
REPUBLIC OF KENYA
MURANG'A COUNTY ASSEMBLY
THE HANSARD

Tuesday, 11th April 2023.

The Assembly met at 9:45 a.m.

[The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Gachui Mungai) in the Chair]

PRAYER

PAPERS

REPORT ON VETTING OF JUDY NJERI MBURU FOR APPOINTMENT AS CHIEF
OFFICER REVENUE AND SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT.

Hon. John Ngugi: Mr. Speaker, I beg to lay the Paper; -

That, the Report of the sectoral Committee on Finance and Economic Planning on vetting of Judy Njeri Mburu, nominee for appointment as Chief Officer, Department of Revenue and Supply Chain Management, be laid on the Table of the Assembly.

(Hon. John Ngugi laid the Paper on the Table)

REPORT ON VETTING OF SAMUEL MURIGI MUNGAI FOR APPOINTMENT AS CHIEF
OFFICER YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS AND ANGELA MUENI KIOKO AS CHIEF
OFFICER CULTURE, GENDER AND SOCIAL SERVICES.

Hon. Sharleen Wambui: Mr. Speaker, I beg to move the Motion; that this Assembly adopts the Report-----

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Gachui Mungai): Order! It is laying of the Paper.

Hon. Sharleen Wambui: Sorry, Hon. Speaker. I beg to lay the Paper on the Report of the sectoral Committee on Youth, Culture, Gender and Social Services on vetting of Mr. Samuel Murigi Mungai, nominee for appointment as Chief Officer, department of youth affairs and

sports and Angela Mueni Kioko, nominee for appointment as Chief Officer, department of culture, gender and social services, be laid on the Table of the Assembly today, April 11, 2023.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

(Hon. Sharleen Wambui laid the Paper on the Table)

REPORT ON VETTING OF ELIUD MAINA WANJA FOR APPOINTMENT AS CHIEF OFFICER INFRASTRUCTURE AND COMMUNITY PROJECTS.

Hon. Chefman Njoroge: Thank you very much Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Section 45 of the County Governments Act 2022 and Section 9 of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act 2017, I beg to lay on the Table of the Assembly;-

A Report of the sectoral Committee on Public Works, Roads and Transport on vetting of Mr. Eliud Maina Wanja, nominee for appointment as Chief Officer, department of infrastructure and community projects, laid on the Table of the Assembly.

Thank you.

(Hon. Chefman Njoroge laid the Paper on the Table)

NOTICES OF MOTION

ADOPTION OF REPORT ON VETTING OF JUDY NJERI MBURU FOR APPOINTMENT AS CHIEF OFFICER REVENUE AND SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT.

Hon. John Ngugi: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, I want to give a notice of Motion;-

That, this Assembly adopts the Report of the sectoral Committee on Finance and Economic Planning on vetting of Judy Njeri Mburu, nominee for appointment as Chief Officer, Department of Revenue and Supply Chain Management, laid on the Table of the Assembly today Tuesday, April 11, 2023.

Thank you.

ADOPTION OF REPORT ON VETTING OF SAMUEL MURIGI MUNGAI FOR APPOINTMENT AS CHIEF OFFICER YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS AND ANGELA MUENI KIOKO AS CHIEF OFFICER CULTURE, GENDER AND SOCIAL SERVICES.

Hon. Sharleen Wambui: Mr. Speaker, I want to beg to give a notice of Motion;-

That, this Assembly adopts the Report of the Sectoral Committee on Youth, Culture, Gender and Social Services on Vetting of Mr. Samuel Murigi Mungai, nominee for appointment as Chief Officer, Department of Youth Affairs and Sports and Angela Mueni Kioko, nominee for appointment as Chief Officer, Department of Culture, Gender and Social Services, laid on the Table of the Assembly today Tuesday, April 11 2023.

Thank you.

ADOPTION OF REPORT ON VETTING OF ELIUD MAINA WANJA FOR APPOINTMENT AS CHIEF OFFICER INFRASTRUCTURE AND COMMUNITY PROJECTS

Hon. Chefman Njoroge: Thank you very much Mr. Speaker Sir, I beg to give the following notice of Motion; -

That, this Assembly adopts the Report of the sectoral Committee on Public Works, Roads and Transport on vetting of Mr. Eliud Maina Wanja, nominee for appointment as Chief Officer, department of infrastructure and community projects, laid on the Table of the Assembly today Tuesday, April 11, 2023.

