by the Criminal Investigations Department (CID), Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission (EACC), Kenya Revenue Authority

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(KRA) on tax compliance, Higher Education Loans Board (HELB) and the Credit Reference Bureau (CRB).

2. In conjunction with Section 78 (1) (2) of the Constitution of Kenya and Section 35 (3) and 34 (4) of the County Government Act, he is a Kenyan citizen and does not hold dual citizenship, and is therefore fit to hold office as the Chief Officer.

Mr. Speaker, I think Members can go through the rest and confirm that this nominee is very qualified, and that is why we as Members of this committee, pursuant to Section 9 (2) of the Public Appointments County Assemblies Approval Act 2017 and Standing Order No. 191 (5) (F), the committee recommends that this House approves the nomination of Mr. Daniel King'ori Ngumi to be the Chief Officer for Finance, County Planning and Development. I want to call upon Hon. Umija who is my Member in that committee and is very energetic, as well as for gender balance, allow me to call her to second this motion. Thank you.

Hon. Catherine Umija: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I want to second the motion. For sure, Daniel Ngumi is really qualified. He understands the nature of his job and now he will have to take up the tasks of ensuring that the most pressing issue that we are talking about, payment of pending bills, which was a heated moment during our vetting processes; he was able to explain a process that seems to be workable, and we are hoping that he is going to be doing that. As a committee, we will follow up on such issues. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Stephen Ndiritu.

(Question proposed)

Hon. Simon Kanyutu: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I can attest because I was in the previous regime. The said nominee was in the government and he is really a worker. At the moment, he is there in an acting capacity. If endorsed, the work will be well done. Thank you and I wholly support Mr. Daniel Ngumi.

Hon. George Karuiru: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would want first of all to congratulate the committee for vetting and scrutinizing the nominee, Daniel King'ori Ngumi. The nominee has been in the treasury during the last regime and I thank God that I was in the last regime as Hon. Kanyutu has said. Out of all that, when the said Daniel King'ori Ngumi got an opportunity in Kiambu County, he rushed and was easily absorbed into that county. So you can see the resources that we have, being born and brought up in Laikipia County, he was absorbed there.

Mr. Speaker, I would beg the Hon. Members to join hands and embrace this appointment of the nominee, Daniel King'ori Ngumi, to be the CO of our County to lead in the Finance department. I know that he is not just equal to the task, he is more than equal to the task. As you have seen, we had a lady from Laikipia West. We also had a man from Laikipia West, Hon. Mariru. If we groom our people, they are also going to be embraced at the National Government and we are going to absorb more of us in the same endeavour because we are equal to task.

I congratulate the Honourable committee led by Hon. Stephen Ndiritu Kamau, alias Kagondu, because I know he scrutinizes more. When he sits in a committee he is equal to the task. I beg the Hon. Members to support Hon. Daniel King'ori Ngumi to be the Chief Officer, County Department of Finance, County Planning and Development. Thank you and I support.

Speaker: I now call upon the Mover to reply.

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Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I take this opportunity to congratulate all the Members for supporting our report. I think Mr. King'ori is the only qualified person in all these reports, and I can testify to that. That is why…

Speaker: Hold on, Hon. What is it, Hon. Shuel?

Hon. Paul Leshuel: Mr. Speaker, is it in order for the Member to say he is the only member who is qualified yet we have already approved a number of them as qualified for those positions?

Speaker: Hon. Member, is that what you meant or insinuated?

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Mr. Speaker, you know I was responding to the report. The Standing Order is very clear that when I am making a submission, nobody should harass me. That is provided in the Standing Orders. So next time, do not allow him to do such things.

Speaker: Proceed.

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I take this opportunity to thank all Members for seeing that the Honourable nominee, Mr. Ngumi, is fit and equal to the task of taking that department from the level it is in upwards. I thank all Hon. Members for that support, thank you.

(Question put and agreed to)

CONSIDERATION OF NOMINEES FOR APPOINTMENT AS CHIEF OFFICERS FOR INFRASTRUCTURE, LANDS, PUBLIC WORKS AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND LANDS, HOUSING, URBAN DEVELOPMENT & RENEWABLE ENERGY

Hon. Simon Kanyutu: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I may not have much because each and every Member has the report on the table, the report on the approval hearing of Peter Gatheca Macharia, nominee for appointment as Chief Officer Infrastructure, Land and Public Works. The nominee is already in the docket in a working capacity. We being the Members… I had even started explaining his role as if he has been appointed.

Mr. Speaker, taking into consideration the findings of the Sectoral Committee on Transport and Public Works, on the report of the vetting of the nominee appointed as Chief Officer, and pursuant to the provisions of Section 45 (a) of the County Government Act 2012, this House approves the appointment of Peter Gatheca Macharia as Chief Officer in the County Department of Infrastructure, Lands, Public Works and Urban Development.

