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Tuesday, 9th May, 2023

Special Sitting

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The House met at 10.34 a.m.

[The Speaker (Hon. (Mrs.) Kiusya) in the Chair]

PRAYERS

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR
CONVENING OF THE SPECIAL SITTING

Hon. Speaker: Good Morning Hon. Members. Welcome to today's sitting. I have the following communication to make. This special sitting is informed by the County Assembly of Machakos Standing Order 26(1) and (2) which states that:

Whenever during a Session, the House stands adjourned, whether or not a day has been appointed for the next meeting, the Speaker may appoint a day for a special sitting of the House –

- (a) On request of the Leader of the Majority Party or the Leader of the Minority Party, appoint a day for a special sitting of the House;
- (b) On the signed request by Members not less than a third of the Membership of the Assembly, such a request shall be addressed to the Speaker.

The Speaker may allow a request under paragraph (1) if the Speaker is satisfied that the business proposed to be transacted is urgent or exceptional.”

Hon. Members, this sitting has been convened vide Gazette Notice No. 5790 (Vol. CXXV-No.103) issued on 5th May, 2023. The Gazette Notice partly reads; NOTICE is given to all members of the County Assembly of Machakos and the general public that pursuant to Standing Order 26 of the County Assembly of Machakos Standing Orders that, I have appointed Tuesday, 9th May, 2023 as a day for Special Sitting of the County Assembly of Machakos.

The business to be transacted during this special sitting shall be:

- (a) Consideration of reports on vetting and approval of nominees for appointment to the positions of Chief Officers, Chairperson and Member of the County Public Service Board.
- (b) Any other business pursuant to Standing Order 151(6)(d),(e) and (f) as may be admitted by the Speaker.

Thank you, Hon. Members.

PAPERS LAID

VARIOUS PAPERS

Hon. Speaker: May I ask Hon. Nicholas Nzioka, Hon. Stephen Mwanthi, Hon. Vincent Mutie, Hon. Charles Mbuva, Hon. Jeremiah Kaloi, Hon. Joshua Mwonga and Hon. Daniel Muindi to lay those Papers in that order. You may proceed, Hon. Nicholas Nzioka.

Hon. Nicholas Nzioka (Machakos Central, WDM-K): Thank you, Madam Speaker. Hon. Speaker, I wish to lay the following Papers on the Table of the Assembly today, 9th May, 2023;

- i. Budget Estimates for FY 2023/2024
- ii. The Second Supplementary budget Estimates FY 2022/2023
- iii. Athi River Level 4 Hospital Quarterly report and financial statements for the period ended March, 2023
- iv. Matuu Level 4 Hospital Quarterly report and financial statements for the period ended March, 2023
- v. Kathiani Level 4 Hospital Quarterly report and financial statements for the period ended March, 2023
- vi. Masinga Level 4 Hospital Quarterly report and financial statements for the period ended March, 2023
- vii. Kimiti Level 4 Hospital Quarterly report and financial statements for the period ended March, 2023
- viii. Kangundo Level 4 Hospital Quarterly report and financial statements for the period ended March, 2023
- ix. Machakos Level 5 Hospital Quarterly report and financial statements for the period ended March, 2023
- x. Third Quarter County Revenue Fund financial Statements for the financial year 2022/233 for the Department of Finance, Economic Planning and Revenue Management.
- xi. Third Quarter report and Financial Statement of the County Executive for the period ended 31st March, 2023.
- xii. Third Quarter County Receiver of Revenue financial Statements for the financial year 2022/233 for the Department of Finance, Economic Planning and Revenue Management.
- xiii. Report of the Auditor- General on County Revenue Fund- County Government of Machakos for the year ended 30th June, 2022
- xiv. Report of the Auditor-General on Matungulu-Kangundo Water and Sewerage Company limited for the year ended 30th June, 2022.

Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Member. I wish to commit these Papers as follows:

Paper No. 1 to be committed to the Budget and Appropriations Committee.

Paper No. 2 to be committed to the Budget and Appropriations Committee.

Paper No. 3 to be committed to the Health and Emergency Services Committee.

Paper No. 4 to be committed to the Health and Emergency Services Committee.

Paper No. 5 to be committed to the Health and Emergency Services Committee.

Paper No. 6 to be committed to the Health and Emergency Services Committee.

Paper No. 7 to be committed to the Health and Emergency Services Committee.

Paper No. 8 to be committed to the Health and Emergency Services Committee.

Paper No. 9 to be committed to the Health and Emergency Services Committee.

Paper No. 10 to be committed to Finance and Revenue Collection Committee.
 Paper No. 11 to be committed to Finance and Revenue Collection Committee.
 Paper No. 12 to be committed to Finance and Revenue Collection Committee.
 Paper No. 13 to be committed to Public Accounts and Investments Committee.
 Paper No. 14 to be committed to Public Accounts and Investments Committee.

May I now call upon Hon. Stephen Mwanthi to proceed with the next Paper and lay it?

REPORT ON THE APPROVAL HEARINGS OF PERSONS
 NOMINATED FOR APPOINTMENT AS CHAIRPERSON AND
 MEMBER COUNTY PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD OF MACHAKOS

Hon. Stephen Mwanthi (Ekalakala, WDM-K): Thank you, Madam Speaker. Hon. Speaker, I wish to lay the following Paper on the Table of the Assembly today, Tuesday, 9th May, 2023; the third report of the Committee on Appointments on the approval hearings of persons nominated for appointment to the Chairperson and Member County Public Service Board of Machakos. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Member. May I call Hon. Vincent Mutie to proceed and lay the Paper?

REPORT ON THE VETTING OF NOMINEE FOR APPOINTMENT AS
 CHIEF OFFICER, HEALTH FACILITIES AND INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT

Hon. Vincent Mutie (Upper Kaewa/Iveti, WDM-K): Thank you, Madam Speaker. Hon. Speaker, I wish to lay the following Paper on the Table of the Assembly today, Tuesday 9th May, 2023; the Report of the Health and Emergency Services Committee on the vetting of nominee for appointment as Chief Officer, Health Facilities and Infrastructure Development. I thank you.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you very much, Hon. Member. May I call Hon. Charles Mbuva to lay the next Paper?

