

COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF NAKURU**THE HANSARD****Tuesday, 8TH November 2022***Assembly Building**The House met at 10:30 am**[The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri) in the Chair].***PRAYER****COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR**

WELCOME TO STUDENTS FROM NAKURU BOYS HIGH SCHOOL

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): Honorable Members, in a special way I want to acknowledge the presence of Students from Nakuru Boys' High School, welcome. This is a House where important matters are deliberated. Next order

MESSAGE

NOMINEES TO THE POSITIONS OF CHIEF OFFICERS (COs)

Honorable Members, there is a message from her Excellency the Governor Honorable Susan Kihika and pursuant to the provisions of Section 45 of the County Government Act of 2012 as read together Section 6 of the Public Appointments, County Assembly Approval Act. I am in receipt of a message from her Excellency the Governor, nominating the following persons to the position of Chief Officers (COs)

1. Cheruiyot Michael Kiplangat – Department of Livestock and Fisheries Development
2. Abuki Alice Manyange - Department of Public Health
3. Ndegwa Samuel Njoroge- Department of Trade, Business Support and Entrepreneurship
4. Kakai Everlyne Bunusu – Department Of Economic Planning
5. Alex Maina Muhoro – Department of Resource Mobilization
6. Koech John Kipkorir- Department of Education
7. Malinda Joseph Mutua- Department of Finance AND Revenue Administration
8. Mwaura Newton Kamau- Department of Agriculture and Cooperatives
9. Ncece Joyce- Department of Disaster Management and Humanitarian Assistance
10. Abdallah Salim Swaleh -Department of ICT E-Government and Public Communication
11. Kimani Rosemary Wambui- Tourism and Culture
12. Barasa Kennedy Mungai- Department of Environment, Energy, Climate Change and Natural Resources
13. Kurgat Richard Kibet- Department of Youth And Vocational Training
14. Kinyanjui Margaret Wanjiru – Department Of Water and Sanitation

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15. Koech Charles Kipngetich- Department of Administration and Devolution
16. Mwangi John Murima- Department of Medical Services
17. Kuria David Kamau- Department of Housing and Urban Development
18. Sang Bernard Kipkurui- Department Public Works
19. Mwaura Stella Mabaire- Department of Sports, Gender, Culture and Social Service
20. Changwony Catherine- Department of Lands and Physical Planning
21. Mugo Kennedy Kambo- Department of Public Transport and Roads

Honorable Members, Pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order number 48, the Nominees stand committed to the relevant Departmental Committees as follows-

1. Cheruiyot Michael Kiplangat – Department Of Livestock And Fisheries Development, Committed To The Committee On Agriculture
2. Abuki Alice Manyange - Department Of Public Health, Committed To The Committee On Health
3. Ndegwa Samuel Njoroge- Department Of Trade, Business Support And Entrepreneurship, Committed To The Committee On Trade, Tourism And Cooperatives
4. Kakai Everlyne Bunusu – Department Of Economic Planning, Committed To The Committee On Budget And Appropriation
5. Alex Maina Muhoro – Department Of Resource Mobilization, Committed To The Committee On Finance
6. Koech John Kipkorir- Department Of Education, Committed To The Committee On Early Childhood Education And Vocational Training
7. Malinda Joseph Mutua- Department Of Finance And Revenue Administration, Committed To The Committee On Budget And Appropriation
8. Mwaura Newton Kamau- Department Of Agriculture And Cooperatives, Committed To The Committee On Agriculture And Cooperatives
9. Ncece Joyce- Department Of Disaster Management And Humanitarian Assistance, Committed To The Committee On Disaster Management
10. Abdallah Salim Swaleh Department Of ICT E-Government And Public Communication, Committed To The Committee On ICT And E-Government
11. Kimani Rosemary Wambui- Tourism And Culture, Committed To The Committee On Trade, Tourism And Culture
12. Barasa Kennedy Mungai- Department of Environment, Energy, Climate Change And Natural Resources, Committed To The Committee Environment, Energy And Natural Resources
13. Kurgat Richard Kibet- Department Of Youth And Vocational Training, Committed To The Committee On Early Childhood Education And Vocational Training
14. Kinyanjui Margaret Wanjiru – Department Of Water And Sanitation, Committed To The Committee On Energy, Environment And Natural Resources
15. Koech Charles Kipngetich- Department Of Administration And Devolution, Committed To The Committee On Labour, Gender, Youth And Social Services
16. Mwangi John Murima- Department Of Medical Services, Committed To The Committee Health Services

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17. Kuria David Kamau- Department Of Housing And Urban Development, Committed To The Committee On Lands, Housing And Physical Planning
18. Sang Bernard Kipkurui- Department Public Works, Committed To The Committee On Roads, Transport And Public Works
19. Mwaura Stella Mabaire- Department Of Sports, Gender, Culture And Social Service, Committed To The Committee On Sport, Gender Culture And Social Service
20. Changwony Catherine- Department Of Lands And Physical Planning, Committed To The Committee On Lands, Housing And Physical Planning
21. Mugo Kennedy Kambo- Department Of Public Transport, Committed To The Committee On Roads, Transport and Public Works

Honorable Members, on the same there will be the substantive time that has been set on the schedule and the Chairpersons of the various Committee to take note. The office of the Clerk will immediately, after this sitting distribute the program for the vetting of Chief Officers (COs) by the various Assembly Committees. What is it honorable Stanley Karanja?

