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OFFICIAL REPORT

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The Assembly met at the Assembly Chambers at 2:30 P.M

The Speaker, Hon. Ndegwa Wahome, in the Chair

Prayer

QUORUM CALL AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE SITTING

The clerk-at-the-table confirms that there is no quorum

Speaker: There being no quorum, I direct that the division bell be rung for an initial 10 minutes pursuant to standing order number 34, or, until such a time within the ten minutes, that quorum will have been achieved.

The division bell is rung for 9 minutes and quorum is achieved as confirmed by the clerk-at-the-table.

Speaker: Quorum having been achieved let us proceed with the business for this morning session. First order.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

RESIGNATION LETTER FROM THE LEADER OF THE MAJORITY PARTY

RECEIVED ON 22ND DAY OF MARCH 2016,

AND

COMMUNICATION ON THE OFFICE OF THE LEADER OF THE MINORITY PARTY

Hon. Members, I wish to make the following communications. One is in regard to a letter that I received today the 22nd day of March 2016 from the Leader of the Majority Party. The letter is written to the Speaker and copied to several other offices. The reference of the letter is appreciation and states that the above subject matter refers. It says,

Dear Sir, I sincerely and humbly acknowledge the extreme support accorded to me, as a person at the office of the Leader of Majority Party for a large part of the First Assembly of Nyandarua County. The continued consultations and unwavering

support have made me protect and uphold the sovereignty, integrity and dignity of the First Nyandarua County Assembly.

In addition, you have made it possible that I have diligently discharged my duties and performed my functions in the Office of the Leader of Majority, acting without fear, favour, affection or ill will.

From the foregoing and due to other commitments and also the need to concentrate on the matters of Engineer Ward which I represent, I wish to relinquish the position of the Leader of Majority Party in Nyandarua County Assembly.

The letter has been signed by James Mwangi Gichuki, MCA for Engineer Ward, who is also the Leader of the Majority Party.

Hon. Members, that being the position, I wish to make a comment as the Chairman of County Assembly Service Board (CASB) and also on behalf of the House. I would wish to thank the Leader of Majority Party for what he has done for this Assembly and I know that the history of this County as it continues to be written will have a space for him for his good deeds while serving in that capacity.

(Applause)

In that regard Hon. Members, I would like to communicate that the Member for Kipipiri, Hon. Michael Njoroge Kirumba assumes the Office of the Leader of Majority Party albeit on an acting capacity.

The other communication I wish to make is on the office of the Leader of Minority. The communication will definitely be done in the normal structured manner and is that on the 2nd day of July 2014, a meeting was convened for the minority party in the Assembly i.e. Democratic Party (DP) and as per Articles 18 and 19 of the Standing Orders. The meeting was called by the Chief Whip of the Minority Party i.e. Hon. Sammy Douglas Kamau Ngotho, the Member for Karau Ward.

From the proceedings of that meeting, which was attended by two members namely Hon. Kamau Ngotho and County Member from Magumu, Hon. Teresiah Njoki, it was resolved that the leader of minority be removed from office and there be elections to fill the vacant position.

After the elections were done, the members present elected unanimously the leader of minority to be Member for Karau, Hon. Sammy Douglas Kamau Ngotho. Subsequent to this, a letter dated the same date was duly delivered to the office of the speaker on the 3rd day of July 2014 forwarding the minutes of the deliberations of the meeting pursuant to the article 19 of the Standing Orders. The Speaker was required therefore to communicate the same to

the House for that particular event to take effect in accordance with the law. However, the Leader of Minority and Member for Magumu, Hon. Peter Githinji Ngumba did move to the High Court at Nakuru in the *Judicial Review Application No. 21 of 2014* where he got orders staying the proceedings and resolutions of the aforesaid meeting held on 2nd of July 2014.

Initially, the stay orders were vacated on 7th day of March 2016 and therefore it left it open for the office of the speaker to communicate the proceedings and change of leadership in the office of the minority leader to this House. Nevertheless, through a letter dated 16th day of March 2016, a member of DP, the aforesaid county member from Magumu, Hon. Teresiah Njoki wrote to the office of the speaker and disowned the procedures that informed those particular minutes and the resolutions thereof.

