

**REPUBLIC OF KENYA**  
**MURANG'A COUNTY ASSEMBLY**  
**THE HANSARD**

Tuesday, 11<sup>th</sup> March 2025

The Assembly met at 2:50 p.m.

*[The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Hanna Wairimu) in the Chair]*

**PRAYER**

**PAPER**

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON APPOINTMENTS ON VETTING OF MARGARET WANJA  
MBUTHIA TO THE SELECTION PANEL FOR MEMBERS OF THE COUNTY PUBLIC  
SERVICE BOARD

**Hon. Benard Ruiru:** Thank you, Madam Speaker, I am the Vice Chairperson, Committee on Appointments. Pursuant to Section 58 (a) of the County Governments Act (CGA) of 2012 and Section 9 of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act of 2017, I beg to lay the following Paper on the Table the of the Assembly; -

A Report of the select Committee of Appointments on the vetting of Margaret Wanja Mbuthia, the private sector representative nominated by His Excellency the Governor to the selection panel for the recruitment of members of the County Public Service Board (CPSB)  
Thank you, Madam Speaker.

**The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Hanna Wairimu):** Next order.

**NOTICE OF MOTION**

ADOPTION OF REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON APPOINTMENTS ON VETTING OF  
MARGARET WANJA MBUTHIA TO THE SELECTION PANEL FOR MEMBERS OF THE  
COUNTY PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD

**Hon. Benard Ruiru:** Thank you Madam Speaker, I beg to give notice to the following Motion; -  
That pursuant to Section 58 (a) of the County Governments Act of 2012 and Section 9 of the Public Appointments Act of 2017, this Assembly adopts Report of Committee on Appointments on the vetting of Margaret Wanja Mbuthia, the private sector representative nominated by His

Excellency the Governor to the selection panel for the recruitment of Members of the County Public Service Board laid on the Table of the Assembly on Tuesday March 11, 2025.

Thank you, Madam Speaker.

### **MOTION**

#### **ADJOURNMENT OF ASSEMBLY ON DEFINITE MATTERS OF COUNTY IMPORTANCE**

**Hon. Chefman Njoroge:** Thank you Madam Speaker, I have a Motion on adjournment of Assembly on definite matters of county importance and pursuant to Standing Order 54 and 35 I beg to move the following Motion; -

Madam Speaker aware that Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) six envisages clean water and sanitation, further aware that Article 3 (1) (d) of Constitution of Kenya 2010, guarantees every person the right to clean water and in adequate quantities, cognizant of the fact that 2030 contemplates the resilience of water supply and sanitation in the face of climate change. Further aware that Kahumbu residents among other residents of Kigumo constituency and that includes Kahumbu ward, Muthithi ward, Kigumo ward and Kangari ward have been connected with water in recent past despite having suffered for years without water. In view that the recent times there have increased cases of disruption and vandalism of water pipes which has greatly disrupted water supply to the residents of Kigumo. And not only Kigumo Madam Speaker, also Kandara since Gaichanjiru depends with water supply from Kigumo that is Kinyona area, and also Maragua where Ichagaki and Kamahuha depends with the same, that, this House should implore upon the security operators in the County, to move with speed to identify the perpetrators and bring them to justice. Madam Speaker, if you get the recent past one week, we have been having an issue of infrastructure of water being destroyed by certain groups and I will not say groups; criminals within the Kinyona area and that is area of the Karinga and Madam Speaker, it has affected all the facilities which are under County government of Murang'a, that is hospitals, especially Kigumo hospital which is a referral hospital. We have also the issue of our Early Childhood Development Education (ECDEs), our children whereby even their cups they cannot be washed now. The schools, even the people who are sick who are supposed to depend with clean water to drink it is also happening. So, Madam Speaker we are requesting that we should look for a way our County government infrastructure should be saved. Water is a devolved function under the company which is MUSWASCO and also the security agencies to move in fast to make sure that all the perpetrators

are arrested, not only arrested but to safeguard as the Bill of right because it is now becoming too much. It is just only the other day in this House we passed the 20 million for the irrigation for those people. Do we need to record this amount of the money from the same?

Alternatively, Madam Speaker, I think it is high time we take serious about the investment we are doing so that we can be able to safeguard this issue. This is a very essential thing which we need to be taking care of and in a serious manner. Therefore, Madam Speaker, I call my counterpart that is *mheshimiwa* (honourable) Hillary from Ichagaki to second the Motion. Thank you.