Thank you.

MOTION

STATUS OF SOLID WASTE MANAGEMNT IN THE COUNTY.

Hon. Damaris Kagiri: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I beg to move the following Motion;-

That, this Assembly adopts the Report of the Energy, Environment, Forestry and Natural Resources Committee, on the status of solid waste management in the County, laid on the Table of the Assembly on 15th March 2023.

Hon. Speaker, solid waste management refers to the activities designed to effectively collect, transport, treat and dispose of waste due to public health concerns, ethics, natural resource conservation and other environmental considerations. In the County it covers garbage

collection from both residential and commercial centres, transportation of the garbage from the collection centres, refuse chambers, garbage point to the dumpsites and overall management of dumpsites.

Waste generation and collection; it is mostly generated at household, market places, cities, towns, institutions and industrial zones. The types of waste generated can be categorized as general domestic waste, garden refuse, biomedical, building rubbles, paper and plastic waste.

Waste transportation in the County is done using open trucks which causes littering along the way. The trucks are not adequate to serve the entire County and thus low frequency of collection of waste from the garbage points. In return, the waste exceeds the centres, causing mini dumpsites in towns and market places.

There are designated dumpsites across the sub-Counties and the municipality. The department manages these dumpsites through compacting, heaping, aggregating and orderly disposal. Lack of perimeter walls, proper road networks inside the sites, inaccessibility in wet seasons, the dumpsites experience disorderly disposal by the truckers, scavenging, eyesore, stench, bot flies, clogging smokes from fires among other related problems. Proper segregation needs to be done at the dumpsite to facilitate re-use, recycling and compositing. The department should explore means and ways to achieve the basic segregation at the dumpsites.

There is a proposed Mitumbiri landfill; the World Bank jointly with the Ministry of Transport, Infrastructure, Housing and Urban Development through Nairobi Metropolitan Services Improvement Project did a pilot study on how best solid waste can be disposed. They found sanitary landfill to be the best and modern way and thus decided to put up a similar facility in Mitumbiri, Murang'a County. The project is located in Gikono village, Kimorori/ Wempa ward, Maragua sub- County, in Murang'a County. The site is 67 km from Nairobi, 12 km from Kabati town and lies in a 50 acres piece of land.

The landfill is designed to have two cells with expected operational life of 10 years. I know members have the document, they are in your files, you will follow the rest as I will not read all of it. On the role of the County government on Mitumbiri Landfill:

- 1) A committal exit strategy after completion.
- 2) A management plan.

- 3) Establish a buffer zone in the 250 metre radius and plant trees.
- 4) Establish a health facility as A Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) for the community in addition to the roads.
- 5) Ensure working hours are between 8-5 pm to avoid noise nuisance.
- 6) Ensure daily soil cover is done after delivery of the waste.
- 7) Ensure the open areas are re-vegetated and drainage systems maintained.
- 8) Ensure all the construction debris is disposed of as per the waste management regulations 2006.

The County Assembly adopted the following recommendations with regards to the sanitary landfill;

- 1) That Nairobi Metropolitan Services Improvement Project (NaMSIP) should proceed and implement the Mitubiri sanitary landfill and incorporate the following recommendations:
 - a) An agreement on Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) be drawn and signed between the County Government and the Ministry of Transport, Infrastructure, Housing, urban Development and Public Works.
- 2) That Solid Waste Management including collection in the County should be carried out by Community Based Organizations (CBO) through the management of the County Government. These entities should preferably comprise of women and youth groups and persons living with disability as part of their job creation and empowerment.
- 3) The County Executive Committee Member (CECM) for Environment and Climate Change should come up with policy paper and legislation to govern the landfill. The department should further train their technical staff on operations and safety before the completion of construction for a successful take over.
- 4) That an efficient and proactive management of the grievance redress system to be established during construction and operational phases of the project.
- 5) There should be a clear and elaborate decommissioning plan for the sanitary landfill prior to commencement of operations.