Mr. Speaker, I was endorsing him because he is already working under the same capacity in the same office and has even started performing before we approve him. We being a committee of seven Members, I being the Chair, Hon. Caroline Kihika being the Vice-chair, Hon. Parleto Lekopien, Hon. Daniel Mugweru Muchemi, Hon. Nicholas Mwaniki, Hon. Benson Kuria Mwangi and Hon. Lempaira Korkole being Members, we were able to vet Mr. Macharia Gatheca and he really proved that he is capable.

Even if I try to substantiate some of the issues and each and every person has the document, all that we have and require is to ensure that he works to the maximum because the demands on the ground are so high. Our people require roads and he is the one mandated on the same. So pursuant to Section 45 of the County Government Act and Standing Order No. 191 (5)(1)(F), the committee recommends that this House approves the nomination of Peter Gatheca Macharia for approval by H.E. The Governor as the Chief Officer for Infrastructure and Public Works. Having

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the structure with us, I am happy because we will start benefitting and our people will start benefitting as well. I call upon the Hon. Member for Umande, Daniel Mugweru to second.

Hon. Daniel Mugweru: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I stand to second the appointment and the motion brought by my Chair. The people of Umande are really crying waiting for the roads to be done. The people of Ngobit are crying, everybody is crying in Laikipia and now what we ought to do is approve him as fast as now so that he may be sworn in before six o'clock so that tomorrow he may start working. Thank you and I second.

Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Members.

(Question proposed)

Hon. George Karuiru: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would want first of all to congratulate the Chair, Hon. Kanyutu, and the team for coming up with this resolution. Mr. Macharia Gatheca Peter was in the last regime and I must also thank God that I was in the same regime. It is like he was chased away by the former regime and according to the current regime that we are in, Mr. Macharia proved to be one of the best Chief Officers in terms of infrastructural development. I thank God that through the Chair, Hon. Simon Kanyutu Kimani, we found it prudent not to lose this guy in terms of development. As we are endeavouring in this regime of development and of devolution being in power since 2013.

If we do not make our roads and make our projects in terms of the movement, even if we would have more hospitals, and without good roads, without good towns developed and also aspiring in terms of development, I think we will not be anywhere.

Mr. Speaker, out of my personal interrogation through the same CEO, Mr. Macharia, from what I have heard, like my Ward in Sipili or Olmoran Ward, I know we are going to go far. So I embrace what the committee brought to this House and I know Mr. Macharia is even more equal to the task because he is also connected to the National Government. After spatial planning of our various towns that we have in this County, Mr. Speaker, through you, we are going to have everybody settled. We are going to have all the possible pavements, roads, stages and everything else.

So, I am pleased and I know the Hon. Members will embrace this Mr. Macharia that we put him in business so that after 2027, everybody in this House will come back because what is of key to the reappointment and us being elected is about the infrastructure development. Mr. Speaker, I know if we support him, we will go far and we will be fair and come 2032, most of Hon. Members here will be Hon. Members in high Houses, not only Laikipia County Assembly but in higher offices. Thank you Mr. Speaker, I support

Speaker: The Hon. Catherine Nyokabi.

Hon. Catherine Nyokabi: Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir. I rise in support of approval of Mr. Peter Gatheca Macharia. First, Mr. Speaker Sir, is to congratulate H.E the Governor for giving us the suitable person in this department. Secondly, is to congratulate the Committee, which is led by Hon. Simon Kanyutu for bringing timely reports to this House. Mr. Speaker Sir, Mr. Peter Gatheca Macharia is an energetic person who has wealth in knowledge and so by giving him this chance, we know he is going to move Laikipia to a higher level. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, the Hon. Paul Shuel.

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Hon. Paul Shuel: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I also stand to support. Mr. Speaker, I know Mr. Peter Gatheca Macharia. He worked in this Laikipia and I vetted him in 2013 and worked up to 2017. So he knows every corner of Laikipia. He also has capacity on roads and infrastructure, and I can confirm to this House that he is suitable for that position and on that, I want to urge Hon. Members to support this motion. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you. I call upon the mover to reply.

Hon. Simon Kanyutu: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I really appreciate how the Members have contributed because having worked with Mr. Peter Gatheca Macharia, it seems that each and everybody can attest that he is capable. When we were interrogating him, we had so many tough questions that he really responded very well to. So as I speak on his behalf in the front of the House or on this report, I am assured that given the opportunity right away, we will start the work immediately with a proper budget. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I call upon all the Members to agree on the same so that we work for our people.