Hon. Stanley Karanja: Thank you honorable Speaker. I stand on Order number 48(1) (2) on the approval of Public Appointments, which says that upon receipts of the notification for appointment for an office under the Constitution or any other legislation requiring it to be approved by the Assembly; the nomination shall stand committed to the relevant Departmental Committee of the Assembly for consideration.

The reason why I am on my knees honorable Speaker is that last time, you did the same communication on the CECMs... part 2 of the Standing Order 48 reads that – despite paragraph one on appointment under Article number 179(2) and (b) of the Constitution shall stand committed to the Committee on Appointments. If going by the Standing Order 48, last time you read to us the names of the CECMs and the same CECs were committed to the Committee on Appointments if my memory serves me well.

Then, when the communication has been done and nominees have been committed to different Committees, it means that the names now are the property of the Assembly, and therefore if anything has to be done or if anybody is not satisfied ought to come to the Assembly and raise the issue. I am perturbed because it seems as if there is institutional encroachment. Whereby somebody decides to stop the work of the Assembly through the court process.

What happens now because we have been given the program, what happens if somebody rushes to Court and yet the names and the program of the Assembly has been committed to the Assembly? I am standing to urge for your indulgence because the names of CECs was the property of the Assembly through the Appointment Committee and then the report had been committed to the House. There is the rule of the Separations of Powers; it must be adhered to for it is Constitutional.

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): Honorable Karanja there is a Court Order to that effect and as much there is Separation of Power, a Court Order is a Court Order, and for that matter the matter

is before the High Court, there is substantive date for ruling, and I want to believe that the Assembly stands guided.

Hon. Stanley Karanja: Honorable Speaker, I am not talking of the merits and demerits, I am talking about the Constitutional requirements of the Separation of Powers, what happens because you have read, and now the names are transferred to the court? The independence of the Assembly is being usurped and...

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): Order Honorable Karanja.

Hon. Stanley Karanja: I stand guided Honorable Speaker.

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): We are an Assembly and it does not matter whether in the Senate or the National Assembly, in terms of legal redress we have to be under the Judiciary. For that matter, because there is a court order, as an Assembly, we have addressed ourselves with our legal representative, we have advised our Lawyers on what to do on that matter, and when the matter is going to come up for hearing, our legal representatives will take it from there, thank you.

Hon. Stanley Karanja: I stand guided Honorable Speaker, what I was saying is that you also give us time to study whatever you have read on the nominees so that where two Committees can be enjoined to vet a Nominee because the Nominee cuts across two Committees.

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): On that, I want you to rest the case because it is very clear, what is Honorable Minority Leader?

The Minority Leader (Hon. Philip Wanjohi): I am standing on Standing Order number 48(3), it says, before holding an Approval Hearing the Committee to which the proposed appointments have been referred shall notify the candidate and the public of the time and place for holding of the Approval Hearing at least seven days prior to the hearing. If the seven days are not expired then somebody can rush to the court and in this instance, we are talking about the appointment of the CECMs. The seven days have not expired.

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): Thank you Honorable Minority Leader, with the specific Standing Order, we have taken care of that, immediately after this, the various Committee Chairpersons are going to be provided with the schedule and the other matters will be discussed at the Committee. Next order

NOTICE OF MOTION

HOUSE APPROVES THE NOMINATION OF HON. MACHARIA TO REPRESENT UDA AT THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY SERVICE BOARD (CASB)

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): We have a notice of Motion from the leader of Majority Party.

The Majority Leader (Hon. Alex Langat): Thank honorable Speaker, I rise to give a Notice of Motion;

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THAT, Pursuant to the provisions of Section 12(3) of the County Government Act, no 17 of 2012 this House approves the nominations of Honorable John Macharia Gachiri to represent the United Democratic Alliance (UDA) at the County Assembly Service Board.

Mr. Speaker, I rest my case. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): Thank you, the Honorable Majority Leader.

Next order.

MOTION

THE ASSEMBLY THANKS BE RECORDED FOR EXPOSITION OF POLICY CONTAINED IN THE GOVERNOR'S ADDRESS DELIVERED ON 12TH OCTOBER 2022

(RESSUMPTION OF DEBATED INTERRUPTED ON 19.10.2022 MORNING SESSION)

That is a resumption of the debate by the leader of majority party.

The Majority Leader (Hon. Alex Langat): Yes, thank you, Mr. Speaker.

We will remember that recently, we had a debate and we adjourned for some reasons. So today, I raise to move the resumption of this debate that the thanks of this Assembly be recorded to the exposition of public policy, which is contained in the address of the governor, which was actually delivered on 12TH October 2022. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): because it is resumption of debate and already it was seconded at that particular time, I now want to move that the ... of the Assembly be recorded for the exposition of public policy containing the address of the governor delivered on 12TH October 2022. The Motion is open for debate. Mheshimiwa Palang'a

Hon. Peter Palang'a: thank you Mr. Speaker. This is a very important Motion or debate before us. We appreciate that the governor did read and like pray on how she needs to undertake a number of issues.

I believe that this was in line to her manifesto, then when she moved around across this country trying to woo members to vote for her and indeed this is where we are.

In her speech she highlighted number of issues that she needs to undertake, which I want to applaud that indeed she knows areas she wants to address and deliver on the promises she made to our people.

H.E the governor highlighted a number of issues in regards to different departments. She highlighted on issues of health and she talked over a number of issues which again, I want to mention quite a number.

she did say that you want to see that this is operationalized and to cut quite a number of them.