The Committee made the following observations:

- 1) That implementation of solid waste management in the County is facing a lot of challenges due to lack of infrastructure including garbage bins and garbage disposal trucks among others.
- 2) That there is no proper documentation on the waste generated and disposal sites within the County.
- 3) That construction of Mitumbiri sanitary landfill which is 80% completed has halted, the discussion on handing over to the County Government is still not concluded.
- 4) That the County Government in its partnership and engagement of stakeholders, it has not involved any community-based organization and private garbage collectors.
- 5) That there are no laws and regulations guiding solid waste management in the County.

The Committee made the following recommendations; -

- 1) Conduct a fact-finding study research within the County and provide a detailed documentation on the following:
 - (a) The quantity of waste generated in tonnes per day
 - (b) The sources and types of waste generated
 - (c) The current waste disposal
 - (d) The frequency of waste collection from the collection points
- 2) Register and licence all private garbage collection service providers.
- 3) Formulate a policy paper and legislation to guide the private garbage collection service providers.
- 4) Conduct public awareness campaign on solid waste management.
- 5) Provide comprehensive information on the status of proposed Mitumbiri sanitary landfill.

The County Assembly should facilitate Members to;-

- 1) Conduct a fact finding visit to the dumpsites within the County
- 2) Conduct a fact finding visit to the proposed sanitary landfill site.
- 3) Conduct a meeting with the Nairobi Metropolitan Services Improvement Project to discuss on sanitary landfill.

Thank you Hon. Speaker I call upon Hon. Kamwaga to second the Motion.

Hon. Kamwaga John: Thank you Mr. Speaker sir, I stand to second the Motion and give my contributions. If the recommendations by this Committee are well implemented, they will really assist this County to solve the issue of waste management. Especially if the Mitumbiri sanitary landfill is complete and handed over to the County, it will be of great help to the County.

On the recommendation that said that we have a policy, whereby we will engage private garbage collectors who will really help. Sometimes when the County is left to take this task it is sometimes becomes hard because as we know, sometimes there are breakdowns of the lorries that collect our garbage. Sometimes it becomes a big challenge. I want to urge this honourable House to assist this Committee when we bring the legislations that are required so that we can implement some of these policies especially that one of bringing private garbage collectors on board.

Thank you.

(Question proposed)

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Gachui Mungai): Yes, Honourable Member, Majority Whip.

Hon. Morris Ngunu: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I rise to support the Motion. The Committee has done a good job in regard to solid waste management in the County. Just as the way the greatest wealth lies in the graves, in the same way the greatest garbage disposal solution lies in Gikono idle.

I happened to be one of the delegation that visited Arusha for fact finding mission, on how the landfill works. As a County and a country, we need to adopt the modern way of garbage disposal considering that our towns and cities are already choking with absurd rising of garbage. As a County it is the high time for the Committee of energy to reach out to the minister for environment and also NAMSIP to know how they can be able to revive the completion of the landfill. Since most of the members of this Assembly are new, I was expecting that one of the recommendations that this Committee of energy should have is to recommend that NAMSIP to have a fact finding to mission to Arusha so that most of the members of this Assembly can understand what exactly we mean with landfill and how it works. Not just Arusha but we have

other countries like Netherlands and South Africa who have really done well in matters to do with modern way of garbage disposal.

When we talk about garbage disposal, the issue of land reclamation cannot be left behind. Most of the members in this Assembly have visited Mombasa and along Changanwe as you enter Mombasa, on the right there is a very nice scenery there that used to be a garbage site for Mombasa County. A very huge garbage site, but right now, it is a very beautiful site that people go there to rest. Introducing you very well to Mombasa in a very good way. If we can only be able to adopt such methodologies on how we can be able to reclaim lands including our quarries, that is the only way we can be able to manage our garbage.

As I finish, it is also important that this Assembly comes up with a policy on how we can be able to incorporate the private sector in garbage collection. It is the way to go. Consultancy is the best approach. PPP (Private-Public Partnership) is the only way we can be able to manage garbage collection in this Assembly. Which has better controls including installing weigh bridges whereby the private sector collecting the garbage is paid using the tonnage. Thank you.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Gachui Mungai): Yes.

Hon. Kamwaga Mwangi: Is the Honourable Member right to say that is the way to go? Collecting garbage in this Assembly?

Hon. Morris Ngunu: Mr. Speaker, can Member for Mugoiri clarify which Standing Order he is standing on?

