

REPUBLIC OF KENYA
MURANG'A COUNTY ASSEMBLY
THE HANSARD

Tuesday, 22nd November 2022

The House met at 10:45 a.m.

[The Speaker (Hon. Johnson Mukuha) in the Chair]

PRAYER

PAPERS

THE MURANG'A COUNTY GOVERNMENT (EXECUTIVE AND COUNTY ASSEMBLY) FY 2022/2023, FIRST SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES

Hon. Charles Machigo: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I beg to lay the following Paper; -

That, the Murang'a County Government (Executive and County Assembly) Financial Year (FY) 2022/2023, first Supplementary Budget Estimates, be laid on the Table of the Assembly, today, Tuesday, November 22, 2022.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

THE MURANG'A COUNTY GOVERNMENT REVISED ANNUAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR FY 2022/2023

Hon. Wanyoike Alex: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I am standing in for my chairperson, Hon. John Kibaiya and I am the vice-chair Finance and Economic Planning Committee. I beg to lay the following Paper;-

That, the Murang'a County Government Revised Annual Development Plan for Financial Year (FY) 2022/2023, be laid on the Table of the Assembly, today, Tuesday, November 22, 2022.

REPORT ON VETTING OF NOMINEES FOR APPOINTMENT TO
THE SELECTION PANEL, ON NOMINATION OF THE COUNTY SECRETARY

Hon. Edwin Wairagu: Honourable Speaker I beg to lay the following Paper in the House; -

Pursuant to section 44 and 58 (a) of the County Governments Act 2012 and section 9 of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act 2017, I beg to lay on the Table of the Assembly the Report of the Committee on Appointments on vetting of nominees for appointment to the section panel on nomination of the County Secretary.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

REPORT ON VETTING OF NOMINEES FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE SELECTION
PANEL ON NOMINATION OF MEMBERS OF THE COUNTY PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD

Hon. Edwin Wairagu: Mr. Speaker I want to lay on the Table pursuant to 58 (a) of the County Governments Act 2012 and section 9 of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act 2017. I beg to lay on the Table of the Assembly;-

The Report of the Committee on Appointments on vetting of nominees for appointment to the Selection panel, on nomination of members of the County Public Service Board.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

REPORT ON THE MURANG'A COUNTY HEALTH POLICY 2022 – 2027

Hon. John Mwangi: Honourable Speaker I beg to lay the following Paper on the Table of the Assembly today Tuesday, November 22, 2022; -

The Report of the Health Services Committee on the consideration for adoption for the Murang'a County Health Policy 2022 – 2027.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

NOTICES OF MOTION

APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS OF THE SPEAKER'S PANEL

Hon. Gachui Mungai: I wish to give Notice of the following Motion;-

Pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order number 18, this Assembly approves the appointment of the following members appointed to the Speaker's Panel

1. Hon. Grace Nduta-MCA Kanyenya-ini ward
2. Hon. John Kamwanga Mwangi-MCA Mugoiri ward
3. Hon Hannah Wairimu Kamau-nominated MCA

4. Hon. Anthony Marubu Chege- nominated MCA

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

APPROVAL OF EXTERNAL MEMBERS OF THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY SERVICE
BOARD

Hon. Warisper Elizabeth: I beg to give the following Notice of Motion; -

Pursuant to Section 12 of the County Governments Act 2012, read together with Section 3(d) of the County Assembly Services Board Act 2017, this Assembly Approves the Appointment of the following members Appointed to the Speaker's Panel

1. Vincent Stephen Macharia Wanjiru
2. Monicah Wanjiku Kagiri

ADOPTION OF THE REPORT ON VETTING OF NOMINEES TO THE SELECTION
PANEL ON NOMINATION OF THE COUNTY SECRETARY

Hon Edwin Wairagu: I beg to give Notice of the following Motion; -

Pursuant to section 44 and 58(a) of the County Governments Act 2012 and section 9 of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act 2017, this Assembly adopts the Report of the Appointments Committee on the nominees to the vetting panel on recruitment of a County Secretary laid on the Table of the House today Tuesday, November 22, 2022.

Thank you Mr.Speaker.