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On NHIF she said that she would want to ...

It is true that we have vulnerable families within our different areas. And this is an area that we need to emphasize that those vulnerable families should be catered for, in terms of the coverage for NHIF. However, it also comes with a lot of resources in terms of how do we then identify these families.

I wish to request the members as we look into these all Honorable members from our respective areas let us not to be selective in terms of identification of these beneficiaries. How I wish and I believe that that shall be a participatory process where members can really get to highlight and identify the real vulnerable members to be covered on this.

She also talked of FIF (facility improvement funds). And I want to reiterate here that from my intelligence having worked as the Chair for PAIC in the previous term, we had improved this fund in terms of the collections that we are getting from the facility.

However, as a support her in this I think we will have to go an extra mile. There is a lot of money that is being misappropriated. There is a lot of money that is getting lost. This is an area that people are getting treated in these facilities, notably PGH hospital. And the money is not been received,

you pay to get services you are treated, then you pay cash to whoever is there that is handling your case. So, I support her on this. But as we do this, we want to understand what are these measures that she has put in place to ensure that we maintain if not, so, we increase the facility improvement funds within those facilities.

Mr. Speaker, the number of issues and so many people who have voted to poke holes or discussed among other issues, she has well thought of inclusivity in her government.

And us minorities in this county, we feel that the direction to take, we want to see that particular component of inclusivity of minorities is in place not only in the speeches, but is entrenched into the offices and officers that handle these offices.

I am proud to mention that the few minority groups have been appointed as the CECs and as the COs to move in that direction. And that is the only way we can make anyone feel part and parcel of the government.

On issues of Agriculture, it cuts across, she as well mentioned the packaging and repackaging of the potatoes and agricultural products. I want to imagine that these had been discussed even with the previous government. However, in terms of achieving the objectives of the same it was not optimized. I feel proud that this time round, we want to ensure that our Wanjikus our mamas who are really doing the farming wherever they are, are not hurt, they are not exploited, the packaging of the products is done in accordance to what is required so that they harness maximum profit from their farm outputs. when I look at the general speech, it was commendable. As I end up my speech

saying I am worried about two areas that may not really be achieved. Notably, the issues of CHVs and the community health workers.

Our excellent the governor said in her speech, that she intends to give a token, a stipend of 5000 Kenyan shillings to each and every CHV.

I doubt and I probably want to know in the future, to get to know where are we going to get these funds to ensure that these people are really going to get whatever has been promised.

It comes with a huge sums of money, the feeding program, in our areas, in our ECDEs how many ECDEs do we have? How many pupils we have? I look at it that it may not really be achievable, in terms of the financial implication that it may have, how practical is it? Is it realistic? Is it achievable, because even if we make a proposal, it is required to be realistic and achievable.

These are some of the areas that requires good political support. But it requires also some lobbying from other areas.

She is well intended to have the issue of the village administrators which again as a County we are lagging behind, other counties have already put these systems in place we are really lagging behind. But again, we need to figure it out on where are we going to get these funds.

And this I want to pose a challenge to the Labor Committee. We have to look into the wage bill of this county. Is it tenable? Is it manageable and sustainable? And where do we want to go? We may be required at some point to take very bold steps to really address some of these issues. And in this matter, we may differ at some point but we have to get it right in terms of where you want to take this county. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): Thank you. Mheshimiwa Wilson Mwangi then we go to Mheshimiwa Karanja in that order.

Hon. Wilson Mwangi: I want to take this opportunity to welcome students from Nakuru Boys High School, which hails from my ward. And also I would also want to applaud the principal of that School Mr. Kangara who is pushing the school to greater heights.

I want also to congratulate and thank the President of the Republic of Kenya for the appointment of Zack Njeru the CS for Lands, he also hails from my ward and we have been having a big problem in the insurance of the title deeds. And I think this is a relief now for the county and also to my ward in a manner that we are no longer going to have the problem again.

As I support the speech of the governor, I also want to come to terms on how she said she is going to reform the health sector, by digitalizing the issue of accountability of...

today as I was listening to my local radio I heard one of the dispensaries at Kabazi where

members of the public are crying that the dispensary does not have drugs, and the other day, we had the governor distributing drugs to different wards and sub counties. So, this is an issue that we really have in making sure that we have accountability in issuance of drugs to make sure that the drugs are not headed to private chemist.

So, on the issue of health and insurance of drugs to our health center, I think that is in order. How the governor Linked In.

Also, we do note that most of our health centres do not have nurses. And I heard the governor particularly saying that she will also do more employment, to make sure that the health institutions will have enough nurses.

In terms of agriculture, we know the country is experiencing drought and we have a problem in terms of food security. Our county needs to head in terms of visions of water harvesting in building dams, and also water pans so that we cannot only depend on rain water, so that our farmers will be able to do agriculture, which will not be depending on rainwater. The governor also touched the issue of cash crops.

That is the issue of pyrethrum and avocados. Of which these are the cash crops that will help Nakuru County because we do not have any other cash crops. Apart from the two. If the governor is able to do a value addition and explore more on the market of these two products our farmers will have enough market and have enough money in their pocket.

In our town we know there are a lot of problems in terms of traffic jam, the integrated county transport infrastructure whereby the governor will be able to construct a modern Matatu terminus will go ahead in terms of reducing traffic jam.