This was on the grounds that there was material nondisclosure, in that, the minority leader had not been invited in the meeting and therefore he was not aware of the said notice. Therefore and respectively, the aforesaid county member from Magumu sought to withdraw her collaboration and participation in the said meeting thereof and disassociated herself fully from the resolutions of that meeting. It is upon this background that I am supposed to make a communication and a decision on the leadership of the office of the minority and the status of the communication by minority leader, Hon. Kamau Ngotho, Member for Karau to the speaker.

Hon. Members, we are not short of precedents and similar events that have happened in the country. On 7th day of April 1998 and as captured in the HANSARD of the National Assembly, the then Member of Parliament for Kandara, Hon. David Murathe wrote to the Speaker of the National Assembly and appended his signature witnessed by a lawyer to say that he was resigning from his Gatanga seat. Eventually, and on the floor of the House, when the letter had already been received in the office of the speaker for the appropriate communication and action, the hon. member said that his signature had been forged and that he no longer associated himself with the content of that letter. The speaker then, Hon. Francis Ole Kaparo, in his determination, actually established that the letter had emanated from Hon. Murathe but he said that he could not enforce the content of the letter and he left the matter to the conscience of the member.

Hon. Members, such a thing has also happened in other jurisdictions but for varied reasons. In Kiambu County Assembly, a motion filed to impeach or remove from office the Governor of that County was withdrawn or rather dismissed by the Speaker for the reason that five members had withdrawn their signatures. The members claimed that their signatures

had been forged and thereby withdrew and left an insufficient number of signatures to support that particular motion. The motion therefore failed.

Hon. Members, it has also happened in Vihiga County Assembly where the members of PIC/PAC committee, having made grave findings on issues of corruption, appended their signatures on a committee's damning report. They later disowned the signatures on the floor of the House and there was no manner of enforcing their continued association with the report.

In essence Hon. Members, this was a meeting held by two members and was satisfactory. However, one member having withdrawn her signature, the meeting can only remain as having been attended by one person. I don't think hon. members would think that this was sufficient meeting since it was held and conducted by one member. Therefore, according to me and for the sake of a precedent, the meeting as purported cannot sustain a resolution for the change of leadership in the office of the leader of minority party. However, if the signature could not have been withdrawn, the minutes of the meeting could have been valid and I would, obviously, have made a decision, and have the resolutions of the meeting effected.

Hon. Members, I would not have gone to that but when this letter was written by the county member from Magumu I had some closer look into the minutes. They clearly indicated that the Minority Whip had actually written to the Clerk to invite the Leader of the Minority to the meeting. Obviously, that is not procedural because the chairperson who is also the whip during that particular meeting said the members would have wanted the leader of minority to be present but even after contacting the Office of the Clerk to inform him, it was all in vain. In other words, the minutes go further to say that, the absence of the minority leader showed that he was content with the resolutions that would be arrived at the meeting. This added weight to the argument presented by the county member from Magumu that there was material nondisclosure of the proceedings. For the reasons given and for the sake of setting a precedent in this House, it is therefore my opinion that the proceedings of that day and pursuant to the withdrawn signatures cannot stand on their own.

I cannot therefore be in a position to communicate about leadership of the office of the leader of minority. As a piece of advice to the Majority Party in this House, the party should put their House in order, hold a party meeting in an appropriate way and in pursuant to the procedures of communication of notices arrive at a new Leader of Majority Party. Next order!

PAPER LAID

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE NYANDARUA COUNTY PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD, 2015

Speaker: Yes the Leader of Majority hon. Michael Kirumba.

Hon. Michael Kirumba: Thank you very much Mr Speaker. I beg to table the Annual Report of the Nyandarua County Public Service Board, 2015. It is dated 29th December 2015 and duly signed by J.M. Mbugua, the Secretary to the County Public Service Board (CPSB). I do hereby table. Thank you.

Speaker: Very well, the report is tabled and will now go to the Committee on Legal, Justice and Public Service. I am therefore asking the chair to indicate what time they would require them to report to the House on the report. Yes, Member for Ndaragwa Central ward and Chairperson Committee on Legal, Justice and Public Service, Hon. Peter Mwangi.

Hon. Peter Mwangi: I think two months will be okay from now for the committee to comprehensively give a report to the House.

Speaker: That is okay. Therefore, the secretariat or the Office of the Clerk will work hand in hand with the committee to ensure it reports to the House within two months.

(Hon. Kieru Wambui rises)

Yes, Member for Gatimu Hon. Kieru Wambui.

Hon. Kieru Wambui: Thank you Mr Speaker...