ADOPTION OF THE REPORT ON VETTING OF NOMINEES TO THE SELECTION
PANEL ON NOMINATION OF MEMBERS OF THE COUNTY PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD

Hon Edwin Wairagu: I beg to give Notice the following Motion;-

Pursuant to section 44 and 58(a) of the County Governments Act 2012 and section 9 of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act 2017, this Assembly adopts the Report of the Appointments Committee on the nominees to the selection panel for recruitment of a County Public Service Board laid on the Table of the House today Tuesday, November 22, 2022.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

ADOPTION OF A REPORT OF HEALTH SERVICES COMMITTEE ON THE MURANG'A
COUNTY HEALTH POLICY 2022-2027

Hon. John Mwangi: Honourable Speaker, I beg to give notice of Motion;-

That, this Assembly adopts the Report of the Committee of Health Services on the Murang'a County Health Policy 2022-2027 laid on the Table of the House today Tuesday, November 22, 2022, Thank you Mr. Speaker.

MOTION

APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENT OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SPEAKER'S PANEL

Hon. Gachui Mungai: Thank you Mr. Speaker sir, I beg to move the following Motion;-

That, pursuant to the provision of the Standing Order 8, this Assembly approves the appointment of the following Members of the County Assembly nominated to the Speaker's panel.

1. Hon. Grace Nduta- Kanyenya-ini Ward
2. Hon. John Kamwaga Mwangi- Mugoiri Ward
3. Hon. Antony Marubu Chege-Nominated
4. Hon. Hannah Wairimu Kamau- Nominated

The House Business and Rules Committee met and with consultation of the Majority Leader and The National Alliance party (TNA)..... *(laughter)* United Democratic Alliance (UDA) party, I was a member of the TNA party and that is why it keeps on ringing into my mind. After the House Business and Rules Committee met, we debated on the four names we agreed given the gender balance and the provision of the Standing Orders¹⁸ which I beg to read how it goes.

I beg to borrow the Standing Orders from the Clerk at the Table so that we can make a point in future of providing the Members of this Assembly with the copies of the Standing Orders. I beg to quote the Standing Order 8 so that it can go to the Hansard. The provision that the House Business and Rules Committee used. If I may read with your permission, Mr. Speaker, the provision of Standing Order 18 of Murang'a County Assembly reads;

1. There shall be a panel to be known as the Speaker's Panel which shall comprise of the Deputy Speaker and not more than four members and who shall be entitled to exercise all the powers vested in the Chairperson of Committees except as chairperson of Liaison Committee
2. As soon as practicable after the election of the Deputy Speaker, following a general election, the Speaker shall, in consultation with the Leader of Majority party and Leader of Minority party, submit a list of four names for consideration by the House Business and Rules Committee.
3. The House Business and Rules Committee shall, within Seven days of receipt of the names of the nominees Table the list in the Assembly and give notice of Motion for approval. Which we have done, it goes ahead saying.
4. Whenever a Motion for approval under paragraph (3) is moved in the Assembly, no objection against the proposed membership on the Speakers Panel of any particular member shall be permitted and objections, if any, shall be formulated and considered against the proposed membership as a whole.
5. In nominating the members of the Speakers Panel, the Speaker and the House Business and Rules Committee shall have regard to the relative party majorities in the Assembly and shall ensure, so far as shall be practicable, that at least two members of the Panel is from either gender.
6. The approval of the members of the Speakers Panel under this Standing Order shall be deemed to constitute an election for purposes of paragraph (3) and either of the members of the Speakers Panel may preside over the House in the absence of the Speaker and Deputy Speaker."

The reason as to why I have decided to quote that Standing Order is to give the members the light that when we are going to debate on this Motion it is good for the members that we have to put into consideration as the House Business and Rules Committee all the required rules that we are supposed to follow; because this is not a big Motion. I now persuade the members to support this Motion so that the members of the Speaker's panel can feel appreciated because they are equal to the task.

We agreed as an Assembly we have to grow especially the youthful leaders that we have like nominated member Hon. Chege Marubu who has been nominated to represent the youth. This Assembly has to consider upbringing upcoming leaders; without labouring very much, I am sure this Motion is straight forward and I beg members to support this Motion. I call upon Leader of Majority who is a member of that Committee to second the Motion.

Thank you.

Hon. Kibe Wasary: Thank you Mr. Speaker sir, as I second this Motion, it is good to observe that your office is a very busy office, an office that is working very well with members of this Assembly and also working very well with leadership of this Assembly. The only justice we can do that office is to ensure that all the positions that are in that office are filled. In our consideration of these four members, we considered gender, and the capacity of these members in delivering their mandate in the Speaker's panel. I second, thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Johnson Mukuha): Thank you Deputy Speaker and the Leader of Majority.

(Question proposed)

The Speaker (Hon. Johnson Mukuha): Honourable members the Floor is open for debate.