As we agree on the speech from Madam Governor we also need to realize that we are the team that will do the oversight of whatever Madam governor, we will be doing, So in terms of implementation of all these is what matters most we will make sure that we are going to do thorough oversight to make sure that public funds have been utilized appropriately Thank you, Mr. Speaker for giving me the opportunity.

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): Mheshimiwa Karanja.

Hon Stanley Karanja: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and also the Majority Leader for moving this debate. Mr. Speaker, you will remember the historian... History does not forget, you remember Martin Luther King, Jr. once came up with you know, he came up with the...poetic I have a dream which was also echoed by Nelson Mandela when he came out of prison after suffering for a long time. And then it was passed to his cousin Obama who was the president of America and through their cousin in Kenya professor Lumumba and latter to our president H.E Ruto.

If you look at the content of the speeches by them, from Luther King, to our president Ruto. And then you look at what our governor said, they are spiritually connected, in terms of thinking and ideology of removing the poor from the shackles of poverty.

when I looked at this speech, and I read through it, it is very inspiring. In actual sense, when one looks at it, it is good work but there are some critical elements that maybe the House needs to interrogate ... think and then put that one into African scenario. And then look at what we came up in 1963 in terms of Africanization.

I do not know if Hon. Njuguna is here but he can attest, he was the chair of the Health Committee. when you look at our hospitals and I am glad Hon. Wajeff has talked about it the governor says that she will try to make sure that the locals and that is in page four, that the board will be constituted from within our community. Our greatest problem which has been ... in this Kenya is that we have been having people in the boards who know nothing about the hospitals, when you see somebody in a white coat you think that this doctor and maybe he is a fundi these are the people who have been having in terms of managers and maybe members will be able to see if the governor will be able to remove these in hospitals.

It will be good because you cannot have somebody who comes from Nakuru for example, and he is the one who is running Naivasha, he does not even know the doors unless the door that he came from. He knows only the doors of the boardroom. These are the people we want removed.

If you ask the members, they will tell you most of their subcounty hospital are run by foreigners. And I know because they are here, they will communicate that, I hope the governor will remove tourists from our boards.

The reason I said you compare the speech with that of Martin Luther, the governor promised to do to finish and complete all the hospitals and the dispensary that were incomplete. If you go to most of the wards and member will agree, we did put some money but up to today they are halfway constructed and they are so many. In actual sense sometimes I wonder even when God is above looking at an unfinished product and what he says about his people.

You do a hospital that was meant to put healthcare for the old and then, it is left uncomplete and those complete have no doctors and nurses.

The completion ought to invoke the completion of structures and making sure there are doctors nurses and some of these medical doctors.

Also, there was the issue of Agricultural Extension Officers. Hon. Wajeff will tell us that when there was Pyrethrum Board, some of us were able to go to school because there was pyrethrum and I know most of these Members that you are seeing here are products of pyrethrum. From the time Pyrethrum Board of Kenya was killed, Nakuru has no cash crop. I would like to take that one and maybe because the governor talked about that one, we have the pyrethrum Bill brought up.

When we were growing up during the period of Moi, we had few difficulties. I have seen the CBC that they are coming up with. If you want to do a comparative analysis of the education system, you look at China, South Korea and then you look at what Kenyans are doing. In actual sense, we are individuals that God will not want to look at. We need to have extension officers. They are those people *ambao wangekuja na wanakuonyesha jinsi ya kupanda mimea*. That is why we are saying that now that Agriculture is devolved, extension officers ought to be hired. There was the issue of potatoes. In order for us to improve marketing, we decided that the 50kilogram bag *eti ndio* improving Agriculture. That law has done more harm than good. I know they will say that because it was not well thought of and I think these are some of the things that we should engage in. If you look at this speech, the core is that issue of grading the 200 kilometers. You remember we had agreed that each and every Ward be tarmacked 2 kilometers per year. If we did that one during the government of Governor Lee, Naivasha could be boasting of 10 kilometers of tarmac. Right now, my Ward has nothing; it has no tarmac. When the students want to know about tarmac, they have to go all the way to Maai Mahiu and when it rains, they are stuck in between. We need to budget for the 200 kilometers so that each and every Ward will have 2-kilometer tarmac each and every year.

The last one is ECD and I am happy because we have a nominee who will take charge of the ECD. Last time, we appropriated some money to hire 350 teachers. Each and every ward was supposed to hire 6 teachers. Where the money went to, I do not know and maybe even the spirits are not aware. If we have to put the foundation of education, then we must be very serious on education. I do urge the House that even as this supplementary is coming, we need to be revolutionized and put some money for the 350 teachers so that we can continue with that cycle. If this is the speech that will remove Nakuru from the shackles of poverty, I support. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): Thank you. Mheshimiwa Robert from Amalo, followed by Hon. William Mutai and later Hon. Makori.