Speaker: I think for the purposes of maintaining the dignity of the House, it has just crossed the speaker's eyes on some of the issues we have deliberated here. There is a dress code for men members of this House. I think Hon. Member for Gatimu is not properly dressed. Next order.

PAPER LAID

NYANDARUA COUNTY GOVERNMENT MONTHLY RETURNS, THIRD QUARTER
FINANCIAL YEAR 2015/2016.

Speaker: Yes the Leader of Majority hon. Michael Kirumba.

Hon. Michael Kirumba: Thank you very much Mr Speaker, I beg to table the Nyandarua County Government Monthly Returns, Third Quarter Financial Year 2015/2016. It is dated 10th March 2016 and signed by Michael K. Kuria. I beg to table. Thank you.

Speaker: Very well, the Nyandarua County Government Monthly Returns, Third Quarter Financial Year 2015/2016 duly is tabled.

Hon. Silvester Kagiri: The third quarter of the fiscal year 2015/2016 is not yet over since it ends on 31st March 2016. Therefore, this one is not supposed to be the third quarter and I think it is monthly returns. Thank you.

Speaker: Let me confirm that in the document because I partly agree with you. Actually, you are correct Mr. Chairman but I also think it is quarterly returns for the month of February, which clearly falls under the third quarter. Yes, Mr. Chairman, please furnish the House on when to expect the report.

Hon. Silvester Kagiri: Thank you Mr. Speaker. We will have now to combine the report with that of the implementation of the budget for Controller of Budget within the sixty days. In other words, I am saying that the committee will require at least thirty days to come up with a report.

Speaker: Very well, I hope that thirty days will be enough for you to come up with the report.

(Hon. Wahome Kamoche rises on a point of order)

Speaker: Yes member for Rurii, Hon. Wahome Kamoche

Hon. Wahome Kamoche: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I would like to know if it is in order for the member for Gatimu to come to this House inappropriately dressed yet we have a dress code.

Speaker: It is not in order for the member for Gatimu to remain in the House. I applaud the member for Rurii for his vigilance. Flouting the House dress code is classified as a gross misconduct, so member for Gatimu please walk out.

(Hon. Kieru Wambui bows and leaves the House)

Speaker: Next order!

MOTION

Speaker: Yes Member for Kipipiri and deputy leader of the majority party, Hon. Michael Njoroge Kirumba.

Hon. Michael Kirumba: Thank you Mr Speaker, I beg to move the following motion:

That this House does resolve to approve the virement of the Nyandarua County Supplementary Budget financial year 2015/2016 by re-allocating five million Kenya shillings allocated in the vote head of Construction of Designated Parking Areas within Karau town to the vote head on assorted road works within Karau Ward.

This is simply a proper housekeeping endeavour. We have a vote head in the wrong vote and to avoid any future audit queries, we need to realign the vote heads. The five million will go a long way in repairing the roads within Karau ward. This way, the people of Karau will be serviced with what they really needed.

This is a housekeeping motion and it is quite straightforward. I call the member for Karau to second because he understands where we are coming from. Thank you Mr. Speaker, I beg to move.

Speaker: Yes Member for Karau and Hon. Sammy Kamau Ngotho

Hon. Kamau Ngotho: Thank you Mr Speaker, I first wish to state, from a communication made from the Speaker that my heart is clean and content. According to the Maslow's hierarchy of needs, different people have different needs and when someone feels that he or she is content with the level he or she is in, you cannot question them. If the deputy minority leader really did not sign the minutes of the meeting that we held in the committee room, I hope she will be able to deal with her conscience to her grave. I have nothing against the deputy minority leader.

In politics, there is always a looming possibility of being betrayed and we are always ready for it. Some of us here are elected and the others are nominated. Some of us will be betrayed by the party and others by the people who brought them to this House in the first place. I have nothing against the deputy minority leader and I am taking all of this in one stride, like a man. If the majority leader could resign so gracefully, how about me who had not even tasted that seat? I know God has something in store for me, He always does.

