

COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF SAMBURU



THE HANSARD

Wednesday, 7th December, 2022

The Assembly met at the County Assembly chambers at 9:0a.m.

The Speaker, County Assembly of Samburu, (Mr. Lengees Fred), in the Chair

PRAYER

MOTION

MCA Ndoto Ward, (Hon. Lealmusia Ali): Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir. Hon. Speaker, I beg to move the following Motion; **THAT**, taking into consideration the recommendation of the County Assembly Service Board's Report laid on the table of the House yesterday, 6th December, 2022 on the recruitment of the two members of the County Assembly Service Board in accordance with section 12(3)(d) of the County Government Acts, 2012 and pursuant to the provision of the First Schedule of the County Assemblies Service Act, 2017, this House approves the appointment of the following two members as members of the County Assembly Service Board;

1. Ms. Joyce Siamito Lepadaasa
2. Mr. Elijah Lolpirdai.

Speaker Sir, you realize that we had this exercise to look for those who fill these two positions and after a thorough interview, we were able to find those who will get into the office of the County Assembly Service Board members. I, therefore, call Hon. Leerte to second the Motion. Thank you Sir.

MCA Porro Ward, (Hon. Patrick Leerte): Ninaunga mkono Mheshimiwa Spika.

The Speaker, (Mr. Lengees Fred): Thank you Hon. Leamulsia and Hon. Leerte. Hon. Members, I now propose the Question; **THAT**, taking into consideration the recommendation of the County Assembly Service Board's Report laid on the table of the House on the recruitment of the two members of the County Assembly Service Board in accordance with section 12 (3) (d) of the County Governments Act, 2012 and pursuant to the provision of the First Schedule of the County Assemblies Service Act, 2017, this House approves the appointment of the following two members as members of the County Assembly Service Board;

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2. Mr. Elijah Lolpirdai.

Now, I open the floor for any debate.

The Leader of Majority, (Hon. Christopher Lentukunye): Thank you Hon. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I stand to support the proposed names of the nominees to serve as members of the

County Assembly Service Board. Mr. Speaker, I want to go on record as having supported but I have some issues to put across. Because Mr. Speaker, I can see the two nominees are from the same region.

Two, Hon. Speaker, the County Assembly Service Board Chair is also from the same region. Three Hon. Speaker, the Secretary to the Board also comes from the same region. And probably 99% because I am not good in mathematics of the Board comes from the same region. Mr. Speaker, I being the Member representing the Ward called Wamba North; I have zero number of staff being from the Ward I represent. So, Mr. Speaker, I am not opposing, I am supporting but I have some issues that I need to be recorded in this House; that maybe in the future this Assembly will have chance to recruit a member and I want to be recorded in this House Mr. Speaker that Wamba North have no single member of staff, leave alone the Board members.

So as you plan to take responsibility to serve the people of Samburu in the capacity of County Assembly Service Board, I request that this House takes into consideration; the region balance in terms of the Board and in terms of recruitment. Mr. Speaker, I call upon Hon. Members to support this.

Mr. Speaker, even with the recent appointment of the CECs (County Executive Committee), we have seen also the regional balance not taken into consideration. So this Assembly needs to scrutinize issues to do with recruitment by both County Assembly Service Board and County Public Service Board. Mr. Speaker, I rest my case and I wish that this had Board considered; the regional balance, the ethnic balance and all the things that the Constitution of Kenya requires. Thank you.

The Speaker, (Mr. Lengees Fred): Thank you Hon. Lentukunye, we have taken note of that.

The Leader of Minority, (Hon. James Leleruk): Thank you Mr. Speaker. I also stand here to support these names but also to be on record because this House is a House of oversight and legislation, and I would like to thank the County Assembly Service Board who did this work. Having said that, when you bring Motions like this that you need to approve someone, the Members of the County Assembly need to know the criteria you have used when asked. I have an issue with Joyce Siamito Lepadaasa. I think she is working in the County Government of

Samburu. If I may just ask for the record, I am not opposing, concerning the issue of payment; if you are in the Service Board, you will be entitled to receive some enumeration. Because I don't want this House to be misquoted later that we have passed issues, which have some questions. That is the issue I wanted to raise but I believe the Board asked all those questions and that you have scrutinized the report that you have brought to this House and seen that there is no any other issue pending. I may not have concerned about the regional balance because we are just the members of Samburu County. I do not know if they are coming from the same region but I think they qualify to be members of the Service Board. That is just the question I ask because if the question could be raised and it touches on the integrity of the House, we need to be told in advance. That is just the issue that I wanted to raise. I support.

MCA Nyiro Ward, (Hon. Jonathan Lemoosa): Thank you the Hon. Speaker Sir. Speaker Sir, I rise supporting the Motion on the appointment of Joyce Siamito Lepadaasa and Elijah Lolpirdai.

Speaker Sir, this process is well directed and we should be alive to the fact that the process is guided by the County Governments Act, 2012, section 12(3)(d), and the provision of the First Schedule of the County Assemblies Service Board Act, 2017. Meaning, of course, this process was competitively advertised. I want to believe the Service Board had put every parameter or requirement considered thoroughly and I want to believe the two emerged victorious. Speaker Sir, as much as I agree with Majority Leader sentiments on regional balance, I come from Nyiro where Siamito is from. Nevertheless, this lady was married and she is no more a resident of Nyiro or the North. She is from the region where she is raising her family. So the issue of the regional balance must have been considered also and the gender issue.