REPORT ON THE VETTING OF NOMINEE FOR APPOINTMENT
 AS CHIEF OFFICER, LIVESTOCK AND FISHERIES DEVELOPMENT

Hon. Charles Mbuva (Kangundo West, GDDP): Thank you, Madam Speaker. Hon. Speaker, I wish to lay the following Paper on the Table of the Assembly today, Tuesday 9th May, 2023; the Report of the Agriculture Committee on the vetting of nominee for appointment as Chief Officer, Livestock and Fisheries Development. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Member. There is some noise coming from somewhere. Serjeant at Arms, can you make sure there is no noise. I think it is outside and it is interfering with our progress here. May I call Hon. Jeremiah Kaloi to proceed and lay the next Paper?

REPORT ON THE VETTING OF NOMINEE FOR APPOINTMENT AS
 CHIEF OFFICER, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT

Hon. Irene Mulu (Nominated, WDM-K): I am standing in for the Chair, Trade, Economic Planning and Industrialization Committee Hon. Jeremiah Kaloi. Hon. Speaker, I wish to lay the following Paper on the Table of the Assembly today, Tuesday 9th May, 2023; the Report of the Trade, Industrialization and Economic Planning Committee on the vetting of nominee

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for appointment as Chief Officer, Small and Medium Enterprise Development. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you very much, Hon. Member. May I call Hon. Joshua Mwonga to lay the next Paper?

REPORT ON VETTING OF FOUR NOMINEES FOR APPOINTMENT AS CHIEF OFFICERS, DEPARTMENT OF LABOUR, PUBLIC SERVICE AND ICT COMMITTEE

Hon. Joshua Mwonga (Masinga Central, WDM-K): Thank you, Madam Speaker. Hon. Speaker, I wish to lay the following Paper on the Table of the Assembly today, Tuesday, 9th May, 2023; the Report of the Labour, Public Service and ICT Committee the vetting of four nominees for appointment as Chief Officers for;

- i. Public Participation, Citizen Engagement and Customer Service;
- ii. Information, Communication and Technology Infrastructure;
- iii. Public Communication and E-government;
- iv. Digital Economy.

Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Member. May I call Hon. Daniel Muindi to lay the next Paper?

REPORT ON THE VETTING OF NOMINEE FOR APPOINTMENT AS CHIEF OFFICER, SEWERAGE, SANITATION AND WASTE MANAGEMENT

Hon. Rosina Kanini (Nominated, WDM-K): Thank you, Madam Speaker. I am standing in for my Chair Hon. Daniel Muindi, Chairperson Water and Irrigation Committee. Hon. Speaker, I wish to lay the following Paper on the Table of the Assembly today, Tuesday 9th May, 2023; the Report of the Water and Irrigation Committee on the vetting of nominee for appointment as Chief Officer, Sewerage, Sanitation and Waste Management. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Member. Next Order.

(The Papers were laid on the Table)

NOTICES OF MOTIONS

REPORT ON THE APPROVAL HEARINGS OF PERSONS NOMINATED FOR APPOINTMENT AS CHAIRPERSON AND MEMBER COUNTY PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD OF MACHAKOS

Hon. Speaker: May I now call upon Hon. Stephen Mwanthi to give his Notice of Motion.

Hon. Stephen Mwanthi (Ekalakala, WDM-K): Thank you, Madam Speaker. Hon. Speaker, I wish to give notice of motion, THAT, this House adopts the third report of the Appointments Committee on the approval hearings of persons nominated for appointment to the Chairperson and Member, County Public Service Board laid on the table of the House on Tuesday, 9th May, 2023 and pursuant to the provisions of Section 58(1)(a) and (b), 58A(7) of the County Governments Act, 2012, Sections 4 and 6 of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act, 2017 and Standing Order 184 and approves the appointment of Albanus Paul Mutisya as Chairperson, and Marleen Misco Mwanika as Member County Public Service Board. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Member. May I call Hon. Vincent Mutie to give the next Notice of Motion?

REPORT ON THE VETTING OF NOMINEE FOR APPOINTMENT AS
CHIEF OFFICER, HEALTH FACILITIES AND INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT

Hon. Vincent Mutie (Upper Kaewa/Iveti, WDM-K): Hon. Speaker, I wish to give notice of Motion THAT this House adopts the Report of the Health and Emergency Services Committee on the vetting of nominee for appointment as Chief Officer, laid on the Table of the House on Tuesday, 9th May, 2023 and pursuant to the provisions of Section 45 of County Governments Act, 2012, Sections 4 and 9 of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act, 2017 and Standing Order 190(5)(f) and approves the appointment of the following person, Kasanga Julius Muindi as Chief Officer, Health Facilities and Infrastructure Development. I thank you.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Member. May I call Hon. Hon. Charles Mbuva to proceed and give the next Notice of Motion?

REPORT ON THE VETTING OF NOMINEE FOR APPOINTMENT
AS CHIEF OFFICER, LIVESTOCK AND FISHERIES DEVELOPMENT

Hon. Charles Mbuva (Kangundo West, GDDP): Thank you, Madam Speaker. Hon. Speaker, I wish to give notice of Motion THAT, this House adopts the Report of the Agriculture Committee on the vetting of nominee for appointment as Chief Officer, laid on the Table of the House on Tuesday, 9th May, 2023 and pursuant to the provisions of Section 45 of County Governments Act, 2012, Sections 4 and 9 of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act, 2017 and Standing Order 190(5)(f) and approves the appointment of Mulwa Albert Katumo as Chief Officer, Livestock and Fisheries Development. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Member. May I call Hon. Hon. Jeremiah Kaloi to proceed and give the next Notice of Motion?