(Applause)

I second this motion because even the president stated that the roads within Ol'kalou would be constructed. Initially we put the five million into the vote head because we thought the roads would have been done so that we could now put cabral on the designated parking within the town but because that has not been done, we cannot do what the Kikuyus call '*kuruuga mbere ya ndarama*¹. Mr Speaker we do not want to jump before the gun. I second

(Question proposed)

Speaker: Yes Member for Kaimbaga and Hon. Samuel Kimani Njiraini

Hon. Kimani Njiraini: I support this virement because we need to cater for the needs of our people first. The most urgent need here is good roads and this virement will ensure that the people of Ol'Kalou have the good roads they need. I believe that this is a laudable precedent that has been set here. There is a lot of money set aside for culverts, the rainy season is almost here, and I believe much of the money will remain unused. I am hoping then that the other Hon. Members will follow suit. Thank you Mr. Speaker, I support and call the mover to respond.

¹Jumping the gun

Speaker: Yes Member for Kipipiri and deputy leader of the majority party, Hon. Michael Njoroge Kirumba.

Hon. Michael Kirumba: I must thank the members for setting a precedent so that if, in future, you find that there is money that is likely not to be spent, then you can bring such a motion here so that by the end of the year we will have utilized all the monies for the good of our people. This is the way to go. Thank you Mr Speaker, I beg to move.

(Question put and agreed to)

Speaker: Next order!

MOTION

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ICT & e-GOVERNMENT ON THE CURRENT STATUS OF ICT IN THE COUNTY

Speaker: Yes Member for Karau and Chairperson Committee on ICT & e-Government, Sammy Kamau Ngotho.

Hon. Kamau Ngotho: Thank you Mr Speaker. I think this motion was very untimely but since I am the chairperson of the committee, I have to carry out my mandate. Mr Speaker, for those who do not know what ICT is, it means Information and Communication Technology (ICT) is a range of technologies for gathering, storing, receiving, processing, analysing and transmitting information.

Contemporary markets and technology developments have led to convergence where boundaries between previously separate ICT services, networks and business practices have eroded. I wish to go straight to the findings:

Mr Speaker, the committee made the following findings and observations on the status of ICT in the county:

1. Infrastructure and Connectivity

This includes the hardware (equipment) and software (systems and applications). Hardware includes machines (computers, photocopiers, printers, network switches etc) and storage devices. Software on the other hand comprises of system software and application software.

The ability of projects to realize value for money and cost effective approaches to application of systems in service delivery is also considered. The following is the current status of the infrastructure and connectivity in the County.

- ✓ The process of connecting the County to the National Optic Fibre Broadband (NOFBI) has already started with the infrastructure being laid down at the County Head-quarters- Ol-Kalou. Everyone is aware of this but last week someone

reported that Nyandarua and some other counties were uncooperative but it turned out it is only because the CEC member had failed to reply to a letter requesting for some things.

- ✓ WAN has been installed at every sub-county office. The WAN installed at the county government office is being shared among the offices situated within the building and by the offices of department of Health and Agriculture. This uses 12MBS +7 Nodes of 2MB. This type of connection is virtual and carries video, voice and data connectivity.
- ✓ The network coverage by GSM is close to 90%. However, there is generally low signal strength for GSM (this survey has been done by Safaricom and the County ICT department).
- ✓ Most staff use modems for their internet connectivity. The County Offices have GSM- Safaricom, Orange and Airtel. They also use CDMA (Orange).
- ✓ The county headquarters office have a VoIP enabled PABX voice communication system. Those members who do not understand these terms should check the page on definition of terms like Hon. David Ndirangu of Weru ward who I believe might require lessons.
- ✓ The ICT Department has developed a website for the county government. The link is www.nyandarua.go.ke. The website has chat capability whereby members of the public are able to log in and register their queries, which are either responded to by the ICT Department or routed to the relevant department for speedy and efficient response. The website detects the size and type of gadget (tablets, ipads and smartphones) being used by a visitor and conforms data to fit that gadget. The department has also connected the County Government Facebook page with the website thereby increasing the number of followers to over 5,000.
- ✓ The Department has developed a draft ICT policy. Once implemented the policy will guide on the procedure of project implementation and also specify time frames for completion and implementation of projects. The policy ensures that projects implemented in the county assist to develop ICT in the county in the long run. The draft policy has been handed over to the responsible County Executive Committee Member for approval.
- ✓ The electricity connection within the county is around 10% and connection is limited in the rural villages. This compounds the challenge of penetration of ICT

infrastructure and its usage. We are however hoping that the rural electrification project will soon reach the rest of the places.

- ✓ The asset management register is manual and not integrated with procurement system.
- ✓ There is no Geo-Sensing Technology (GIS and GPS) in the County. CCTV cameras have been installed at the County Government Offices. They have also been installed at the Assembly and the Assembly offices the new chambers.