Hon. Robert Lang’at: Thank you Mr. Speaker sir. I stand here to support the speech by Her Excellency the Governor on the State of the County Address in this House last month. Her speech was balanced, outstanding and a brilliant one because it cuts across all the areas from Lands, Youth, Education, Roads, Agriculture and Health. I really want to support some few areas which are very important and most of my colleagues have touched on several areas. Her speech on food security and Agro-processing is a very important component which we really need to support. She also talked of enhancing access to affordable farm inputs. She also touched on roads which, in terms of integrating the County transport infrastructure and monetizing the terminus in several centers. I also want to agree and support the issue of upgrading to the bitumen standard in several areas. I also want to touch on education. The way she brought the issue of education, I really noted that she is committed in achieving success in quality education. The issue of vocational training is also very important. There is a component of school feeding program which is very important; equipping of the schools which is also very important. There is the issue of water which I know

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really touches almost all of us. She said she needs to increase access and supply of clean water across our County. That is achievable because she touched on few flagship projects. In Kuresoi North, we have a stalled project called Itaare Water Project which cost sh. 38 billion and in collaboration with the National Government, that can be well addressed. She also touched on collaborating with the neighboring Counties, like Baringo County, so that most of the parts of our County can get water from the dam called Chemasusu. It is a project which we need to support. There is also an issue which she touched across on Malewa Dam which will help supply water to Naivasha and Gilgil Sub-Counties. There is the digitization of land records which is very important. We really need to work on that and support her in developing and implementing the same. Finally, I want to touch on key component which she touched on; the issue of her firm pledge of completion of stalled projects and clearance of eligible pending bills which will help our contractors to get their monies. I wish to support our Governor on her speech which was an outstanding one and it needs support. Thank you.

Hon. William Mutai: Thank you Mr. Speaker sir, first of all, I want to applaud the speech of our dear Governor. I take this one as a policy paper that if we adapt and put a lot of input, there is a possibility that this will be used as a roadmap for development in Nakuru County for the next 5 years. I just want to mention a few highlights of this speech and I begin with employment. From the proposal that this speech has given, it is like the economy will be expanded in different perspectives and therefore, this one is going to create a lot of employment for our youth. As you are quite aware, we have critical issues in terms of employment in our County. I am really worried about the trend of unemployment in our County. My colleagues will bear me witness that immediately you were elected, you have a file of application papers that have been brought to you by the youth population that we have which is quite worrying. Each and every youth is telling you to look for them an opportunity for employment. To me, these issues of employment should be addressed much more. I would really have wanted the Governor to address on issues of how to create formal and informal employment. One other issue which I admired in the speech is about the consolidated bursaries. We want to be grateful for the bursaries that are available. Unfortunately, the amount that is allocated for the bursary is Kshs 2 million. From the information that I am getting from my colleagues, it is like there is a flat rate that is allocated to each and every Ward of Kshs 2 million shillings which to me, I felt like it was not done very well because, how do you share Kshs 2 million for each and every Ward on equal terms whereas there should be other parameters that are supposed to be used when sharing out these monies. Moreover, I am taking myself as an example because we had a day when there was some information that went out that the bursary was ready. I had about 1,200 applicants in my Ward such that if you share out this amount of money to the 1,200 needy cases, that tells you that we are going to allocate each and every deserving case about Kshs 900. The big question is, is it worth it? It is high time that this issue is addressed and then we get better allocation for the bursaries. About Agriculture, Madam Governor in her speech was able to mention how she was going to improve the extension services. As you are aware, we have the extension officers but these are people who are in offices. They do

not move to the fields. These people must be compelled by being provided with the necessary infrastructure so that they can be able to go to the field. Mheshimiwa Wajeff has just mentioned about improving the production of various crops. The big question is, how do we improve these crops even before some necessary steps are taken? For instance, you cannot do agriculture unless you know the potential that the soil has. Lastly, let me mention something on AI services. I also propose that Artificial Intelligence services be re-considered in our County. If you have to improve maize production, then we have to start from this humble beginning by identifying and providing cheap if not free insemination services to our farmers. The other day, our government provided some cheap fertilizers that is costing around Kshs 3,500. From the experience that I have gathered from the people from my Ward, accessing these fertilizers is hard because you have to go through some proxies. By the end of the day, you may end up getting fertilizer having paid an extra Kshs 500 I want to also recommend that these fertilizers be allocated to each and every ward in our county. Some stores to be set aside and proper mechanisms be established so that it can be easily accessed by the farmers and this is going to help us so much. Finally, let me also mention on the issue of education that is the establishment of feeding programs. My big question is which one should come first the feeding, the infrastructure or the training? I want to recommend that if possible we have a teacher in each and every school and again considering the ratio of the teacher to the number of children. It should be followed by the proper classrooms which should be done as soon as possible. If possible, lots of allocation of money should be looked into. According to me more allocation should be given to basic education and vocational training centers, rather than doing the work of the national government on the higher education. These issues on bursaries if it was possible according to me, it should be reverted back to the national government so that we can deal with the nursery schools and vocational training centers. Thank you very much Mr. Speaker sir.

The Speaker (Hon Joel Karuri): Thank you. Hon Isabella then Hon Everlyn.

Hon Isabella Makori: Thank you Mr. Speaker sir for giving me this opportunity. I listened keenly to her Excellency our governor Susan Kihika and she was passionate about water, in fact as a mother, water is a very big basic necessity and you cannot do without water. Our mothers are moving many kilometers looking for water and also our animals are starving. You can imagine a woman walking for five kilometers only for one *mtungi* of water. Is it going to be used on washing, cooking, drinking or for animals? So, if we have dams and boreholes, our people will be in a better position and have at least a good life. Our people dug water panels but they were not provided with proper lining so they are doing more harm than good. On the issue of water, I pray that it will be a reality. Our governor talked of improving our health centers to be level four. There is no nation that can be wealthy without health. Three weeks ago, in our place we lost a mother who was referred to Maili Kumi and on her way she lost her life. It is very painful to lose a mother when trying to bring a life to this world. For them to get x-rays and minor surgeries they have to be referred. Our people do not even have trust on our health centers because they have become like a consultation place where they are diagnosed and given a small paper with a list of drugs to go buy.