REPORT ON THE VETTING OF NOMINEE FOR APPOINTMENT AS
CHIEF OFFICER, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT

Hon. Irene Mulu (Nominated, WDM-K): Thank you, Madam Speaker. I am standing in for Hon. Jeremiah Kaloi, the Chairperson, Trade, Economic Planning and Industrialization Committee. Hon. Speaker, I wish to give notice of Motion THAT, this House adopts the Report of the Trade, Industrialization and Economic Planning Committee on the vetting of nominee for appointment as Chief Officer, laid on the Table of the House on Tuesday, 9th May, 2023 and pursuant to the provisions of Section 45 of County Governments Act, 2012, Sections 4 and 9 of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act, 2017 and Standing Order 190(5)(f), and approves the appointment of Mutunga Zipporah Kavata as Chief Officer, Small and Medium Enterprise Development. Thank you.

Hon. Mbili Ndawa (Matuu, MCCP): Point of information, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Yes.

Hon. Mbili Ndawa (Matuu, MCCC): Thank you, Madam Speaker. I want to bring to your attention and the attention of this House that nowadays we have a lot of flu or colds; people are coughing and others sneezing and we need to have these mics sanitized. If it is used by one Member and before it is used by another Member, let us take care of all members please.

So, I am requesting that you order that once the mics are used, they are sanitized. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you for that observation. I am grateful; may I then direct the Serjeant at Arms to make sure that the microphones are sanitized after every member finishes with their presentations before the next Member comes on board. That should be done right away. Let us proceed. May I call Hon. Hon. Joshua Mwonga to proceed and give the next Notice of Motion?

REPORT ON VETTING OF FOUR NOMINEES FOR APPOINTMENT AS CHIEF OFFICERS, DEPARTMENT OF LABOUR, PUBLIC SERVICE AND ICT COMMITTEE

Hon. Joshua Mwonga (Masinga Central, WDM-K): Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, I am, using this mic and it has not been used.

(Applause)

Hon. Speaker: Thank you.

Hon. Joshua Mwonga (Masinga Central, WDM-K): I also thank the Hon. Minority Leader for finding it wise to advise. Hon. Speaker, I wish to give notice of Motion THAT, this House adopts the Report of the Labour Public Service and ICT Committee on the vetting of nominees for appointment as Chief Officers, laid on the Table of the House on Tuesday, 9th May, 2023 and pursuant to the provisions of Section 45 of County Governments Act, 2012, Sections 4 and 9 of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act, 2017 and Standing Order 190(5)(f) and approves the appointment of the following persons as Chief Officers:

1. Bernadette Wavinya Mutiso, Chief Officer, Public Participation, Citizen Engagement and Customer Service.
2. Machogu Ian Obare, Chief Officer, Information, Communication and Technology Infrastructure
3. Mule Daniel Lemba, Chief Officer, Public Communication and E-government
4. Sheikh Ifrah Abdi, Chief Officer, Digital Economy.

Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Member. May I invite Hon. Hon. Daniel Muindi to proceed and give the next Notice of Motion?

REPORT ON THE VETTING OF NOMINEE FOR APPOINTMENT AS CHIEF OFFICER, SEWERAGE, SANITATION AND WASTE MANAGEMENT

Hon. Rosina Kanini (Nominated, WDM-K): Thank you, Madam Speaker. I am standing in for my Chairperson Water and Irrigation Committee, Hon. Daniel Muindi. Hon. Speaker, I wish to give notice of Motion THAT, this House adopts the Report of the Water and Irrigation Committee on the vetting of nominee for appointment as Chief Officer, laid on the Table of the House on Tuesday, 9th May, 2023 and pursuant to the provisions of Section 45 of County Governments Act,

2012, Sections 4 and 9 of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act, 2017 and Standing Order 190(5)(f) and approves the appointment of Winnie Ndunge Musyoki as Chief Officer Sewerage, Sanitation and Waste Management. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you very much, Hon. Member. Next Order.

STATEMENT REPLIES
IMPLEMENTATION STATUS OF MACHAKOS COUNTY
COOPERATIVE ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT FUND ACT, 2021

Hon. Speaker: May I call upon Hon. Charles Mbuva to make his Statement.

Hon. Charles Mbuva (Kangundo West, GDDP): Thank you, Madam Speaker
I stand here to make a response on Statement sought on status of implementation of the Machakos County Cooperative Enterprise Development Fund Act, 2021 which was sought by Hon. Dickson Maundu.

Hon. Speaker, a Statement on Status of implementation of Machakos County Cooperative Enterprise Development Fund Act, 2021 was sought in this Hon. House by Hon. Dickson Maundu, MCA Kangundo Central Ward seeking the following:

- i. Whether the Department has provided adequate extension officers to conduct soil testing in the coffee growing areas within the county for proper advice on soil suitability within the County.
- ii. What the Department has done to improve market access and enhance marketing efficiency as well as promote value addition to coffee like packaging and branding coffee as a Machakos product and have a certification to meet global standards.
- iii. What is the status of the regulations for the operationalization of the Machakos County Cooperatives Enterprise Development Fund Act, 2021?

Hon. Speaker, the Statement was committed to the Committee on Agriculture, Food Security and Cooperative Development to report on or before 3rd May, 2023. The Committee through a letter Ref: MKSCA/PCS/CMM/ALC/VOL.3/41 engaged the Chief Officer, Department of Cooperatives Development and the response is as follows;

(i) Provision of Adequate Officers for Soil Testing

The department does not have technical officers on soil testing but this issue is usually addressed in collaboration with the Coffee Research Institute (CRI) in Ruiru which provides the necessary soil testing services whenever required. Last year, 2022, CRI carried out Soil testing in three coffee co-operative societies under the Kenya Climate Smart Agriculture Project (KCSAP). They are:

1. Mukuyuni Farmers' Co-operative Society Limited.
2. Kakuyuni Farmers' Co-operative Society Limited.
3. Kwa Mating'i Farmers' Co-operative Society Limited.

(ii) Marketing and Value Addition

There is already a registered coffee marketing company for the cooperative movement in the county and the environs. The Company, United East Kenya Coffee Marketing Company Limited (UEKC) owned by the cooperative movement and has been licensed by the Capital Markets Authority.