Speaker: Thank you Hon. Members. I now stand to put the question

(Question put and agreed to)

CONSIDERATION OF NOMINEE FOR APPOINTMENT AS CHIEF OFFICER FOR TRADE TOURISM, COOPERATIVE AND ENTERPRISES

Hon. Catherine Nyokabi: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I beg to move the following motion

THAT taking into consideration the findings of the Sectoral Committee on Trade, Tourism and Cooperatives in its report on the vetting of a nominee, for appointment as Chief Officer and pursuant to the provision of section 45(1) B of the County Government Act 2012, This House approves the appointment of Mr. Samuel Njuki Mahiga as Chief Officer, County Department of Trade, Tourism, Cooperative and Enterprise.

Mr. Speaker Sir, allow me to go direct to the report. On behalf of the Members of the Trade, Tourism and Cooperative and pursuant on the provision of Standing Order No. 191(5) F, it is my pleasure and duty to present the House the Committee Report on the vetting of Chief Officer Trade, Tourism and Cooperatives, Mr. Samuel Njuki Mahiga.

Committee's mandate

The Committee is mandated to look into Trade development and regulations including the market trade license excluding regulation of the professionals, fair trading practices, local tourism and cooperative societies. The committee pursuant to the provision of Standing Order No. 191(5) G shall consider for approval all appointments as required by the Assembly except those under Standing Order No. 184.

Nomination of the Chief Officer for the Trade, Tourism and Cooperatives

Pursuant to the section 45 of the County Government Act and Section 6 of the Public Appointment County Assemblies Approval Act, H.E the Governor nominated Mr. Samuel Njuki Mahiga for appointment as Chief Officer Trade, Tourism and Cooperatives.

The nomination of the Chief Officer was conveyed to the Speaker of the County Assembly through a letter reference no. CGLGVN (e) 112, dated 1st December 2022. The nominee's

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Curriculum Vitae and testimonies were enclosed in the said letter. On 1st December 2022, Pursuant to Standing Order 43(1), the Speaker of the County Assembly led the message from H.E the Governor communicating the name of the nominee to the House for the position of Chief Officer Trade, Tourism and Cooperatives. Pursuant to Section 5 of the Public Appointment County Assemblies Approval Act and Standing Order 46 (1), the name of the nominee was referred to Trade Tourism and Cooperatives for vetting and reporting to the House.

Mr. Speaker Sir, since each and every one has the report, allow me to move to committee observations.

Committee Observations

The Committee having considered the nominees curriculum vitae and heard his oral submission during the vetting exercise interview, made the following observations:

1. He has satisfied the requirements of Chapter 6 of the constitution of Kenya on leadership and integrity. He had been cleared by the Criminal Investigation Department (CID), Ethics and Anticorruption Commission (EACC), Kenya Revenue Authority on tax compliance, Higher Education Loans Board and the Credit Reference Burial.
2. In accordance with Article 78(1) 2 of the constitution of Kenya 2010, he is a Kenyan citizen and does not hold dual citizenship and is therefore free to hold office as a Chief Officer.
3. His academic credentials and experience were impressive and in compliance with Section 7(8) of the Public Appointment County Assembly Approval Act 2017.
4. He has never been charged in a court of law
5. As stipulated in Article 7(5) 1 of the Constitution, he has no potential conflict of interest. He satisfies the requirements of Article 77(1) of the Constitution of Kenya 2010 in the Act, he does not intend to participate in any other gainful employment.
6. He had never been dismissed from office for contravention of the provision of public Ethics Act which deals with conduct of Public Officers.
7. He had not been adversely mentioned in any investigatory report of County Assembly or any Commission of Enquiry.
8. He is not a member of any political party neither does he hold any political office.
9. The nominee exhibited impressive knowledge of topical issues touching the Department of Trade, Tourism and Cooperative and has the great abilities qualification and experience.

Committee recommendations

Pursuant to Section 9(2) of the Public Appointment County Assemblies Approval Act 2017 and Standing Order No. 191(5) F, the committee recommended that this House approves the nomination of Mr. Samuel Njuki Wahiga for appointment by H.E the Governor as Chief Officer Trade, Tourism and Cooperative. May I take this opportunity, Mr. Speaker to requests my able Deputy Speaker to second this report.

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Hon. Anthony Theuri: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I stand here to support the report, I being the Member of that committee. He has answered our questions beyond expectations and I being a business, apart from the legislator in this House, I find Mr. Samuel Njuki Mahiga to be over qualified. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

(Question proposed)

Hon. George Karuiru: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, I must congratulate the Committee on Trade, Tourism and Cooperative. Actually, we passed the CECM for the same. This County of ours is enshrined on potential matters of trade and tourism. Mr. Speaker, Mr. Samuel Njuki Mahiga, out of what the committee brought to this Assembly, as a report, I embrace him as the best out of all those that actually applied. I am hoping that when we give him the space to endeavor about the trade and tourism, we are going to go fast. So I support and I embrace the committee and I thank them. I thank you too, Mr. Speaker for the same and we are going to go far. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Member. I call upon the mover to reply.