(No debate arose)

The Speaker (Hon. Johnson Mukuha): I would call the Mover to respond.

Hon. Gachui Mungai: Thank you Mr. Speaker, silence means consent. So I want to take this opportunity to thank the members in approving the Motion and supporting in silence. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker (Hon. Johnson Mukuha): Thank you Deputy Speaker. Honourable members there being no further debate I now put the question.

(Question put and agreed to)

MOTION

APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENT OF EXTERNAL MEMBERS OF THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY SERVICE BOARD.

Hon. Warisper Elizabeth: Thank you Hon. Speaker. I beg to Move the following Motion;-

That pursuant to section 12 of the County Governments Act (CGA) no. 17 of 2012 as read together with section 46(3) (d) of the County Assembly Service Board Act no 24 of 2017, this House approves the names of the under listed as members of the County Assembly Service Board.

1. Vincent Stephen Macharia Kibiru
2. Monica Wanjiku Kagiri

Hon. Speaker I wish to take this opportunity as I call Hon. Simon Wamwea to second, to say that we sat as a Board and after so many applicants we came to these findings and this what we are laying today. That Vincent Stephen Macharia Kibiru and Monica Wanjiku Kagiri got into this list. Thank you I call upon Hon Simon Wamwea to stand and second. Thank you.

Hon. Simon Wamwea: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I rise to second the Motion.

The Speaker (Hon. Johnson Mukuha): Thank you Honorable members. I now propose the question

(Question proposed)

The Speaker (Hon. Johnson Mukuha): Honorable members the Floor is open for debate. Yes Leader of Majority.

Hon. Kibe Wasary: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I want to take this opportunity Hon. Speaker, to thank the Board for the job well done, most particularly Hon. Speaker, Hon. Wamwea, Hon. Warisper, they are the two members that this Assembly adopted their names and they were fronted by the party to represent us in the Board. For the work they have done, they have done it on merit Hon. Speaker. Hon. Speaker I support the Motion.

Hon. Ndunda Makau: Thank you Hon. Speaker. Let me also take this opportunity to congratulate the team that sat and worked tirelessly to come up with the two names of the external Board members. Mr. Speaker, now I must say that the Board is now fully constituted and it can execute its mandate. Let me also commend the team—

The Speaker (Hon. Johnson Mukuha): Correction, it is not fully constituted until we propose and second; until the vote is done.

Hon. Ndunda Makau: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, after it is approved to be fully constituted. Again, let me commend the team for also considering the gender, I can see there is one gentleman and one lady and that is good as per our Constitution. For the first time, I can see what we call regional balance because after going through or perusing the two members, I have noticed that we have one from the northern part of Murang'a and southern part of Murang'a which is good for us who come from the southern side. So, I commend the team. Again, because these names will be coming, in future, I would also like to see the ethnic representation in this list because it is also in our Constitution. I stand to support this Motion. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker (Hon. Johnson Mukuha): Hon. Gichobe.

Hon. Gichobe Clement: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, I am the Member of County Assembly (MCA) for Kariara ward in Gatanga constituency. I take this opportunity to sincerely congratulate the team that did this job. In the records of this House, I was one of those few people who felt a little bit uncomfortable when the two Members that represent these Members in the Assembly were appointed to the Board. But, upon agreement with the Members that those Members should, indeed, go ahead and do the job, they have exceeded our expectations. Congratulations Members.

(Applause)

Hon. Wa Lisper, Hon. Wamwea, we sent you to the Board to do a job and you have done that job. We also sent you to that Board to be independent, and you have been independent. This whole Assembly is amused and I must say again, congratulations. These people who have now come to the Board, upon approval, will mean that our Board is going to be fully constituted and I believe that the issues that are pending, the approval of the Board, in terms of the welfare of the Members, this ranges from our ward offices, our staff; we believe that all those issues will now be solved and, indeed, will be expedited so that the work of this Assembly shall begin full-force and we are going to have an easy way going forward. So, my sentiments are to say that congratulations and I support. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

(Applause)

The Speaker (Hon. Jonson Mukuha): Hon. Muchiri.

Hon. Moses Muchiri: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, I am Moses Muchiri, aka Mosee, and the MCA for Muguru ward. First, I would like to state that I support the Motion but I would like to beg the---

The Speaker (Hon. Johnson Mukuha): Hon. Moses, we would want use of official names in this House.