In terms of value addition, the Lower Eastern Coffee Milling Holding Co-operative Society Limited (LECOM) is another county co-operative enterprise in place and owned by the co-operative movement. The mill has a capacity to handle all the coffee produce in the county and the necessary grading for the coffee production as per the expected standards. The milling plant has a laboratory but due to constraints in resources, it does limited roasting and packaging of branded coffee in the name of LECOM COFFEE.

iii. Status of the Regulations for the operationalization of the Machakos County Cooperatives Enterprise Development Fund Act, 2021

The department is working closely with the County Law Office on this matter for guidance on the necessary steps and procedures in coming up with the regulations and we hope to report on further progress within the next three months. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you very much, Hon. Charles Mbuva. Next order. I am sorry for that mix up. May I invite Hon. Francis Kitaka and make his response on a statement sought earlier on modalities of procurement of goods.

(Hon. Speaker consulted with the Clerk at the Table)

Before I call you Hon. Kitaka, may I go back to the response that we have just done and enquire from Hon. Dickson Maundu who had sought for that Statement whether the response is adequate or not satisfactory?

Hon. Dickson Maundu (Kangundo Central, MCCP): Thank you, Madam Speaker. First, I want to thank Hon. Mbuva for a good reading on the Statement. However, the Statement fell short of expectations. Madam Speaker, you note that as we grew up, agriculture we were told is the backbone of the economy in any country like Kenya not forgetting our County Machakos.

Hon. Speaker, in this response, we are aware of LECOM; I thought the Chair and the Chief Officer would have gone further to tell us how LECOM operates, who owns LECOM and how many tonnes of coffee is it able to hold per year.

Madam Speaker, on the issue of soil testing, we are aware of the Ruiru Testing Agency. How many ordinary farmers from Machakos County are able to contact the Ruiru Research Station? We would wish to have an elaborate answer to this question. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Member. Owing to those inadequacies that have been pointed out by the Hon. Member who had requested for this Statement, I wish to refer the matter back to the committee on agriculture to do further enquiry on the issues that he has raised and respond back to the House within the shortest time possible. Thank you.

May I now take this opportunity to invite Hon. Francis Kitaka to make a response on a Statement that was sought earlier on modalities of procurement of goods, works and services of the county executive. Proceed, Hon. Kitaka.

MODALITIES OF PROCUREMENT OF GOODS, WORKS
AND SERVICES OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Hon. Francis Kitaka (Ndalani, WDM-K): Thank you Hon. Speaker. This is a response on a Statement sought on modalities of procurement of goods, works and services at the County Executive. Hon. Speaker, Pursuant to Standing Order 41 of the Assembly Standing Orders, Hon. Judas Ndawa requested for a statement from the County Executive Committee Member in charge of

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Finance, Economic Planning and Revenue Management on the modalities that the County Executive is following to procure goods, works and Services for all the County Government departments.

Hon. Speaker, the Statement was committed to the Finance and Revenue Collection Committee to seek for a response. The County Executive Committee Member for Finance, Economic Planning and Revenue Management has responded as follows:

1. The procurement and asset disposal processes in the County Government of Machakos is guided by Article 227 of the Constitution of Kenya, the Public Procurement and Disposal Act 2015, the Public Procurement and Asset Disposal Regulations 2020 and other relevant statutory provisions, circulars, policies and internal administrative guidelines that may be issued from time to time. The County Executive reaffirms its commitment and determination to comply to the procurement and asset disposal processes carried out within the tenet of the legal and regulatory framework for efficient and effective service delivery.
2. Modalities of procuring goods, works and services. There is an outlined table that shows how the procurement modalities will be done:

NO	ACTIVITY	Officer In charge	Days
1.	Requisitions raised by user departments against approved annual work plans and budgets	User department	1
2.	Approval of requisitions by the departmental accounting officer	Departmental accounting officer	1
3.	Sourcing of suppliers	Procurement unit	14
4.	Opening and evaluation of bids	Departmental opening and evaluation Committee	At most 30
5.	Professional opinion	Head of procurement function	1
6.	Awarding	Departmental Accounting Officer	14
7.	Contract formulation and implementation	Departmental accounting officer and contract implementation team	As per project scope

Hon. Speaker, the County Executive Committee Member Finance, has directed all the departmental accounting officers to strictly adhere to the above timelines as mandated by the Public Procurement Asset Disposal Act 2015. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you very much, Hon. Member. This matter had been requested by Hon Judas Ndawa; may I ask Hon Ndawa whether it is satisfactory or not. Kindly proceed and make your comments.

Hon Mbili Ndawa (Matuu, MCCC): Thank you, Madam Speaker. Allow me to speak from this point. Before I say whether it is satisfactory or not, I want to give the origin of the Statement. When we were being taken on the status of how the House conducts business, it was evident that

we use Motions, Statements and also Petitions. Hon. Speaker, the Statement I sought on that day which I am sure did not augur well to many did not emanate from an individual. It emanated from Committee on Budget and the Chair Budget is around and Members of Budget Committee can confirm.

During budget meeting we had received information and one time during committee meeting the County Executive Committee Member (CECM) finance made it clear or told the Committee that he is going to centralize the procurement in the County. Hon. Speaker one of the issues which came out when we saw the Statement, Members of this House were asking, do you have evidence on issue of centralization. The evidence was own confession by the CECM Finance who shared with Members of the Committee of Budget so that was the evidence.

Hon. Speaker, again, the statement was sought in good faith because of what was happening in our health facilities and our other departments and that is why the budget committee saw it wise. You know when we are in this House we are 61 including the Speaker; we cannot all present matters. One particular officer is assigned to be presiding officer of the House and that is why you are seated with that office.

So during that meeting the Budget Committee identified Hon. Ndawa to seek the Statement on behalf of the Committee. So it was not personal. I just want that to be clear---

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Member.

Hon. Mbili Ndawa (Matuu, MCCP): Before we sought the Statement we also discussed in the House Business Committee which was chaired by Speaker of the House also saw the need of that Statement.