Speaker Sir, I also want to add my voice on matters of employment in the County Assembly; just like the Hon. Majority Leader, we have been here for a while. I also want to say to the Service Board, and the current Service Board that if some opportunities arise, they should consider the Ward I represent. We do not even have representation in Nyiro just like the Majority Leader has said. It is my earnest request to the Board with due diligence and respect to consider such Wards. We know there is a problem of employment in the whole Country, and this being a new Board and new leadership; let us consider regional balance when the chances arise. I join my colleagues in supporting the Motion and in the future, such should be well thought out in filling the slots of

representation in any Board or when opportunity knocks. Ahead of us Speaker, we have the COs interviews, hopefully, the concerned authority would put into consideration such very pertinent issues raised by the Members of this Hon. House. And with that Hon. Speaker, I support the Motion. Thank you.

Specially Elected MCA, (Hon. Osman Dube): Asante sana Mheshimiwa Spika. Mheshimiwa Spika mimi napinga majina ya hawa wawili kwa sababu mbili mheshimiwa Spika.

Sababu ya kwanza mheshimiwa Spika ni kwamba County Assembly inafanya kazi ya oversight na sababu ya pili mheshimiwa Spika ni kwamba kwa wale waliapply niliona majina mawili ya walemavu na wakona documents zote lakini jina zao haziko kwa hii orodha.

Mheshimiwa Spika katiba ya Kenya, 2010 (54) (2) inatupatia haki na ukiangalia County Assembly staff hatuna mlemavu hata mmoja lakini niko na matumaini kwamba County Assembly Service Board itafanya haki kama vile ilifanyika 2013.

Mheshimiwa Spika la tatu ni kwamba hakuna minority ama marginalized kwa orodha hii; mimi kama Dube napinga mheshimwa Spika, ahsante.

MCA Wamba East Ward, (Hon. Lelenkeju Jackson): Thank you Hon. Speaker, I support the Motion but at the same time I have some reservations.

I indeed agree with the Leader of Majority that almost 98% if not 98.1% comes from the same region but we still support because these are members of the society that deserve these positions and I am not opposing them being given the chance but I caution this Hon. House that in future, we take serious consideration into regional balances and rural-urban migration because it will tend to disadvantage members that have major towns in their Wards.

You find that influx from rural to urban in search of jobs and business will tend to have more people from other Wards living in a particular town; say for example Maralal, Baragoi, Wamba and Archer's Post. You find many people residing there but their place of origin or wards is not where those towns are placed. You find people from Nyiro occupy this town and they have built here and have businesses and live here and if you find anybody who is not conversant to them can easily mistake them to belong to Maralal or Wamba. I support the Motion but it is very

critical to take a serious talk of the origin of these people who are harboured in towns, thank you Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker, (Mr. Lengees Fred): Thank you Hon. Lelenkeju and all the Members who spoke on that, it is well taken note of. There being no other question, Hon. Members I now put the Question.

(Question put and motion passed)

MOTION

Adjournment Motion to Alter the Calendar

The Majority Leader, (Hon. Lentukunye Christopher): Thank you Mr. Speaker, Mr. Speaker I beg to move the following Motion;

THAT, Pursuant to Standing Order 27 (4), this Assembly resolves to alter its Calendar to adjourn today, 7th December, 2022 instead of 8th December, 2022 as the Members will be participating in a public participation on CIDP (County Integrated Development Plan) and other programs and resume in accordance with the County Assembly Calendar.

Mr. Speaker I call upon Hon. Lemoosa to second the Motion.

MCA Nyiro Ward, (Hon. Lemoosa Jonathan): Thank you Hon. Speaker Sir. I really want to support the Motion of adjournment until the Calendar of the House in February 13th, 2023 for basic reasons as stipulated by the order of the House that of course the Members are breaking off to participate in their Wards or indulge and interrogate the CIDP and give their views.

Speaker Sir, we also have ahead of us the Committee on Budget's ADP (Annual Development Plan) and for these reasons the House may lack quorum when interrogating matters in House business and we also want and it is important that we prepare for our Christmas holidays with our families and our electorates. It is very vital to join them especially this time when the hunger is biting so seriously.

I take cognizant of the role of the County Assembly Members in very important activities in the society, I support the Motion Hon. Speaker Sir, thank you.

The Speaker, (Mr. Lengees Fred): Hon. Members I now Propose the Question the following Motion;

THAT, Pursuant to Standing Order 27 (4), this Assembly resolves to alter its calendar to adjourn today 7th December, 2022 instead of 8th December, 2022 as the Members will be participating in a public participation on CIDP (County Integrated Development Plan) and other programs and resume in accordance with County Assembly calendar.

Hon. Dube Do you have anything?

Specially Elected MCA, (Hon. Dube Osman): Ahsante sana Mheshimiwa Spika, naunga mkono mjadala kwa sababu huo ni wakati watu wanaweza kaa na Wadi yao kujua hali ya dunia haswa wakati huu wa jilali. Mimi kama mwakilishi wa walemavu Kaunti nzima niko na assessment na National Disability Council ambayo inaendelea na nafaa kutembelea walemavu na wakati wa Krisimasi unaweza kukaa na familia, naunga mkono, ahsante Mheshimiwa Spika.

The Speaker, (Mr. Lengees Fred): Hon. Lealmusia, did you raise your hand?

MCA Ndoto Ward, (Hon. Lealmusia Ali): No. Mr. Speaker I support the Motion, I think there is need for us to go back to our Constituencies and say ahsante for giving us the opportunity to serve our great people of Samburu and join them as we hope to be there next year to do a lot of things for this great County of Samburu, thank you Hon. Speaker.

(Question put and passed)

ADJOURNMENT

The Speaker, (Mr. Lengees Fred): Hon. Members, the time being eight minutes to ten O'clock and there being no other business, this Assembly now adjourns until Tuesday, 14th February, 2023 at 2:30 Pm.