Hon. Catherine Nyokabi: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I want to congratulate the Members for their support of to report and I want to wish the nominee all the best. Thank you.

(Question put and agreed to)

CONSIDERATION OF NOMINEES FOR APPOINTMENT AS CHIEF OFFICERS FOR INFRASTRUCTURE, LANDS, PUBLIC WORKS AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND LANDS, HOUSING, URBAN DEVELOPMENT & RENEWABLE ENERGY

Hon Simon Kanyutu: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I beg to move the following motion

> THAT taking into considerations the findings of the Sectoral Committee on Transport and Public Works in its report on the vetting of nominee for appointment as Chief Officer and pursuant to the provision of section 45 (1) of the County Government Act 2012. This House approves the appointment of Kenneth Irumbi Kibara, as the Chief Officer County Department of Infrastructure, Land, Housing, Urban Development and Renewable Energy.

Mr. Speaker, I am happy because each and every Member has this report. As per all the requirements that each and every Member is supposed to have gone through, Mr. Kenneth Irumbi Kibara was excellent. In addition, as we were interrogating him, we came to learn that he had even been working with the Kenya Power Company, which means he has a lot of experience and is resourceful to our County. I am sure due to the poor conductivity with some of the regions that we have, he is going to be very beneficial.

Having interrogated him, we being the seven Members, we got to see that he has a lot of input for our County and I would wish to call upon all the Members that if we approve him, maybe some of the areas that have been a challenge previously, Mr. Kenneth Irumbi Kibara will be able to assist us and ensure we have gone the right way.

Therefore, pursuant to section 45 (1) B of the County Government Act 2012, under Standing Order No. 191(5) F, The Committee recommends that this house **approves** the nomination of Mr. Kenneth Irumbi Kibara for appointment by H.E the Governor, as the Chief Officer, Land, Housing, and Urban Development. Mr. Speaker, I call upon Hon. Member for Umande to second.

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Speaker: Hon Member for Umande.

Hon. Daniel Mugweru: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I second the motion, because Mr. Kenneth Irumbi Kibara is one of the great men from this County, whom we expect a lot from. Hon. Speaker, I have nothing else apart from calling upon Hon. Members to support the appointment of Kenneth Irumbi Kibara to be the Chief Officer for Transport and Public Works in this County. Hon. Speaker, I second. Thank you.

(Question proposed)

Hon. George Karuiru: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I want to congratulate the committee for the vetting. It is good that we mandate each and every committee. Mr. Speaker, the time I have known the Mr. Kenneth Irumbi Kibara during his terms in KPLC, he has been very prudent in the electrification. Mr. Speaker, in the Rift Valley or the region that we are in, I know we are less concerned and I know when he was interrogated. I must appreciate the committee that did the vetting, despite of the Infrastructure, Housing, Urban Development, and Renewable Energy, Mr. Speaker, we are going to be considered the first on top because we will have a person who is prudent and who is vibrant in the same aspect.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate the committee led by their able chair, and I am hoping that if you have these kind of people, we are going to take Laikipians to high levels in this term of 2022 to 2027. I support the said nominee and I am hoping that when he comes, he will take us to greater heights in terms of the Urban Development, Lands, Housing and Renewable Energy. So Mr. Speaker, I urge all Members to support and I know we are going to go far in terms of in terms of this. Thank you.

Speaker: I now call upon the mover to reply

Hon Simon Kanyutu: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am very humbled by the way the papers have been supported. Mr. Speaker, even on my part, I was supporting Kenneth Irumbi Kibara because I have a school that has existed for over 15 years without power connection and the power is just about a kilometer away. So while approving him, I am sure by the time he is sworn in, I will be the first casualty to visit his office and to see that he has ensured my school has power. So Mr. Speaker, I call upon all the other Members to ensure that we approve Kenneth Irumbi Kibara for us to ensure that we work for our County and also our people will benefit on the same. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

(Question put and agreed to)

CONSIDERATION OF NOMINEE FOR APPOINTMENT AS CHIEF OFFICER FOR EDUCATION, SOCIAL SERVICES AND GENDER

The Hon. Daniel Mugweru: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. On behalf of the Chairperson of the Joint Committee, that is Hon. Irene Wachuka. I beg to move the following motion.

> THAT taking into consideration the findings of the Joint Committee on Education Vocational Training, ICT and Labor Social Welfare and Community Services, in its report on the vetting of the nominee for appointment as a Chief Officer and pursuant to the provision of section 45(1) B of the County Government Act 2012, this House approves the appointment of Mr. John Mwangi Gichuki as Chief Officer, County Department of Education, Social Services and Gender.