Hon. Speaker I want to say now the response which has been brought by the CECM Finance that is what we call in law *de jure*. Hon. Speaker *de jure* is to say as per laws in books. In fact, what we have been given by the CECM is exactly what is supposed to be done. It is exactly what is supposed to be done. So Hon. Speaker, if this is the case I want to say I am satisfied, if we go through this route.

(Applause)

I am very sure the procurement will be very effective, very efficient and will take Machakos to the next level. Hon. Speaker, I am 100 per cent satisfied and I am requesting the Hon. Members who sit in the Budget Committee also to be satisfied because I was working for the Committee. Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Member. Thank you for being satisfied with the response by Hon. Francis Kitaka. Let us proceed to the next Order.

SPECIAL MOTIONS

CONSIDERATION OF NOMINEES FOR APPOINTMENT AS CHAIRPERSON AND MEMBER OF COUNTY PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD OF MACHAKOS

Hon. Speaker: May I call upon Hon. Stephen Mwanthi, the Vice-Chair Committee on Appointment to proceed and move the Special Motion.

Hon. Stephen Mwanthi (Ekalakala, WDM-K): Thank you, Madam Speaker. I am the Vice-Chair Committee on Appointments. Madam Speaker, if you allow me I believe all Members have got reports for the Committee on the Third Assembly on the vetting.

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Hon. Speaker, I wish to move the motion that this House adopts the third report of the Appointments Committee on the approval hearings of persons nominated for appointment to the Chairperson and Member, County Public Service Board of Machakos laid on the Table of the House on Tuesday, 9th May, 2023 and pursuant to the provisions of Section 58(1)(a) and (b), 58A(7) of the County Governments Act, 2012, Sections 4 and 6 of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act, 2017, and Standing Order 184 and approves the appointment of Albanus Paul Mutisya as Chairperson, and Marleen Misco Mwanika as Member County Public Service Board of Machakos. Thank you, Madam Speaker. I call upon Hon. Judas Ndawa to second.

Hon. Speaker: Proceed Hon. Judas Ndawa.

Hon. Mbili Ndawa (Matuu, MCCP): Thank you, Madam Speaker. I wish to second the Motion and make an application Hon. Speaker if you allow. I am very sure a Sectoral Committee at work is Assembly at work. I am very sure Hon. Speaker we have bright minds in this House. All the Members who are in this House are No. 1s because each and every Member was No. 1 in his Ward and No. 1 in his or her political party. So these are No. 1s and we have very bright minds.

Hon. Speaker, the application I am making is this, because the reports we are getting here emanate from Sectoral Committees and we have agreed that the Committee at work is an Assembly at work, I am requesting that we do not labor much on ventilating on this issue.

(Applause)

Once the reports are tabled, we just go and approve the report so that we can move forward. Thank you, Hon. Speaker I support.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, that is well noted Members.

(Question proposed)

May I now invite Hon. Stephen Mwanthi to give highlights in this manner, I wish to guide to guide that you go straight to the observations on the suitability of the nominee and the committee recommendations; Committee observations of suitability of the second nominee and then you go to the recommendations that order.

Hon. Stephen Mwanthi (Ekalakala, WDM-K): Thank you, Madam Speaker and with your guidance I will request Members because I believe we all have the report which I believe they have gone through we go straight to page 17 whereby we have Committee Observations on the suitability of the nominee for the Chairperson.

Madam Speaker, the Committee on Appointments it is good I mention that it comprises of ten Members.

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| 1. Hon. Anne Kiusya | - Speaker of County Assembly/Chairperson |
| 2. Hon. Stephen Mwanthi | - Deputy Speaker |
| 3. Hon. Nicholas Nzioka | - Leader of Majority Party |
| 4. Hon. Judas Mbili Ndawa | - Leader of Minority Party |
| 5. Hon. Jackson Ndaka | - Deputy Leader of Majority Party |
| 6. Hon. Francis Kavyu | - Deputy Leader of Minority Party |
| 7. Hon. John Brian Kisila | - MCA, Makutano/Mwala |
| 8. Hon. Winfred Mutua | - Special Elect |
| 9. Hon. Francis Kitaka | - MCA, Ndalani |

10. Hon. Peter Kilonzo

- MCA, Mbiuni

Committee Observations on the Suitability of the Nominee

The Committee having considered the nominee's filled questionnaire pursuant to Section 7(9) of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act, 2017, his curriculum vitae and having heard oral submissions during the approval hearing, observed that the nominee is a Kenyan citizen, has the requisite education and training, possesses relevant knowledge and experience and satisfies requirements of Chapter Six of the Constitution and the nominee attained average mark of 88.3 percent.

The Committee further considered the provisions of Section 58(3)(ba), (bb) and (bc) of the County Governments Act on qualifications for appointment as Member of a County Public Service Board (CPSB) and observed that:

- i. Section 58(3)(ba) seeks to bar the nomination to the position of a member of the CPSB of a person who held office or stood for election as a MP or a MCA whereas Section 58(3)(bb) seeks to bar the nomination to the position of a member of the CPSB of a person who is or at any time been, a candidate for election as a MP or an MCA. This is rather irregular and creates an ambiguity as to the reason for the separate provisions.
- ii. The effect of Section 58(3)(bb) of the Act is that anybody who has vied for office as an MP or an MCA cannot be considered for appointment as the Chairperson or member of CPSB. It is not apparent from the text why only these two offices. The mischief sought to be cured by this provision is also not clear. If the intention is to prevent political interference in the CPSB, it is unclear why only these two offices will be the only source of political interference. Why not a person who vied for presidency, governorship or deputy governorship? Also, the statute seems to put undue emphasis on political interference into the CPSB.
- iii. It is not clear from the said law, why a person who merely offers themselves for election to office and does not hold such office is condemned from holding office as a member of CPSB. It is a known fact that, many Commissioners in the Independent Constitutional Commissions whose legal nature compares well with that of the CPSB, are former politicians. Therefore, Section 58(3)(bb) and (bc) are highly discriminative and even unconstitutional and contrary to employment laws. However, the said law remains in our statute books until they are repealed or annulled.
- iv. A logical interpretation of Section 58(3)(bb) of the Act results in an absurd conclusion where one is barred from being considered for office by merely exercising their constitutional right to offer themselves to be elected to office. Certainly, Parliament could not have intended that the legal provision leads to the unreasonable consequences that one is barred from being considered for office by dint of merely standing for election.