2. Public service delivery and interoperability

The following key factors were noted:

All MCAs have tablets and they have been trained on how to use them. They have official email addresses, which are used to communicate. I do not want to speak about the tablets because mine was stolen but I believe that members are able to use them. The Nyandarua county assembly has a website; www.assembly.nyandarua.go.ke.

I commend the staff because previously we did not have a website that has such information as the membership of the committee, the Hansard, committee reports, tender and job adverts and *whatsapp* contact. The only failure that the assembly has is on *facebook* page. We cannot access the website on daily basis. If we had one like the executive does, the issue of the minority leader that never was, would have been posted there.

The County does not have a centralized database for capturing data from the various departments such As Lands, Roads, Economic Planning, Health, Administration, Education and Public Service Board. The County Government has acquired a Bulk SMS Platform with the short-code: 22980. The short-code is a query system which can be integrated with other government system for Nyandarua citizens and other interested parties. Citizens can query about farming; investment opportunities; land rates balance for property owners; tracking of licences after application and communicating to various groups in wards and sub-counties e.g. Special groups, PWDs, youth groups and cooperative societies.

If anyone wants to contact groups, he or she can use it. Today was world water day and if one wanted to contact people environmentalists, it would have been easier. However, this one has not been doing very well. The one that is run by the assembly has also not been very efficient. This is an issue that this committee is looking into.

In the year 2013 Senator Wamatangi and Mwangi wa Iria used this platform for their campaigns. There is a famous chief that uses instagram to communicate. When cows are stolen he communicates with every one and people are able to apprehend the law breakers. Different departments have revenue streams but lack an automated system for collection of

all the revenues. However, the department is in the process of implementing the revenue automation project with an allocation of Kshs. 11,000,000. Mr Speaker by the time that we compiled the report the allocation was Kshs. 11 million but it was changed to Kshs. 23 million.

The evaluation Committee was formed and tasked with evaluating bids from interested bidders for the tender on the proposed supply, delivery, customization, implementation, training, piloting, and commissioning of a revenue collection and management system for Nyandarua County Government. The report of this committee stated that the tender was advertised on 21st April and closed on the 5th day of May 2015. Out of the eleven bidders, only two bidders proceeded to the technical and financial evaluation stages. The piloting process was carried out in Ol'kalou and Kinangop sub-counties.

The Evaluation committee did not recommend the award to either one of the bidders. I do not have to read the next paragraph because it has been overtaken by events but Mr Speaker what happened is that the tender was advertised in the daily papers and several companies applied for the tenders. Last week the evaluation committee recommended five suppliers. We are expecting them within 7 days. We have been in contact with the chief officer and the CECM finance and by the end of May we shall have revenue automation in place.

(a) Interoperability of systems.

Interoperability environment includes operating systems, databases, infrastructure, distributed system, specifications and how they fit into the existing ones or allow leverage for other systems targeting the same end users.

These are the key factors noted here:

- ✓ IFMIS is being used for e-procurement and payment of suppliers.
- ✓ LAIFOMs is being used to collect some revenues.
- ✓ The CIDP contains the spatial plans of all relevant departments but there is no system in place to implement and integrate the plans.

3. Human Resource and Capacity Building

Mr Speaker, the committee considered skills and competencies of the County Government Human Resource (both ICT and service functions) to use both ICT equipment and programs. Skills and competencies of end-users to use ICT applications and systems to respond to citizen needs were also considered.

Mr Speaker there is need to training for the staff. I wish to draw your attention to the fact that there will be a training during the recess and I wish that all the staff and especially

the inclusion of the clerks, I have information that they have been secluded from the training on I.C.T that will be taking place. The clerks are the technical people on the ground I request that all of them be there for that training.

The County Assembly has deployed Ward Officers to all the 25 Ward Offices. These have been trained and given 25 computers, printers and UPS (Uninterrupted Power Supply).

The recommendations of the committee are as follows.