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Hon. Speaker Mr. John Mwangi Gichuki, who was appointed by H.E the Governor for this position is a qualified person. Firstly, he has a teaching background and even without telling much about him, Hon Members, be assured that this committee has vetted him. We have found him suitable and he is the best for this position. As soon as you can approve him, I mean, as soon as you can approve him in the next five minutes, then he will be sworn in. The bursaries will go to your Wards, and everything will be set straight.

Hon. Speaker, pursuant to section 9(2) of the Public Appointment, County Assembly Approval Act 2017 and Standing Order No. 191(5) F, The Committee recommends that this House approves the nomination of Mr. John Mwangi Gichuki for appointment by H.E the Governor as Chief Officer, Education, Social Service and Gender.

Since the nominee is from Olmoran, I call upon Hon. George Karuiru to second and make sure that he takes the shortest time possible because this Member should be approved as soonest. Thank you.

Speaker: The Hon George Karuiru.

Hon George Karuiru: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I must respect the Chair. I must congratulate the Chairperson because during the vetting session, we actually saw him being vibrant and without any hindrance. Mr. Speaker, I must say that out of interest that I declared at that time, I know Mr. John Gichuki as a vibrant guy. Mr. Speaker, during the first regime of 2013/14/15, Mr. John Gichuki had queried the County Government and which he did not support by then about issues of the education. Mr. Speaker, I know him as an intellectual, a person who actually studied at the Lariak High School, in terms of education, after his studies in the colleges and the universities.

Mr. Speaker, this guy is equal to the task because the policies he wanted made during that regime, actually that is what he wants to come achieve. We need to board this, Mr. Speaker, so that we can go over.

Speaker: The Hon. Antony Theuri, what is it?

Hon. Antony Theuri: Point of correction Mr. Speaker Sir. Is it in order for the Hon. Member to eat or drink inside here apart from the water provided in the chambers? My good neighbor here, Hon. Stephen Nderitu has a buffet. He has everything here. Is it in order because I feel like I am also getting hungry, and I would not mind eating here as I am listening to this business of the day. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: The Hon. Stephen Nderitu, Is that so?

Hon. Stephen Nderitu: Mr. Speaker, I think the Hon. Member is just angry because there is no Standing Order that prevents me from eating here. We can sit here until mid-night and the only thing am eating here is a snack. If he does not mind, I can share a piece with him. Thank you Hon. Speaker.

Speaker: Hon. Members, since we are at the end of our session, kindly allow the Hon. George Karuiru to wind-up.

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Hon. George Karuiru: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I think as Hon. Members, we have to organize ourselves when we are coming from our various respective places because this House is actually not supposed to be a cafeteria.

Mr. Speaker, I want to finalize about the Mr. Mwangi Gichuki. He is a good and experienced fellow, you can see because I was in a panel that actually did vet him and I went through his documents. Actually, it is not about the Governor, I am actually appreciative to the Governor that he actually came to my Ward and picked one of the most vibrant people to also represent the County Government among his Chief Officers.

I must thank God that last time I had a representative from my ward in the health sector and this other time too. I am sorry to the Wards that have not been presented. Education is key and illiteracy is one of the things that causes insecurity in my area. Mr. Speaker, if we do not educate our people, we are all in danger. Mr. Mwangi Gichuki is vibrant in terms of insecurity issues and he is going to educate our people and tell them how they can also change the mentality of farming to education.

We are going to educate our people Mr. Speaker and tell them how they can also change their mentality of farming to education. We are going to go far in terms of development of ECD and also sports. If we have Mr. Mwangi Gichuki, he is going to bring the norm that we need in this county. So I must thank the Governor and the Hon. Members because I know that they will be supportive to this person, they are going to trust the committee that vetted this person. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, I support Mwangi Gichuki to be the Chief Officer Education, Vocational, Training and ICT, Labour Social Welfare and Community Services.

(Question proposed)

Hon. Mary Gathoni: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise in support of approval of Mr. Mwangi Gichuki. I also participated in his vetting and evaluated him. According to his education background, I believe that he is up to task. Thank you.

Hon. Salim Edung: Bwana Spika nashukuru sana kwa sababu ya Bwana Mwangi. Tulipoangalia makaratasi yake, tuliona ya kwamba ni mtu ambaye yuko stadi na pia ni mtu ambaye atakuja kusaidia Kaunti yetu. Nashukuru Ofisi ya Gavana pamoja na Ofisi ya Spika na pia Mwenyekiti wa Kamati ya Elimu, Mheshimiwa Mugweru ambaye pamoja tulikagua makaratasi yake. Tuliangalia hadi kitambulisho na kuhakikisha ya kwamba ilikuwa sawa. Ninaunga Bwana Mwangi kwa sababu ikifikia Januari wanafunzi watahitaji *bursary*. Tunaona pia ya kwamba akiwa pale ni mtu ambaye atatusaidia katika kitengo cha elimu. Kama Kamati ya Elimu, tuliona ya kwamba atatupeleka mbali na Mungu ambariki.