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How I wish our health centers can be improved. On agriculture she talked about value addition and in fact agriculture is the backbone of our county. It is very sad that this time our county is starving and our people are even given relief food. If we can really bank on agriculture, our county will be the one to assist other counties. This time we are on harvesting season and our farmers will sell maize at a very low price and will later buy flour at a very high cost. We need to get some industries to add value to our products, like for milk you sell one litre of milk at a very cheap price and buy yoghurt at a very high price. We have been providing our farmers with avocado seedlings and I hope in the future it will not be like quills. If we can have an industry to add value to our products then Nakuru will be ahead. She talked of internship programs, our youths have no jobs and if after school they are given internship opportunities then that will motivate them and will support them on their upkeep. She talked about sports and arts fund and that is on page 9 E, she said that *'create a sports and arts fund for managing and nurturing the county sports talent, art culture and recreation.'* Our youths usually enjoy sports during campaign time because everyone has a tournament at that time but it does fail until another campaign. This fun should be replaced. She also talked of improving ICT for opportunities in 'Ajira digital' for our youths to have online jobs. During campaigns we were telling our youths that we will provide jobs for them and it is draining in some way. We are banking on ICT for them to have self-employment. There are youths who are doing very well due to online jobs. I hope all these messages and statements will come to reality. Thank Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker (Hon Joel Karuri): Thank you. Hon Everlyne.

Hon Everlyne Chepkirui: Thank you Mr. Speaker sir for the chance you have given me to support and surely salute the speech of our Excellency madam governor. On page 6 madam governor talked about the safety of the vulnerable groups. Vulnerabilities of our special interest groups which include the elderly, people with disabilities, women and youth. In Part C she talked about facilitating faster registration of people with disabilities and increase efficiency in implementation of county PWDs fund. On 31st of October I happen to have attended the registration of PWDs at the PGH hospital and I came out there sad because the communication from the office about the type of disability that was being attended to on that day was wrong. People actually came all the way from Solai which is very far. I really wish that next time these people are been registered, they be communicated to well such that, if PWDs that is mental disability are been attended to then people who are physically challenged will not waste their time. I also pray that one day we as the county get to an extent where we go look for these people wherever they are. It is very expensive to transfer someone who is moving with a wheelchair from the village to a place where the doctor is. I request that next time the doctors or the people who are supposed to do the registration be facilitated so that they can move from one village to the other.

Secondly on the governor's speech, she touched on gender-based violence, rescue and rehabilitation centers. It is well known to all Members that gender based violence happen in our communities and sometimes it is hard to notice and work on it. I request that these centers be

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opened in all the wards. I am also a youth and madam governor talked about the entrepreneurship. It was sad that during my last internship there are colleagues of mine who were not paid by the county, I do not know what really happened. I would like to touch on this...

The Speaker (Hon Joel Karuri): Hon Everlyne, do they used to work for the internship program or in what circumstances were they not paid?

Hon Everlyne Chepkirui: Mr. Speaker, a friend of mine happened to call me who was working on internship with the department of veterinary that she never received the payment.

The Speaker (Hon Joel Karuri): Thank you. Possibly after this you may raise the issue in a Committee level that is Committee on labor for a follow up.

Hon Everlyne Chepkirui: Ok Mr. Speaker sir, I stand to be corrected. There was also...

The Speaker (Hon Joel Karuri): You still need more time or...

Hon Everlyne Chepkirui: Yes.

The Speaker (Hon Joel Karuri): You found your track or maybe you may want to continue with the debate in the afternoon?

Hon Everlyne Chepkirui: Okay let me look for what I was looking for then I continue in the afternoon. Thank you for the chance.

The speaker (Hon Joel Karuri): So that now I put it into perspective, we will be having the Hon Majority Leader then Hon John Maritim from Kamara then Hon Nene from Elementaita then the last person will be Hon Anthony Kanyere. The other Members who are upstanding will be the first Members in the afternoon session

The Majority Leader (Hon. Alex Langat): Thank you Mr. Speaker sir. I rise to give my contribution on the speech that was given to this House by her Excellency the governor. May I first start by saying that most of our colleagues have alluded that this speech was well thought. It is a speech that has a good direction, simple, very practical and something that is very implementable. I take this chance to congratulate her Excellency the governor for being visionary and bringing to this House a road map that is going to guide us. I actually say that, if we as a House together with the Executive can be able to implement at least 60% of the recommendations on the roadmaps that have been given in this speech, then surely Nakuru as a county will be a bench mark for other counties and they will be able to look and to follow. I would want to touch on one or two major issues among the many good things that have been said in this particular speech. What touches us as Nakuru basically the agriculture part of it and also on the part of agriculture, recently about a week ago, we have been out trying to give out relief food to some of the affected areas in Nakuru County including Naivasha, part of Rongai and some other few places. Nakuru being from the history I have of food for this country a store, it was not so good and that is why when I look

at the proposal by our governor, we should be able to implement some of the things so that we remove ourselves from the embarrassment of being part of other counties that are being sorted with relief food because Nakuru county is an agricultural land with good rainfall and with people whose income is not that bad. We are happy with the policy and from the immediate help that came but from the agricultural point of view, we should be able to enhance some policies that are going to help us as Nakuru county not to fall into the precedent that seem to be happening or being one of the counties that will be sorted out by relief food. In my view, the upgrading of Nakuru into a city should be helpful because when you compare Nakuru and other cities like Kisumu and Nairobi they lack agricultural land and I am looking forward to a time when this House is going to set policies that are going to cover and protect our agricultural land because of late you find the good agricultural lands that are within Nakuru county or within the periphery, not so far from towns are actually being sold and being subdivided into very small portions of fifty by hundred, others are being used for industrialization and we actually are losing those good lands that were used for agricultural purposes and to give us food security. Maybe in the near future we would recommend tough policies for gazetting agricultural land for those who would want to sell their land so that it is sold at manageable size so that agriculture can continue being protected and we do not just give out very good land to industries and end up not producing food.