Hon. Moses Muchiri: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, I am Moses Muchiri the MCA for Muguru ward and I support the Motion but I would like to beg the Hon. Members in the Committee who did the vetting to, maybe, explain to the Hon. Members about the Intelligent Quotient (IQ) or academic qualifications of Mr. Vincent Stephen Macharia Kibiru and Madam Monicah Wanjiku Kagiri. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker (Hon. Johnson Mukuha): Very good, Hon. Moses, the rules we have, reports Tabling the names and not the Report. So, we can only discuss the names; the Report is available for the Members to read. Hon. Mama Kang'ata.

Hon. Mama Kang'ata: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, I support the Motion. According to my understanding and what we took the oath only a few days ago, and according to me and my morals, I will support the Motion because it is only Godly to do that. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

(Applause)

The Speaker (Hon. Johnson Mukuha): Hon. Charles Machigo.

Hon. Charles Machigo: Thank you, Mr. Speaker for giving me the opportunity maybe to support the Motion. Members, I urge you to approve the Report and allow the Board to be fully constituted and maybe for the Board to proceed with their task. I will say that I am very happy today, I can see that the Assembly is moving in the same direction. Going as per the previous experience, if we get to be discussing any Motion through facts and not through witch hunting, this House will be moving in the same direction. I also urge Members to trust the people they have entrusted in the offices. We are the same people who elected those people to the same offices and so we should take their decision as ours. I stand to support the Motion. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

(Applause)

The Speaker (Hon. Johnson Mukuha): Yes Hon. Wa Gachui.

Hon. Gachui Mungai: May be Hon. Speaker, just a point of correction. I am Honourable Gachui not Honourable Wa Gachui.

(Laughter)

The Speaker (Hon. Johnson Mukuha): Noted.

Hon. Gachui Mungai: Thank you Mr. Speaker, as I rise to support this Motion, I want to echo some sentiments that were raised by my namesake Hon. Member for Muguru ward. That despite this Assembly approving this Motion, may be in future the mover of the Motion is good not to be, I do not know which word I can use. The information that the Mover gave is very scarce. For the better debate in future it is good for the Mover of any Motion or any Report to be elaborate on parameters and criteria that was used. Because I am sure, Hon. Speaker, there must have been an elaborate board report. Just as an advice for future undertakings in this Assembly.

Mr. Speaker, I can remember the time that we were approving the two members to be members of the County Assembly Service Board. There was a very heated argument and debate in this House and the Motion to that effect was saved by one Member from Kihumbu-ini. I told members because we are learning, it is good for us to be understanding how things are done. But once again, in future it is good for us to be provided with a Report, because I am sure Hon. Speaker despite approval of this Motion the members will be very eager to see board report so that in future, they can be able to be debating from a point of knowledge.

So, Mr. Speaker I support and I believe all the applicants who had applied for this position were qualified but some might be more qualified than others. And maybe it is the wisdom of the board members that they saw the two members are most capable. I support.

The Speaker (Hon. Johnson Mukuha): You want to talk? Is your hand up? Please stand.

Hon. John Munyua: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I beg to say thank you for giving me this opportunity. I support the Motion because we are going in the right direction and as a Board we have full confidence in you and your leadership and we expect a lot as Members. Our welfare should be taken care of. So, I support the Motion and we are going in the right direction.

The Speaker (Hon. Johnson Mukuha): I now call the mover to respond.

Hon. Warisper Elizabeth: Thank you Hon. Speaker Sir, I want to take this opportunity to thank all the members who have stood up and supported the Motion. The leader of majority, Hon. Ndunda, Hon. Gichobe, Hon. Moses, Hon. Kang'ata Margaret, Hon. Machigo, The D.S. of this House and Hon. Munyua for having trust in us. That you chose us and the Motion was laid on this Floor and as we took the oath and we said and assured that we are going to work diligently for this House and to see that we are working together to see that Murang'a Assembly and Murang'a County is moving in the right track.

I want to take this opportunity to thank Hon. Speaker and our Clerk for being with us and you guided us accordingly to reach at this stage was not easy. All the applicants had good CVs and the majority were degree holders. But the once we came with to this point their CVs were enriched and that is why we came to this conclusion.

I want to take this opportunity to say thank you to all Members of this Assembly and we are going to diligently work for you.

The Speaker (Hon. Johnson Mukuha): Thank you Members, Hon. D.S. you are a senior member of this House and therefore it is prudent that you do not make noise too much when a member is talking.

(Question put and agreed to)

ADJOURNMENT

The Speaker (Hon. Johnson Mukuha): Honourable Members there being no other business this House now stands adjourned until this afternoon at 2:30 p.m.

The House rose at 11:00 a.m.