Hon. Benson Kuria: Asante sana Mheshimiwa Spika kwa hii nafasi ambaye umeweza kunikabidhi. Nashukuru Mwenyekiti ambaye alikuwa anayewakilisha Kamati ya Elimu, Mheshimiwa kutoka Umande. Naunga mkono uteuzi wa John Mwangi Gichuki.

Speaker: I now call upon the mover to reply.

Hon. Daniel Mugweru: Thank you. Mr. Speaker. I wish to thank all the Hon. Members who have made their contributions towards the approval of John Gichuki and even those who have not contributed, I am very sure that deep in their hearts they are in support of this great man from Laikipia. Thank you and we will support him to the end.

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(Question put and agreed to)

PROCEDURAL MOTION

ADJOURNMENT FOR LONG RECESS

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. On behalf of the Majority Leader, Hon. John Gichuki the HBC. I beg to move the following motion;

THAT this Assembly approves the application of Standing Order No. 29(3) to allow it adjourn its sitting from Wednesday, 21st December, 2022 to Monday, 13th February, 2023 and to resume on Tuesday, 14th February, 2023 at 2.30 p.m.

Bwana Spika, huu ni wakati mwafaka wa kuleta huu mswada katika hili Bunge kwa sababu hili Bunge linaongozwa na kalenda. Kalenda ya Bunge tutakapoenda likizo kutoka siku ya kesho, tutarejea hapa tarehe kumi na nne ambapo itakuwa ni siku ya *valentines*. Kwa hivyo, mimi nafikiria ya kwamba huu ni wakati mwafaka ambapo Wajumbe watapata nafasi ya kusherehekea pamoja na familia zao kwa sababu tunaelekea msimu wa Krismasi ambapo Yesu Kristo alizaliwa.

Mimi naelewa ya kwamba wengi wetu ambao tuko katika hili Bunge tutakuwa na sherehe ambazo zitafanyika na pia Wajumbe watapata nafasi ya kuweza kuonana na wananchi ambao waliwachagua. Kwa hivyo ni vyema pia nikumbushe wajumbe ya kwamba walipokuja hapa kuna wale ambao waliwatuma. Kwa hivyo wakati tunaenda likizo kutoka kesho hadi mwezi wa pili mwaka wa 2023, tutakuwa na nafasi ya kuwa na waliotuchagua na waweze kutuuliza maswali na yale mambo ambayo wangehitaji kutekelezewa kwa mwaka unaofuata.

Bwana Spika, huu ni wakati mwafaka ambapo wajumbe watapata kujifurahisha na familia zao zilizo mbali kama Mheshimiwa Karuiru na Mheshimiwa Kamara. Wataweza kupata nafasi ya kukaa na familia karibu sana kila siku. Kwa hivyo mambo yote itakuwa sawa. Biblia inatuambia ya kwamba ni lazima tuhakikishe ya kwamba dunia imejaa na kwa hivyo, Wajumbe watapata nafasi wanapokaa na familia zao kujifurahisha na pia kushughulikia hicho kipengele. Naomba wajumbe waweze kuangalia hili jambo kwa makini na waweze kupitisha huu mswada ndio tupate kuendelea na likizo kumbwa. Naomba Mheshimiwa Mugweru aweze kuafiki huu mswada. Asante.

Hon. Daniel Mugweru: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I stand to second the approval of the application of Standing Order to allow the adjournment of our sittings from today until February 13th, 2023. We do not have a choice because it is clear in our Standing Order and our calendar that we have to leave today until 13th, February.

Hon. Speaker, it is also a responsibility because we have represented our people very well for that session and represented their issues. Now it is high time we go back to our constituents for them to give us new agendas so that when we come from February, we be able to represent them in this Honourable House. Thank you.

Hon. George Karuiru: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I must embrace what Hon. Stephen Ndiritu has pushed in this. Mr. Speaker, I must congratulate you because the other day we had a short recess and we enjoyed ourselves and organized matters on Laikipia County. What he has said is actually very true. I remember him saying that since 2017 when he was elected for the 2nd term in devolution, he had no child. Therefore, it would be prudent that we have our lives during our political times. We cannot avoid them if we want to help our people. As young as the Hon. Stephen is, he needs to get more kids.