I would also want to thank the governor on issues of employment as we have mentioned. We have so many of our youths who are learned and well educated and they do not have job opportunities. The networking that I saw in the governor's speech will be of great help to the youths of this county. We will be able to network with other places where work maybe available within our county, other counties and other cities so that we can help them network because these youths have the papers but they do not have the network of how they can be assisted to be able to access the job opportunities in other places. With networking I believe that the youth of Nakuru will be able to get meaningful employment. On issues of infrastructure I also applaud the 200kms tarmac road. I happen to be a victim because I come from a ward that does not even have a square inch of a kilometer of a road that is tarmacked. I believe that during the tarmacking time, many of those who are less privileged will also be able to access these particular roads. I would want to end my contribution by touching on an issue that usually touches my heart and that is the issue on health. According to the spirit of universal Health Coverage (UHC), we are very much aware and the governor has touched it in her speech about us as ordinary Kenyans being able to get health that is accessible at any given time and not only accessible but it should be health that is of good quality and should also be available and very much affordable to Kenyans. This touches my heart when I remember our level 5 hospital which is the Provincial General Hospital (PGH) and we talk about putting policies, employing workers and issues like that. Level 5 hospital is in a pathetic state.

I say so not because we don't have the infrastructure, we do not even have the machines but the kind of service that the ordinary mwananchi receives at PGH now and in most of other hospitals is not the type of service that the health service should have. The medical personnel seems to have lost a bit of medical ethics because health and saving life is no longer a priority. What is a priority

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we talk about the money that we are able to collect? We are talking about having new machines and a few things. I have been there and people complained very bitterly Mr. Speaker sir. Where patients or if you are a noble person you are going to be isolated you are left there unattended to. The medics there such as nurses are not there to receive you or address your problem. I know of some other cases where a patient from a low class citizen is being chased away because this patient cannot afford even the Kshs 3000 fee to be taken for a scan. So, I think something needs to be done as the Governor has actually said to improve the facilities either in terms of staff training or in terms of motivation or even reprimanding so that people should be able to prioritize the health of a human being. Not to look at the way the patient is dressed or look at the way you are being brought to the facilities or how you came because for you to be attended you must know somebody or reach there, identify yourself. Lastly on the same issues of upgrading of our health centres, it is not enough to complete these structures or let us upgrade them because upgrading a hospital level comes with a lot of huge financial implications where before starting you have a certain number of staff, consultants and issues like that. I think in those hospitals especially those facilities in our various sub counties, I have had a privilege of visiting some of them and where I was working previously, most of the hospitals within Nakuru county and for us to support them, we should be able to think so much in terms of the leadership of our various hospitals and the kind of staff such as having more doctors, nurses and more clinical officers. What is the quality in terms of service delivery of these people that we have, how are they attending our people because we also have to go deeper to find out what is it that is demotivating them such that they do not have that heart of attending to emergencies so that we are able to assist and have a Nakuru County that is going to be effective. I would wish to end my contribution by thanking Her Excellency the Governor and I have seen great things that she also mentioned in terms of governance, issues that we as a House we also have a duty and a mandate to be able to assist in bringing up policies and laws and setting rules that should be able to energize this particular speech so that it is given life and be able to be operationalized. Actually, the policies that are going to be made in this House. Having said that, I beg to support the Governor's speech.

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): Thank you the Leader of Majority party. Hon. John Maritim

Hon. John Maritim: Thank you Mr. Speaker sir, I also want to comment on the speech delivered by the Governor. Nakuru County has been described as an agricultural hub. She also talked about on how to improve agriculture and in this case, I want to talk about AI services. In Nakuru County, we need to introduce AI services to be free for us to improve on our livestock breeds. Why do I say so, I am a farmer and the bulls that we have are of poor quality and this can be supplemented by introduction of AI services. She talked also about development and a place like Kuresoi North and Kuresoi South we grow tea and this produce is also processed in Kericho County. If the Governor would intervene such that we can process our tea in Nakuru and brand them locally. Another thing that the Governor talked about is the land caveat; this has affected areas of Njoro, Molo, Kuresoi North and Kuresoi South. I believe that the affected people cannot access loans due to reasons that their properties do not have title deeds. I believe the issue of titles can be sorted so

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that the affected people should be identified and issued with title deeds. Some landlords have stayed for more than 20 years and their parents or their kids have been harassed when a person comes from nowhere to lay claim on such properties. On the revenue collection streams, I saw the Governor talked more of it and I saw the revenue collection is a lot but where is this money. I believe the loopholes can be identified and a system that will enhance generation of more money and thus more development projects will be introduced. The Governor also talked about ECDE. I believe that the ECDE feeding program can be tricky but as a House, we need to devise means of how to get this program running effectively. Also in education, there is a certain facility called Linda Mama a patient like Maiella dispensary, I believe in that card contains almost Kshs 50,000 but a patient can be served in a given place but I do not know where the money goes. We need to check if we have 10 patients enrolled in this program that is equivalent to almost Kshs 500,000, if that money is left at that hospital or dispensary, it will do great job. So, I believe the issue of the Linda Mama should be followed to ascertain where this money is going to. Finally on the issue of water, we need to enhance the production, we have Itare dam in Kuresoi North, it has employed many people and I believe if it can be revived it can be one of the best.