Section 58 (3)(ba) of the Act articulates a more reasonable and logical position where a person who had a recent involvement in political activity is prevented from holding an office that requires political neutrality.

The Committee also observed that the IEBC had responded to its request for verification of information on the nominee via letter Ref. IEBC/VREO/2/6/2022/68 dated 28th April, 2023 (Annexure 6).

The Commission confirmed that Mr. Albanus Paul Mutisya of ID No. 1804316 did not participate within the preceding five years in any of the five elective positions, held an office or stood for an elective position as MP or MCA or a member of the governing body of a political party.

The Committee further observed that EACC, CUE and ORPP were yet to respond. The Committee agreed to proceed with the approval exercise. However, upon provision of reports by the said institutions, the committee will consider them including rescinding decision on approval in the event of a negative report. Based on the above the nominee was assessed and awarded marks as per the table below. Thank you.

Madam Speaker, if you allow me as I talk of the Section County Governments Act Section 58(3)(bb) and (a), Madam Speaker you will realize that this is the same Act but with two different provisions whereby the committee chose to go as per County Governments Act Section 58(ba) which requires maybe a Member to have vied at least five years before but (bb) contravenes what is enshrined in (ba) so the committee chose to use Section (ba) of 58(3). Thank you, Madam Speaker.

So now next I will go to the next member who is Ms. Marleen Misco Mwanika and read the observations from the committee and that will take us now to page 22.

1. The Committee, having considered the nominee's filled questionnaire pursuant to Section 7(9) of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act, 2017, her curriculum vitae and having heard oral submissions during the approval hearing, observed that the nominee is a Kenyan citizen, has the requisite education and training, possesses relevant knowledge and experience and satisfies requirements of Chapter Six of the Constitution. The nominee attained average mark of 90.0 per cent.
2. The Committee also observed that two institutions had responded to its request for verification of information on the nominee as follows:
 - i) The Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission (IEBC) via letter Ref. IEBC/VREO/2/6/2022/68 dated 28th April, 2023. The Commission confirmed that Ms. Marleen Misco Mwanika of ID No. 21944428 did not participate within the preceding five years in any of the five elective positions, held an office or stood for an elective position as MP or MCA or a member of the governing body of a political party.
 - ii) Maseno University via letter Ref. MSU/ACA/TC/T4(38) dated 27th April, 2023. The University confirmed that Ms. Mwanika Marleen Misco graduated from the institution after successful completion of a Bachelor of Education (Arts) degree programme.
3. The Committee further observed that EACC and ORPP were yet to respond. The Committee agreed to proceed with the approval exercise. However, upon provision of reports by the said institutions, the committee will consider them including rescinding decision on approval in the event of a negative report.

Based on the above, the nominee was assessed and awarded marks as per the table below.

Recommendations

Madam Speaker, having conducted the approval hearings for the nominees pursuant to Sections 58 and 58A of the County Governments Act, the Committee recommends that the House:

- (1) Approves the nomination of Albanus Paul Mutisya for appointment as Chairperson of the County Public Service Board of Machakos by Her Excellency, the Governor of Machakos County.

- (2) Approves the nomination of Marleen Misco Mwanika for appointment as a Member of the County Public Service Board of Machakos by Her Excellency, the Governor of Machakos County.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Member. I now invite Members to debate the motion.

(Question put and agreed to)

CONSIDERATION OF NOMINEE FOR APPOINTMENT AS CHIEF OFFICER
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FACILITIES AND INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT

Hon. Speaker: May I invite Hon. Vincent Mutie to move the next motion. Proceed, Hon. Vincent Mutie.

Hon. Vincent Mutie (Upper Kaewa/Iveti (WDM-K): Thank you. Hon. Speaker, you had directed that the microphone be sanitized and I think that is not done.

Hon. Speaker: Someone is not doing their work? Serjeant at Arms, proceed and do your work procedurally.

(The microphone at the dispatch box was sanitized)

This is a House of procedure!

Hon. Vincent Mutie (Upper Kaewa/Iveti, WDM-K): Hon. Speaker I wish to move the motion that the House adopts the report of the Health and Emergency Services committee on the vetting of nominee for appointment as chief officer laid on the table of the House on Tuesday, 9th May, 2023 and pursuant to the provisions of Section 45 of County Governments Act, 2012, Sections 4 and 9 of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act, 2017 and Standing Order 190(5)(f) and approves the appointment of the following person Kasanga Julius Muindi as Chief Officer, Health Facilities and Infrastructure Development. Hon. Speaker I invite Hon. Justus Mutuku for Wamunyu to second the motion.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Justus Member for Wamunyu.

Hon. Justus Mutuku (Wamunyu, PTP): Thank you, Madam Speaker. I am Justus Mutuku alias Kasanga and I want to put it clearly in this House that whoever is quoted here is not my brother neither are we related but I second the motion.

(Laughter)

Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Member.

(Question proposed)

I now wish to invite the mover to come and highlight only on the recommendations of the committee for purposes of record. Thank you.

Hon. Vincent Mutie (Upper Kaewa/Iveti, WDM-K): Thank you, Hon. Speaker. Madam Speaker, having conducted the approval hearings for the nominee according to the Section 45 of the County Governments Act, the committee had its observations on the suitability of the candidate; the nominee that is and having considered the nominee's questionnaires which was presented filled, Section 7 of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act, 2017, his curriculum vitae and having heard oral submissions during the approval of hearings, observed that the nominee is a Kenyan citizen, has a requisite education and training, possess relevant knowledge and experience and satisfies requirements of chapter six of the Constitution. The nominee attained and average mark of 82.52 per cent.