- 1) That county infrastructure should be developed and ICT connectivity in the county. This shall be characterized by:
 - Installing and upgrading local area network (LAN) infrastructure in all county departmental offices. Wireless network should be installed in all the above locations.
 - Carrying out ICT infrastructure needs assessment for the field stations. Wide Area Network (WAN) should be extended to interconnect all sub-county and ward offices. End-users should be provided with adequate access to the LANs and computing facilities.
 - A central county primary data centre/server room should be set up and operationalized.
 - Data backup system should be set up to carry out backups for the whole county's information and data. This is important because data can be stolen or there can be a fire outbreak. This is a political environment and anything is bound to happen.
- 2) Public service delivery systems should be improved. This should be done through:
 - Digitizing all main registries in the county.
 - Building the following databases to support core business processes:
 - i. Agribusiness database
 - ii. Cooperatives, Trade, Tourism and Industry Database
 - iii. Education management database.
 - iv. Legal and policy
 - v. Human Resource Management database.
 - vi. Roads, Transport and public works database.
 - vii. Revenue streams database.

- viii. Water resources
- ix. Lands and forestry database.
- x. Minerals and Natural Resources Database.

The reason why the health department is not there is because it is being rolled out. There is need to have a health management system database within J. M Memorial and Engineer hospital.

I do not need to say but there is crisis at J. M Memorial hospital. It does not have drugs and there are no tests being carried out in that hospital. If there is a database people would easily know that the types of drugs that are not there.

On agribusiness we shall be able to know how the ATCs are running, the employees that visited the farmers to do extension services. We need to track the AI services providers. The chiefs and even I do not know who were sent to provide these services to the farmers are 700 shillings.

3) The county human resources ICT capacities should be built. This can be done by:

- Developing standard for acquisition, maintenance and disposal of ICT equipment.
- Equipping staff with appropriate computers and other requisite ICT equipment.
- Procuring and installing recommended genuine operating systems, office suites, antivirus, etc.
- Increasing the percentage of ICT budget allocation from the current 1% to at least 3 % the total county budget.
- Undertaking ICT training needs assessment.
- Developing an I CT Training curriculum.
- Coordinating and carrying out regular ICT Basic training for all county staff.
- Establishing an ICT Training Resource Centre to facilitate access to ICT facilities to all staff and citizens.

This is where I have made a request that all the committee clerks to join us as we go for training on ICT by CPST.

4) Staff and citizen access to communication should be enhanced. Means of achieving this include:

- Facilitating online access to service delivery tools/forms.

- Developing and implementing an Enterprise Resource Planner to facilitate online access to county information and services.
- Upgrading the telephone system to embrace the VOIP technology that is more efficient and reliable.
- Managing the delivery of services cost-effectively through shared printing, scanning and storage solutions over a local area network.
- Installing electronic notice boards and tele/video-conferencing system.

In addition, Mr Speaker, the county government departments, should work hand in hand with the ICT department to implement the following per department.

1. ICT & E-Government – Full revenue automation (including inventory management for hospitals). The department should also come up with a health management system for both inpatient and outpatient. The department should also ensure that ERP is fully networked and include HRIS thereby.
2. Finance & Economic Planning – Should have e-Promise M & E (monitoring). IFMIS should also be rolled out to reach the sub-county.

We have always been told that *IFMIS iko chini*. That is why some of us have been left with empty stomachs.

3. Trade, Cooperative and Development – SACCOs financial systems should be integrated with the county IFMIS. Also, systems for marketing the products and providing market information should be developed.

This will give members of the SACCO a chance to see how their shares are like to avoid collapsing like one in Ol'kalou. My lowest moment in the five years is failure to revive it. There will be accountability.

4. Health Services – Two hospitals, (J.M. Hospital and Engineer Hospital) should be enabled to become paperless. There should also be a system that will track patients (chronic diseases, pregnant or lactating mothers) and send reminders.
5. Human Resource Management- Have a system that manages all the HR process e.g. SAP. Electronic clock in and out register should also be installed. Also, the department should have a networked system with the County Service Board.

Some staff can remain home because the human resource officer is not aware of their whereabouts. This is a better system than signing a book.

6. Roads, Transport and Public Works – the department should acquire roads and other spatial resources mapping systems, office automation, design software and project

management applications. All relevant professional applications (AutoCad and Achicad) should be acquired. All staff in this department should also be trained on ICT in order to use the applications efficiently.

It is possible to do BQs and store them and we would not be taking so long to do others incase the road being done is half the kilometres states in the BQ

7. County Assembly – should continue to work with executive to network the ward offices with WAN. It should also work with the Executive to have the signal strength by Safaricom improved.

8. Water – full automation of water billing system that includes ‘paybill’ payments.

We are still under the Ol’Kalou service board and they are not directly answerable to us but if there is automation we can be able to tell the quantity that has been used and the amount that has been paid.