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): Thank you Hon. Maritim. Hon. Nene

Hon. George Nene: Hon. Thank you Mr. Speaker for giving me this opportunity, I represent Elementaita ward. I want to start by saying that the Governor's speech was commendable and yesterday I visited Gilgil sub-County hospital with colleague's from Gilgil constituency with board members. I realized that the facility is run by Facility Improvement Fund (FIF) that is used to pay most of the workers and have used FIF fund to purchase some of the medical equipment and therefore the move by the Governor to prioritize transparency and accountability in the FIF fund is actually commendable. However, the facility is also facing several challenges and one being that of staff. We realize that despite the fact that the sub county hospitals are faced with staff shortages. The nurse told us that they need around 180 nurses but they have around 80 nurses at the facility and this is an issue that is pertinent that needs to be addressed with a lot of seriousness. Another challenge is financing the facility. We have a big department of psychiatric department in the facility. We realized that the facility is using the FIF fund to run the facility but you realize that the department is very big and the hospital is unable to effectively run the department. Therefore, the move by the Governor to partner and collaborate with the relevant stakeholders to ensure that we have external resources to run such department is actually recommendable. Another department that is very critical is the water sector. I come from an area that receives little rainfall especially on the months of January, February and March. You realize that for example in Elementaita ward, we have several boreholes that are not operational because the pumping machines that were purchased previous years are not operational. I am looking forward for a day when the issue of water will be addressed to ensure that people have access to enough clean water for use. Another sector that is also very important, in Elementaita we are facing titling challenge and several times, The Governor to collaborate with the National Government to ensure land titling is actualized. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, for giving me this opportunity and conclude that the Governors speech

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is commendable and issues raised are implementable to move Nakuru County to another level. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): Hon Anthony

Hon. Anthony Kamau: I represent Nakuru East Ward, I take this opportunity to make my maiden speech, to thank God for giving me this chance to serve the people and also thank the people of Nakuru east for allowing me to be their servant. I support the motion on the speech delivered by the Governor and I would like to say that this speech touches a lot of things. I can say it is like a blueprint for us in the next five years we have something to do. Going by what has been highlighted in the speech and to start with, in my ward, what is important that was quoted in the speech is about water. My ward especially the lower part of Nakuru East such as Mzee Wanyama area lacks water. The people of Nakuru East ward have been left at the mercies of private entities who are supplying them with salty water drawn from private boreholes. I want to thank the Governor for announcing that water will be a priority and as a House I want to urge fellow members to give this issue of water priority and factor it in our consecutive funding so that we can address this issue once and for all. Another issue is on matatu terminus being in the city and Nakuru Town East constituency, we have challenges in the sector. I want to thank the National Government in Collaboration with the County Government for coming up with the terminus at Ziwani area in Biashara ward. In our area at the CBD, we have an existing terminus which was operated during the previous government, the matatus were taken out of town yet we have existing terminus which are not being utilized. Currently as Nakuru Town East Constituency, we are having a crisis whereby many businesses that were being operated in those matatu terminus, most of them have been closed and in fact it is a serious issue because a lot of business people, are subject to shylock and most of their property confiscated because of the loan they borrowed. This is one of the serious issue because the businesses were closed and therefore I propose that this House puts this issue of matatu terminus especially in Nakuru town as a matter of priority. Also, in the matter of ECD teachers, Madam Governor highlighted that issue and I echo her sentiments because you find that most of our public schools especially ECDE they are not attractive to parents. Most of our parents take their children to private ECDs and we can help address this issue by providing an environment whereby teachers are going to be given good remuneration to motivate and hence increase intake of pupils to the public ECDs. Also, we provide feeding program in our ECDs to address the issue of hunger and famine because might think that since Nakuru as a county we have plenty of food but if you visit deep in some villages, you find some areas are affected with lack of food. So, the issue of introducing feeding program in our ECDs is a matter which we are going to support and give it a priority.

On The issue of land titling, I would like to support the issue of digitalizing the land titling because in my area we have various cases where you find people faced with double allocation of their properties. In an area you find somebody having a title, in other case three titles in on a parcel of land and that has been a crisis in my area. So, I support this issue of digitalizing the land titling

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process. The last one point which I do not want to belabor my fellow members, I want to end by saying on the issue of bursary consolidation, It was a well thought idea by the Governor and currently, our parents and our children, most of them have been sent home for lack of school fees. I want to urge the members of this honorable House that when this matter comes on the floor of the House, let us expedite this process so that we can have bursary issues being given priority. Thank Mr. Speaker sir for giving this opportunity to contribute and I support the speech of Her Excellency the Governor.

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): Thank you Hon Members. In view of time, we adjourn this debate to 2.30pm because morning session is coming to an end it is 12.30. There are members who will not be able to debate and give their views, submission or input. You will be able to find that opportunity in the afternoon.

ADJOURNMENT

The House stands adjourned until 2.30pm

(The House rose at 12.16pm)