Based on the above, the nominee was assessed and awarded marks as per the table below, Madam Speaker. I wouldn't want to labour going through the table. Therefore having conducted the approval hearings for the nominee as I had highlighted, the committee recommends that this House recommends the nomination of Mr. Julius Muindi Kasanga for appointment as the Chief Officer, Health facilities and infrastructure development. I thank you.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Member.

(Question put and agreed to)

CONSIDERATION OF NOMINEE FOR APPOINTMENT AS
CHIEF OFFICER LIVESTOCK AND FISHERIES DEVELOPMENT

Hon. Speaker: May I invite Hon. Charles Mbuva to proceed and move the next motion.

Hon. Charles Mbuva (Kangundo West, GDDP): Thank you, Madam Speaker. Hon. Speaker, I wish to move the Motion THAT, this House adopts the Report of the Agriculture Committee on the vetting of nominee for appointment as Chief Officer, laid on the Table of the House on Tuesday, 9th May, 2023 and pursuant to the provisions of Section 45 of County Governments Act, 2012, Sections 4 and 9 of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act, 2017 and Standing Order 190(5)(f) and approves the appointment of Mulwa Albert Katumo as Chief Officer, Livestock and Fisheries Development. I now invite Hon. Catherine Muia to second.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Catherine Muia proceed.

Hon. Catherine Muia (Nominated, WDM-K): Thank you, Madam Speaker. I do second.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Member. I now wish to invite Hon. Charles Mbuva to come and, for purposes of record, give us the recommendations of the committee only.

Hon. Charles Mbuva (Kangundo West, GDDP): Thank you, Madam Speaker, for the opportunity. Madam Speaker, as you have guided I will go to the recommendations of the committee but Madam Speaker, allow me briefly just to highlight certain things which demonstrated the suitability of the candidate which strongly convinced the committee.

Madam Speaker, looking at the CV of the nominee, he comes from a background where he is very relevant in the field and of importance he demonstrated understanding on the roles of the Chief Officer department of livestock and fisheries development as per requirements of the advertisement. Again, Madam Speaker, the nominee exhibited good problem solving skills having

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worked for 26 years in public service in agricultural sector and currently as principal livestock production officer. That was very convincing because of the matter of relevance

Lastly, the officer worked in Machakos County during the defunct municipal council and understands the geographical area, agricultural sector needs and how to implement practical solutions to the department. So Madam Speaker, this is a person who by all standards suits very well and very familiar with the terrain and the needs of the sector. The nominee scored an average of 87.2 marks which is above the average mark of 60 per cent that had been set by the committee and there is a summary of how the marks were awarded.

Hon. Speaker, the committee having considered the academic qualifications, experience and knowledge in the relevant fields, competence in handling unique issues relating to the office and responsibilities. The average score from the assessment sheet and in line with the requirement of the first and second schedule of the public appointment County Assemblies Approval Act 2017 and having being satisfied by the nominee submissions recommends to the House that Mr. Albert Katumo Mulwa be approved for appointment in the position of Chief Officer, department of livestock and fisheries. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Member.

(Question proposed)

I wish to call upon the Members to debate this report.

(Question put and agreed to)

CONSIDERATION OF NOMINEE FOR APPOINTMENT AS
CHIEF OFFICER, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT

Hon. Speaker: May I invite Hon. Jeremiah Kaloi to come over and move the next motion.

Hon. Irene Mulu (Nominated, WDM-K): Thank you, Madam Speaker. Once again I am the vice chairperson standing in for Jeremiah Kaloi who is the chairperson. Hon. Speaker, I wish to move the Motion THAT, this House adopts the Report of the Trade, Industrialization and Economic Planning Committee on the vetting of nominee for appointment as Chief Officer, laid on the Table of the House on Tuesday, 9th May, 2023 and pursuant to the provisions of Section 45 of County Governments Act, 2012, Sections 4 and 9 of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act, 2017 and Standing Order 190(5)(f) and approves the appointment of Mutunga Zipporah Kavata as Chief Officer, Small and Medium Enterprise Development.

Madam Speaker, I wish to call upon Aliphonce Mutinda who is a member of the trade committee to second.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Aliphonce Mutinda, proceed.

Hon. Aliphonce Mutinda (Kivaa, MCCP): Thank you, Madam Speaker. I second the motion.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Member.

(Question proposed)

May I now invite Irene Mulu to come over and just take us through the recommendations only for purposes of record and time?

Hon. Irene Mulu (Nominated, WDM-K): Thank you, Madam Speaker. These are the committee recommendations. Hon. Speaker, the committee having considered the academic qualifications, experience and knowledge in the relevant fields, competence in handling unique issues relating to office responsibilities, the average score from the assessment sheet and in line with the requirements of the First and Second Schedule of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act 2017 and having been satisfied by the nominee's submissions, the committee recommends to the House that Ms. Zipporah Kavata Mutunga be approved for appointment in the position of Chief Officer Small and Medium enterprise development. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Member.

(Question put and agreed to)

CONSIDERATION OF NOMINEES FOR APPOINTMENT AS CHIEF OFFICERS, DEPARTMENT OF LABOR PUBLIC SERVICE AND ICT

Hon. Speaker: May I now take this opportunity to invite Hon. Joshua Mwonga to proceed and move the motion.

Hon. Joshua Mwonga (Masinga Central, WDM-K): Thank you, Madam Speaker. Hon. Speaker, I wish to move the Motion THAT, this House adopts the Report of the Labor Public Service and ICT Committee on the vetting of nominees for appointment as Chief Officers, laid on the Table of the House on Tuesday, 9th May, 2023 and pursuant to the provisions of Section 45 of County Governments Act, 2012, Sections 4 and 9 of the Public Appointments---

Hon. Constance Mbula (Nominated, MCCP): Point of order, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Point of order, proceed.

Hon. Constance Mbula (Nominated, MCCP): There is a phone that has been ringing around here Madam Speaker, we cannot hear and it seems the owner is not around. It is around here.