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Therefore, as you have put this calendar, it would be very good that we go until February. Change is inevitable. The coming times we will want to have other things and views from public participation in our places because in the former times we did not have to go and listen to our people. Now it is high time we go to the ground and listen to our people, come to you Mr. Speaker and the Clerk so that we be able to view and review what our people feel.

Mr. Speaker, we have diverse family times. Some of us have got families in Nairobi, Nakuru, Eldoret, Kitale and elsewhere and it is high time that we merge so that we benchmark. I know that the Hon. Stephen had some experience when we went to Botswana and he had a kid there. I embrace that this is an Eastern Africa Countries time that we must embrace and go ahead…

Speaker: Hold on Hon. Karuiru.

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Bwana Spika, mimi nimepigwa na butwa na ningependa ufafanuzi kutoka Mheshimiwa Karuiru ambaye anasema ya kwamba niko na mtoto Botswana. Ningependa kufafanulia hili Bunge ya kwamba sijawahi kutembea Botswana. Kwa hivyo yale ambayo Mheshimiwa Karuiru anasema ni uongo mtupu. Hili ni Bunge la sheria na kwa hivyo Mheshimiwa Karuiru ametoka nje ya sheria kwa kupotoza hili Bunge ya kwamba niko na mtoto Botswana mahali ambapo sijawahi kutembea. Kwa hivyo, ningetaka arudishe yale maneno ya pia aniombe msamaha. Akiweza pia anaweza kutoka pia kutoka kwa hili Bunge kwa sababu yale amesema hapa ametoka nje ya sheria.

Speaker: Hon. Stephen, it is the prerogative of the Chair to decide on whether the Member moves out or not. Hon. Karuiru, do you shave any substantiation of the claim?

Hon. George Karuiru: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I must apologize that it was not in Botswana but Ethiopia. It is the Member who actually told me that whoever the opposite sex he met in Ethiopia, he had actually interacted and after a call there emerged something and I think that that is the beauty of EALA which we also go.

Speaker: Hon. Karuiru, we do not deviate from the motion but I will give you a minute.

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Mr. Speaker, I need a clarification from him. Stating that I have got a child in Ethiopia, that is a very wrong message because whatever he is saying is being recorded by the HANSARD. I have got a family with a wife and children. What if my wife hears that I have got a child in Ethiopia, she might run away. So Mr. Speaker, protect me by asking him to withdraw that statement because he cannot even substantiate whatever he is saying. If he is saying that I have got a child, he should call the child by name. So that is demeaning and I am feeling that my family is in danger.

Speaker: The Hon. Kanyutu wants to interject.

Hon. Simon Kanyutu: Mr. Speaker, I think that you need to give us guidance on how to go about this. Anyway, when Hon. Ndiritu was in Ethiopia, he walked together with a very young lady and maybe that is why he is being considered to being having another child. So Mr. Speaker, resolve this so that we can complete the matters ahead.

Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Kanyutu. Hon. Karuiru, for us to put this matter at rest, do you have any evidence?

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Hon. George Karuiru: Mr. Speaker, as we come out of this House today, we will have kamukunji discussions…

Speaker: Allow me to ask you again. Do you have any evidence on what you mentioned?

Hon. George Karuiru: The only evidence that I have maybe out of knowledge, is that the Hon. Member told me that he enjoyed in Ethiopia and after a year he got a call. You know Mr. Speaker these are things…

Speaker: Hon. Karuiru, I asked whether you have got any evidence but what you presenting to us is just hearsay. Let us not deviate any further from the discussion.

Hon. George Karuiru: Mr. Speaker, let me withdraw.

Speaker: Thank you, for withdrawing. Hon. Mugweru what is it?

Hon. Daniel Mugweru: Mr. Speaker, he is not only supposed to withdraw but also apologize unconditionally because it is not true. The Standing Orders are very clear that everything in this House, you must be having tangible evidence and substantiate it. That is the law.

Hon. George Karuiru: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As you have heard the Member say that he was not in Botswana, I don't have to apologize so much because he is the one who told me that he was in Ethiopia and outside this House we agreed. I also say that I apologize to him but I don't need to withdraw a lot of things because it was one on one with him.

I wanted to say that we need to have a leave so that all the things which we have for example, I have a family, a wife and kids and I need to take them away. The last thing I would like to say is that you need to make a budget for us Mr. Speaker in terms of what wanjiku expects from us. I am feeling from Laikipia East because in Laikipia West, at least we had some yields. If we do not get some yields for Laikipia North and East, our people will not enjoy.

So I would ask this Hon. House that we enjoy and get together because we were brought in this House by God who gave us sufficient rain in Laikipia North, East and Laikipia West so that we can come together and help our people and families. Lastly and unconditionally, help Hon. Stephen Ndiritu Kamau as he has always told me in those *kamukunjis* to have a family of nine children and one wife and I embrace that. I am praying for him and I know that we are going to go far. Thank you.

