

19<sup>th</sup> January, 2015

Prayer by the speaker (Hon Lelegwe)

**Speaker (Hon Lelegwe):** order number one

**Clerk:** order number one administration of oath

**Speaker (Hon Lelegwe):** next order

**Clerk:** order number two communication from the chair

**Speaker (Hon Lelegwe):** thank you hon members. As you have been informed, on the **16<sup>th</sup> day of January 2015** that the County Assembly of Samburu has been convened to meet today the **19<sup>th</sup> day of January 2015 at 9:00 a.m.** and also **at 2:30 p.m.** to discuss the report of vetting of the nominee for *Lands Physical Planning And Housing* and also to discuss the report of the nominee for Samburu County Lands Board nominee. The office of the speaker is tasked to invite you to special sittings as in our standing orders. Thank you hon members and I wish you a happy new year, next order.

**Clerk:** order number three messages

**Speaker (Hon Lelegwe):** next order

**Clerk:** order number four petitions

**Speaker (Hon Lelegwe):** next order

**Clerk:** order number five papers

**Speaker (Hon Lelegwe):** Hon Letura

**Hon Letura:** Mr. Speaker I also join you to wish the members a happy new year. I seek your indulgence to table the report of the Appointment Committee on the vetting of the Chief Officer nominee in the department of Physical Planning, Lands and Housing. I beg to table.

**Speaker (Hon Lelegwe):** next order

**Clerk:** order number six notices of motion

**Speaker (Hon Lelegwe):** next order

**Clerk:** order number seven statements

**Speaker (Hon Lelegwe):** next order

**Clerk:** order number eight motion

**Speaker (Hon Lelegwe):** Hon Letura: Mr. Speaker I wish to move a motion that this house to adapt the report on vetting of the Chief Officer nominee for Physical Planning, Lands and Housing. As most of the hon members understand that the said department has stayed for a long time without the Chief Officer for Lands. It is long overdue for this house to adapt to the report of the Appointment Committee. Mr. Speaker we know that land is a very sensitive natural resource and having stayed for a long period of time without the Chief Officer, we have really lost a lot. We have also seen a lot of public outcry for example, we know the underlying issues in *Nyiro* especially in *Sarima* purported to have been leased to a private investor; Stima Ken Company. The said department has also not seen a lot of undertakings in the county due to lack of facilitation or due to an accounting officer in that department. For example we have been yearning for our towns to be planned, and issues to do with inter counties boundaries and issues have risen due to the same for example areas of *Ngurnit*, *Ilaot*, *Koom* and many other places. The committee on appointment sat and got a name from his Excellency The Governor and as a committee, we came up with a very good report on which members have gone through it and I beg members to support the report so that we can move ahead as a department. For the few remarks, I beg to move and call up on Hon Linda Naserian to second the motion, thank you Mr. Speaker.

**Hon Linda Naserian:** thank you Mr. Speaker. I beg to second the motion and further give the following contributions: first I would wish to comment on the work of the able committee who chose to sacrifice their precious time of enjoying the recess period to play their role of oversight and legislation. We all know that the operation of the Ministry of Physical Planning Lands and Housing have been dragging behind due to lack of Chief Officer. The committee did a wonderful work as I was here myself and I witnessed everything that took place during the vetting process and it was a very commendable work. The report contains all the details of the appointment committee and I am sure that members have already gone through the report and have seen that it is something that is worth approved by this hon house. We really need to get moving for the sake of the people of Samburu. For the many remarks, I beg to second the motion. Thank you.

**Speaker (Hon Lelegwe):** thank you hon members. I now propose the question that this house adapts the report of the committee on appointment of the vetting of the chief officer nominee; department of physical planning, lands and housing. Your contributions are now welcomed. Hon Lemulugo

**Hon Lemulugo:** thank you hon speaker. I do support the report of the appointment committee on the department of physical planning, lands and housing. Hon Letura has just said that the department is really in need of the chief officer having stayed for a long time without one. This is a very crucial department that requires a lot of support and personnel to implement so many pending projects. Therefore I beg the members to support the report and pass it as it is and approve the chief officer nominee; Mr. Bernard Lesurmaat to be the chief officer for the department. Thank you.

**Hon Leshoomo:** thank you Mr. Speaker. I also stand to support the report on the vetting of the chief officer for the department of physical planning, lands and housing. I would also wish to thank the committee on appointment for having done the good work by ensuring that the report is ready as soon as possible for the house to adapt it so that the department mentioned can have a chief officer. Chief Officer is a very important person in any department. We have witnessed on the floor of this house the sentiments from the hon members regarding the services which were supposed to have been done by the department. We all know that the budget of the last year in the department of physical planning was not satisfactorily

done and may be it was due to the absence of the chief officer. I therefore urge the members to adapt the report and pass it to enable the department to effectively perform its duties. Thank you.

**Speaker (Hon Lelegwe):** Hon Leitore: thank you Mr. Speaker. I also stand to support the report. I am one of the members of the appointment committee but due to unavoidable circumstances, I was not able to attend the meeting. So, I would like to commend the committee on the job well done as we all know that the department has been lacking the Chief Officer for a long time although the rest of the departments have employed them. I have gone through the report and I can see the members have really asked a lot of questions to Mr. Lesurmaat concerning the plans of the department. This has shown a concern that the members had a lot of issue that need to be clarified and with appointment of Mr. Lesurmaat, this will give the department a new image. I am concern because this is a department that is being run single handedly by the CEC. Very few departments are involving the public and the County Assembly of their activities and now with the appointment of the Chief Officer, a lot will get to the Assembly and also the public. We really have a concern on the planning of our towns. The able chair for Lands did mention in the tabling of his report some of these towns that some but failed to mention others like *Tuum, Kirimon, Lodung'okwe, Nkutuk e Elmuget* and others. I think with the employment of Mr. Lesurmaat, a lot is going to be done and our towns get to be beaconed. Many of our towns are expecting delivery from this department. It is my observation that for the last two years, very little has been seen from this department. So it is my expectation that with the employment of this young man Mr. Lesurmaat, a lot will be seen by the people of this county especially when it comes to be the issue of boundaries and plot allocation in our towns as we did witness double allocation of plots and beaconing as well as planning of group ranches and even boundaries within our group ranches. I totally support the report and urge the members to pass the report as prepared by the Committee on Appointment. Thank you.

**Speaker (Hon Lelegwe):** thank you hon members. If there are no more contributions from you, then I decide as the chair to put down the question. Thank you hon members and I now put the question that the report of the Committee on Appointments on the vetting of the Chief Officer nominee of the department of Physical Planning, Lands and Housing is therefore adapted.

As many as of the opinion say AIYE

As many as of the contrary opinion say NAY

THE MOTION PASSED.

Thank you hon members, there being no other business to transact, the house stands adjourned until **2:30 p.m.** thank you.