Hon. Speaker: Serjeant-at-Arms can you pick the phone and take out of the Chamber.

Hon. Mbili Ndawa (Matuu, MCCP): Another point of order Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Proceed.

Hon. Mbili Ndawa (Matuu, MCCP): Hon. Speaker, it is already noon and it is the normal practice if we feel that we cannot be able to conclude the business it is always fair to Move a motion for extension of time.

Hon. Speaker: Proceed.

PROCEDURAL MOTION
EXTENSION OF SITTING TIME

Hon. Mbili Ndawa (Matuu, MCCP): So Hon. Speaker, guided by Standing Order 27 which stipulates the time for morning sitting is supposed to be up to 12.30 P.M. and I was to move even without reading this because I am not new in this Hon. House Madam Speaker, Pursuant to this Standing Order 27 Hon. Speaker, I beg to move a motion on extension of time so that we can be able to conclude the business before the House. I call upon Hon. Kitaka to second my motion.

Hon. Francis Kitaka (Ndalani, WDM-K) seconded.

Hon. Speaker: Have you seconded?

Hon. Francis Kitaka (Ndalani, WDM-K): Yes.

Hon. Speaker: Okay. Let me proceed.

(Question proposed)

(Question put and agreed to)

The House resumed business as per the Order Paper)

Hon. Speaker: Proceed, Hon. Mwonga.

Hon. Joshua Mwonga (Masinga Central, WDM-K): Madam Speaker, I was almost through with moving my motion, and with your permission, I want to start afresh. Hon Speaker, I wish to move the Motion THAT, this House adopts the Report of the Labour Public Service and ICT Committee on the vetting of nominees for appointment as Chief Officers, laid on the Table of the House on Tuesday, 9th May, 2023 and pursuant to the provisions of Section 45 of County Governments Act, 2012, Sections 4 and 9 of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act, 2017 and Standing Order 190(5)(f) and approves the appointment of the following persons as Chief Officers:

1. Bernadette Wavinya Mutiso, Chief Officer, Public Participation, Citizen Engagement, and Customer Service.
2. Machogu Ian Obare, Chief Officer, Information, Communication, and Technology Infrastructure
3. Mule Daniel Lemba, Chief Officer, Public Communication and E-government
4. Sheikh Ifrah Abdi, Chief Officer, Digital Economy.

Madam Speaker, I want to call upon my able vice chair, Hon. Rosina Kanini to second the Motion.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Rosina Kanini, proceed.

Hon. Rosina Kanini (Nominated, WDM-K): Thank you, Madam Speaker. I stand here with my full chest to second my able chairman Hon. Joshua Mwonga. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Member.

(Question proposed)

Hon. Speaker: I now invite Hon. Mwonga to simply highlight recommendations only for purposes of record. Proceed, Hon. Mwonga.

Hon. Joshua Mwonga (Masinga Central, WDM-K): Thank you, Madam Speaker and these are the recommendations for the four nominees.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

Madam Speaker, having conducted the approval hearings for the four nominees mentioned above pursuant to Section 45 of the County Governments Act, 2012, Sections 4 and 9 of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act, 2017 and Standing Order 42 of the County Assembly of Machakos, the Committee recommends that this House approves the nomination of:

1. Bernadette Wavinya Mutiso. Nominee, Chief Officer, Public Participation, Citizen Engagement and Customer Service.
2. Machogu Ian Obare. Nominee Chief Officer, Information, Communication and Technology Infrastructure.
3. Mule Daniel Lemba. Nominee Chief Officer, Public Communication and E-Government.
4. Sheikh Ifrah Abdi. Nominee, Chief Officer, Digital Economy.

Madam Speaker, before I resume my seat, I want to thank the committee which undertook the vetting or interrogation of these four nominees. This is the only committee which had more than one nominee and Madam Speaker, this committee sat for a period which was equal to that which was sat by the other committees, I would beg that your office, the Hon. House consider this committee for the enormous work which was before it and they did it within the stipulated time. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

(Applause)

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, very much Hon. Mwonga, your committee has done great work and it had a lot of work and we recognize that. Thank you.

(Question put and agreed to)

CONSIDERATION OF NOMINEE FOR APPOINTMENT AS CHIEF OFFICER, SEWERAGE, SANITATION AND WASTE MANAGEMENT

Hon. Speaker: May I invite Hon. Daniel Muindi to proceed and move the next Motion.

Hon. Rosina Kanini (Nominated, WDM-K): Thank you, Madam Speaker. I am standing in for my able Chair, water, and irrigation committee. Hon. Speaker, I wish to move the Motion THAT, this House adopts the Report of the Water and Irrigation Committee on the vetting of a nominee for appointment as Chief Officer, laid on the Table of the House on Tuesday, 9th May 2023 and pursuant to the provisions of Section 45 of County Governments Act, 2012, Sections 4 and 9 of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act, 2017 and Standing Order 190(5)(f) and approves the appointment of Winnie Ndunge Musyoki as Chief Officer, Sewerage, Sanitation and Waste Management.

Madam Speaker, I wish to call my worthy seconder, Hon. Irene Mulu.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Irene Mulu.

Hon. Irene Mulu (Nominated, WDM-K): Thank you, Madam Speaker. I second.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you very much.

(Question proposed)

Hon. Speaker: I now wish to invite Hon. Rosina Kanini to come and just take us through the recommendations only of the committee.

Hon. Rosina Kanini (Nominated, WDM-K): Thank you, Madam Speaker. I am standing in for Hon. Daniel Muindi. Hon. Speaker, the committee made the following recommendations in light of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act, 2017, and having considered the academic qualifications, experience and knowledge in the relevant field, the nominee attained an average mark of 93.33 per cent. Having been satisfied by the nominee's submissions, the committee recommends to the House that; Ms. Winnie Musyoki be approved for appointment in the position of Chief Officer, Department of Sewerage, Sanitation and Waste Management. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Member.

(Question put and agreed to)

ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Speaker: The House now adjourns to 6th June, 2023 at 10.00 a.m. Thank you, Members.

The House rose at 12.15 p.m.