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Gachui Mungai): Honourable Member for Mugoiri, being a Member of Speaker's Panel, you clearly know that the Member has not violated any Standing Order in this House. So the Honourable Member for Kiru was not out of order. Honourable Member for Kahumbu.

Hon. Chefman Njoroge: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I rise to support the Motion with the following points I want the Committee to also put in place. As we all know waste is a menace in this country of ours and even in the County. We need to look for proper ways not only of solidifying but also we use it as a creation of employment for our youth.

Mr. Speaker, as I have said earlier that waste is a menace, it is a responsibility for each and every one of us. We have public participation to educate our people that the more we have

the wastage and the uncontrolled wastage the more we become unhealthy. Unhealthy environment causes a lot of diseases.

I think the Committee should look for ways of participating or even informing especially our business people who are having businesses around. The supermarkets, petrol stations and all others to solidify and categorise waste, so that they do not mix one and it becomes a health hazard. What do I mean by this? Despite us having the private garbage collectors and despite our County government investing heavily in terms of garbage collection, I think we also need to bring and have a partnership with other companies which are supplying us with goods and materials within our County so that they can assist us in a certain way of clearing this garbage. In as much as they are giving us the services. I mean the issue of the plastics, I mean about also the issue of contractors, whatever is there, if we can have private garbage collectors, we can have the County government also have these companies within ourselves that are supplying us with goods and services within ourselves and having those materials it would help us to curb this menace either they collect the materials and bottles of water so that they can go rewash them and refill rather than just throwing and we have the impact on drainage system in our county.

The other issue is to have a Bill or a policy from the Committee in terms of helping the small-scale companies who can come and help us to use those waste materials. I know of a County, I cannot remember which one, but it was on TV showing how these plastics are reused to create poles so that our people cannot cut our forest to get poles to fence our lands and all that stuff. By giving good commissions to these companies and small scale businesses who are eager, who want to use these waste to make so that there will be no air pollution and it will help us deal with misuse of our forests. I think with the recommendations, I think they have done a good job and I support them, I can sum it by saying is you do not have a controlled land use management we are compromising the health of our county and our people. Thank you.

Hon. Ndunda Makau: Thank you Mr. Speaker, let me first thank the Committee of Energy for coming up with this Motion, I must say that it is a good one and it has come at the right time. These issues of waste disposal have been a problem in our County and country for many years, it has brought a lot of problems. I can say these diseases we have originate from this garbage's. Our County must come up with good ways of disposing this waste, when you go to

our markets you find that where the garbage is disposed it is near the areas where you find *mama mboga* (vegetable vendors) selling *sukumas* (kales) and it is a risk during the rainy season because it takes time before it is collected. Where I come from some maggots in these garbage and where the pit is being just a few meters from where the ladies are selling the vegetables. So it is a problem. I think the County government should not be taking long to collect this garbage.

And as a member have said, it is very good for us as a Committee or as a House to go for benchmarking. I was lucky I was in Arusha and to be in Rome where I found that they have a good system for disposing wastes. You will find that in every apartment there are baskets and they are not allowed to mix the garbage, in fact from your house there are three baskets, one is for raw left over foods, the other one for plastics and another one for metallic, outside there you will; find a private garbage dumping, whereby it will help in disposing the garbage in the right places. So he is the one to take charge and make sure after everything is collected he is the one to dispose them, those that are to be recycled he knows where to take them. So I think we can adopt some of these things because what is happening right now is a shame.

Mr. Speaker it is good for the County of Murang'a adopts what Kiambu is doing. Kiambu has good trucks and we see them in Thika, I wonder what is funny that this County cannot do, they are modern, they are trying, it is not like Murang'a. In fact here you find an old Bedford sent from Maragua to Ithanga to go and collect garbage. I think it is the right time that the County government come with a policy and I commend the Committee to push and make sure we have a proper system of disposing this waste. I support this Motion.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Gachui Mungai): Honourable Member for Ithanga, you have started putting appetite on benchmarking and I could see the Honourable Member for Mugoiri nodding his head, when you talked about benchmarking. Honourable Member for Gatanga.

Hon. John Ngugi: I rise to support this Motion and as they say that if you want to know that you are in a third world country, just look at our cities and towns and see how they are littered. Most of our towns in Murang'a are an eyesore. The filth in places like Kenol and Kabati are alarming and I am happy that the dumpsite might be able to take care of that problem that we have not only in our County but even in our country.