**Hon. Hilary Muchoki:** Thank you Madam Speaker. I stand to second the Motion and note that my area that I represent is one of the affected areas after the criminals have been vandalizing the water infrastructure in the Kinyona area. We are confused because we do not understand how criminals have more power than the security apparatus that are on the ground or are in place because people are suffering. To note that water is a very sensitive commodity and when we lack water, lives are endangered in our areas. So, I stand to second the Motion Hon Speaker.

*(Question proposed)*

**Hon. Kibe Wasary:** Thank you Madam Speaker, I rise to support the Motion by Hon. Isaac Chefman. Very closely, I have been following up on the issue of Kinyona residents—MUSWASCO-- and this issue is very thorny. I saw our Governor intervening in this matter but since this matter has affected the residents of the lower side of Kigumo constituency, an amicable solution needs to be found very quickly. I stand to support that a quick solution needs to be found so that the residents of Kigumo, Kangari, the residents if Kahumbu ward, the residents of Muthithi ward are not affected by this issue. Thank you

**The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Hanna Wairimu):** Hon. Ruiru

**Hon. Bernard Ruiru:** Thank you Madam Speaker, I rise to support the Motion. By now it is clear, I will call it an injustice to the people of Kigumo because of heavy and serious destruction of water infrastructure that has occurred. I cannot fathom how the people of Kahumbu, the people of Kigumo are really in such a moment living without water in their taps. Because I would like to be brief, I will only say one or two things. I know as a County, even the relevant Committee has in the past, even the Governor, proposed more funding to that area to try and resolve this issue. It is however my interpretation that by now, it appears more funding is not the solution to the

problem. I would like to call the relevant Committee to do an evaluation and really conclude whether funding is the solution that the regions need or deserve to come to an amicable solution.

It is my conviction that before we discuss more funds to that area, before we provide more pipes, before we provide all those other resources that might have been agreed upon, it is really prudent that we first sit down, or the region or those affected sit down and find a solution, because with this trend it goes without saying that even if we give them more 20 million, even if we give them 50 million, the same will also be subjected to the same level of reckless destruction.

It is therefore my call to the Committee and to this House to re-evaluate whether more resources to that area was the appropriate decision or maybe we need to take a backseat and take a moment to find other solutions before we can discuss funding.

We are living in an era whereby resources are not enough, therefore, as a County and an Assembly we need to make sure that every shilling that is being collected meant for the people of Murang'a goes to the right place and it will be there to benefit the residents. I invite them to come to Mbiri ward, we have areas that require a lot of these resources. We have people who would want to do farming, we have people who would want to receive those resources and I can assure that they will not destroy them.

My request is before we fund more, before we channel more resources, before we focus more energy, we should first sit down come up with a solution, make sure there is a conducive environment, so that later, may be a year later or so, we can go back and re-invest. But as of now I am convinced that those funds that are being channeled there might actually not do us any help and I would actually call this House to channel those funds to somewhere else like Mbiri ward where those funds will be of help. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

**The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Hanna Wairimu):** Hon. Gladys.

**Hon. Gladys Waikau:** I rise to support the Motion and say that water is an important commodity that every member should have and the people spoiling the pipes should be brought to book so that the people of Kigumo and Maragua will have water. We know that without clean water, we are bound to get many waterborne diseases. As we go to the rivers and in our rivers now, we have dirty water and I request the Water Committee to do a proper thorough search of what is happening so that the people who are not getting water be provided for, we are not talking about money now but water scarcity for the people of Maragua and Kigumo that should be addressed with urgency.

Thank you

**The Temporary Speaker (Hon Hanna Wairimu):** Water is a necessity of life, thank you honourable members for your contribution and I hope the issues raised will be raised by the relevant offices urgently

*[SUPPLEMENTARY ORDER PAPER]*

**BILLS**

THE MURANG'A COUNTY SPORTS AND TALENT MANAGEMENT BILL NO. 2 OF 2025-  
FIRST READING

*(The Bill was Read for the First Time)*

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Temporary Speaker (Hon. Hanna Wairimu):** Hon. Members, there being no other Business, this House stands adjourned until tomorrow Wednesday, 12<sup>th</sup> March 2025 at 9:30 a.m.

*The Assembly rose at 3:10 p.m.*