9. Education – should endeavor to ensure that electricity spreads to the rural areas in order to enable e-learning in schools. Computer laboratories should be installed and training in the polytechnics. ECD database should also be automated. In addition, bursary schemes should be automated for ease of tracking disbursement of bursaries.

Papers were saying that the government has pumped a lot of money into I.C.T to follow all other government departments. The I.C.T department was hit below the belt during budget because it was given Ksh. 13 million out of the Ksh. 47 million it had asked for. It is also unfortunate that during the approval of the CFSP I was not here and my vice chair was not here as well. Under vote head governance out of Ksh. 300 million, I.C.T was allocated Ksh. 13 million.

We are however going to sit with the chief officer and budget officer in the county so that we can settle these issues. I thank the members, the committee clerk Alice, principal ICT officer Margaret Waithaka and the director *bwana* Mukiri who have been of great help to this committee. ICT is not for everyone and that is why you can see that the house is almost empty. If we were discussing issues on roads not one would have left. I am pleased to see that off all people, Hon. Gachari is here. I call upon the vice chairperson to second.

Speaker: Yes County Member from Njabini-Kiburu, Hon. Rebecca Nyangati.

Hon. Rebecca Nyangati: Thank you Mr Speaker. I rise to second the motion. I commend the chair for thoroughly presenting the report, which has led to the members understanding the ICT matters addressed therein. I therefore do not wish to say a lot of things but let me talk of the County Assembly Library. I am sure that most of the members are not aware that the County Assembly has a library. So the library staff and the County Assembly

management should sensitize the Hon. Members on the resources in the said library and how to use them.

Mr Speaker, the budgetary allocation for the ICT Department has been reduced to Kshs. 13 million. You remember there was a law that was passed providing that 5% of the county budget should go ICT. We moved a motion on the floor of this House and gave examples of the counties that have implemented that said law. One of the counties that have implemented the law is Kiambu County. I think the Budget and Appropriations Committee should have consulted the ICT Committee before slashing the allocation.

It would be advisable if the proposed installation of CCTV systems at both J.M. Memorial and Engineer Hospitals was effected. The systems would enhance security especially of drugs.

The money for the proposed installation of Wide Area Network was also slashed. Last week the Governor denied that his administration is not supporting the laying of the fibre optic cable. But how can one support a project yet they have not put aside money for implementation of the same? Although the laying of the fibre optic is a national government project the county governments should take part in the same. Other counties are supporting the same.

How can our Governor say that he is supporting this project yet he has not set aside money for the same? It means that if the national government is done with its part in the implementation of the project the part of the implementation meant for our county government will stall. To avoid this money for the said project should be set aside. The fibre optic networking would improve radiography services at J.M. Memorial Hospital for example since it would allow this facility to connect with other facilities offering the same services.

Remember the national government was to provide more machines to J.M. Memorial Hospital some of them being radiography machines. The said hospital has only one radiographer who went to Tanzania for further studies. The Governor should understand that the laying of the fibre optic cable would improve services such as the one stated above. Health management systems were also supposed to be implemented in J.M. Memorial Hospital.

This would help in the management of drugs to allow cases like drug theft. Sometime back the ICT committee visited the Nakuru branch of the Kenya National Library Services and found out that the branch offers services for free. The branch has also computerised its services.

It is unfortunate that we have not managed to computerised services in our hospitals. In view of this, our county government should prioritise ICT. At KSG when we were interrogating the County Fiscal Strategy Paper (CFSP) we identified that there is no flagship project under ICT docket. We proposed that there should be money allocated for establishment of a community library.

The ICT and e-Government Committee has planned to meet the Director of Budget in order for him to shed more light on the projects that are allocated money in every budget as well as other issues raised in this report on the status of ICT in the county. Allocations for ICT projects reflect in this report on the ICT status in the county. The ICT Chief Officer, Mr. Wilson Kigwa, should tell us where the money for proposed ICT projects went to.

It was unfair to slash the budgetary allocation for ICT. Remember the mentioned Ksh. 13 million amount to recurrent expenditure. So the ICT sector has not been allocated money for development. If there is no allocation for development what would the officers in the ICT department be doing in office?

The Kshs. 23 million that was allocated for automation of revenue allocation was slashed. That means that this project will not be implemented. Something should be done on this. Having said that, I beg to second.

(Question proposed)

Speaker: Yes member for Leshau Pondo, Hon. Josphat Kamau.