Hon. Paul Leshuel: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I stand to support the procedural motion that we need to go for recess. We are representing people and this is December where we want to be with them during Christmas and in normal activities. So, it is very important for us to be with them. Apart from that, we also need to be with our families. The school is closed and definitely our kids are at home and therefore we need to be with them. I want to urge the Members that as much as we contribute and have the privilege of the floor, we need to stick ourselves to the motions because we don't need to go out of motions by starting other things as if we are joking.

This is a public domain and all what we are saying here will be read by everybody in this county and even outside. People may mistake that we normally come here to joke and say other things that are unnecessary. So we are men and ladies and might do other things outside here but that is not our concern here. Our concern here is serious business based on the issues of our people and Kenya as a whole. That is our role while we are here. Thank you, Mr. Speaker for your wisdom

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and the way you are causing us to work together. As much as we are going for recess, let us not forget each other because the moment we leave here, I am sure that I might stay for two months without communicating with Lekopien or others.

Mr. Speaker, you also need to be ahead of us to think how we will be meeting somewhere in January or February and know how our December was because 60 days is not two days. I may even forget Nyokabi and how she normally contributes in this House but it is very important for us to go for recess. Thank you and I support this.

Speaker: Thank you, very much. I call upon the mover to make a reply.

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Asante, Bwana Spika. Nataka kuchukua nafasi hii kuwapongeza wale wote ambao wamechangia kwa sababu wamechangia kulingana inavyostahili. Niwatakie pia Krismasi njema na mwaka mpya ulio na mafanikio. Bwana Spika, nataka kukupatia hongera kwa vile umetuongoza kwa hicho kipindi kifupi na vile bado ulikuwa mgeni kwa hiyo kazi, naona ya kwamba umefanya kazi vilivyo na umekuwa mtu wa kuelewa mambo kwa haraka na kutupeleka vizuri.

Vile hawa Wajumbe walikuwa wakati uliopita walipoenda likizo, sio kumaanisha eti kuenda likizo ni kuenda kulala kwa sababu biashara za Bunge huwa haziishi. Ukiwa mwenyekiti unaelewa ya kwamba bado utapanga vile kazi itakuwa ikiendelea hata tukiwa katika likizo. Tukimaliza likizo, bado kazi itaendelea. Kwa hivyo, wewe Bwana Spika ndio wa hili Bunge na kwa hivyo utaangalia vile kazi itakavyofanyika. Wajumbe pia nawapatia hongera kwa sababu tumekuwa na wakati mwema tulipokuwa tunaendelea na biashara zetu na mambo yalikuwa mazuri.

Jambo la mwisho Bwana Spika, naona ya kwamba leo wajumbe wamechangamka na kwa sababu kuna wale ambao wamechangamka zaidi ya wengine kama Mheshimiwa Karuiru, leo imekuwa Bunge ni lake kwa sababu amekuwa akichangia kwa kila mswada na ningetaka nijue mahali hii furaha imetoka. Ikiwezekana tuwe tukiangalia vizuri ili tusiwe tukizidisha furaha hapa. Kwa hayo machache, ni asante na Mungu awabariki.

Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Member. A hilarious day indeed. After the mover has replied, Members I want to direct you to our Standing Orders No. 29(3) which states as follows; *"On a day when the Assembly is scheduled to adjourn to a day other than the next normal siting day in accordance with the Assembly Calendar, the Leader of the Majority or the Leader of the minority Party or another Member of the House Business Committee shall move a motion of adjournment which shall be debated for not more than three hours after which the Assembly shall adjourn without question put".*

CONSIDERED RULING

Speaker: Thank you, Members. I just want to pass a notification. Being towards the end of the year, the County Assembly has planned for an end year get together which also will culminate into a team building. The Members are requested in their busy schedules to avail yourselves and mingle and do the activities together with the staff. The venue will be at Bantu Lodge tomorrow afternoon.

We have some official information which has not been communicated to us officially about the planting of trees tomorrow. The reason why I did not make an official communication is

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because I have not received an official invitation. We are just creating time because what we have is a word of mouth that the Deputy President will be available tomorrow for the tree planting day at Marmanet area. It will be at 10.00 o'clock and so we presume that most likely by 1.00 o'clock, it will be through. I am saying presume because we do not have a substantive official communication in regards to the length of time. So, I just wanted to share with you that information. I feel that it is good that we all come to the same page with the information which I do have. Thank you.

ADJOURNMENT

Speaker: The sittings of this House now stands adjourned until Tuesday, 14th February, 2023 at 2.30 p.m.

The House rose at 5.45 p.m.

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