Waste management can be a business, we have seen in places like California, most of their power come from managing solid waste, they also recycle sewage water and it becomes drinking water and there is no problem with that water because it is well treated, and people buy it at a good coin because they know that the government has done all it can to ensure that the water is safe for drinking. We are not there yet, because we cannot provide our people with clean drinking water, even after we have the downpour that is happening now, in a few months our people will be thirsty again because we cannot be able to even manage that aspect of our daily livelihood.

I want to commend the Committee for doing a fantastic job but I also want to put a rider that the Hon. Member for Kiru said that we should look into inviting private people to engage in this business. We are representative of the people and parts of the bills that we get in water and sewage includes garbage collection. So we cannot be advocating for double taxation of our people. So we need to come up with an efficient system manned by the government to ensure that our people get that service free or the County Government stops charging our people for that garbage aspect and allows private investor to get into this business and bring some efficiency.

So I commend the job that the Committee has done and I also vouch for a benchmarking because some of us do not even know where that Gikono landfill is. Thank you.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Gachui Mungai): Thank you Hon. Member I will now call the Mover to reply.

Hon. Damaris Kagiri: Thank you Hon. Speaker, I take this opportunity to thank all the Members for your contribution. I will start with the one who seconded the Motion. The recommendation from the Committee and say from the landfill Mitubiri, I think the Committee has what you have recommended. We will be engaging in that place. And also you know there is the private garbage collectors, what Hon. Morris has said, bearing in mind how our County now, we have to look for the other private collectors.

Hon. Morris, I think the Committee; you have recommended we go to Arusha. I think we can also go to Brazil; they have a good waste management, a bigger waste management. So I think the Speaker of today will recommend the Committee to go to Brazil and we will be very happy.

Also Hon. Morris said about the adoption of the modern way of disposal, that will be in order and we will also talk with the Minister of environment for recommendation. That one as the Committee it will be now our work to look for the Minister of Environment.

About Hon. Chefman, I think in our recommendations number five, we have highlighted the conduct of awareness and campaigns about the solid management that one we had it in our recommendation, it is number five, and that one is okay.

We have also Ndunda from Ithanga, we understand we have also a problem of Karii dams site and Hon. Kamwaga did not mention it, or Hon. Hanna, there are those flies which are breeding and it is also a disaster to our people and to our Murang'a County and we had a problem of fumigation. I think now we are going to follow-up, because I know now there is a small budget.

About the trucks, I want to give to these Hon. Members, aware that we have as the Committee, we have procured I think four new modern trucks with the ...*(inaudible)*.... we have four new which is in this budget I think they will help, they are not enough but it is good for a start and the others will be helping, so we have four new and I think it will be a mega, what do we call it? a big day to receive those trucks, as Members of the County Assembly.

The other one from Hon. Kibaiya about the sewage water recycling. I think as a County and as the Members of the County Assembly, you know the rain comes and the rain will stop and what measures will we take as the Members of the County? Because now there is a lot of water flowing and we have no catchment. We have not even given tanks or whatever so it is our duty as the Members, not only the Environment Committee or the Energy, us Members we come with a Bill of how we can reserve all those wasted running water.

And also what I can recommend as one of the Committee, I think we had a Bill Hon. Speaker of this waste management, I think it is good for the Members to know where we left and what was that Bill recommending. Thank you, Hon. Members, I urge you to support the Motion and to adopt for the betterment of our County and we as Members to help the Wanjiku in our wards. Thank you.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Gachui Mungai): Thank you Hon. Member but the Speaker presiding was very much eager to know where the new trucks are, but you did clarify that you have done a provision in the budget. Am I right?

Hon. Damaris Kagiri: Yes

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Gachui Mungai): The other thing Hon. Member in the future, we do not have Kibaiya, Chefman, Ndunda, we have Honourable Member for----yeah. So, it is good in future to recognize the Hon. Members as Hon. Members of this House.

(Question put and agreed to)

ADJOURNMENT

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Gachui Mungai): Hon. Members that being the case, now this House stands adjourned until today, April 11 at 2:30 p.m.

The Assembly rose at 10:38 a.m.