Hon. Josphat Kamau: Thank you Mr Speaker. I rise to support the motion that has been moved by the chairman of the Committee on ICT and e-Government. Considering the mood of the House Members need to be trained on matters pertaining to ICT. About 80% of the members were out of the debate chambers when the motion was being moved. Once the county government understands the importance of ICT it will allocate fund to install equipment to improve the ICT infrastructure.

Technology is changing very fast. I was reading in a local daily that most members of the business community use swipe cards to buy goods and services. But some fraudsters have developed mechanisms to hack the cards details and withdraw owners' money.

ICT is very critical. The county government departments need to be technologically connected. If, for example, the Departments of Education, Culture and Social Services and Finance and Economic Planning were technologically connected it would be easier for the two to liaise. The County Assembly would also easily liaise with the executive if they were connected through technological platforms. With those remarks I call the mover to respond. Thank you.

Speaker: Yes mover and the chairperson of the Committee on ICT and e-Government, Hon. Kamau Ngotho.

Hon. Kamau Ngotho: Thank you Mr Speaker. I do not wish to say much. The member who has just contributed has said that matters of ICT are tricky for many people. I thank all the members and urge them to embrace development of ICT infrastructure in the county. I beg to move. Thank you Mr Speaker.

(Question put and agreed to)

Speaker: Hon. Members, I would wish to critically say that the technical people to whom we have delegated the duty and honour to ensure that we are technologically networked incorporate allocations for ICT projects yet most of them are removed from the budget without consultations.

We may allocated money for improvement of roads, water and agriculture sectors which are directly felt by Wanjiku, but improvement of all these sectors would be faster if we got it right on ICT. Actually, without proper ICT infrastructure every aspect of development would slow down. I do not know what will be done to ensure that the ICT infrastructure is improved in our time. But I think the ICT and e-Government Committee can forge partnership with Communication Authority of Kenya, though I am not sure about the mandate of the latter. This is to ensure whether the CAK can step in in the implementation of the recommendations of the committee.

I am aware that there was a partnership note that was being worked upon on the same by the Executive. But the same is long overdue. Remember ICT sector is an evolving one, which requires that we establish Public-Private Partnership (PPP) to ensure that we are technologically networked for faster development.

The chairperson of the Committee on ICT and e-Government talked about preparation of BQs. Actually with computerization, preparation of BQs would be done overnight. So Hon. Members I am calling upon you to support this particular sector. The ICT and e-Government Committee has compiled a very good report and it should not be allowed to collect dust. The committee should pursue to ensure the Executive to ensure that there is action to implement every aspect of the report.

Next order!

(Hon. Michael Kirumba rises)

Yes member for Kipipiri and the deputy Leader of Majority, Hon. Michael Kirumba

Hon. Michael Kirumba: Thank you Mr Speaker. I rise pursuant to Standing Order 33 (2) and beg to move a motion of adjournment House to tomorrow, the 23rd of March,

2016, and that the House does not convene for the sitting slotted on Wednesday, 23rd March, 2016 at 9:00 A.M.

Mr Speaker, this motion of adjournment is informed by the unfolding scenarios in the leadership of this House. Members felt that they needed time to clear the unfolding issues pertaining to the said leadership especially considering the pecking orders provided under Standing Order 228. Because members of this House would wish to do things procedurally, they appointed 10:00 a.m. tomorrow as the time they would want to meet and deal with the issues pertaining to the leadership of this House.

I beg the members to support this motion of adjournment, which requires that we resume the sittings of this House at 2:30 p.m. tomorrow so that we secure time to clear the said concerns for the betterment of the leadership of this House. I now call the Majority Whip to second the motion. Thank you Mr Speaker.

Speaker: Yes member for Shamata and the Majority Whip, Hon. Kinyanjui Gachari

Hon. Kinyanjui Gachari: Thank you Mr Speaker. I rise to support this very important motion. The adjournment would allow us to perform the big duty that would ensure betterment of the leadership of this House. Mr Speaker fair elections are healthy. I urge member who would wish to take up the position of the Leader of Majority to continue declaring their interests and lobby for the same. I beg to second. Thank you Mr Speaker.

Question proposed

Question put and agreed to

Speaker: So, now this House adjourns to tomorrow, Wednesday, the 23rd day of March 2016 at 2:30 P.M.

(The House rose at 4:04 p.m.)